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THE MARK BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

Everything passed off admirably at this most agreeable of Masonic gatherings. There was an experienced Chairman, pleasant company, and a successful total of donations and subscriptions, amounting, in round figures, to £2070. The result shows an appreciable advance upon last year's returns, and we warmly congratulate the EARL OF WARWICK, who presided so genially, the Stewards who laboured to such good purpose, and the Benevolent Fund, which has derived so full a measure of benefit from the celebration.

MASONIC MEDALS *

The work, of which this is the first volume, promises to be a most valuable addition to our literature in Masonic Numismatics. The contents of this volume treat only of those medals which have been issued in Germany, are commemorative of particular events in German Masonry, or are to be met with in collections scattered throughout Germany. Every care has also been taken to restrict the work to medals as distinguished from mere badges, and as the second volume, which has yet to be issued, will treat of Masonic medals in other countries, the whole, when completed, will contain illustrations, with full particulars, of such Masonic medals as have come under the notice of those who have undertaken the compilation.

As regards the volume before us, nothing can be better than the style in which it has been produced. The letterpress is printed in the clearest of type, and the 22 plates or sheets of illustrations are well-executed, and being photographic reproductions, both obverse and reverse, exactly corresponding in size, convey as perfect representations of the originals as can possibly be given. Thus, the lover of Masonic numismatics will have before him in this volume facsimiles of the original Medals, and by means of these, and the very ample description

* ABBILDUNGEN FREIMAUERISCHER-DENKMUNZEN UND MEDAILLEN. Mit Beschreibung und erläuternden Text historischen und biographischen inhalts. Band 1-22 Tafeln-Deutschland. Herausgegeben unter Mitwirkung der Logen—Archimedes zu den drei Reissbrettern in Altenburg; Hammonia zur Treue und Friedrich Ludwig Schröder in Berlin; Carl zur gekrönten Säule in Braunschweig; Zur Einigkeit in Frankfurt a. M.; Absalom, St. Georg, Emanuel, Ferdinande Caroline, Ferdinand zum Felsen in Hamburg; Minerva zu den drei Palmen in Leipzig; Zu den drei Pfeilen in Nürnberg; Zu den drei Sternen in Rostock; und der Herren Wilh. Lintz in Braunschweig und Dr. Med. O. Hieber in Königsberg i. Pr. Hamburg 1898. Druck von Br. F. W. Rademacher, Hamburg.

of each which is given, will be able to form a pretty accurate idea of the medallie treasures, to the number of upwards of 170, which our Hamburg brethren have included in this first volume of their valuable work. It is indeed evident that no effort has been spared, no amount of labour considered too great, in order to ensure the two important conditions of conciseness and accuracy in the letterpress, while the medals as reproduced in the several plates are carefully numbered, so that by means of the text and plate together it is possible to form a correct idea of each medal.

As for the contents of the work we have first of all an Introduction from the pen of Bro. G. W. SPETH, who briefly describes what has been done in the past in the field of Masonic Numismatology, enumerating, and at the same describing in brief the particulars of such works as those of ZACHARIAS, which was "published at Dresden in 8 parts with 48 engravings, 1840-1846" under the title of "Numotheca Numismatica Latomorum;" MERZDORF'S "Die Denkmünzen der Friemaurerbruderschaft," published in 1851; Bro. W. J. HUGHAN'S "Masonic Register," which, however, as it was compiled for a special purpose he says it would be unjust to compare with either of the treatises before mentioned, and Bro. MARVIN'S "Medals of the Masonic Fraternity," published in Boston and Philadelphia in 1880. He also enumerates the most valuable collections of medals existing in various countries, and concludes his remarks by drawing attention to the special features of this new work, as to which he says "there is no pretence of giving a description of all Masonic medals known," and that, whilst the compilers have strictly confined themselves to describing the medals which have come under their observation, "they place, and rightly so, supreme confidence in the educational value of the eye, and, therefore, give, in every case, a photographic reproduction, obverse and reverse, in the exact size of the original." Thus the work, when complete, will "contain no less than 600 exquisite illustrations of 300 medals, all commemorative, mere lodge badges being wholly excluded; and if the picture sometimes suffers because the camera has reproduced too accurately the corroded state of the metal, at least all possible errors of draftsmanship are avoided." This introduction by Bro. SPETH is followed by a "Vorwort" or Preface, in which, after a few remarks on the origin and development of our modern system of Freemasonry, Bro. CARL C. WIEBE also refers to the different works that have been published on the subject, specifying certain medals, such as the Sackville medal by NATTER and others which are described in the body of the work. Then we have a list of those who have co-operated in the production of the book, and then comes the main body of the work, in which each medal is separately described, both as to its obverse and reverse, the number appended to each description corresponding with the number attached to the medal as reproduced in the several Plates. The whole is completed by sundry Tables, with the names of the Persons, Legends, &c., represented or described on the medals. There is, therefore, as we have said, no difficulty in comparing the medals as reproduced in the Plates with the medals as described in the letter press. The work has been produced under the auspices of the Hamburg Correspondence Circle and with the sanction and approval as well as with the co-operation of the lodges—Archimedes of the three Tracing Boards, Altenburg, Unity, at Frankfort on the Main; Minerva of the three Palms, Leipsic; and the others, as enumerated on the title-page, and may, without the slightest exaggeration, be said to reflect the greatest credit on all who have had a part in its production.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Earl of Warwick, when a company of 150 ladies and brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion.

The Chairman was supported by Bros. the Earls of Portarlington and Euston, Baron de Ferrieres, Richard Eve, Thomas Fenn, R. Loveland-Loveland, Sir Thomas Roe, G.J.W.; Major C. W. Carrell, T. H. Gardiner, G.J.D.; C. F. Matier, Charles Belton, Gordon Miller, Col. and Sheriff Clifford Probyn, Rev. W. Russell Finlay, Dr. Kempster, Dr. Lawrence, Richard Clowes, T. J. Ralling, Dr. R. Turtle Piggott, Dr. C. S. Brewer, Dr. Clement Godson, Imre Kiralfy, John G. Smith, G.I.G.; T. Rowbotham, T. P. Dorman, and James Lewis Thomas.

There were five lady Stewards for the Festival: Mrs. Carrell, Mrs. Dorman, Mrs. Matier, and Mrs. and Miss Piggott.

The tables were most tastefully laid, and the whole affair reflected the highest credit on the exertions of the Stewards.

After dinner the following toasts were proposed:

The Earl of WARWICK, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said: Her Majesty was endowed with all those virtues which every Freemason admired, and briefly he would say they honestly, as loyal subjects, wished her a long reign, and earnestly trusted that peace might be preserved to her and her kingdom to the very last. (Cheers.)

The Earl of WARWICK next gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and said most of the brethren present were old Masons, and could look back to many pleasurable meetings when they had seen his Royal Highness presiding over them; and on those occasions they had all been struck by the admirable manner in which he had always held himself as head of the Masonic body. No one ever spoke with greater tact or was listened to with more pleasure, and they all felt a great responsibility, as Masons, to see that in no manner whatever had Masonry tarnished during the rule of its Grand Master. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. the Earl of WARWICK in giving the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston; the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, Viscount Dungarvan; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the meeting was honoured with the presence of the Earl of Euston, whose energetic services to Masonry they all appreciated. There were many Masons who gave much of their time and many of the good things of their life to Masonry; but he did not think there was a Mason who worked harder in the cause of Freemasonry than the Earl of Euston. There were present also other Grand Lodge officers whom they were proud to see and whose honours and orders of distinction which they wore had been earned meritoriously in the service of the Craft. No doubt the works for which those honours were bestowed had given much happiness to many a poor suffering Freemason. (Applause.)

The Earl of EUSTON, M.W. Pro. G. Master, in reply, thanked the Earl of Warwick for the kind words he had used in respect to what he (Lord Euston) had done in Masonry; but he could assure the company that what he had done in every station he had been in he had done to the best of his ability. In whatever ruling he had given he had tried to be just and fair to all. It was not just to give him all the credit, because no man could rule over such a vast body of Mark Masons unless he was supported ably and cordially by the Grand Officers, as he had been ever since he had been Pro G. Master. With their assistance Mark Masonry had improved and succeeded, and he could assure the brethren that as long as he lived and was able to serve Masonry he should do so to the best of his ability, and with every intention of bringing advantage to the Order. (Cheers.)

The Earl of EUSTON next proposed "The Earl of Warwick and Brooke, Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Chairman of the day." He said Lord Warwick had come forward to preside over the Festival, and he hoped that when his Lordship heard the lists read out he would not regret having consented to take the chair. No doubt the result of the Festival would be satisfactory. Lord Warwick had ruled over Essex most ably and successfully in the Craft, and the other day he was installed first Grand Master of Essex in Mark Masonry. Long might he live in honour to Masonry, and long might all good things come to him! (Cheers.)

The Earl of WARWICK, in acknowledging the toast, said a man had sometimes the privilege of taking the chair at public meetings, but one thing of which he might be assured was that at Masonic meetings, whatever his own feelings might be as to the manner in which he fulfilled his duties, he was sure to be treated well by his brethren. He felt very diffident about sitting there that night as their Chairman, because he had been only a few weeks Provincial Grand Master of Essex, so that his new province could hardly hope to make the show in Mark Masonry it would like to have done. Yet the Mark Masons of that province felt that at no distant date they would be able to do their duty to the next chairman of the Mark Benevolent Fund. It was a pleasure to see at a table like that the presence of ladies. Many Masonic entertainments and festivals were restricted to Masons, and naturally, Masons having pledged their honour that they would in no way confide their secrets to any but Masons they were obliged to withhold from ladies many of those secrets which were so dear to them. It was very kind of ladies to forgive them their shortcomings and to consent to grace these gatherings with their company. So long as the feminine world was favourable to Masonry, so long would Masonry be a force and power in the land. Even in these days of great liberality it was difficult to collect money as there were so many calls on people's purses, and it was marvellous—without sounding their own trumpets—how Masons came forward year after year to support the Charities. (Hear, hear.) Gatherings like the present were not the occasion for long speeches. Mr. Choate, the American Ambassador, was very witty the other day in a speech he made. The ladies recalled it to his (Lord Warwick's) mind. They knew how ladies were coming to the front, even aspiring to take positions in the Houses of Parliament, and in the Councils. Mr. Choate was asked to say a few words in the presence of some ladies. He lifted his glass to his lips and said, "Woman, formerly our superior, now our equal." (Laughter.) It was very witty and he got out of a great difficulty. He (Lord Warwick) would now get out of his difficulties by telling them this story.

The Earl of WARWICK, in proposing "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," said they were met together for the purpose of supporting that Fund. Until the list of subscriptions was announced, he should feel very

nervous. He felt, however, that the list would be satisfactory, because there was not a Charity which could be better supported, for there was no expense connected with it, as there was in the Craft Charities, where large buildings had to be supported. Those buildings were necessary no doubt; but the Mark Benevolent Fund enabled the parents or guardians of children to educate them at home. As time went on the Masonic public would more completely realise the importance of this Mark Benevolent Fund, and give it additional support. If his list was as large as, or a little larger, than the list of last year, he should be most grateful to the brethren who had so kindly supported him. He thanked the Stewards most heartily for their exertions. (Cheers.)

