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THE WARWICKSHIRE BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

Our Warwickshire brethren, from the venerable Lord LEIGH, who has ruled the Province ever since the year 1852, down to the latest initiate, must be gratified with the result of their inaugural Festival on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, in aid of their Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund. This Fund was organised some 25 years ago for the purpose of rendering such help as might be possible to distressed Masons and their dependents, and at the present time there are 16 recipients of the benefits dispensed by the Fund, of whom all but one are ladies. During its career a capital amounting to about £7000 has been accumulated, but it appears to have been thought desirable that a special effort should be made to increase the means at its disposal, and hence the Festival, which was most appropriately celebrated at Stoneleigh Park, the seat of Lord LEIGH, who has throughout exhibited the greatest interest in the Charity, and who, but for the strict injunctions of his medical advisers, would have attended and presided in person on the occasion. However, if his lordship was, for the reason we have stated, obliged to be absent in the flesh, and unable to do the honours of the day, he was present in the spirit. The visitors had the run of the gardens and the park; the Abbey, with its art treasures and curios, were open for their inspection; an orchestral band played at frequent intervals to their great delectation, and the opportunity was afforded to those who cared to indulge in it to enjoy a game of cricket. Luncheon was served in a large marquee that was capable of accommodating those who had gathered together, to the number of about a thousand, a large proportion being ladies. Indeed, between the kindness of Lord LEIGH and the admirable arrangements made by the Committee in charge of the necessary arrangements, the meeting was in every way a grand success, while, as regards the immediate purpose for which it was held, let it suffice to say that the total of the subscriptions exceeded £3150, the contributing bodies including the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, 31 out of the 32 lodges on the roll of the Province, about half the Royal Arch chapters, together with one of the Mark lodges, a Templar preceptory, and a Rose Croix chapter. The actual total announced was £3156 9s. 1d., the most important contribution being £300 from the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, Birmingham, which had thus

the honour of heading the roll. The Machen Lodge, No. 1782, Colleshill, came second with £220 10s., and the Israel Lodge, No. 1474, Birmingham, being close up with £213 13s. 6d. Temperance Lodge, No. 739, Birmingham, subscribing £163 12s. Other amounts were £100 from St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, Birmingham, £100 1s. 6d. from the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284, Warwick; £107 8s. 6d. from the Faithful Lodge, No. 473, Birmingham; £105 10s. 6d. from the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham; £117 12s. from the Leigh Lodge, No. 887, Birmingham; £130 4s. from the Fletcher Lodge, No. 1031, Birmingham; £132 6s. from the Emulation Lodge, No. 1163, Birmingham; £135 9s. from the Holte Lodge, No. 1246, Aston; £139 13s. from Charity Lodge, No. 1551, Birmingham, and the Prov. G. Lodge 50 guineas (£52 10s.). Nor, though the amounts contributed to two of the three Central Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund are naturally on a more modest scale than usual, have their claims been entirely overlooked as the £57 15s. raised in February for the R.M.B.I., and the £73 10s. and £29 3s. subscribed last week for the R.M.I.B. and the Mark Fund respectively testify abundantly, the aggregate of these three sums amounting to £160 8s., making the total compiled by Warwickshire for the general and local needs of the brethren £3316 17s. 1d.

But we need not dwell longer upon the excellent work accomplished on this and other special occasions by this Province. Rather let us take this opportunity of congratulating Lord LEIGH, and the lodges and brethren under his authority, on a result so eminently satisfactory, and at the same time express the hope that future Festivals for this Provincial Fund may prove at least as gratifying.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

We continue our remarks regarding offences against Article 205. It has been held, but the writer cannot recollect any authoritative ruling on the subject, that the delivery of a speech or an address or a lecture, in places where the profane may be admitted, is an infraction of the law. The presumption is that reporters may be present, and there will be nothing to prevent the speech, or whatever it is, getting into the newspapers. This is, of course, common sense, and we think there will be few to object even to the straining of the phraseology of Article 205.

When the Constitutions are revised it may be worth while considering how the provisions of this Article may be extended so as to include unauthorised publicity of any kind. Meanwhile the interpretation of the law can very safely be left in the hands of the authorities, as proceedings in Grand Lodge from time to time clearly show.

In June, 1892, a very instructive case was decided. A Calcutta brother was suspended by Right Wor. Bro. Prinsep, District Grand Master of Bengal, under the following circumstances:

He was interested in the Bengal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and several points in the administration of this excellent Charity appearing to him to merit criticism, he tried to raise the question in the District Grand Lodge. As that body had nothing whatever to do with the Charity except subscribing to it, and beyond the fact that the most influential members were, in other capacities, and not *ex-officio*, Governors and Vice-Presidents of it, the Deputy D.G.M., who was presiding, refused to allow the matter to be discussed, more particularly as it was not on the agenda. Thereupon, the brother printed a long circular, in which he embodied his views about the Benevolent Association (in which he was quite within

his rights), and also commented upon the way in which he was silenced in District Grand Lodge (in which he was quite wrong). This was issued to subscribers—who unfortunately for the writer of the circular—included many non-Masons. The District Grand Master pulled him up very sharply, and after compliance with the usual formalities, suspended him for 12 months. This was a very severe sentence, and, doubtless, there were local considerations to account for it. It appeared that the appellant had written to the late Grand Secretary on the subject, and had been told that the question was not one for District Grand Lodge but for the subscribers, and his defence was that in issuing the circular he was acting upon Colonel Clerke's advice. Colonel Clerke, however, did not advise him to include in his circular any criticism or review of District Grand Lodge proceedings. In advising Grand Lodge to dismiss the appeal both Bro. Philbrick and Bro. Fenn went thoroughly into the merits of the case, and did not allow it to be complicated by any side issue at all, and in so doing expressed their opinion in very unmistakable language.

Shortly after the introduction of post cards into the postal system of the country, the reprehensible practice of printing the lodge summons on the back of a post card became somewhat common, and in September, 1870, Grand Lodge laid down that such a practice was a violation of Article 205, and in future would be severely dealt with. The practice still obtains in many lodges, the writer having frequently received notice of supplementary agenda in the interval between the issuing of the summons and the lodge meeting.

In the face of the above decision, this is quite wrong, more especially as the object is only to save a few shillings in postage and printing.

Even the lodge summons is not altogether a privileged document, notwithstanding that it may be enclosed in a sealed envelope, and delivered into the hands of the person most concerned. It occasionally happens that part of the agenda is a consideration of a motion for the exclusion of a brother. If such motion have been given notice of, it is bound to go into the summons. That cannot be helped. But ought the reasons to be given? In 1880 certain brethren had "been guilty" (to quote the phrase employed in the correspondence which followed) of black-balling a candidate, in which, it may be again remarked, they were exercising a constitutional right. Their names transpiring, a motion for their exclusion was brought forward, and the following intimation appeared in the summons:

"To consider the following motion by Brother A, that Brothers B, C, and D, be excluded from this lodge for the following unworthy and un-Masonic conduct, viz. . . ."