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., G. Sec., Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards, then read the following

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224 " John Dimsdale	...	10 10 0	EAST ANGLIA.		
234 " John R. Reep	...	46 4 0	Lodge		
234 " George Clark, jun.	...	46 4 0	92 Bro. J. B. Bridgman	...	16 16 0
331 " G. A. Pickering	...	6 6 0	112 " W. Briggs	...	31 10 0
331 " W. H. Kempster, jun.	...	5 5 0	334 " Stephen H. Sharman	...	36 15 0
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411 " H. Thomson Lyon	...	15 15 0	" W. Gillman
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" C. F. Matier	...	15 15 0	KENT.		
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" R. A. Smith	...	5 5 0	" F. Hughes-Hallett	...	5 5 0
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225 " George I. Phillips	309 " J. Turton	...	7 17 6
235 " W. R. Nicholas	...	18 7 6	364 " W. Russell	...	19 7 6
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Bro. the Rev. W. Cree	...	7 7 0	156 " W. Heywood
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Lodge 173 Bro. Millner Jutsum ...	23 2 0	WARWICKSHIRE.	
448 „ A. Stewart Brown ...	72 0 0	The Marquis of Hertford, P.G.M. ...	10 10 0
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NORTHANTS, HUNTS, AND BEDS.		Howe „ Howard J. Collins ...	11 11 0
Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. ...	5 5 0	174 „ J. R. Denber ...	5 5 0
„ G. C. W. Fitzwilliam ...	5 5 0	„ Thomas Rowbotham ...	5 5 0
Lodge 245 Bro. T. P. Dorman ...	10 10 0	YORKSHIRE (N. & E.).	
434 „ Rev. V. P. Wyatt ...	11 11 0	Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G.M. ...	5 5 0
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NORTH WALES.		53 „ F. Cleaves ...	122 5 0
Lodge 38 Bro. T. Westlake Morgan ...	30 0 0	53 „ Thos. Rowbotham ...	—
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.		137 „ T. G. Howell ...	—
Lodge Newstead Bro. J. W. J. Barnes ...	37 16 0	398 „ John P. Reed ...	—
SOMERSETSHIRE.		493 „ W. E. Smithies ...	—
Royal Cumberland Bro. George Norman ...	31 10 0	GIBRALTAR.	
SOUTH WALES.		Bro. Charles Hammerton, Dist. G.M. ...	5 5 0
Province Bro. Robert Lock ...	100 12 6	S. AFRICA (W.D.).	
STAFFORDSHIRE WITH SHROPSHIRE.		„ Guy Weir Hogg ...	—
Lodge 444 Bro. Rowland G. Venables ...	5 5 0	DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.	
186 „ Charles P. Perry ...	5 5 0	Lodge 400 Bro. G. P. Parker ...	10 10 0
SURREY.		ROSE CROIX.	
Lodge Bro. Frederick West ...	5 5 0	Chapter 97 Comp. G. W. Marsden ...	5 5 0
„ Frederick Lawrence ...	7 7 0	ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.	
13 „ Walter F. C. Hill ...	12 12 0	Bro. J. Lewis Thomas ...	21 0 0
407 „ A. H. Gale ...	6 0 0		

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	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Berks and Oxon ...	39 7 6	Middlesex ...	102 9 0
Channel Islands ...	5 5 0	Northants, Hunts, and Beds... ..	32 11 0
Cheshire ...	21 0 0	Northumberland ...	74 11 0
Cumberland and Westmorland ...	23 2 0	North Wales ...	30 0 0
Cornwall ...	31 10 0	Nottinghamshire ...	37 16 0
Derbyshire ...	151 15 0	Somersetshire ...	31 10 0
Devonshire ...	40 5 0	South Wales ...	100 12 6
Dorsetshire ...	16 0 0	Staffordshire with Shropshire... ..	10 10 0
East Anglia ...	85 1 0	Surrey ...	31 4 0
Essex ...	84 0 0	Sussex ...	43 1 0
Gloucestershire and Herefordshire ...	29 8 0	Warwickshire ...	37 16 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight ...	51 5 0	Yorkshire (N. and E.) ...	5 5 0
Hertfordshire ...	36 4 6	„ (West) ...	122 5 0
Kent ...	99 15 0	Gibraltar ...	5 5 0
Lancashire ...	41 4 0	South Africa (W.D.) ...	—
Leicestershire and Rutland ...	5 5 0	Degree of Royal Ark Mariners ...	10 10 0
Lincolnshire ...	5 5 0	Rose Croix... ..	5 5 0
		Order of the Secret Monitor ...	21 0 0
150 STEWARDS—LONDON ...	£ 584 18 0		
STEWARDS—PROVINCES ...	1488 12 6		
GRAND TOTAL ...	£ 2073 10 6		

The Earl of WARWICK: Bro. Matier, may I have the pleasure of drinking your health?

The Earl of PORTARLINGTON proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. the Rev. W. RUSSELL FINLAY, G.C., responded.

The Earl of WARWICK proposed "The Stewards."

Bro. Major C. W. CARRELL, G.M.O., acknowledged the toast, and the brethren and ladies adjourned to the Crown Room, where a splendid concert was given by the following performers, under the direction of Bro. Edward Branscombe, P.M.: Miss Maggie Purvis, Madame Marie Hooton, Bros. Edward Branscombe, Arthur Walenn, and C. H. Allen Gill (solo violoncello). Mr. Thomas Chapman acted as accompanist.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

We are glad to find that our hopes in respect of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival have been realised, and that the total of Donations and Subscriptions approximates more closely to the record Return of 1897 than to that of last year. The Board of Stewards is substantially more numerous than in 1898, and—though this by no means follows as a matter of course—the amount raised is substantially greater. There were in all 150 who acted as Stewards on Wednesday, of whom five were ladies and 145 brethren, the amount obtained by their combined efforts being £2073 10s. 6d.; London returning £584 18s., and the Provinces, Foreign Stations, and other Degrees, £1488 12s. 6d.

Under the head of

LONDON

will be found grouped together the ladies to the number of five; the General Board, except as regards the lists which are entered elsewhere, 28 representatives of 20 lodges and the G. Master's Lodge of Instruction; and six brethren Unattached, the total for these various sub-divisions being £584 18s., of which the General Board raised £41 15s., the lodges £501 3s., and the Unattached £42. Among the principal lists will be found that of Bro. Vassar-Smith, of the Grand Master's Lodge, amounting to £26 5s., as compared with the £31 10s. raised by Bro. J. S. Eastes representing the same lodge last year. Bro. N. J. Hakim, W.M. of the Old Kent (T.I.) Lodge, is entered for £37 16s.; Bro. David Cornfoot, W.M. Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, for £21 10s. 6d.; and Bro. Johannes Bergman, W.M. of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144, the splendid sum of £105. Bro. J. R. Reep, W.M., and Geo. Clark, jun., P.M., acting together for the Brixton Lodge, No. 234, returned a joint list of £46 4s.; and Bro. C. E. Noverre, of the Onslow Lodge, No. 361, £28 7s.; while the Returns of the Euston Lodge, No. 399, from four Stewards, who are not included elsewhere, reach £23 2s. The list of Bro. Imre Kiraly, of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 469, is also a substantial one, amounting to £78 15s.; and Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Secretary, to whom as its Secretary the Mark Benevolent Fund is so greatly indebted, will be found amongst the Unattached with £15 15s. to his credit.

Turning to

THE PROVINCES,

of which there are 34 in all, though only 30 sent up Stewards, the total as we have said, is £1488 12s. 6d., obtained by the efforts of some 100 Stewards. Four of the half-dozen lodges in BERKS AND OXON were represented by as many Stewards, whose lists totalled up to £39 7s. 6d., and Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, for the Sarnian Lodge, No. 425, figures for £5 5s. CHESHIRE had three Stewards, namely, the Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., who was last year's Chairman, and two lodge representatives, the sum of their lists being £21. CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND sent up two Stewards, of whom acted for the Province, the sum they raised being £23 2s., while CORNWALL was similarly circumstanced, the Steward for the Province—Bro. H. Sholto Hare—returning £26 5s., and his lodge colleague £5 5s., making the total £31 10s. DERBYSHIRE, with a roll of seven lodges, had quite a strong muster of Stewards headed by Bro. A. Woodiwick, Prov. G.M., Unattached, there being seven others also Unattached, and eight brethren acting for five of the lodges. The total reached £151 15s., of which Bro. George Tarver and four other members of the William Kelly Lodge returned conjointly £52 10s., and Bro. Joseph Cook, Ilkeston Lodge, No. 373, £21 15s. DEVONSHIRE had three Stewards, the total subscribed being £40 5s., of which Bro. F. B. Westlake for the Province compiled £35, and Bro. the Rev. Richard Peck the remainder. DORSETSHIRE, per Bros. the Earl of Portarlington and J. H. Whadcoat, J.P., together returned £16, and EAST ANGLIA, as newly constituted, £85 1s., Bro. J. B. Bridgeman, Walpole Lodge, No. 92, Norwich, raising £16 16s., Bro. W. Briggs, Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge, £31 10s., and Bro. S. H. Sharman, York Lodge, No. 334, Cambridge, £36 15s.

The Chairman's Province of

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sent up a contingent of five Stewards, among whom were the Earl of Warwick, Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. T. J. Ralling, who acted as Steward for the Constantine Lodge, No. 145, Colchester, with three brethren hailing from two other lodges. The total amounted to £105, and, considering that the Province was only constituted as such a few weeks ago, we consider this a most satisfactory Return.

The Province of GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE sent up three Stewards, namely, Bros. Vassar-Smith, Prov. Grand Master; Baron de Ferrieres, Past Prov. Grand Master; and Benj. Lucas, W.M. Lyegrove Lodge, whose lists together amounted to £29 8s. HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT had seven Stewards, of whom four were Unattached and three represented lodges, the total being £51 5s., as compared with £20 8s. in 1898. The Rose and Lily Lodge, No. 354, did duty for the Province of HERTFORDSHIRE, Bro. the Rev. W. R. Finlay and A. H. Debenham, W.M., who represented it, compiling a total of £36 4s. 6d., of which Bro. Debenham's list comprised £20 9s. 6d. Last year the same lodge, representing the Province, returned £22 1s.

There are Mark Festivals at which the Province of

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has figured to greater advantage, but there can be no question that its Returns compare very favourably with those of last year, when its Prov. Grand Master (Viscount Dungarvan), his Deputy (Bro. Hughes Hallett), and a Steward from one of its 20 lodges compiled a total of £21. On Wednesday, there were five brethren Unattached, including the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, and the Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings), and Stewards from four lodges, the total raised by the nine being £99 15s.

LANCASHIRE,

which numbers 37 lodges, and is the strongest of the Mark Provinces, sent up six Stewards, of whom Bros. John Houlding and the Rev. C. C. Bluett acted independently, while the other four represented three of the lodges, the total amounting to £41 4s., as compared with the £37 10s. 6d. returned by four lodge Stewards last year, the four who raised the money being included in the half-dozen brethren who did duty on this occasion. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND is entered for £5 5s., per Bro. W. J. Freer, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, having his list included elsewhere, and LINCOLNSHIRE for £5 5s. Three of the dozen or so lodges in MIDDLESEX sent Stewards, and, in addition, there were Bros. W. A. Scurrah and Captain Knightley, Unattached. The total reached £102 9s., of which Bro. James Irvine, W.M. St. Pancras, No. 494, compiled a list of £72; Bro. M. Jutsum, P.M., £23 2s. for the Temple Lodge, No. 173. Last year the total obtained by five Stewards was £93 9s., the principal item being £52 10s., contributed by the late Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. In 1897, when Bro. Col. Cook occupied the chair, the Returns for the Province, including the Prov. G. Master's own list of £799 1s., reached £1251 13s. NORTHANTS, HUNTS, and BEDS subscribed in all £32 11s., two of the lodges, Simon de St. Liz, No. 245, and the Stuart Lodge, No. 434, being represented by Bro. Thos. P. Dorman and the Rev. V. P. Wyatt respectively, while the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M., Bro. G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, his Deputy, and Bro. H. Manfield, were Unattached. Last year the same five brethren acted as Stewards, and raised a total of £59 15s.

The Province of

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM,

which took no part in last year's Festival, did good service on Wednesday and returned £74 11s., of which £69 6s. constituted the list of Bro. Col. W. M. Angus, of the Tristram Lodge, No. 346, and £5 5s. from Bro. J. Strachan, Q.C. NORTH WALES sent £30, per Bro. T. W. Morgan, of the St. David's Lodge, No. 38, Llandudno, as compared with £5 5s. per Bro. Major G. R. Ashley last year. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, unrepresented in 1898, returned £37 16s., per Bro. J. W. J. Barnes, of the Newstead (T.I.) Lodge, on Wednesday, while as regards SOMERSETSHIRE, which last year was entered for £50, per Bro. George Norman, Royal Cumberland (T.I.) Lodge, figures in these returns for £31 10s. raised by the same brother. SOUTH WALES was an absentee last year, but on this occasion it contributed, per Bro. Robert Lock, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the handsome total of £100 12s. 6d. Two lists from STAFFORDSHIRE with SHROPSHIRE amounted together to £10 10s.; and the four Stewards from SURREY, of whom Bro. Frederick West, Dep. P.G.M., and another were Unattached, and two represented lodges, compiled a total of £31 4s., as compared with the £38 1s. raised by Bro. West and three lodge Stewards in 1898. The Very Rev. Dean of Battle, Dep. P.G.M., and Bro. Richard Clowes did duty for SUSSEX, the former's list amounting to £43 1s., while last year the total was only £5 5s. WARWICKSHIRE was an absentee in 1898, but on this occasion its Prov. G. Master (the Marquis of Hertford) and his Deputy (Bro. the Rev. W. Trevor Parkins), Unattached, with three other Stewards, returned £37 16s. N. AND E. YORKSHIRE was represented by its Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. W. Woodall, who is entered for £5 5s.; and the seven representatives from WEST YORKSHIRE, headed by Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G. Master, return a total of £122 5s. The Foreign and other lists which follow, including £10 10s. from the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners, per Bro. G. P. Parker, W.C.N. of the Matier

Lodge, No. 400, and £21 per Bro. Thomas from the Order of the Secret Monitor, of which the Earl of Warwick is the G.S.R., amount to £42, and complete the second sub-division of the Stewards' Lists. Last year, under this head, was entered £210, being the personal donation of H. E. Idris Bey Ragheb, Dist. G.M. for Egypt, and the largest ever given by a private individual to this Fund.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 1st instant, in the Gymnasium of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, which had been placed at the disposal of the Wellesley Lodge by Lieut.-General Sir Edwin Markham, K.C.B. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., presided, supported by the Prov. Grand Officers for the year, including Bros. J. T. Morland, D.P.G.M.; C. O. Burgess, Prov. S.G.W.; W. Bonny, Prov. J.G.W.; the Revs. J. L. Turbutt and F. F. Penruddock, Prov. G. Chaplains; Charles Stephens, Prov. G. Treas.; G. F. Slade, Prov. G. Reg.; J. W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; W. B. Biddles, Prov. J.G.D.; Lieut. E. B. Ormond, Prov. G.D. of C.; S. Knight, jun., Prov. A.G.D. of C.; Major W. Nicholls, Prov. G.S.B.; E. H. Simmons, Prov. A.G. Sec.; A. J. Lawrence, W. R. Cook, T. Pettitt, and A. H. Bull, Prov. G. Stewards; and W. Hemmings and J. F. Stevens, Prov. G. Tylers.

There were also present a goodly number of Grand Officers, Past Prov. Grand Officers, and brethren representing the various lodges in the province, among these being—

Bros. Charles E. Keyser (Treasurer R.M.I.B.); Richard Eve (Chairman of the Board of Management R.M.I.B.); J. M. McLeod (Sec. R.M.I.B.); Jas. Terry (Sec. R.M.B.I.); J. E. Bowen, D.P.G.M. Buckinghamshire; H. D'Almaine, J. O. Carter, E. Margrett, S. G. Kirchhoffer, E. Horne, W. Ferguson, G. H. Morland, C. Slaughter, Rev. A. W. N. Deacon, F. E. Hedges, S. Payne, S. Knight, W. W. Ridley, E. Prince, Captain E. S. Heard, G. T. Phillips, G. J. Cosburn, H. G. Powell, A. H. Bull, W. R. Nicholas, W. Hickie, Col. Lushington, S. Smith, W. A. Hardy, Capt. Arthur Tupman, Theodore H. White, Col. Gerald Ricardo, W. G. Crombie, C. H. Weeden, E. J. Lewis, D. N. Heron, T. Sawyer, R. Bunce, W. R. Cook, G. H. Cowburn, R. E. Goolden, R. Tucker, C. Bating, R. Pocock, T. Page, Col. O. Ball, E. K. Parnell, F. Tunbridge, Lieut.-Col. Jocelyn Otway, A. W. Hall, W. Andrews, W. E. Kingston Howard, R. W. H. Ackworth, Norris, J. Headington, F. Foot, A. Clarke, A. G. Haines, H. Lewis, G. Mitchell, R. Brayne, J. B. Evans, J. Baynes, A. T. Cannon, E. Lloyd, Captain A. Lynden-Bell, and others.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read letters of apology for non-attendance received from Bros. the Earl of Jersey, Lord Onslow, Viscount Valentia, and W. W. Beach, M.P., the G. Secretary (Bro. Letchworth), Bros. Lieut.-Col. Clark and Lieut.-Col. Talbot, the Prov. G. Secretaries of Hampshire, Bucks, Surrey, Sussex, and Oxon, and other distinguished brethren.

The Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous Prov. G. Lodge having been printed and circulated were taken as read.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY called over the roll of the lodges in the province, when it appeared that all of them were represented. The names of the Prov. G. Officers for the year were also called, and most of these were present. The Prov. G. Secretary reported the particulars of the recent consecration of the Aldermaston Lodge.

The financial statement of the province for the past year was read, showing a satisfactory balance. The PROV. G. SECRETARY regretted to say there had been a slight deficiency on the publication of the "Masonic Register and Calendar," which was a most excellent and useful work, and it was hoped that all possibility of a loss on this item in future years would be removed by the lodges subscribing more liberally for copies of the book.

On the motion of the PROV. SENIOR G. WARDEN, seconded by the PROV. JUNIOR G. WARDEN, the report was unanimously adopted.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY gave an interesting report upon the condition of the various lodges in the province, showing that Masonry continues to make good progress in Berkshire. The total membership numbered at the present time 757, and during the past twelve months there had been 52 initiations.

The report of the Provincial Charity Committee, which had met prior to the lodge, was read by Bro. E. MARGRETT, the indefatigable Secretary, showing the good work effected by this organisation, and its adoption was moved by Bro. KEYSER, who said he felt quite sure the whole of the brethren must have felt extremely pleased with the information afforded as regards the elections to the several Charitable Institutions of the Order. (Hear, hear.) As most of the brethren were probably aware, it was a great undertaking to carry a case, upwards of 5000 votes being required for the purpose. There could be no doubt that the Charity organisation in this province was very good indeed, and that they had a first-rate Secretary in Bro. Margrett, to whom they were all much indebted for the able and painstaking manner in which the work was carried out. (Hear and applause.) It was gratifying to know that this province had maintained an excellent position among the numerous Masonic provinces in this kingdom as regards the support accorded to the three great Charitable Institutions, and that at the Festival held in behalf of the Boys' School at Brighton last week, when he had the honour of presiding, this province came second in the list of contributions, being only beaten by his old Province of Herts. (Applause.)

Bro. STEPHEN KNIGHT seconded the resolution, which was agreed to *nem. con.*

The S.G. WARDEN proposed that Bro. Charles Stephens, who had performed the duties of Provincial Grand Treasurer so satisfactorily for many years past, be re-elected to that office. (Applause.)

The J.G. WARDEN seconded the nomination, and, on behalf of the brethren of the province generally, congratulated Bro. Stephens upon the improved state of his health. They sincerely hoped he would be spared many years still to occupy the position of Provincial Grand Treasurer. (Hear, hear.)

The proposal was unanimously passed, and Bro. STEPHENS, in acknowledging the compliment, mentioned that this was the 21st occasion upon which the brethren had honoured him by election.

The following brethren were then presented with Charity jewels, bars, &c., in acknowledgment of the services they had rendered as Stewards at the Festivals of the different Masonic Institutions: Bros. A. J. Lawrence, Colonel Ricardo, W. G. Crombie, W. Parton, C. E. Keyser, Captain

Tupman, W. Bonny, S. G. Kirchhoffer, A. A. Hardy, J. J. Simcox, W. H. Reed, Sydney Smith, and W. A. Hardy.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Otway, W.M. 1899 ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Lieut.-Col. G. C. Ricardo, W.M. 574 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. F. F. Penruddock, 771 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Charles Stephens, P.M. 414 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. J. Phillips, P.M. 945 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. W. Martin, P.M. 414, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. J. C. Forss, P.M. 1566 ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. J. Lawrence, P.M. 414 ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. A. Hart, P.M. 2228 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" Sydney Smith, P.M. 210 ...	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" G. W. Fortescue, W.M. 2437 ...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" A. C. Layton, P.M. 771 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Thomas Pettitt, P.M. 1887 ...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" E. J. Lewis, W.M. 1101 ...	...
" A. W. Hall, Org. 2671 ..	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Lloyd, P.M. 795 ...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" W. R. Cook, P.M. 1770 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Baynes, W.M. 2671 ...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" C. Weeden, I.P.M. 795 ...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. B. Evans, I.P.M. 2460 ...	...
" Captain A. Lynden-Bell, W.M. 1899 ...	...
" A. W. Gundry, S.W. 1899 ...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" E. A. Stickland, J.W. 574 ...	...
" W. Hemmings, 1101 ...	...
" J. F. Stevens, 2043 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.

On the proposal of Bro. KIRCHHOFFER, a vote of thanks was accorded to General Sir Edwin Markham, Capt. Bunting, and Quartermaster-Sergt. Blyth, for the facilities and assistance they had given in connection with the holding of the lodge and dinner in the College buildings.

The business of the Prov. G. Lodge shortly afterwards terminated, and the brethren adjourned to an adjoining building, and partook of a cold collation, provided by Bro. James, of the Wellington College Hotel. The musical programme was carried out by the band and pipers of the 2nd Black Watch. The pipers on their arrival marched round the room once or twice, and also took up their stand in rear of the head table playing favourite airs.

The PROV. G. MASTER gave the first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl Amherst; the R.W. the Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," both of which were enthusiastically honoured.

In responding to the latter toast, Bro. EVE remarked that both Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Officers were selected with much care, and were appointed from the ranks of brethren who had in one way or another distinguished themselves in life—gallant officers who, like their Prov. G. Master, had served their country, statesmen, judges, and others. (Cheers.)

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Master" was suitably proposed by Bro. KEYSER, who, while acknowledging the able manner in which the province had been governed by Bro. Morland during the interregnum following the decease of their first Prov. G. Master, the lamented Duke of Clarence, and the appointment of a successor, said the brethren generally were much pleased when they learned of the appointment of Lord Wantage. It would be the pleasure of each member to serve under his lordship, and render him every assistance. (Cheers.)

The PROV. G. MASTER, in the course of his reply, said that he hoped shortly to improve his acquaintance with the brethren of the province. Since he had been appointed to the office he had received every assistance from the brethren, and particularly from the Deputy Prov. G. Master (Bro. Morland). (Cheers.) His lordship concluded by proposing "The Health of the V.W. the Deputy Prov. G. Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." (Cheers.)

Bro. MORLAND, who responded, said that he was amply repaid if during the time he had charge of the province he had given satisfaction to the brethren, and handed over the province in an efficient state. His labour for the province had been a work of love. (Cheers.)

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors" and "The W.M. and Officers of the Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899," to each of which suitable response was made.

CONSECRATION OF THE EARL'S COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

The consecration meeting of this new lodge was held at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, on Friday, the 7th instant. Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., was the Consecrating Officer, assisted by Bros. A. H. Bevan, G. Treas., as S.W.; A. L. Florence, G. Supt. of Works, as J.W.; Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, M.A., F.S.A., P.G.C., as Chaplain; F. Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; J. H. Rutherglen, P.D.G.S.B., as I.G.; and the following founders were present: Bros. Lieut.-Col. G. E. E. Blunt, P.P.S.G.W. Middx.; F. Langford, P.M.; John Worth, W.M. 834; Lieut.-Col. W. Watts, P.P.S.G.W. Dorset; Joseph Cox, P.G. Stwd. Middx.; James W. Facey, W.M. 1767; Sydney C. Montague-Austin, W.M. 144; Charles G. Hatt, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; W. S. Lyon, W. Packer, P.M.; J. J. Orr, Albert J. Taylor, William Neighbour, Jas. Copper, J. H. King, Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C.; S. W. Keene, P.P.G.P. Middx.; Charles E. Betts, P.M.; R. J. Maitland Coffin, W.M. 2581; R. M. Sharpin, S. Mussell, Joel Davis, Henry W. Williams, Alexander Dormon, Ernest Jones, Thomas Leete, Thomas Cox, John J. B. Gilbert, Harry Neighbour, Frederick Franklin, John C. Gentle, John R. Ingram, Frederick Spink, and Thomas J. Nichols.

The following two founders sent regret for inability to be present at the consecration: Bros. Arthur J. Taylor and J. H. Macnaughten.

The following were present as visitors:

Bros. R. W. Pembroke, 1115; H. Atterbury, 117; C. Finch Hatton, W.M. 1361; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.D. West Lancs. and Bucks; A. King, 834; H. J. Appleton, 857; Geo. Read, P.G.S.B.; Arthur Sansum, 2589; Rev. Isiah Roberts, Chap. 2483; Edward Clare, P.M. 865; Frank Surrey, I.P.M. 858; Alfred Brazier, 1178; Charles J. Kiralfy, J.W. 2581; Edward Spink, 1425; A. Williams, P.M. 834; Edward Elin, P.M. 2094; S. Sidders, P.G.S.B. Middx.; Horatio Jackson, 1694; W. Chambers Leete, 1946; Joseph Thorne, 2417; R. H. Williams, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Harry Beauchamp, P.M. 144; Colonel T. P. Powell, W.M. 2094; George English, 901; William Fayer, P.M. 1585; Wm. Essex, P.M. 865; C. Tuckfield, 1694; W. H. Dresden, P.M. 1602; George W. F. Gould, 1298; W. M. McCloud, 1642; A. H. Hawkes, 1076; F. W. Baily, 2398; H. W. Douglas, 2535; John Knight, W.M. 861; J. G. Garson, P.P.G.W. Middx.; A. Schott, 1694; and W. Flack, P.M. 1656.

The brethren and visitors having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer, attended by the Grand Officers, entered in procession. The Consecrating Officer having taken the chair and appointed his officers, the lodge was opened. The Consecrating Officer addressed the lodge on the motive of the meeting. The Chaplain gave the opening prayer. The brethren of the new lodge were arranged in order and the D.C. read the petition and the warrant of constitution under the hand of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The brethren were asked if they approved of the officers named in the warrant, and having signified assent in Masonic form, the CHAPLAIN delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Craft.