Here followed a description of the alleged un-Masonic conduct. This summons came to Brother B's place of business and was opened by his clerk, and presumably its contents became public property.

A libel action followed with the highly unsatisfactory result that Brother B got a farthing damages and each party was cast in his own costs. Further proceedings followed, and eventually Brother B got a verdict which satisfied him, and Brother A found he had about £150 to pay in costs. The matter found its way to Grand Lodge in the form of an application by Brother A, for a grant of that sum.

The applicant was referred to the Board, who subsequently refused to entertain his request, and the only statement on the subject made in Grand Lodge was the opinion expressed by the Grand Registrar that to insert the name of a brother, who was proposed to be excluded, in the summons, was not libellous. Common sense would indicate, however, that in describing the alleged reason, nothing more is necessary than a reference to the Article of the Book of Constitutions alleged to have been infringed.

Whilst permission to print Masonic intelligence is not denied by the Grand Master to any responsible person, and a person, moreover, who is under his jurisdiction, it must be remembered that the only authoritative publications are the Book of Constitutions and the printed proceedings of the Quarterly Communications, which are issued to those entitled to receive them. In September, 1883, it was proposed in Grand Lodge that notice of future meetings should be advertised in certain Masonic journals.

The proposition was lost, but at the same time the insertion of such information as an item of intelligence is perfectly legal, and, in fact, constitutes the chief *raison d'être* of a Masonic journal. An advertisement, however, which is paid for becomes an authoritative communication, and Grand Lodge saw in it a constructive infraction of Article 205. In so doing Grand Lodge set an example to all private lodges. It is not at all uncommon to see an advertisement, even in profane journals, of

a forthcoming meeting, especially when part of the proposed business is a presentation or a testimonial.

In December, 1885, a dispute between two brethren exercised the attention of Grand Lodge, which sheds a little light on the other side of the question. One of them was the editor of a paper, and the other some public person whose conduct—from the political point of view—was very strongly criticised in it. The latter sought for satisfaction and redress to every Masonic authority he could, and found none, and eventually appealed to Grand Lodge, and alleged that his opponent, in using the columns of his journal to criticise him, had violated his obligation as a Master Mason.

Grand Lodge held that all these obligations only existed between Masons as such, and dismissed the appeal, and in so doing acted against the advice of the Board.

One more case, and we conclude this part of our subject. This arose out of the blackballing of a candidate, and some correspondence passed between interested parties, not very conciliatory in its tone. One of the parties printed the correspondence, and tried to raise a discussion on it in lodge. The W.M. refused to permit it. On appeal, the District Grand Master censured the brother for infringing Article 205, and on appeal to Grand Lodge in March, 1886, the censure was affirmed.

This concludes the information the writer has managed to collect regarding Article 205. In the absence of information in the article itself actual cases decided are valuable. There must be many more such, and as this particular branch of Masonic jurisprudence is most interesting the writer would be glad to hear of further cases which may have come to the knowledge of readers.

(To be continued.)

CONSECRATION OF THE KIRBY LODGE, No. 2818.

The ceremony of consecration of the above lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 9th instant, the Consecrating Officers being Bro. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., assisted by the following distinguished G. Officers: Bros. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; Chas. E. Keyser, as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; F. Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G.

Between 90 and 100 brethren had assembled in the lodge room when the procession of G. Officers entered, and the solemn and interesting rites were immediately commenced. Needless to say, under the guidance of the above-mentioned experienced brethren, the ceremony was conducted in a masterly and impressive manner, it being generally felt that in inaugurating a lodge composed of expert workers in ordinary lodge ceremonial, the Consecrating Officers had excelled themselves in the dignity and solemnity with which they performed the duties of their high offices.

The musical portions of the ceremony were sung by Bros. May, Strong, Gawthrop, and Sutton Shepley (of her Majesty's Chapel Royal), the bass solo in the anthem "Behold how joyful and good a thing" being splendidly rendered by Bro. Shepley.

The new lodge having been consecrated, dedicated, and constituted, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, the G. Secretary, Bro. Letchworth acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C., the solo "Be thou faithful" being sung by Bro. Jas. Gawthrop, with organ and 'cello accompaniments, with very impressive effect, after the obligation.

The newly-installed Master having been duly saluted by the brethren, he invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. R. Bennett, I.P.M.; George Rankin, S.W.; W. H. Oldham, J.W.; F. T. Rushton, Treas.; D. D. West, Sec.; J. M. Payne, S.D.; H. Wakerell, J.D.; A. Slee, I.G.; C. Lewis, D. of C.; J. Curran, Org.; and Wedmore and Appleton, Stewards.

The Consecrating Officers were elected hon. members of the lodge, and were presented with founders' jewels in commemoration of the occasion, the same being acknowledged in graceful language by the G. Secretary and Bro. Brownrigg.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room adjoining, where an elegant and sumptuous repast was enjoyed.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," having been duly and enthusiastically honoured, the brethren settled down to a very enjoyable programme of music, under the direction of Bro. C. H. Kempling, P.P.G. Org. Essex, and Bro. J. Curran, F.C.O., Organist of the lodge.

Songs were given by Bros. Bennett, May, and Gawthrop; a 'cello solo by Bro. Geverding; two violin solos by Mr. Pollitzer; and two exquisite pieces by the quartet above mentioned, whose services, both at the consecration and after the banquet, were very greatly appreciated by the brethren.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was submitted by Bro. CHARLES LEWIS, who said that while this gave them an opportunity of showing loyalty to the Grand Officers as a body, they desired especially to do honour to the distinguished brethren who had favoured them by their presence on that occasion.

In reply, Bro. Lord ADDINGTON, Prov. G.M. of Bucks, expressed the pleasure he had in being present to witness the ceremony of consecration. He had heard of an occasion when the ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed in less than one hour. The lodge in question might consider it held the "record," but anyway, the Kirby Lodge held the "Recorder." (Cheers and laughter.)

Bro. GUY REPTON, G.D., also responded, expressing his conviction that under the guidance of the W.M., Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton, assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. W. R. Bennett, the lodge would have great success.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," and expressing, on behalf of the founders, appreciation of the services that day, of these distinguished brethren stated that he was desired by Bros. Letchworth, Frank Richardson, and J. S. Brownrigg to express regret that a long-standing engagement prevented their remaining to the banquet. He therefore, coupled the toast with the names of Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, P.G.T., and Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., who had kindly acted as Wardens at the consecration.