An anthem having been sung, the Consecrating Officer gave the invocation, and after the Chaplain had read passages from the volume of the Sacred Law, directed the tracing board to be uncovered.

The Consecrating Officer and the Wardens carried the elements of consecration three times round the lodge. The Chaplain took the censer three times round the lodge, and the Consecrating Officer then formally constituted the lodge under the style and designation of the Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765, in the register of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Chaplain having pronounced the patriarchal Benediction, the lodge business was proceeded with, Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec., being the Installing Master.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. George E. E. Blunt, P.P.S.G.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and having answered the usual questions and signified his unqualified assent to the ancient charges and regulations, advanced to the pedestal and took the obligation of Master elect.

The brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired from the lodge, a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Blunt was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. Bro. F. Langford was invested as acting I.P.M. The Master Masons having been re-admitted, saluted the W.M. in Masonic form, and the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree.

The fellow Crafts having been admitted and saluted in due form, the W.M. resumed the lodge to the 1st Degree.

The entered apprentices having been admitted, saluted the W.M. in due form.

The Installing Master gave the warrant and Book of Constitutions into the hands of the W.M., who then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. John Worth, S.W.; Lt.-Col. Watts, J.W.; Joseph Cox, Treas.; James W. Facey, Sec.; S. C. Montague Austin, S.D.; Charles G. Hatt, J.D.; W. S. Lyon, D.C.; W. Packer, Org.; J. J. Orr, I.G.; Albert J. Taylor, A.D.C.; W. Neighbour, J. Copper, and J. H. King, Stwds.; and J. H. McNaughten, Tyler.

The INSTALLING MASTER delivered the three addresses.

The W.M. proposed and the S.W. seconded, and it was carried unanimously that Bros. Letchworth, Florence, Stevens, Richardson, Bevan, and J. H. Rutherglen be honorary members of the lodge.

The G. SECRETARY thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers, and accepted the honour.

The musical arrangements for the ceremony were under the direction of Bro. W. Wells, P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by the Lyric Vocal Quartette (Bros. Powell, Smith, Strong, and Reynolds), and their rendition of the various numbers evoked well-deserved commendation.

The names of five gentlemen were given in as candidates for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form.

At the banquet, which was served in the Empress Room, the W.M. presided, and was supported on the dais by the Grand Officers.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bros. LETCHWORTH and STEVENS replying on behalf of "The Grand Officers." The latter created some mirth by a humorous allusion to the educational influences of Earl's Court, which he illustrated by the story of a provincial mayor who had visited the exhibition and had thereby learned something of the Venetian gondolas on the lake. He proposed to the members of his corporation that they should put a dozen gondolas on the ornamental waters of their local park, but an economically-minded member thought it too many, and suggested they should get only a pair and breed from them!

Replying to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Col. BLUNT said he felt proud to occupy such a position, and on such an occasion. The lodge was going to be a great success. In the S.W. he had a coadjutor whose work as W.M. in his own lodge (the Ranelagh) left nothing to be desired, and when he succeeded to the chair the Earl's Court Lodge would have an able exponent of the ritual. The J.W., Bro. Col. Watts, had that morning come right away from his regiment on Salisbury Plain to be with them, and was an earnest Mason. In their Treasurer and Secretary they had two officers who were mainly answerable for the success of that gathering; and in Bro. Montague-Austin, W.M. 144, their S.D., they had a zealous officer, as was evinced by the splendid way in which he had arranged the musical programme at that banquet, besides other valuable work in the preliminary formation of the new lodge.

The officers' toast was duly honoured and responded to.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. FINCH-HATTON, ARTHUR WILLIAMS, CHAMBERS LEETE, and others, made eloquent and congratulatory replies.

During the evening songs were given by Miss Bessie Spells, Miss Julie Lyon, and Mr. Harry Clements. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. W. F. Packer and S. C. Montague Austin, both of whom also personally contributed to the programme, which gave the greatest delight to every one present, and merited the warmest acknowledgment.

The Earl's Court Lodge may well be congratulated upon the success of its consecration meeting.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE ROYAL OAK LODGE, No. 871.

This lodge, which meets at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, held their annual summer outing on Thursday, the 29th ult., under the genial presidency of the W.M., Bro. Frank Wright. The party, consisting of about 60 ladies and brethren, left the New Cross Station of the L.B. and S.C. Railway at 9.15 a.m., and journeyed to Brighton in three of the company's luxuriant saloon carriages. On their arrival they were joined by a portion of the party who had been taking part in the Masonic Festival held at the Pavilion on the previous day, and who had remained at Brighton. The ladies and brethren found ample amusement along the sea front until one o'clock—the hour fixed for dinner. The dinner had been arranged thus early to allow of more extended excursions later in the day.

The dinner was provided in that most convenient of Brighton hotels—the Old Ship—and was admirably placed and served. The W.M., Bro. Frank Wright, presided, and the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs were admirably filled by Bros. W. W. Wright and F. Cozens.

The W.M. was supported on his right by his much esteemed parents, who had kindly graced the meeting with their presence, and several of the members of his family, while on his left were a goodly number of Past Masters of the lodge.

After the dinner the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Queen," which was, of course, received with the usual enthusiasm, stated that he did not propose to allow any formal toasts or long speeches, as the ladies and the brethren were naturally anxious to obtain all the benefit of the beautiful Sussex scenery and delightful sea breezes.

Bro. W. ANDREWS, P.M. and Treas., in a very efficient speech proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to whom all were indebted for a very pleasant outing, and spoke feelingly of the anxiety felt by all the members of the lodge when recently the W.M. was so unwell, and how pleased he and all the brethren were to see the W.M. in the chair in such improved health and spirits.

The W.M., in response, stated that the happy faces around him more than repaid him for any trouble he had taken, and he hoped the remainder of the day would be as happy and pleasant as had been the earlier part.

Bro. J. J. PAKES, P.M. and Sec., proposed "The Health of the Ladies," quoting the portion of the old Masonic song alluding to the adoration of ladies by all "Free and Accepted Masons."

Bro. R. T. STRINGER, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Stewards," who had all done so much for the success of the gathering.

Bro. R. C. BARNES, the indefatigable Hon. Sec. of the Stewards Committee, replied on behalf of the Stewards.

The company then adjourned, and the greater part took carriages for the celebrated "Devil's Dyke," where, and in similar "breezy" resorts, the remaining portion of the day was spent.

After an invigorating cup of tea, the party at 9 p.m. took possession of their saloon carriages and returned safely to New Cross, thus ending a most enjoyable day.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE LORD MAYOR'S BALL will be given at the Mansion House on Tuesday, October 17th.

BRO. SIR CHARLES AND THE HON. LADY RIVERS-WILSON have returned to 21, Pont-street, from Canada.

THE HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—The sum received for the Hospital Sunday Fund has now reached the total of £50,000.

GORDON BOYS' HOME.—The Queen has sent her annual subscription of £25 in aid of the funds of the National Memorial to General Gordon.

THE FINAL MEETING of the Board of Stewards at the recent Mark Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Thursday, the 20th instant.

THE GLOVERS' COMPANY, of which the City Solicitor (Bro. H. Homewood Crawford) is the Master, have issued invitations for a dinner at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, the 20th inst.

BRO. W. H. CUMMINGS, the principal of the Guildhall School of Music, has been re-elected at the top of the poll as a member of the Committee of the Philharmonic Society.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR REGINALD HANSON, Bart., M.P., will be the Chairman at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at the annual dinner of the Royal Gardeners' Orphan Fund.

RISE IN THE BANK RATE.—At the usual weekly court of the directors of the Bank of England on Thursday, the official minimum rate of discount was raised from 3 per cent. to 3½ per cent.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED to announce that the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, stands adjourned till the second Monday in September, when it will resume its regular weekly meetings.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON, L.C.C., presided last week at a meeting that was held at Stafford House, St. James's, in the interests of the Salvation Army. Mrs. Bramwell Booth gave an address on "Salvation Army Social Work."

THE SHIP AND TURTLE (PAINTER'S) FOR SALE.—The lease, 63 years, together with the goodwill of this famous house in Leadenhall-street, which for generations past has been identified with turtle, will be sold at the Mart on the 28th instant.

THE WILL of Bro. George Brinsley, C.C., of Belmont, Gipsy Hill, was proved on the 5th inst., by Mrs. Amelia Brinsley, the widow, and Mr. Alfred Walter Bush, of Bridge House, Lordship-lane, two of the executors, the value of the estate being £21,146 6s. 4d.

A COPPER BONANZA.—*Truth*, which is a paper much given to analysing the copper market, out of which the knowing ones are just now making fortunes, is evidently on the look-out for a still higher rise, and certainly the American demands justifies the feeling. There has probably been more copper taken out of the State of Arizona, U.S.A., than any other exploited area in the known world, and the great success attending the Detroit Copper Company leads one to expect similar results from its next-door neighbour, the Morenci, which is being engineered by Englishmen and English capital. The surface indications of this mine are so promising that Mr. Ross, one of the directors, has gone over to superintend the working, so that immediate results may be anticipated. Even the least sanguine among the mine managers talk of £5000 profit a month before Christmas. This would mean dividends at the rate of 60 per cent. per annum, an astonishing return for a share which only stands in the quotations at 6s. 6d.

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SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1899.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.W. A list of 33 candidates for the election on the 12th October was approved and declared, and the number of girls to be elected therefrom on that day was fixed at 16. Subsequently, on the recommendation of the House and General Committees, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, was elected Trustee, in place of his father, the Earl of Lathom, deceased, while Bro. Walter H. Jessop, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S.E., was elected Honorary Surgeon-Oculist, vice Bro. Jabez Hogg, F.R.C.S., deceased.

The Annual Convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey will be held at the Public Hall, Woking, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 3.15 p.m. At 4.30 p.m. the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge will take place. In both cases the business, which will include the appointment and investiture of the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, will be of the usual character. At 6.30 p.m. the customary banquet will be held, and those desirous of attending must apply to the Assistant Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. W. A. Latham, 179, Blackfriars-road, S.E., for tickets—price 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine—at the earliest possible date. We will add that the London and South-Western Railway Company have very considerably arranged to issue tickets to parties of not less than 10 brethren from any station on their line to Woking on the day in question at a single fare and a quarter for the double journey, three clear days' notice of their intention being given by those desirous of availing themselves of the offer to the Superintendent of the Line, Mr. Samuel Fay, at Waterloo Station.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G. D.C., the Treasurer, the principal business being the consideration of the Report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. On the following day, the usual Summer Entertainment was given to the inmates of the Institution at Croydon. There was a goodly muster of visitors, prominent among them being members of the Committee, with the Secretary and Mrs. Terry, every one taking the utmost delight in ministering to the comfort and pleasure of the aged residents. We hope to publish a full report of the proceedings next week.

We regret, however, to hear that the respected Secretary is far from being in his usual health. We ought not, perhaps, to be altogether surprised that Bro. Terry should occasionally find himself indisposed. We have been so accustomed to read of him working almost as resolutely and indefatigably as when he was new to the duties of his office, that we seem to look upon it as well nigh impossible that he should be ever out of sorts, and stand in need of his accustomed summer holidays. We forget that for the last 35 years or thereabouts he has been labouring zealously for the Institution, firstly as Collector, and for the last 27 years as Secretary, and that the wear and tear of so protracted a term of arduous service must, in the nature of things, have been very great. Our readers will be pleased to hear that he is about leaving for his holiday, and we most sincerely hope that, when he resumes his duties on behalf of the Institution he has served so long and faithfully and loves so well it will be with a renewed health and energy that will suffice to carry him successfully through a further term of years.

We take the opportunity of reminding our readers that the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held at Teddington on Saturday, the 22nd instant, and we trust there will, as usual, be a full attendance of members and visitors. We trust, also, that Bro. James H. Small, the Prov. G. Secretary, will by then have recovered his usual health, and be able to put in an appearance at the meeting. The annual convocation of Prov. Grand Chapter is fixed for Saturday, the 29th instant, and will take place at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

We heartily congratulate the Province of Cornwall on the addition that was made to its roll of lodges on Saturday, the 1st instant. It is 13 years since the Cotehele, No. 2166, Calstock, was consecrated. Indeed, the new junior lodge at Newquay, is only the fourth that has been ushered into existence since 1876, from which year the St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785, Padstow, dates its warrant. In 1882 the Molesworth, No. 1954, Wadebridge, was consecrated, and in 1886 the aforementioned Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166; and now we have the St. Michael's, No. 2747, Newquay, making in all 31 lodges in Cornwall.

The Charles Dickens Lodge, No. 2757, was consecrated at the King's Head Hotel, Chigwell, on Tuesday, the 11th instant, the ceremony being performed by the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Warwick, Prov. G.M. of Essex. Our report of the meeting will appear next week.

*SUMMER OUTING OF ST. LUKE'S LODGE,
No. 144.*

The fifth annual summer launch party, given by the members of the above ancient representative Chelsea Lodge, took place on June 27th, and was attended by great success, having a record number of 120 present. The proceedings commenced by the party being conveyed by special saloons from Paddington to Reading, where "Bonas" well appointed and capacious steam launch was in readiness to convey the brethren and their fair freight to Pangbourne, Goring, Cleeve Lock, &c., the scenery of these places seeming at their best. *En route* the orchestra, which was under the direction of Bro. H. Wharton Wells, P.G. Org. Middx, played some very fine selections of music from most of the well-known and popular operas. Soon after the start was made, the W.M., Bro. S. C. Montague Austin, was called on by his many friends to open the vocal part of the programme, which he did, and was much appreciated. He was followed by Miss Illing, who sang with much feeling, and was accompanied by her sister. Miss Cissie Flexman, who sang with much cultivation, and has a rich contralto voice, was well received and appreciated. Mrs. H. Wharton Wells, whose

The pleasure of the launch party was temporarily suspended by their arrival at Caversham Bridge Hotel, Reading, where Bro. Bona (the proprietor) had a choice and daintily laid out repast which would have tempted the appetite of the veriest epicure, and formed a welcome and agreeable interlude, at the conclusion of which the toast of "The Queen" was proposed by the W.M. (Bro. S. C. Montague Austin), who elaborated largely on the excellent qualities of her Majesty, and was well received.

The next toast was that of "The Worshipful Master," which was given by Bro. A. MARRIOTT MATTHEWS, S.W., who alluded to Bro. Montague Austin's genial good heartedness at all times, and his readiness to do anything for anyone in the lodge, to help them in any way, concluding by remarking that he looked upon him (the W.M.) as one who would shape into the true type of a good old English gentleman.

The speech was well received, and caused much amusement, eliciting a sparkling and somewhat humorous reply from the W.M.

The W.M. then rose and gave the toast of "The Ladies," expatiating upon their many charms, and alluding to them in most tender tones, which, it need not be said, brought the brethren and gentlemen friends to their feet to drink *con amore* to "The Ladies."

Bro. H. BEAUCHAMP, P.M., who had done so much for the success of the day's outing, working side by side with the W.M. in arranging everything, and having done all the secretarial work, whose name the W.M.



THE ABOVE ILLUSTRATION SHOWS THE PARTY TAKEN ON THE LAWN IN FRONT OF THE PAVILION AT "BONA'S," CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, READING.

voice has been heard and appreciated so many times, was much called upon. Songs were also given by Bro. Jamieson, who as usual, scored greatly with his very fine voice, which seemed at its best, and was much in request. Bro. Sullivan caused a great deal of amusement with one of his funny Irish ditties. Bro. Hayward, who is a great favourite, also sang with much care and feeling. Bro. Starr gave, amongst other songs, a good rendering of "Moreska," which was well received. Bro. Wylie Price, borrowing a violin from the orchestra, gained much applause by his execution of "My Fiddle is my Sweetheart," playing his own accompaniment. Several others contributed largely to the entertainment, but space forbids further comment.

Lunch was served in the saloon on board, and fruit, ices, sandwiches, cake, tea, &c., handed round during the afternoon.

The launch having been newly decorated and upholstered, was further brightened by the charming toilettes of the ladies, which presented a pleasing and animated picture. There were fair ones armed for conquest in all the gleaming array of summer clothing; one lady paying a graceful compliment to the Brotherhood by appearing in a beautiful pale blue dress of the orthodox Masonic tint, covered with rich lace and embroidery, which became her admirably. White was most worn, and some especially attracted universal admiration.

coupled with the last toast, rose and responded for the ladies, saying how glad he was at all times to help in the bringing about of any Masonic functions where ladies were admitted. The reply was received with applause.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was also particularly well received, and was responded to by Bro. CON GADBURY, who said he had had a most enjoyable day and felt sure that the other visitors had appreciated everything that had been done for them as much as he had. He was pleased to see such goodfellowship existing amongst the members of the lodge, and if such was the case amongst all Masons he was very sorry he had not been made a Mason when he was a young man, and was very sorry his friend, the W.M., had not asked him to come to some of the previous launch parties.

At the conclusion of the banquet more singing was indulged in, and after the party adjourned to the lawn, which is adjoining the river, and the piano having been removed there, a very nice impromptu dance took place, which was joined in most enthusiastically.

The W.M. then announced to the party that the private brakes were at the hotel door ready to convey them to the station, where special saloons were attached to the 9.40 up express, which arrived safely at Paddington at 10.55, thus terminating one of the most successful outings the lodge has yet had.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the above Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall. In the absence of Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W., Treasurer of the Institution, the chair was taken by Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.W., and there were also present Bros. Alfred C. Spaul, J. H. Matthews, H. Massey, Henry A. Tobias, Alexander C. Chapin, Charles Sheppard, Thomas Henry Gardiner, Frank Richardsan, Peter de L. Long, C. Pulman, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D., Patron, moved, upon the recommendation of the House and General Committees, "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-Wilbraham, Earl of Lathom, deceased." Lord Leigh was at present the only Trustee of the original deed surviving. It would be best to fill it up now, and they could have the deed executed, and so go on for several years, he hoped. The consideration of the General Committee and of the House Committee had been given to the matter, and they thought that no one could more fitly be chosen to succeed the late Lord Lathom than his son, the present Lord Lathom. He said that by the death of the Earl, the Institution had lost one of its Trustees and warmest supporters. The present Trustees were Lord Leigh, Lord Amherst, and Lord Mount Edgcumbe, and it would be just as well to fill up the vacancy now and make up the old number, four.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL, the Chairman of the Petitions Committee, in seconding the motion, said it was very difficult to add anything to what Bro. Richardson had

said. He thought they were very fortunate in getting such a successor to the late Earl of Lathom.

The motion was carried.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.W., moved: "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." He said the brethren knew how much they regretted the loss by death of Bro. Jabez Hogg. They knew how indefatigable he was in looking after the children when occasion called upon him. He thought, however, that Bro. Walter Jessop would be as indefatigable; he was one of the first oculists we had in the country; he was senior oculist at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and a higher testimonial than that it would be difficult to get. Bro. Jessop took great interest in Masonry, and he, and his wife too, were Life Governors of the Girls' Institution.

Bro. T. H. GARDINER seconded. Like Bro. Grey, he was grieved to hear of the death of Bro. Jabez Hogg. Unfortunately, they could not continue their work for ever, and the best thing they could do was when a vacancy occurred to fill it up in the best manner possible. The brethren had heard from the Chairman what was the capacity of Bro. Jessop for the post. In addition to his large experience at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and his private practice, he worked many years at Moorfield's Hospital. In Bro. Jessop he (Bro. Gardiner) took great personal interest, because he assisted at his initiation in the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge in 1887. Ten years afterwards Bro. Jessop passed the chair in that lodge; he was an active Royal Arch Mason and in the Side Degrees. They could not have a better man, both as an expert in his profession and as an eminent man in Masonry.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. A. C. SPAULL, seconded by Bro. C. PULMAN, the following recommendation of the General Committee was adopted: "That the 18 eligible candidates remaining from the last election together with the 15 whose petitions have been since approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the October Election, and that 16 vacancies be declared."

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G. Master for Staffordshire, would preside at the 112th anniversary festival in May next.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich, under the banner of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 70, on Monday, the 10th instant.

Previous to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a luncheon was served at the Great White Horse Hotel, over which Bro. Sir Francis G. M. Boileau, Bart., D.P.G.M., presided, in the absence of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M.

After luncheon, the following toasts were duly proposed and honoured—"The Queen and Mark Masonry;" "M.V. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., G.M.;" "R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M. of East Anglia;" and "Success to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex."

In proposing the latter toast, the DEP. PROV. G.M. referred to the alteration which had taken place during the past year owing to Essex being constituted a separate province. There was not, he observed, any jealousy entailed by the change, but East Anglia wished the new province every success.

The brethren then adjourned to the hall, and the Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form, the Dep. Prov. G.M. in the chair. He was supported by Bro. C. T. Townsend, P.S.G.D., acting as Dep. Prov. G.M.; and the following officers:

Bros. A. J. Ward, P.S.G.W.; H. J. Wright, P.J.G.O.; C. Denton Leech, P.G. Sec., G. Stwd. Eng.; A. G. Wells, P.G.S.B.; W. Kemp, P.G.I.G.; and John Hewitt, P.G. Tyler. There were also present: Bros. N. Tracy, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.D. Eng.; S. R. Anness, 70, P.P.J.G.W.; Major Hugh W. H. Cary Elwes, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Stwd. Eng.; G. H. Lovewell Blake, 317, P.P.J.G.O.; H. C. Monteith, W.M. 70; J. Dempsteer, 236, P.P.S.G.W.; G. R. Barnes, 344; S. H. Sharman, 344; Frank H. Potts, 344; Geo. Abbott, P.P.J.O.; John Thompson, 70; Geo. Gould, 70, P.P.G. Tyler; J. Campbell Smith, 105, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Patrick, S.O., 105; F. Curry, M.O., 105; E. Sparke, 105, P.P.J.G.O.; and C. E. W. Boughton Leigh, 112.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at Harwich, on July 15th, 1898, were read and confirmed. After calling the roll of Provincial Officers and the roll of lodges, reports therefrom were received, the report of the Board of General Purposes, together with the Treasurer's statement, were adopted after a short discussion, the lodge voting the sum of 10 guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Francis Curry was elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and Bro. Jno. Hewitt, Prov. G. Tyler, after which the Dep. Prov. G.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:

- Bro. H. J. Wright, 70 ... Prov. S.G.W.
- " G. W. G. Barnard, 92 ... Prov. J.G.W.
- " G. H. Lovewell Blake, 317 ... Prov. G.M.O.
- " G. Ivers Bland, 112 ... Prov. S.G.O.
- " H. C. Monteith, 70 ... Prov. J.G.O.
- " the Rev. Dr. Cunningham, 112 ... Prov. G Chap.
- " Francis Curry, 104 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " S. R. Anness, 70 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " C. Denton Leech, 105 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " W. Kemp, 70 ... Prov. S.G.D.
- " S. H. Sharman, 334 ... Prov. J.G.D.
- " Arthur J. Wells, 317 ... Prov. G.I. of W.
- " C. E. W. Boughton Leigh, 112 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " Capt. R. J. Cartheu, 70 ... Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " W. Patrick, 105 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " C. E. Holland, 334 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " John Thompson, 70 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " E. Sparke, 105 ... Prov. A.G. Sec.
- " F. H. Potts, 334 ... Prov. G.I.G.
- " John Hewitt, 105 ... Prov. G. Tyler.

After disposing of lodge business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren attending the meeting then accepted the invitation of the members of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 70, and were conveyed in open carriages to Freston Tower, Pin Mill, Holbrook, and Tattingstone, ending their journey at Ipswich Railway Station.

Everyone agreed that this was the most successful provincial gathering held in East Anglia for many years, a fact largely contributed to by Bro. H. J. Wright, who efficiently superintended all the arrangements for the meeting.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following amounts were included in the total as announced by the Secretary, but not in the Returns as published in the *Freemason* of the 1st instant:

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2488 Bro. L. W. Harris	...	186 18 0
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" J. Campbell-Johnstone	...	10 10 0
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Bro. Tom Cookes...	...	10 10 0
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Lodge		
2086 Bro. R. Hughes	...	80 5 0
This was entered in the <i>Freemason</i> as £63.		