Bro. Sir JOSEPH DIMSDALE, in reply, said he considered he had been complimented by being asked to act as one of the Consecrating Officers. This was not the first time he had met the brethren, as a few years ago he acted as President at a Festival of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, and should never forget the earnest working he witnessed on that occasion. As a member of Lodge No. 1, it was perhaps fitting that he should assist in consecrating the youngest lodge in the Craft.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, in a most cheery speech, expressed the pleasure he had in again meeting Kirby brethren, he also, like Sir Joseph Dimsdale, having acted as President at a Festival of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction. Although he did not pretend to be as accurate a worker as Emulation members, still he had a certain reputation in the provinces for good working, which he greatly appreciated and valued; and continuing, in a humorous vein, stated that he would have been prepared to assist in closing down the lodge in the Three Degrees if he had been called upon to do so. Bro. Keyser stated that he was a member of Lodge No. 2, and caused much amusement by reminding the previous speaker that No. 2 was a much older lodge than No. 1.

Bro. Keyser's cheery and encouraging speech was much appreciated.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. W. R. BENNETT, I.P.M., who spoke with great feeling. In expressing the deep respect and affection in which Sir Forrest Fulton was held by all the Founders, Bro. Bennett reminded the brethren that their lodge motto was "Mindful and Faithful," and that the motto under Sir Forrest Fulton's crest meant "Strength and Virtue." The lodge would endeavour to perpetuate these mottoes by proving to the W.M. that they were a strong body of Masons, to be relied upon, while they would endeavour to emulate the virtues and qualities of character which the W.M. possessed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who was received with very great enthusiasm, expressed in most kindly and graceful language the great interest he took in all that appertained to the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, and the pleasure it had given him to accede to the request of the brethren to become the first W.M. of the Kirby Lodge. Although he had been a Mason for nearly 30 years, the demands of an exacting profession had prevented his giving the time and attention necessary to secure promotion in the Order until a few years ago, when, having been appointed to the ancient and honourable position of Common Sergeant of London, he found sufficient leisure to renew his interest in the Craft. With the idea of mastering the details of the ceremonies, he sought for a good lodge of instruction, and not daring to venture to work at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, was recommended to the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, which lodge he attended for some time, receiving the utmost kindness and consideration from the Preceptor and the members generally, who did all in their power to assist him in rehearsing the ceremonies of the Craft. He should always remember the association with pleasure, particularly as last year, having received the honour of Grand Office, he was invited to preside at the annual festival of the lodge. In the most kindly and encouraging manner Sir Forrest went on to recommend any brethren present who had not yet attended one of those festivals to take the next opportunity of doing so, feeling sure they would be impressed as he had been by the excellent and perfect working of the lectures they would there witness. As the officers he had that day invested were these same brethren he had no hesitation in associating himself with them in a regular lodge, which he was sure was destined to be a great power in the Craft. He then called on the brethren to drink the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," coupling the toast with the names of the Wardens.

Bro. GEO. RANKIN, S.W. (the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction) and Bro. OLDIAM, J.W., replied, the former feelingly expressing the devotion of himself and his brother officers to the newly-installed W.M., and the great privilege they felt it to be to serve under so eminent a man and Mason. He also expressed the gratification of himself and fellow officers at the true Masonic spirit displayed by the Committee of the lodge of instruction, who, waiving their own claims, allowed precedence in office to those of the founders who were as yet below the rank of Installed Masters.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Sir HOMEWOOD CRAWFORD, P.G.D., and others, and after the Tyler's toast had been given, a most enjoyable and memorable occasion was brought to a close.

The jewels, &c., were supplied by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

WHAT THE CRAFT DOES FOR CHARITY.

A numerous company of brethren, representative of every portion of the Masonic Province of Suffolk, assembled in the Library of the Ipswich Town Hall, on the 13th inst., to take part in the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.W. Eng., who is also the P.G.M. of the Province of Isle of Man. This being the first occasion that his lordship had presided over the Prov. Grand Lodge of Suffolk since her Majesty called him to the onerous post of Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man, and also since his recovery from a long and dangerous illness, it is almost needless to state that his lordship met with an enthusiastic reception on his entry into the lodge—a reception the more cordial as the brethren had evidence of the completeness of Lord Henniker's restoration to health.

Indeed, it was generally admitted that his lordship had not looked more robust for a number of years.

The Prov. G.M. was supported by his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, 1224, P.G. Chap. Eng.; the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. N. Tracy, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; the Prov. Asst. G. Sec., Bro. H. Cockrell; and the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bros. Geo. Booth, jun., 81, P.A.G.D.C.; J. W. B. King, 376, P.G.S.B.; H. C. Casley, 114, P.P.J.G.W.; J. F. Page, 1663, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Kemp, 959, P.P.G.P.; C. Oliver, 1008, P.J.G.D.; J. E. Barnes, 1823, P.P.G. Treas.; Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher, 1823, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Campbell Smith, 1592, P.P.G.S. of Works; J. C. B. Winder, 1008, P.P.G.S.B.; C. J. N. Row, 1224, P.A.G.D.C.; S. R. Anness, 376, P.P.S.G.W.; J. A. Pettit, 225, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Owen A. Clark, 1008, P.P.G.O.; H. J. Salmon, 1008, P.P.G. Reg.; George Abbott, 225, P.P.G.S.B.; W. G. Everitt, 71, P.P.S.G.W.; Harry Martin, 929, P.G.P.; A. E. Smith, 1983, P.P.J.G.D.; A. R. Trew, 959, P.P.J.G.D.; G. H. Jackson, 2371, P. Asst. G.P.; E. P. Youell, Treas. 81, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Blunderfield, 71, 1193, 305, P.P.G.P. Norfolk; W. J. Wilton, 71, P.P.S.G.W.; H. E. Leach, 376, P.P.G.P.; T. Thwaites, 376, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. M. Canova, 1983, P.P.S.G.W.; J. O. Green, 388, P.P. Asst. G.D.C.; J. H. Gray, 859, D.P.G.M. Cambs.; H. J. Eastaugh, 1452, P.P.J.G.D.; G. P. Price, 225, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Tidbury, 114, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Barker, 1983, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. B. Read, 114, P.P.J.G.D.; H. J. Wright, 2371, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Harvey, 936, P.P.S.G.W.; A. W. Cook, 225, P.P.G.P.; W. J. Whitehead, 225, P.P.G.P.; C. H. Vincent, 1823, P.P.G. Reg.; the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 555, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. A. Robb, 81, P.G. Chap.; J. Foyster, 305, P.G. Treas.; T. A. Woodroffe, 305, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; V. D. Colchester, 114, P.P.S.G.D.; Walter Cocks, 555, P.P.J.G.D.; Frederick Binckes, 60, P.G.S.B. Eng.; B. W. Syer, 376, P.G.T.; F. C. Peacock, 516, P.G. Reg.; J. Legge Currie, 929, P.P.J.G.D.; the Rev. Richard Peek, 936, P.G. Chap. Eng.; John Talbot, 225, P.P.G.S.B.; George Turner, 376, P.P.J.G.D.; James Price, 376, P.G. Org.; and H. C. Monteith, 376, P.P.J.G.W. A large number of Masters and brethren also signed the presence book.

The Prov. G. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the Woodbridge Lodge were read and confirmed, after which the roll of Prov. G. Officers, as well as that for the several lodges, were called.

Regret was expressed at the absence, in consequence of an accident, of the P.G.D.C., Bro. J. M. Franks, 376, but his duties were ably discharged by his assistant, Bro. G. Booth, jun., 81.

Bro. P. J. Jolly having been unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer, Bros. C. E. Tempest, T. E. Mayhew, and A. A. Bennett were re-elected Auditors.

The P.G.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

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| Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn | ... | ... | Dep. Prov. G.M. |
| " A. Gibb, 114 | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " G. L. Oxborrow, 376 | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " the Rev. W. E. Fletcher, 376 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " the Rev. S. J. S. Banks, 2371 | ... | ... | |
| " Philip J. Jolly, 305 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " F. G. Mayhew, 1452 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " N. Tracy, P.M. 376, P.G. Std. Br. Eng. (re-appointment) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " F. Spashett, 71 | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " C. C. Vincent, 1823 | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " T. T. Shillitoe, 1008 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " J. M. Franks, 376 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " Alma Cocks, 959 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " G. Andrews, 388 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " G. W. Senton, 225 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Std. Brs. |
| " R. S. Joy, 1224 | ... | ... | |
| " J. Price, 376 (re-appointment) | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " Harry Cockrell, 225 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Sec. |
| " H. Rix, 1663 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " J. Durrant, 1631 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " E. Hills, 959 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " H. C. Rance, 225 | ... | ... | |
| " J. Stringer, 2371 | ... | ... | |
| " B. W. Syer, 376 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

The report of the Board of General Purposes announced the continued prosperity of the Order in the province, and stated that a warrant for a new lodge had been granted, the consecration to take place probably in September. The membership of the province showed a substantial increase, while financially the province was in a fairly sound state, there being a good balance at the bank. Sums of £5 5s. had been granted to needy brethren, 20 guineas to the Benevolent, and 10 guineas to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, and five guineas to the South African Masonic Relief Fund.

The report was adopted *nem. con.*
The report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association stated that during the past year a total of £823 4s. had been subscribed in the province to the Royal Masonic Benevolent and the Girls' and Boys' Institutions. During the past 12 years (for which period the Secretaryship has been in the able hands of Bro. J. M. Harvey), 38 men, four widows, seven girls, and 10 boys had been elected to the various Masonic Institutions, with a total poll of 106,167 votes. The amount contributed by the province in the same period was no less than £10,803 10s. (Applause.)

The Prov. G.M. cordially thanked Bro. Harvey for the trouble he had always taken, and his continued interest in the Charities.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then adjourned, while the brethren marched in procession to St. Mary-le-Tower Church, where a bright musical service had been provided. Bro. V. D. Colchester and Mr. A. Nelson Howe having attended to the seating of the brethren, the surpliced choir sang the well-known hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," as a processional. They also effectively rendered the "Nunc Dimittis" (Stainer in B flat), and the anthem, "Blessed be the God and Father" (Wesley). The Prov. G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. W. E. Fletcher) preached from St. John i., 43 to 45, while Bro. the Rev. S. J. S. Banks read the lesson. The Prov. G. Organist (Bro. James Price) presided with his accustomed skill at the organ. An offertory was taken, amounting to £7 10s. 2d., for the benefit of the East Suffolk Hospital.

After service, the brethren returned in procession to the Town Hall, where the business of Prov. G. Lodge was resumed.

Addressing the brethren with his wonted geniality, the PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his pleasure at being present. He regretted that business engagements would compel him to return to town immediately after the Provincial Grand Lodge, without staying to the banquet. His lordship referred to the unfortunate circumstance that both his Deputy and himself

at present resided out of the province—a fact which made it difficult for them to be with the brethren as often as they could wish. He was, however, delighted to come, whenever his engagements permitted, to the dear old county of Suffolk, where he had lived so long, and he felt that seeing so many Suffolk faces had really done him good. He also alluded to the recent visit to the Isle of Man on the occasion of his (his lordship's) installation of Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn and Tracy. Concluding, the P.G.M. said he sincerely hoped it would not be long before he should have the pleasure of meeting some of his Suffolk brethren in the lodges of the Isle of Man, where they would be sure of a hearty welcome. (Applause.)

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Prov. G. Chaplain for his excellent sermon; to the Mayor and Corporation of Ipswich for the use of the Town Hall buildings, and to the choir of St. Mary-le-Tower, to whom the Prov. GRAND MASTER expressed his indebtedness for the delightful treat they had provided.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. congratulated Lord Henniker upon his restoration to health, and also on the distinguished honour conferred upon him by his appointment as Grand Master of the Province of the Isle of Man.

It was resolved that the next Prov. Grand Lodge meeting be held at Eye, under the banner of Lodge Hartismere, No. 1063.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren repaired to the Council Chamber, where a well-served banquet was provided by Bro. Pipe, of the Cornhill Restaurant.

In the absence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn presided, and was supported right and left by the Grand Officers, including Bro. Binckes, a former Secretary to one of the Masonic Institutions, who greatly delighted the brethren by a very fine speech on Masonic Charities.

The customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the harmony of the proceedings was pleasantly sustained by Bros. Dutton, G. Abbott, H. A. Wright, A. Mead, Price, and Stoker, and the Lyceum Orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Fletcher Dorling.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 13th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., the Treasurer of the Institution, was unanimously voted to the chair. There were also present Bros. G. Corble, J. Gray, G. Everett, P.G.T.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; Charles Pulman, H. A. Tobias, P.G. Std. Br.; W. W. Parkinson, E. M. Money, P.A.G. D.C.; Major J. W. Woodall, P.G.T.; J. S. Cumberland, P.D.G.S.B.; H. Massey, R. D. Cummings, C. H. Webb, R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; S. J. Attenborough, P.A.G.D.C.; E. Margrett, W. H. J. Blake, and J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the Court of April 20th having been read and confirmed, and the minutes of the Council of April 27th, May 25th, and June 29th having been read for information,

Bro. J. M. McLEOD said he had to report with much regret the death of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., Trustee and Patron of the Institution, and Chairman of the Board of Management. The funeral took place on the 12th instant, and many members of the Board of Management attended to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. A special meeting of the Board was held that (Friday) afternoon, at which a resolution was passed desiring to place on record the deep sense of the Board of the irreparable loss the Institution had sustained by the death of Bro. Eve, who had for so many years discharged the duties of Chairman of the Board, and by his knowledge, zeal, and generosity conferred great benefit on the Institution.