The new lists and additions to lists reported since our issue of the 1st instant and corrections are as follows:

LONDON.		
Lodge		£ s. d.
28 Bro. C. B. Hancock, additional	...	1 1 0
(making his list £102 18s.)		
172 " A. H. Burr, new list	...	22 1 0
235 " E. Luxmoore Marshall, new Steward	...	26 5 0
871 " R. T. Stringer's list of £31 10s. reduced by £2 2s. to £29 8s.	...	
1227 " C. W. Cooper, additional	...	10 19 6
(raising his list to £30 19s. 6d.)		
2512 " John P. Flew, jun., new Steward	...	21 0 0
2546 " A. W. Izard, additional	...	1 6 0
(raising his list to £28 12s.)		
Gavel Club Bro. A. Leighton, additional	...	10 10 0
(raising his list to £43 1s.)		
Unattached		
Bro. *A. H. Bevan	...	5 5 0
THE PROVINCES.		
BERKSHIRE.		
Lodge		
414 Bro. Dunlop, additional	...	1 1 0
(raising his list to £55 2s. 6d.)		
771 " A. C. Layton, additional	...	0 10 6
(raising his list to £13 2s. 6d.)		
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.		
1787 " C. A. Bennett, additional	...	11 11 0
(raising his list to £22 1s.)		
DERBYSHIRE.		
506 " W. Bentley, additional	...	3 3 0
(raising his list to £29 8s.)		
DORSETSHIRE.		
137 " J. H. Whadcoat, J.P., new list	...	15 15 0
HERTFORDSHIRE.		
869 " F. Rees, additional	...	4 4 0
(raising his list to £42.)		
1479 " M. T. Hodding, additional	...	0 1 6
(raising his list to £43 11s. 6d.)		
2323 " C. E. Birch, additional	...	1 9 0
(raising his list to £51 9s.)		
KENT.		
1464 " F. Mitchell, additional	...	2 2 0
(raising his list to £38 17s.)		
LANCASHIRE (W.D.)		
1403 " J. R. Burrows, additional	...	1 0 0
(raising his list to £21.)		
NORTH WALES.		
1988 " Major T. W. Best, additional	...	2 1 0
(raising his list to £37 16s.)		
SURREY.		
1046 " C. J. Slade, additional	...	1 12 6
(raising his list to £20 5s.)		
FOREIGN STATIONS.		
MALTA.		
Bro. J. M. McLeod, additional	...	10 10 0
(raising his list to £63.)		
YORKSHIRE (W.R.)		
Bro. Capt. H. G. E. Green	...	
904 " J. France	...	
1102 " Walter Bonley	...	
} New Stewards.		
but the amount announced from the Province remains unaltered, as their contributions were included therein.		
SUSSEX.		
Lodge		
732 Bro. J. S. Lee's list returned as £114 9s., instead of £80 17s., but the latter is correctly mentioned in the Analysis, and was reckoned in the total.		
Bro. G. R. Blades, Unattached, £10 10s., is entered under London and Sussex, but only included in the former total.		
LANCASHIRE (E.D.)		
Lodge		
201 Bro. Richard Pentner, should be Lodge 210, Bro. Richard Pintner.		

T.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and the Duke of York and suite witnessed the performance of "Le Chalet" and "Pagliacci," at the Royal Opera House, Covent-garden, on Saturday evening last, while the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and suite were present at the performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore," at the Savoy Theatre.

Scotland.

MASONIC FUNCTIONS AT PERTH.

VISIT FROM GRAND LODGE.

INSTALLATION OF COLONEL CAMPBELL AND PRESENTATION TO LORD BREADALBANE.

There was a number of important Masonic functions in Perth on the 3rd instant. These included visitation of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Perthshire East by an influential deputation from Grand Lodge, headed by Bro. Lord Saltoun, Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the installation of Bro. Colonel Campbell, Governor of Her Majesty's General Prison, Perth, as Prov. G. Master of Perthshire East, in succession to Bro. the Most Noble the Marquis of Breadalbane, who has retired after over 20 years' service; the presentation of an illuminated address to Lord Breadalbane; and a luncheon in the Station Hotel, given by the newly-installed Prov. G. Master to the deputation from Grand Lodge, the office bearers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Perthshire East, and others.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at half-past 12 o'clock. Bro. Lord Breadalbane occupied the throne, and there was a large turn-out of brethren. Among those present were

Bros. W. Whitelaw, P.P.J.G.W.; L. J. Holmes Morison, Prov. S.G.W.; T. I. Miller, Prov. J.G.W.; A. J. Stevenson, Prov. G. Sec.; D. C. Smith, Prov. G. Treas.; the Rev. J. M. Strachan, Prov. G. Chap.; George Pople, Prov. S.G.D.; G. P. K. Young, Prov. J.G.D.; J. W. Smart, Prov. G. Architect; R. J. Macaulay, Prov. G. Jeweller; R. Shaw, Prov. G. Bible Bearer; A. McIntyre, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. M. Cadenhead, Prov. G. Bard; P. M. Dewar, Prov. G.S.B.; T. G. Smith, Prov. G. Director of Music; W. W. Fyfe, Prov. G. Org.; James Macleish, Prov. G. Marshal; D. Mitchell, sen., Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Sime, Prov. G.I.G.; W. McGillvray, Prov. G. Tyler; J. W. T. McCallum, R.W.M. 3; T. Chalmers, P.M. 74; J. Macpherson, 74; W. Wedderspoon, 3; A. D. Clyne, P.M. 3; A. Laing, 122; A. B. Anderson, St. Albans, P.M. 490 and 710, P.J.G.W. India, and 3; R. A. Hay, 3; D. Constable, R.W.M. 871; J. C. Laird, R.W.M. 137; and John Mackenzie, P.M. 122.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Lord BREADALBANE said he could not leave the chair without acknowledging how pleasant a time he had enjoyed while presiding over Prov. Grand Lodge. He asked them to accept the present of a jewel and collar of the Prov. G. Master—(applause)—so that the Grand Master would be enabled to instal Bro. Campbell with it.

On the motion of Bro. the Rev. STRACHAN, seconded by Bro. W. WHITELAW, the thanks of the Prov. G. Lodge was accorded to his lordship, who briefly acknowledged.

The deputation from Grand Lodge consisted of Lord Saltoun, Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Major F. W. Allan, Grand Senior Warden; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Reid, Grand Treasurer; Rev. Archibald Fleming, Grand Chaplain; James Berry, Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire; John Macpherson Grant, yr. of Ballindalloch, Prov. Grand Master of Invernesshire; George Christie, Prov. Grand Master of Stirlingshire; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Past Senior Grand Warden; W. Munro Denholm, Junior Grand Warden; John Caruthers, Grand Bible Bearer; R. N. Johnston, President of Grand Stewards; C. Carthew Yorston, G. B. Macpherson Grant, E. A. Chisholm, Chief Clerk Grand Lodge; and David Laird, Grand Lodge Officer.

The deputation from Grand Lodge was received with Masonic honours.

Lord SALTOUN having taken the chair, said it was a great pleasure for him to come there to fulfil the duties he had been asked to do. He would like to take that opportunity of returning thanks to Lord Breadalbane for the most excellent way he had governed the Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire East for the last 20 years. (Applause.) Personally he regretted, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland regretted, that Lord Breadalbane had seen fit to retire. That regret would last as long as any of them belonged to Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.) The Provincial Grand Lodge had been inspected that morning and everything had been found most satisfactory. Since the appointment of the present Secretary (Bro. Stevenson) six years ago the work had been most excellently done.

Lord BREADALBANE, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, returned Lord Saltoun sincere thanks for the way he had spoken of himself and the office bearers. They had been most fortunate in the brethren who had filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. Their present Secretary was a most excellent one, and his predecessors were nearly as good.

At this stage Bro. Col. Campbell was introduced and presented to Lord Saltoun as having been unanimously chosen to fill the office of Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East. Having agreed to the various charges and taken the oath, Lord Saltoun invested him with the collar and jewel of office. He expressed the hope that the new Master might have a good time in his office, the support of the whole of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and that when he left he might leave the lodge in as fit a condition as it was now.

The G.M. then conducted Colonel Campbell to the chair and invested him with the mallet of office. Addressing the newly-installed Master, Lord SALTOUN said it was needless for him to make a long speech to point out the duties of his office. He had been so long a Mason, and had so much experience both in Provincial and Grand Lodge, that he knew the duties he had been called upon to undertake so well and so thoroughly that any lesson that he (Lord Saltoun) could give him would not teach him anything. He had, moreover, the confidence and the affection of the whole of the office-bearers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. (Applause.) He had a great deal to be thankful for in succeeding to such a lodge. His predecessor brought it to a high state of efficiency as the books showed, and it remained with him and his subordinates to carry on the good work. (Applause.)

Colonel CAMPBELL, who was received with loud applause, said that he must, in the first place, thank the Grand Master for the honour he had done the Provincial Grand Lodge in coming there as he had done all the way from London, and bringing with him such a magnificent deputation of the Grand Lodge, and doing them the honour of seeing him installed as Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East. While he felt very proud of the honour, at the same time, he had a very great deal of diffidence in accepting office. He had accepted because every one of the lodges in the province were unanimous in selecting him. (Applause.) They all knew what

a good Master his predecessor was, and the way he did his duty for the last 20 years. He should have a hard time in following in his footsteps. At the same time, he should do his utmost, and he felt sure with his Office-Bearers that he should succeed in carrying it on and keeping up the prestige the lodge had always had. (Applause.) He had to express their great regret at the loss which the lodge had sustained in the retirement of its Grand Master.

Bro. Col. CAMPBELL said his first duty was to ask the I.P.M. to accept of the Past Master's jewel. In investing Lord Breadalbane with the jewel, Col. Campbell said it was a matter of pleasure in a way, yet of inexpressible regret, for he felt in putting that jewel round his lordship's neck it was the commencement of a severance with the Provincial Grand Lodge. As his Depute, he could not express what the lodge was losing by Lord Breadalbane's retirement. It was unnecessary to explain the meaning of the symbols on the jewel to a Mason of his lordship's experience. He could only hope that, as Past Master, Lord Breadalbane might still come among them, and possibly at some future time might be in the position of handing him the Past Master's jewel. (Applause.) The brethren in parting with Lord Breadalbane felt that they ought to give him some small return for all he had done for them. Accordingly, on their behalf, he had to offer him an illuminated address for his acceptance. It simply contained his own feelings and that of every member of Provincial Grand Lodge. Col. Campbell then read the address.

The address is beautifully illuminated in the mediæval style in gold and several colours. The left side border is broken up a little with escutcheons bearing the date 3rd July, 1899, others with the arms of Perth and Perthshire, Masonic emblems, &c. Just above the address proper, which is written in the engrossing style, with the capitals, &c., in gold and colour, is a handsome view of Taymouth Castle, on the top of which is the Breadalbane arms, and on the left side the marquess' coronet, and on the right side the crest of the family, all in heraldic colours. The whole is framed in a handsomely gilt frame in the Florentine style.

Lord BREADALBANE, who was received with loud applause; said that in giving him an illuminated address they could not have chosen anything he should have appreciated more. It was a very beautiful work of itself, but what he appreciated far more than the beauty of the address was the kind spirit which prompted the brethren of the province to remember him when quitting the chair. (Applause.) He should always look back with very great pleasure indeed on the 20 years he had the honour of presiding over the province, and to the aid which he had received, not only from the office-bearers, but also from all the brethren of the daughter lodges throughout the province. Whenever any Masonic work had to be done, and he had to appeal to Masons throughout the province, they all responded with one accord, and really Perthshire East was one of the easiest provinces to work that one could find throughout the length and breadth of Scotland. He did not think it would be possible to find another with more enthusiastic Masons in it than there were in Perthshire East. He thanked them most heartily for their kindness, not only in presenting him with that address on retiring from the chair, but also for their kindness in the way in which they had supported him throughout the 20 years that he occupied it. He also thanked them for appointing him Past Provincial Grand Master. In doing so, he said, they had given him an opportunity of keeping in touch with the lodge, and he assured them that would be a great source of pleasure to him. (Loud applause.)

Colonel CAMPBELL then thanked the brethren for the warm reception they had given him. It was the first time he appeared before them as Right Worshipful Master, but he could assure them that he should certainly strive to emulate what their late Provincial Grand Master had always done. He should strive to do all he could for every lodge in the province, and if he could render assistance to the Benevolent Fund he would be glad to do everything in his power. (Applause.) The Provincial Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

Later in the afternoon Lieut.-Col. Campbell, Prov. G. Master of Perthshire East, entertained the deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Office-Bearers of the Prov. G. Lodge of Perthshire East, and others, to luncheon in the Station Hotel. Colonel Campbell presided, and the croupiers were Bros. Dr. Morrison and T. J. Miller.

GREAT MASONIC FESTIVAL IN EDINBURGH.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES.

On the 5th inst. the members of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, celebrated with a great Festival in the Music Hall the tercentenary of their lodge, or rather—as its origin is almost lost in the mists of antiquity—the tercentenary of the existing executive minutes of the lodge. The hall was very prettily decorated with flowers and flags, worked into beautiful designs. There was a large assemblage of ladies in the gallery. Over 400 brethren from all parts of Scotland and many places in England sat down to dinner shortly after 5 o'clock, the Master of the lodge, Bro. P. L. Henderson, presiding, and Bro. W. Officer, S.S.C., P.M., and the leading Office-Bearers acting as croupiers.

The Chairman was supported by Bros. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., I.P.G. Master; Lord Haddington, Past G. Master; Sir Lewis M'Iver, M.P.; the Hon. North Dalrymple Hamilton, Admiral Campbell, Rev. Archibald Fleming, Lovegrove, P.G.S.B. Eng.; and Sheriff Vary Campbell; M'Cræe, M.P.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; Dr. Dickson, P.M. 1; Major Allan, J. Dalrymple Duncan, Lord Rosslyn, Colonel Ivison Macadam, the Very Rev. Dean Wilson, Baillie Pollard, D. Reid, G. Treas.; Colonel Cranston, Colonel Menzies, Baillie Sotley, ex-Provost Christie, and others.