Bro. KEYSER said that Bro. Eve had a deep and heartfelt interest in the School. He believed all the brethren would agree with that resolution, and that it would recommend itself to them. They all felt they had lost a dear friend and one who not only was a great friend to the Institution, but was one of the pillars of the Institution. Bro. Eve devoted a great deal of time and energy to the Institution; he was a man of great strength and power of mind, and he used that strength and determination with great advantage, and on many occasions for the benefit of the Craft and of the Institutions. He (Bro. Keyser) did not think it was possible for him to say anything which the other brethren did not feel themselves. He (Bro. Keyser) was one of those who went down to the funeral; he felt it a pleasure—if he might use the expression—to go and show a mark of respect to Bro. Eve. There were two beautiful wreaths sent from the Secretary and the Board of Management and one from the boys in the School. He saw the boys there, and he hoped they shared the feelings all the brethren entertained for his memory. (Hear, hear.) He would suggest that the Court should pass a similar resolution now to that which had been passed by the special meeting of the Board of Management, and leave it to the Secretary to draft it in terms suitable to the other. But as they had many distinguished brethren present—many who could say something on this point if they would do so—he should feel great pleasure in listening to them. All the brethren round the table knew Bro. Richard Eve. It was impossible to say too much, because they knew the interest Bro. Eve took in the Institutions, and the benefits he conferred upon them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. J. W. WOODALL, P.G. Treas., said he was certain that all the brethren would agree with what Bro. Keyser had said. Still he (Bro. Woodall) would venture to add to those words how deeply they all felt the loss the Institution has sustained, and to express it with all the strength in his power. He wished to support the resolutions passed at a special meeting of the Board of Management, and so ably and feelingly moved by the Chairman. No words were necessary to eulogise Bro. Eve's works, for they spoke for themselves.

Bro. E. M. MONEY, P.A.G.D.C., said that he also should like to say a word or two on this subject. He had known Bro. Richard Eve for a very long time. He was, as had been said, a man of great strength of mind, and he was tearless in expressing his opinion; he had been invaluable to this Institution and to all the Masonic Charities. While he (Bro. Money) cordially endorsed everything the Board of Management had done, and the vote they had passed, he sincerely trusted they would take into consideration the subject of having some plan for permanently perpetuating Bro. Eve's name in connection with the Schools. (Applause.)

Bro. C. E. KEYSER said there were some very interesting letters received by the Secretary in connection with Bro. Eve's death which he was sure all the brethren would like to hear read.

Bro. McLEOD said one letter was from Lord Leigh and another from Bro. W. Beach, both Trustees of the Institution, and another from Bro. F. Binckes, his (Bro. McLeod's) predecessor. He then read the letters. In addition to these, he might say he had received scores of letters which, however, he would not read to that Quarterly Court.

It was then resolved that the Secretary and Bro. Keyser should draft a suitable resolution, to be placed on the minutes, and a copy sent to the executors of Bro. Eve, to show how much the Court valued his services. The brethren all stood when passing the resolution.

Bro. J. GLASS said he would like to move that the three typical letters which had been read should be entered on the minutes of that Court. They had come from different sources; one was from an official of many years' experience and the others were from co-trustees of Bro. Eve.

Bro. RICHARD CLOWES, P.G. Std. Br., seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

It was then resolved, on the recommendation of the Council—"That 20 boys be elected from an approved list of 27 candidates at the election on Friday, 12th October, 1900."

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec., then reported the result of the 102nd Anniversary Festival, held on Tuesday, the 10th instant, when the Duke of Connaught was to have presided, but his place was taken by Lord Amherst. He said the amount announced was, with 481 Stewards, £16,834 14s. 2d. Only two lists had yet to come in.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER said he thought it was his duty from the chair to propose a vote of thanks to the Duke of Connaught for consenting to take the chair. His Royal Highness did take part in two of their functions at the School this year. Accompanied by the Board of Management, he laid the memorial stone of the new Schools at Bushey, and with his daughter, the Princess Margaret, he went to Wood Green to present the prizes. They were naturally much disappointed he did not come to the Festival; but by allowing his name to be announced as the Chairman brought in a certain amount. This was only the second year after their magnificent return of 1898, and yet they obtained £16,000. If they only looked back and saw what the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution took this year they must feel this was a grand result, particularly when their pockets were drained in other quarters, and they must congratulate their Secretary on getting so satisfactory a result. He hoped the Institution would go on well; they had sufficient to go on without trenching on their capital. He had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the Duke of Connaught for having consented to become the President this year.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P.D.G.S.B., in seconding the motion, said it was some years ago that the Duke of Connaught took the chair of that Institution. It was at the Alexandra Palace, and before he was married. The subject was mentioned, and he said he felt the compliment. Some one, in proposing a vote of thanks to him, mentioned the fact that his Royal Highness was about to be married. He said that was the first recognition he had had in England that he was going to marry the daughter of the Red Prince of Prussia. It was a splendid meeting; but he (Bro. Cumberland) forgot the amount; it was not like what they now had. That was the Duke's first appearance in the chair. He (Bro. Cumberland) was present at the Duke's installation. The Duke had helped the Institution very much in his time; although he was not in the chair, the announcement that he was to be helped them in getting the money.

The motion was carried.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Amherst. It was a great advantage to the Institution that he took the chair and conducted the business so admirably. The cause of the Charity was never better or more accurately pleaded. Lord Amherst took the ground from under his (Bro. Keyser's) feet by saying everything that he (Bro. Keyser) could have said in response.

Bro. J. GLASS, P.M. 453, seconded.

The motion was carried.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, in giving an account of the progress with the new schools at Bushey, said he was down there last week with the Secretary and the Building Committee, and the impression on their minds was that a good deal of progress had been made. Where there was a third floor to the building it had got up to the third floor. Bro. McLeod and he ascended, and they saw what was like a great town rising. It was only fair to say that the architects were not so satisfied. They thought the amount of work was so enormous that the builders were not keeping pace with it. He hoped that was not so. The contract had to be completed by the latter part of next year; it might be serious if it was not. Everything was going on well. The great difficulty was the labour. The builders said they could not get the skilled labour, and they were paying extra money an hour. Still there was great progress with the building. He did not see so much progress with regard to his chapel. There were two sets of builders on the spot, and two architects. He could wait for his chapel; he had no doubt the chapel would be done. When the buildings were finished he hoped they would give satisfaction to all those interested in the Institution.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND: Was there anything done in respect to the old School?

Bro. KEYSER said he did not know that he was justified in making a statement in that respect. He thought not, and that the members would feel that the Board of Management as a body were going to make such arrangements as in their discretion they thought would be best. At the next Quarterly Court they would be most likely able to make a statement on the subject; they did not let the grass grow under their feet.

Bro. WOODALL, P.G.T., asked as to a memorial which was understood would be proposed to Bro. Eve's memory in connection with the School, and hoped that the brethren would be asked to subscribe. For his own part he would wish that memorial to be in the form of a scholarship. It should, however, be left in the hands of the Board of Management.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND quite agreed that something should be done. Would it not be well to send out a circular suggesting something, and asking for the opinion of the brethren upon it? There was no hurry. The next Quarterly Court would be a convenient time for such a suggestion.

Bro. WOODALL thought an expression of opinion from the Court would have the desired effect, and so would move that this Court, being desirous to record its appreciation of Bro. Eve's services, wish to raise a sum of money which might be devoted to that purpose, and beg to refer the question to the Board of Management, who should report thereon.

After a few words from Bro. McLEOD,

Bro. E. M. MONEY thought it would be sufficient to leave the matter in the hands of the Board of Management.

This was carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual summer entertainment to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on the 12th inst. at the buildings at Croydon. The weather was delightful, and admirably adapted for rendering the proceedings of the evening a great success. The pretty grounds of the Institution were at their best, the recent rains which were succeeded by the fine weather having brought on all the plants, flowers, and vegetables to a proper summer condition. There were, however, observations made that "things were rather backward," but as the cultivator of the soil in England never finds that nature entirely suits him, and that if Providence had consulted him more general satisfaction would have been given, these observations did not quite mar the general opinion of the visitors that Croydon was not the worst place, either for visitors' enjoyment, or for the happiness and health of annuitants whom Freemasons take under their wing. These summer visits,

which were addenda to the annual New Year's Entertainment inaugurated by Bro. James Terry, after he succeeded to the Secretaryship of the Institution, have like their pioneers always proved a source of great enjoyment to the annuitants, and they take as great an interest in them, and endeavour to contribute to their success as much as those who are only too pleased to once more renew their acquaintance with their old friends. Each unit, therefore, exercising the best of its own force in the harmonious whole, the power which is brought to bear on the work of entertainment makes the whole affair an easy production, and no one was ever heard to hint that the meetings had been failures. There is, of course, this to be borne in mind, that the originator of these annual assemblies is one of the best and most hospitable of hosts, and has that invaluable gift of manner which makes every one feel perfectly at home whether he or she is a complete stranger appearing on the scene for the first time, or a regular participator in these gatherings.

The company arrived shortly after four o'clock in the afternoon, and consisted of: Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec.; Bro. J. G. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kemp, Miss Raiker, Mrs. Skinner, Bros. W. Cook, John Oldis, Bro. and Mrs. Vickers, Bro. H. Massey and Miss Lizzie Massey, Miss Davies, Miss Annie Bartle, Bro. Stephen, Patron, and Mrs. Stephens, Bro. H. Times, P.M. and Sec. 165, and Mrs. Times, Bro. David Hills and Mrs. Hills, Bro. Crutch and Miss Crutch, Bro. G. F. Cook, Mrs. Cook, and Miss Cook, Bro. Hubbert, Bro. Hickman, Bro. T. Hastings Miller, C.C., H.M.L.; Bro. Edward James Anning, C.C., Mrs. Anning, and Miss Anning, and Bro. E. M. Roper and Mrs. Roper.

Great regret was expressed that Mrs. and Miss Terry were not present, as they always form an important item in the general hospitality of the reception. The company of visitors first sat down to a prettily-arranged tea, over which the genial Bro. James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., was called upon to preside, and with the aid of the equally genial Mrs. Stephens he certainly performed the role of host to perfection.

The tea was followed by visits to the residents, and a most pleasant walk in the grounds, where the residents who practice horticulture took delight in expatiating on the results of their following of the occupation, and in presenting to ladies and gentlemen specimens of the fruits of their exertions. A good hour-and-a-half was spent in this agreeable pastime, and then the residents were summoned by bell to the hall of the Institution to witness an excellent entertainment. Bro. Herbert Schartau conducted, and he had for his assistants Miss Annie Bartle, Miss Jenkins Colyer, Mr. William Fell, Mr. Albert Archdeacon, Mr. Arthur Smith, and Miss Helen Mar. The entertainment was divided into two parts.

Part I. consisted of part song—"Look in mine eyes, beloved," (Smart); song—"When the heart is young" (Dudley Buck), Miss Annie Bartle; ballads—(a) "Devotion" (Monk Gould), (b) "The Happy Farmer" (arranged by Somervell), Mr. Albert Archdeacon; new song—"In Maytime" (Buck), Miss Jenkins Colyer; cornet solo—"Alpine Echoes," Mr. Arthur Smith; ballad—"When the world is fair" (Cowen), Miss Annie Bartle; old song—"In this old chair" (Balfe), Mr. Wm. Fell; cornet obligato, Mr. Arthur Smith; humorous song, Bro. Herbert Schartau.

In a 20 minutes' interval refreshments were handed round by the visiting brethren to the annuitants and the ladies.

Part II. was as follows: Quintet—"I hear the soft note," "Patience," (Sullivan); song—"The Spring is come" (Mr. White), Miss Jenkins Colyer; song—"Long ago in Alcalá," "Mirette," (Messager), Mr. Albert Archdeacon; "Some American Stories," Miss Helen Mar; old ballad—"Annie Laurie" (Scotch), Miss Annie Bartle; horn solo—"The Post Horn Galop" (Koenig), Mr. Arthur Smith; ballad—"The Scent of the Lilies" (Cobb), Mr. Wm. Fell; humorous song, Bro. Herbert Schartau; part song—"Sweet and Low" (Barnby).

In both parts there were several encores.

Bro. HASTINGS MILLER proposed a vote of thanks to the entertainers, expressing the great enjoyment which everyone had experienced in the performances, and hoping that entertainers and entertained might long live, the one to give and the other to partake of the pleasure.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS seconded the vote in very happy terms, conveying the very pleasurable feelings that he and Mrs. Stephens had experienced, not only in listening to an unrivalled performance of music, but in coming among the annuitants and seeing the care which was taken of them, and their appreciation of the benefits conferred by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. HERBERT SCHARTAU having acknowledged the compliment, and conveyed the satisfaction of himself and his corps of assistants in always coming down to the Institution to perform, reiterated the hope of Bro. Thomas Hastings Miller that both the artistes and the company would live long to participate in these agreeable gatherings.

The company, after bidding "good-bye" to the annuitants, returned to town.

MASONIC SERVICE AT STANMORE.

UNVEILING THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BRO. CHARLES VEAL.

An interesting service was held at the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Great Stanmore, on the 14th inst., when a brass memorial tablet in commemoration of the late Bro. Charles Veal, P.M. and Secretary, which had been erected by the officers and members of the Abercorn Lodge and Chapter, No. 1549, was unveiled by Bro. Frederick Stuart Winkley, W.M. The brethren assembled in the churchyard shortly after six o'clock, and, preceded by the officiating clergyman, Bro. the Rev. A. R. T. Eales, M.A., P.G. Chap. Essex, Rector of Elstree, the Rev. J. O'Reilly, and the choir, entered the church, the choir singing processional hymn No. 540.