After dinner, which was excellently served by Messrs. Aitchison and Sons, Limited,

The Secretary (Bro. HAWKE), intimated apologies for absence by the Grand Masters of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and prominent Masons in Scotland and all over the world, including Buluwayo, and read the following letter from the Duke of Abercorn, Dalkeith House:

"I am desired by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to express his regret that his engagements to-day will prevent him from being able to be present at the festival of Masons of Scotland, but it is impossible for him

to do so. I regret, also, that I am in the same position, and cannot leave his Royal Highness. Be kind enough to express to the brethren how deeply I feel the honour conferred upon me of asking me to be present.

"ABERCORN."

A telegram was also read, amid cheers, from the Prince of Wales as follows:

"The Grand Master of England regrets his inability to be present this afternoon at the tercentenary festival of Freemasons of Scotland, but he sends them his fraternal greetings."

The CHAIRMAN gave the toast of "The Queen," which was pledged with enthusiasm; and then that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." His Royal Highness held, he said, the most exalted position in the realm, except only that of her Most Gracious Majesty. The event which they were celebrating that night was one of peculiar interest, and furnished much food for reflection; but the dignity of the Prince of Wales was of older date than their minute book. It had been borne by many distinguished and beloved sons of England; but by none with greater acceptance than by the popular Prince whose health he now proposed. As a Mason, he occupied the highest position in the Empire. He was Grand Master Mason of England, and many would remember that, in 1870, with great pomp and ceremonial, he was installed by Lord Dalhousie, the then Grand Master of Scotland, as Patron of the Scottish brotherhood—a position held by George IV. and William IV. Immediately after his Royal Highness was affiliated to the Lodge of Edinburgh, and they now claimed him as a Royal brother.

The toast was responded to with enthusiasm.

Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, Bart., M.P., proposed "The Navy and Army," and Bro. Admiral FLETCHER CAMPBELL replied for the Navy, and Bro. Major the Hon. N. DE C. DALRYMPLE HAMILTON for the Army.

Bro. J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN proposed "The Three Grand Lodges and the Three Grand Masters."

Bro. HENRY LOVEGROVE, P.G.S.B. Eng., responded. He said that he could have wished that some more distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of England had been present to respond to the toast, but they could not find one who had worked harder to show his appreciation of the Craft. He could not hear that the Craft in Scotland did so much for Charity as in England, where there were splendid Institutions for old Masons and their widows, and the Schools for boys and girls. He was pleased to be present at such an important gathering, which was unique in its circumstances.

Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE replied on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and next proposed the toast of the evening—"The Lodge of Edinburgh, St. Mary's Chapel, No. 1." They knew how ancient was their Masonic Order, and an event such as they were celebrating that day helped them to realise in some degree the antiquity of the Order. A tercentenary took them some way back towards the time of King Solomon. The lodge dated back to the remote period of 1599, but what was more important surely, after all, was that the lodge had been kept up in a flourishing condition, and could command the services of brethren of high repute and of skill in the Masonic art, and that there were never wanting a supply of fit men to fill the vacancies among the brethren. In name of them all, he expressed the hope that it would continue to flourish, and that these gathered there would not readily forget that celebration. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said they had representatives present from all parts of Scotland and England, the Channel Islands, and even from Egypt. There were brethren from London, Newcastle, South Shields, Wolverhampton, and Bolton to join with them in celebrating the tercentenary of the earliest recorded minutes of a Masonic function. After a brief sketch of the progress of Masonry and the rise of Lodge No. 1, he said that, whatever doubts might be cast on the age of the lodge, or the manner in which it was arrived at, there would be no doubt whatever about the age of the first minutes, the tercentenary of which they were celebrating, for here, he said, amid applause, was the minute book to speak for itself, all duly dated and signed. It contained the oldest Masonic minute known, dated 31st July, 1599. Since that date the minutes had been continuous. To do honour to the marvellous record was what had brought them together that day. (Applause.)

Bro. Sir Lewis M'Iver, M.P., then presented his tercentenary golf trophy, which had been won by Lodge No. 1, and Lord Haddington presented the badges to the members of the team.

The Earl of HADDINGTON proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodges," and Bro. Major GILMOUR replied.

Bro. Sir LEWIS M'IVER, M.P., proposed "The City of Edinburgh," and Bro. Baillie POLLARD replied.

Bro. Sheriff VARY CAMPBELL proposed "The Chairman."

Bro. Major ALLAN proposed "The Past Masters," and Bro. Dr. DICKSON replied.

Bro. M'CRAB, M.P., proposed "The Press."

Bro. JAMES SMITH, Chairman of the Edinburgh Branch of the Journalists' Institute, replied for the toast.

"Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen" were sung by the company and the proceedings closed about 10 o'clock.

Bro. THE ARCHDEACON OF LONDON will unveil on Thursday, the 20th instant, the monumental brass erected to the memory of the late Rev. Hugh Huleatt in St. John's Church, Bethnal Green.

Craft Masonry.

Pattison Lodge, No. 913.

The above lodge held its installation festival on Thursday, the 6th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Bro. Major Murphy completed a most successful year of office by installing his successor in an admirable manner. The lodge having been opened, and the usual business administered, Bro. R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D.C., presented Bro. E. M. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Murphy having completed his arduous task, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Murphy, I.P.M.; A. Moore, S.W.; J. G. Tucker, J.W.; Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., P.M. 77, P.P.G.C., Chap.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Treas.; W. Campbell-Taylor, P.M., Sec.; W. Saunders, P.M., Asst. Sec.; J. H. Bull, S.D.; F. Hoare, J.D.; B. Hammond, I.G.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D. of C.; G. Roberts, P.M. 2348, Dr. J. Clarke, and W. H. Lewis, A.D. of Cs.; Sidney Horton, P.M. 706, Org.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., T. J. Nell, C. H. Stone, F. G. White, and H. Vickers, Stewards; and C. Warren, Tyler. The addresses having been well rendered by the Installing Officer, Bro. Coupland was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. Bro. Murphy was voted thanks for his services as Installing Officer, and was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, and then the lodge was closed.

The brethren banqueted at the Holborn Restaurant, and among those present, and not above mentioned, were Bros. A. Penfold, L.C.C., P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. Mason, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. Busbridge, P.M.; Dr. E. Bryceson, P.M.; D. K. Somers, P.M.; J. O. Cook, P.M.; Col. W. J. B. Graham, P.M., P.M. 700 and 2041; G. H. Letton, P.M., P.M. 615, P.G.P.; Jas. Farrier, P.M., P.M. 809; J. Turton, P.M., P.M. 615; Rev. Robt. Jamblin, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184, P.P.G.D.C. Essex; W. Champion, W. Rieband, A. Tasker, A. D. Capon, J. Allen, W. Kirkman, R. Turrell, W. Folkard, W. Legg, A. Hitchcock, J. Taylor, I. Oliver, G. Hall, G. Lockwood, F. Hutchins, E. W. Sampson, T. Turton, L. Mills, G. Loo, R. Gimman, W. Wren, J. Messent, J. Franking, Capt. J. Swiss, L. Nebul, R. Saunders, W. J. Squires, W. Richards, Jas. Mitchell, H. Grafton, Dr. W. Smith, G. H. Campbell, W. H. Pryce, H. Bryant, W. Lomax, Jas. Stratton, W. Lewey, C. de Bertodano, and W. Hallam, of the lodge. Among the visitors were: Bros. J. Terry, P.M. 991, P.P.G. Stwd. Northumberland; H. Syer, P.M. and Treas. 13, W.M. elect 809; A. McQueen, W.M. 13; H. Jacobs, S.W. 13; J. Quick, J.W. 13; A. Dixon 13; G. R. Nichols, P.M. 700, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx; J. Roberts, P.M. and Treas. 700; H. Tufnell, P.M. 700; W. Long, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; W. Chambers, J.W. 700; H. J. Dalby, 700; J. Roland, 700; J. Plums, 700; E. Lonergan, W.M. 706; F. Thomas, P.M. 706; H. Banister, 706; A. Hill, W.M. 1536; A. S.monds, S.W. 1536; Jas. Wheatley, W.M. 2399; R. Rawlingson, S.W. 2399; J. Steer, J.W. 2399; M. Worthington, 2399; H. Furlong, 2399; R. Voisey, P.M. 1229; C. Dexter, W.M. 158; G. Knowles, P.M. 2305; R. Wyne, P.M. 2266; J. McGregor, P.M. 548; J. Solomon, S.W. 77; J. Neale, 1321; G. Brandon, 518; Capt. H. Graham, E. Lockyer, 1817; W. Bullworthy, Org. 2530; J. Grisdale, J.W. 1708; J. Cameron, W. Solkorn, Treas. 615; J. Phillips, 824; and T. Nuttall, I.G. 534.

Grace having been sung, the W.M. prefaced the toast list by humorously remarking that it was a most unfortunate thing that so many of the brethren had for that particular evening made special and important engagements, which they had to meet directly after the banquet. He trusted that upon this occasion the brethren had not made any "pressing" engagements that would cause them to leave the room at too early an hour, as the committee had made especial efforts for their delectation in the musical arrangements. He asked them to postpone their departure, and assist the committee in making the evening a delightfully happy one.

The brethren saw the joke, laughed heartily, and gave up their engagements elsewhere.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G. Master of the Order," having been honoured, that of "The Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst; the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," followed, the W.M. regretting that none of the G. Officers were present, but, nevertheless, he asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm.

The toast of "Earl Amherst, Prov. G. Master of the Province of Kent," followed, and the W.M. in giving it, said that those who were privileged to attend Prov. Grand Lodge knew the grand character and genial disposition of their beloved Prov. G. Master. Those who were members of the exalted Degree of the R.A. would have the pleasure of seeing his lordship at their own home in Plumstead on the following Friday week, and he felt sure they would endorse every word he had said as to their Prov. G. Master's kindness and wonderful knowledge in Masonic rule and government.

In giving the toast of "Bro. J. Smith Eastes, Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said it was a toast that more particularly commended itself to the Pattison Lodge because of the excellent and, indeed, numerous array of P. and P.P.G. Officers who had received their honours at the hands of their Grand Master, and through the recommendation and assistance of their esteemed Bro. Eastes. At that meeting they had one Present Officer, Bro. Letton. No society could exist without good officers, and the way in which everything went on under the direction of the Prov. G. Officers was like clockwork. They also had a goodly number of Past Prov. G. Officers present, and he should call upon Bro. Letton to respond for the Present, and Bro. Jamblin for the Past Prov. G. Officers.

Bro. Letton was indistinctly heard, but was understood to thank the brethren for coupling his name with the toast, and to be proud to occupy even his present humble office under their esteemed Prov. G. Master.

Bro. Jamblin said he had been fairly well brought up in Masonry, and knew that one of its first lessons was obedience, but he certainly could not understand why his name had been coupled with that of the previous speaker to respond to the toast while on the left of their W.M. were such a brilliant array of P.G. Officers, who were in every way better qualified to respond to the toast than he was. It was a reaching out to him of that kindness that he had always experienced in the Pattison Lodge, the brethren of which he had always held in the most affectionate regard. Now, he could not quite understand what they wanted, or why they wished to drink the healths of the P.G. Officers. Look at them! Were their praise or wishes for their health necessary? He certainly said—no. He would venture to say that they might go through the whole Province of Kent and never find such splendid examples of what Masonry, coupled with provincial honours, did for those they were called upon to honour that night. He should like to look like them when he was in the pulpit. Then, again, he had been struck with the sequences of the musical arrangements. He presumed they had most of them heard of the trial of Mr. Pickwick, and the dangers of the "warming pan." Now, look at their programme. It commenced with "When the world was fair," then came the "Song of the Bow," followed by "Love's old sweet song." What about the warming pan now? Then "Jones was there"—of course, Jones was there, or why love's sweet

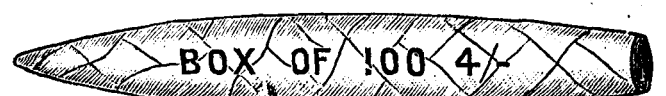
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song—and, of course, at that time Jones was evidently in love. (Well, our worthy and eloquent brother went on all through the programme, eliciting roars of laughter and applause from the brethren, and subsequently wound up by eloquently congratulating the lodge on its Masonic literature and Charity. He congratulated them upon the unity, harmony, dignity, and splendid working of the ritual of their Order. He had repeatedly called their lodge the "premier lodge" in the Province of Kent, and he felt an unbounded affection for it, and a hearty desire for its continued prosperity. At one time they had a library attached to their lodge, and he should be very pleased to present them with some interesting work of Masonic literature to add to their list.