The brethren present included the following, viz.:

Bros. F. S. Winkley, W.M.; Edward Winterbottom, I.P.M.; R. E. H. Fisher, P.P.G.S., P.G.R., S.W.; Dr. Findlater, J.W.; W. W. Mansfield, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S., P.G.D., Sec.; William Truslove, S.D.; Eli Bull, J.D.; S. W. Hunt, D.C.; F. W. Provost, I.G.; James A. Webb and W. B. Woodman, Stwds.; C. J. Veal, P.M.; C. T. Tolman, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Perceval, P.G. Tyler Herts; J. Henry Leter, G. Rutty, G. W. Aust, G. H. Baggally, H. Bleaney, E. F. Jones, F. H. Ing, F. Gurney, A. E. Halliday, F. Pinder, W. M. Aschwarden, W. J. Overhead, F. L. Moir, W. Taylor, G. W. Dixon, and William Fenton. Visitors: Bros. R. W. J. Meyer, 1693; J. H. Brown, P.M. (Mayspring); Edward Stark, J.W.; M. J. Pecharde (Considerers); G. Brown, I.P.M. (St. John's);

W. Halliday, Stwd. 2548; Reginald Groome, 2190; Henry Hill, 2218; J. C. Lake, 2272; A. H. Warden, 1987; J. H. Denman, 1853; G. A. Keen (Skelmersdale); W. Billows, 2548; W. H. Curtis, 2271; W. A. Cox, P.M. (Jersey); A. A. Hardy, P.M. (Jersey); and W. W. Read, P.M. (Jersey).

The choir included Bros. Reginald Groome, W. F. Veal, S. Bleaney, F. L. Moir, E. Winterbottom, Charles Billows, C. J. Veal, G. A. Baggally, and John Denman.

Bro. A. E. Denman, A.R.C.O., A.R.A.M., presided at the organ.

When the congregation was seated, the officiating clergyman repeated certain collects specially appointed for occasions of this kind. Bro. Reginald Groome next sang with considerable expression the well-known tenor solo from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," "Be thou faithful unto death," after which the Rev. A. R. T. Eales, accompanied by Bro. F. S. Winkley and the Senior and Junior Deacons (Bros. W. Truslove and Eli Bull), proceeded down the nave, nearly to the west door, close to which the tablet has been placed. Here, an additional collect was repeated, and the curtain veiling the brass was pulled on one side, and the tablet unveiled by Bro. F. S. Winkley, W.M. It bore the following inscription:

"To the Glory of God.

"Sacred to the memory of Charles Veal, who died December 19th, 1898, in his 69th year, and was interred opposite to the west door of this church, of which he was the people's warden for 21 years. 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.' Erected by the officers and members of the Masonic Lodge and Chapter No. 1549."

Bro. the Rev. A. R. T. EALES, M.A., P.G. Chap. Essex, and Rector of Elstree, then delivered a short address, taking his text from the 10th verse of the second chapter of the Revelation of St. John, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." After dealing with the text from a theological point of view, the preacher said he would speak of it Masonically for a moment. This Craft of theirs was a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, although of a very different nature to what some people thought it was. It brought men nearer to God, and explained to them better than anything else the greatness of Almighty God. They valued their profession very highly. It meant something removed from their business. It was the voice of the Great Architect saying, "My faithful people, be faithful unto death." He was speaking to them bidding them to be faithful. At the beginning of their Masonic course they were reminded of the necessity of being men of prayer, and that was one of the things which they did fear to make public. This came to them at a very important moment in their Masonic lives. They were also bidden to be faithful to their brethren. Did they know of any society more anxious to carry out the great Christian duty to let brotherly love continue? This was impressed upon them in a way which they could not forget until the end of their lives, viz., the duty of being true to each other. It was their profession and privilege to show themselves worthy of their brethren, and to stand by one another whenever the occasion arose; but they must be faithful to God first. Hundreds and thousands in that Church had made promises of faithfulness and of good works. Let them not forget, therefore, that they had made definite promises which if kept would make better Masons and Christians of them. They had come there that evening, the preacher went on to say, to pay a tribute of respect and love to the memory of one who had served his God and his generation aright, and who had been exalted to a higher life than they in this world could ever know or see. The record of his life showed it was something more than the membership of a great society. First upon that roll he (the preacher) saw that he (Bro. Veal) for 21 years served his parish as churchwarden—the highest position in the church a layman could hold. He was faithful not only for a little while, but for a long period. This was faithfulness unto the uttermost, but he was something more; he was a guardian of the poor, and what more honourable office was there in the world? He was one who was sent to care for those who had lost the power of caring for themselves. This was love for the brethren, exercised for a long period, which found its expression in the care of the brethren. He (the speaker) need not speak to them of his duties in connection with their great society, as they were well-known to all of them. He filled the highest as well as the lowest offices—the office of honour and of laborious service—consistently and well. He was a faithful brother amongst them right up to the time of his illness. He was faithful to the brethren around him and to God. He (the speaker) knew little of him. Once he met him and heard something of his record, and what a blessed record it was to leave behind him, enshrined upon the walls of his parish church. The example of a useful life was never wasted. It came to them as an encouragement to do likewise. Hundreds, thousands, and tens of thousands, since the words of his text were spoken, had heard them, and had resolved that they would not fall into the net, but press forward to the glorious mark of their high calling, which was in Christ Jesus. The preacher concluded by entreating his hearers to be faithful to their God and to the world around about them, so that it might be seen that they were men to be trusted to the uttermost.

At the conclusion of the address hymn No. 257, "I heard the voice of Jesus say," was sung, and the brethren then left the church, not, however, before they had inspected the tablet with considerable interest.

The musical arrangements of the service were admirably carried out by Bro. Moir.

Instruction.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present: Bros. F. M. Ridley, W.M.; R. H. Worth, S.W.; E. C. St. Aubyn, J.W.; A. H. A. Bridger, Sec.; Wilcox, J.D.; and C. E. Dowling, I.G. Bro. Strother was a visitor.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture.



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Masonic Notes.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, Dep. Grand Master of England, Prov. Grand Master of Essex, has very kindly consented to preside as Chairman at the next Festival—in February, 1901—in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We congratulate the Institution and its indefatigable Secretary on the auspicious announcement.