Bro. Jamblin's mixture of witty remarks and feeling observations were much enjoyed and our popular brother was cheered heartily on resuming his seat.

Bro. Murphy then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," he said there was no need to tell them why he held the gavel in his hands. It was the privilege of the I.P.M. to see that the honour due to the W.M. was paid him by the brethren when and where he might be presiding over them. As they knew, it was the custom of every Past Master of the Pattison Lodge to present the lodge with a banner bearing his, the W.M.'s, coat of arms, and Bro. Cook, their junior P.M., remarked to him, Bro. Murphy, that the banners, or the lodge rather, were "strong as lions," as almost every banner had a lion on it, but he was particularly struck with their W.M.'s motto, "Great and True." There was no doubt that he was great, and they would find that he was true. Bro. Murphy then told a deliciously funny story revealed to him by the W.M. himself, about himself, and having reference to his jovial disposition and "Falstaffian" appearance, which was mightily enjoyed, and concluded a warm eulogium on the W.M.'s abilities by saying that he felt sure that at the end of Bro. Taylor's year of office, they would say "Well done."

Bro. Taylor, who was heartily cheered, said up to that moment he had felt fairly comfortable in his chair, but he found that when one was requested to say something about oneself, it placed him at least in a rather uncomfortable position. What he said, or might say, in response to their hearty reception of the toast of his health, would perhaps be better adapted for private circulation, but now that he observed their old friend and brother evidently taking notes for the purpose of publication in the Masonic press, he had especial reasons to be especially careful in his utterances. So far as his position was concerned, the congratulations he had received from every brother of the lodge impressed him with the most earnest desire to do his duty to their satisfaction, and he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors in such a manner as he trusted would meet with their approbation. It was a very laudable ambition for any brother to aspire and try to obtain the position of a W.M.; even their candidate might aspire to it, with every prospect of success, in time, and so might any member of the lodge who devoted time and energy to the undertaking. They had gone on for many years in a brotherly and harmonious way in that lodge, and if he did anything to interrupt that harmony he should deeply regret it. There was a time when their lodge was not in so proud a position as it was then, and he felt the responsibility that devolved upon him to maintain it in its present excellent position. He thanked them for their great kindness to him upon any occasion, and trusted to a continuance of the same, not only during his year of office, but for many years to come.

Bro. W. C. Taylor, P.M. and Sec., then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," and spoke of the wonderful manner in which Bro. Murphy had worked the ceremony of installation, and he felt that a deep debt of gratitude was owing to Bro. Murphy, who had absolutely come from his house, after some three weeks' illness, on purpose to install his successor.

Bro. Murphy, in response, said he hardly knew what to say in thanking them, in the first place for their continued kindness to him while in the chair of the lodge, and in the next for their cordial recognition of his endeavours to discharge the duties of Installing Officer that day. He regretted being unable to be present at their recent emergency meeting; at the same time it was very comforting to know that although absent he was not forgotten. He, however, felt it his duty to be present that day. It was also very gratifying to hear the kind things just said about him by Bro. Taylor. It had been his ambition to work up to the standard of those who had preceded him; and as long as he was able to do anything to increase the prosperity and honour of the lodge he should continue to do so. For the first time for eight years they had had an emergency meeting, which in itself was a testimony to the financial position of the lodge. He thanked Bro. Taylor and all his officers for their kindness to him during his year of office, and trusted to be with them for many years to come.

Bro. Butter, in responding for "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," said Bro. Jamblin had said that there was something in their appearance that it was quite unnecessary for them to do more than show themselves without making speeches; but they were growing older every year, and with age came changes, one of which was humility, and a desire to make every one comfortable. He had undertaken the ministering to their comfort for another year. Those who had passed the chair had great responsibilities, most of which, however, were of a pleasurable character, while at the same time it enabled them to do good service for the comfort of the brethren and the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Cook said "ditto" to what had already been said; but there was something more to do, and that was to do what they had to do with heartiness and grace, and the Past Masters always did what they had to do in that spirit. The lodge was as prosperous and as cordial in its harmony as it was 12 years ago, and throughout the whole Province of Kent it was held in the highest estimation, and always held out the right hand of fellowship to every lodge in the province.

"The Visitors," of whom there were 41 present, were represented by Bros. Cameron, P.S.G.W. Ireland; McQueen, Dexter, Lonergan, Hill, and Wheatley, and "The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The singing of Miss Kate Cherry, Miss Edith Hands, Bros. Jefferson Nell and Vivian Bennetts, was simply superb, and they were heartily and deservedly applauded for their efforts. Mr. A. Melrose sang humorous ditties and whistled like a thrush or any other fish. Mr. Lionel Horton played the cello splendidly, and his father, Bro. Sidney Horton, accompanied as he can and does.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60.

A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 23rd ult. The meeting was called at 11 o'clock a.m., and among those present were Bros. Debenham, P.G.S., W.M.; Chancellor, P.G.S.; Treas.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., P.P.G.D., Sec.; H. Slade, P.M., P.G.S.; E. Slade, S.D.; H. Wills, J.P.; and Evenden, P.M., Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. Robinson, P.G.S., P.P.G.R., J.W. was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Chancellor, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. Evender, P.M., Tyler. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S.; W. Thomas, P.M., I.G.; W. Ford, Stwd.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

The W.M. having invited the members of the lodge and their guests to lunch on board a steam launch at Richmond, no time was lost in journeying to that far-famed and pleasant riverside resort.

Between 40 and 50 brethren availed themselves either of the W.M.'s hospitality or the subsequent banquet at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Among the numerous company we noticed Bros. C. Robinson, W.M. elect; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.M., P.G.S.; Major T. C. Walls, P.G.S., P.G. Std. Br.; and W. H. Kempster, jun., B.M., P.M., P.G.S.; and as visitors Bros. J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Purrot, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Levett, P.M.; G. Davis, P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; B. Birch, P.M.; and R. C. Green, P.M.

The brethren proceeded as far as Shepperton Lock, and then returned to Hampton Court, where, at the old Mitre Tavern, they partook of an excellent banquet. The day was dull but fine.

Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave a few toasts.

"The Health of the Grand Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Matier, P.A.G.D.C., and Slade, G.S.

"The Health of the W.M." was given in very flattering terms by the Secretary, and drunk by the brethren with musical honours.

The W.M., in reply, briefly thanked the brethren. He said that he felt somewhat overpowered by the warmth with which his poor name had been received. He had had nearly two years' tenure of office, and most pleasant ones they had been. Before sitting down he wished to propose a most important toast, namely, that of "The W.M. elect." Bro. Robinson was a Mason of some considerable experience, and, no doubt, would give the brethren every satisfaction.

Bro. Robinson having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the name of Bro. J. Purrot, P.P.S.G.W., and "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" with the respective names of Bros. Chancellor, P.M., Treas., and E. Rogers, P.M., Sec. The majority of the brethren then re-embarked on board the launch, and in the calm of a beautiful evening slowly steamed down the river to Richmond, and subsequently returned to town by train.

Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet. Present: Bros. E. J. Gittins, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; J. W. Hunt, S.W.; H. J. Phillips, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.G.P., Treas.; S. Lichtenfeld, P.M., Sec.; J. Heilbrun, S.D.; T. J. Patrick, J.D.; H. G. Holland, P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; R. H. Nicholls, I.G.; Ramsbottom, Stwd.; H. Evenden, Tyler; H. Monson, P.M.; H. J. Ahern, P.M.; W. Winsor, P.M.; R. Ridgway, Elvin, Hall, Greening, D. Maid, W. Archer, Collins, Andress, Wright, Watson, and others. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Watts, P.M. 179; P. M. Burch, A. Briscoe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; Nicholls, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to install Bro. J. W. Hunt, S.W., W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., this important ceremony being rendered in a very able manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Simpson, which proving unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated into Freemasonry, this early work of the W.M. being very well rendered. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. E. J. Gittins for his services as Installing Master, and he was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted at the last lodge meeting. The balance sheet, showing a very substantial amount to the credit of the lodge, was then presented and adopted, and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, and gave general satisfaction. Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.M., P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Grand Lodge Officers," and Bro. H. G. Holland, P.M., to that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was given in appropriate terms by the I.P.M., who felt sure that Bro. Hunt would carry out the duties of W.M. with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the brethren.

The W.M. suitably responded.

The other Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an excellent programme of music was given during the evening under the direction of Bro. A. Briscoe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey. Bro. W. T. Winsor, P.M., very efficiently performed the duties of Toast Master.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1571.

Favoured with delightful weather, the members of this lodge, with their ladies and friends, assembled at Paddington Station on Monday, the 26th ult., to the number of 90, where special Great Western saloons were reserved for the party, by the 10.10 a.m. fast train. Henley was reached at 11 o'clock, where the steam launch "Bona Fide" was in readiness to steam to Reading. Among the party were—

Bro. Geo. Horwill, W.M.; Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec., and Mrs. Morgan; Bro. H. T. Meadows, P.M.; Bro. C. M. Morris, S.W., and Mrs. Morris; Bro. A. Watts, P.M., and Mrs. Watts; Bro. Percy Leach, J.W., and Mrs. Leach; Bro. Duffield, P.M., and Mrs. Duffield; Bro. Hampson, P.M., and Mrs. Hampson; Bro. Lee, S.D., and Mrs. Lee; Bro. Down, Stwd.; Mrs. Simmonds; Bro. Barker, P.M., and Mrs. Barker; Miss Pelerin; Bro. Brown, P.M., and Miss Brown; Mr. Marsh; Bro. Radcliffe, P.M., and Mrs. Radcliffe; Miss Bush; Bro. Fyche, P.M., and Mrs. Fyche; Mr. Munford and Mrs. Munford; Bro. Britain, P.M., and Mrs. Britain; Miss Schultz; Bro. Southcote; Bro. Dr. Thompson; Mrs. Hiscox; Mr. C. Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, and Miss Thompson; Mr. Selfe; Mr. Loneon and Mrs. Loneon; Mr. Dixon; Mr. Lomath and Mrs. Lomath; Mr. Bennett; Miss Hall; Mr. Cormack and Mrs. Cormack; Bro. James Durell, Mrs. Durell, Misses Durell, and Master Durell; Bro. Joseph Durell and Mrs. Durell; Dr. Hadaway; Bro. Brownfield; Miss C. Brown; Mr. Baron; Bro. Geo. Pain and Mrs. Pain; Bro. W. Pain and Mrs. Pain; Mrs. Jones; Miss Fleming; Mr. Ventura; Mr. Sessil; Mr. Jones; Miss Marks; Mr. Mann; Bro. James; Mr. Hudson; Mr. Tongay and Mrs. Tongay; Dr. Cooper; Bro. Fleming and Mrs. Fleming; Bro. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes; Bro. Truckell; Mr. Carter; Mr. Smithers; Bro. Lattimer; Bro. Cordroy; Bro. Pryor; and Mrs. Jones.

No time was lost in getting under weigh, the beautiful scenery of the Thames being much appreciated and admired.

Caversham Bridge Hotel, the rendezvous for dining, was reached at 1.30, where Bro. Bona had prepared a sumptuous repast, his catering eliciting general satisfaction.

The toast list on this occasion was not an extended one.

Rising to propose "The Queen and the Craft," Bro. GEORGE HORWILL, W.M., met with a hearty reception, and in feeling terms referred to the glorious reign her Majesty had enjoyed, her patronage of the Craft, and the great interest her sons had taken in Freemasonry. Long might her beneficent reign be continued!

Bro. EDMUND J. MORGAN, P.M., Sec., then submitted "The Ladies" who had graced the outing with their presence. They were always sure of a hearty reception in an assemblage of Freemasons; and if he typified the whole sex in the person of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, who had been privileged to sway the sceptre of these realms longer than any of her predecessors, and had indubitably impressed upon the page of history the fact that woman, no less than man, could attain and worthily discharge the most exalted station in the realm, it ought to be a proud privilege to be a woman. Campbell had truly pictured the incompleteness of man's state without his helpmate woman when he wrote—

Without our hopes, without our fears,
Without the home that plighted love endears,
Without the smile from plighted beauty won,
O, what was Man? A world without a sun,
Till Hymen brought his love delighted hour
There dwelt no joy in Eden's rosy bower.
In vain the viewless seraph lingering there
At starry midnight charmed the listening air,
The summer wind that shook the spangled tree,
The whispering wave—the murmur of the bee;
And still wore on the melancholy day,
And still the Stranger wist not where to stay;
The world was sad—the garden was a wild,
And Man the Hermit sighed—till Woman, lovely Woman, smiled.

In conclusion, Bro Morgan hoped that many such enjoyable reunions might be in store for them.