The consecration of the Kirby Lodge, No. 2818, may be said to constitute an important event in the annals of Metropolitan Freemasonry. Of all our Masonic centres there is none so interesting or which exercises so great an influence on the conduct of the Craft as the London district. In the first place, its muster-roll includes well nigh all the oldest of our lodges; in the next, it is the great centre of our Masonic Institutions; while, above all, it contains the headquarters of English Masonry, where the affairs of the Society are administered, and of which the London brethren, from the fact of their being, as it were, on the spot, are the most regular and most numerous attendants. All kinds of lodges, both those which are formed to satisfy the growing needs of particular districts, and those which are intended for the convenience of brethren of particular professions or callings, and are known as "class" lodges, are constantly being organised within its borders. There are likewise lodges of instruction, almost without number, scattered about in all directions, so that a brother in search of Masonic light will have no difficulty in gratifying his desires. But till this Kirby Lodge was consecrated on the 9th instant no lodge of a similar character has been founded under similar circumstances.

Hitherto our lodges of instruction have derived their origin either from the M.W.G. Master direct or from regular warranted lodges. But No. 2818, the members of which have been authorised to meet and work as a regular lodge, owes its origin to the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, working under the sanction of the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263. Here, then, we find the ordinary course of things in a certain sense reversed, and instead of the lodge of instruction deriving its origin from the regular lodge it is the regular lodge which has emanated from the lodge of instruction. There is still another characteristic in which the Kirby Lodge may be considered as differing from other regular London lodges. All pride themselves with greater or less justice on the perfection of their ceremonial work, but the Kirby is intended to be a lodge composed entirely of ceremonial experts, and will in this sense be of itself a school of instruction, though placed on a different footing from other schools. But from whatever point of view we regard the Kirby Lodge, we have no misgivings as to the success of its career, which we sincerely trust will be both long-continued and prosperous, even beyond the hopes of its most ardent friends and well-wishers.

We compliment the members of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, and the Stanmore Chapter attached to it, on the manner in which they have shown their respect for the valued services rendered by their late P.M. and Secretary, Bro. Charles Veal. Bro. Veal died on the 18th December, 1898, and on Wednesday, the 4th instant, a special service was held in the parish church of Great Stanmore, when, in the presence of the officers and members of the lodge and several visitors, Bro. F. S. Winkley, W.M., unveiled a brass tablet which had been erected by the lodge and chapter, to commemorate the virtues and services of their late brother. An address was delivered on the occasion by Bro. the Rev. A. R. T. Eales, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain Essex, and rector of Elstree, in which he dilated on the faithfulness shown by the late Bro. C. Veal in the discharge of his many and various duties, not only in Masonry, but also as a Churchwarden for 21 years at Great Stanmore and generally, exhorting his hearers to do their utmost to follow so admirable an example.

The recent Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys furnishes what is certainly an unusual and, as far as our knowledge goes, an unprecedented experience in the case of one of the contributing chapters. The Mizpah Chapter, No. 1671, has not yet completed the first year of its existence, and has only 17 members at present on its roll. Yet the whole of this body of companions gave their services as Stewards on the 10th instant, when Comp. W. H. Cole, M.E.Z., on behalf of himself and the members, had the very great pleasure of handing to Bro. J. M. McLeod, the Secretary of the Institution, a list of donations amounting to £215 5s. This, as we pointed out in our Analysis of the Returns in last week's issue, was the fourth highest return from any London lodge, chapter, or other contributing Masonic body. At any time it would have been worthy of commendation, but under the circumstances we have described, it is impossible to speak too highly of the spirit which actuated the members, not only to give their services as Stewards but at the same time to assist so

generously in compiling such an excellent list. We congratulate the chapter on the good example it has set to other newly-consecrated chapters.

Provincial Grand Lodge meetings appear to be the order of the day just now. This week four such meetings—three annual and one emergency—have taken place, that of Essex, at Clacton-on-Sea, on Tuesday, and on Wednesday those of Berkshire and Hertfordshire, at Lockinge House and Hitchin respectively, with a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, at Leeds, when the Earl of Warwick, D.G.M. of England, laid the first stone of the new Masonic Hall, with full Masonic ceremonial. On Thursday, the 26th inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held at the Public Hall, Croydon, at 4 p.m., that of the Provincial Grand Chapter having been arranged for the same day and at the same place, but an hour earlier—3 p.m. When the business appointed has been concluded the brethren will dine together under the presidency of the Earl of Onslow, Prov. G.M. and G. Superintendent. On Monday, the 30th instant, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will hold its annual meeting at Portsmouth, and business will be followed by a conversazione.

The recent Committee meeting of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence of Cheshire and of the Cheshire Benevolent Institution, appears to have been in all respects most satisfactory. Bro. Col. C. S. Dean, who presided, announced that a sum of £142 had been raised for the South African Masonic Relief Fund in place of the 100 guineas (£105) which Earl Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master, had thought should be raised, and that further contributions still would be received. It was further stated that in response to an appeal in behalf of the Fund available for annuitants about £80 had been received, while the Secretary of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution informed those present that the total income for the past year was, in round figures, £484, and the total expenditure £462, the balance remaining in hand being £22.

The annual meeting at Darlington on the 4th instant of the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland and Durham, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Prov. G.M., proved a great success. There was a full attendance of the brethren, and the Rev. the Prov. G.M., after congratulating the meeting on the state of the Degree in the counties under his charge, announced it as being probable that at an early date new lodges would be established at Bedlington and Blyth respectively. A banquet followed in the evening, at which the Rev. Canon Tristram occupied the chair, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. On Wednesday last Bro. Geo. Washington Bain, the Prov. G. Treasurer, in his capacity of Steward for the Province at the Mark Benevolent Festival, had the pleasure of handing in a list of contributions amounting to close on £50.

The news of the terribly sudden death on Friday, the 13th instant, of Bro. George Graveley, Past G. Pursuivant, will be received everywhere with the deepest regret and sympathy. As recently as Tuesday, the 10th inst., our deceased brother was present at the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School in his capacity as an Unattached Steward for the Province of Essex, while on Wednesday afternoon he attended the monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution, and the Mark Festival in the evening. Even on the very day of his death he visited the offices of this journal, and on returning to his own offices dropped dead, the cause being subsequently ascertained as heat-apoplexy. Death under such circumstances becomes almost tragic in its character, while of necessity it intensifies the grief which is felt by the family and friends. Bro. Graveley was appointed Grand Pursuivant of Grand Lodge in 1898, having two years previously been made Asst. G.D.C. in Supreme Grand Chapter. An account of his Masonic services, which appeared in our columns at the time of his appointment as an officer of Grand Lodge, is reproduced in another column. We tender our most respectful sympathy to the family and friends of our deceased and highly respected brother.

Owing to the pressure on our space we are reluctantly compelled to hold over till our next issue several letters on "R.A. and other matters," "Shiners," lodge reports, &c.

Correspondence.

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

"THE SHINERS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent "P.M. 872," who asks for particulars of a Masonic Degree worked in the United States of America called the "Shiners" has, I think, been slightly misinformed.

I suspect what he refers to is the Order of "The Mystic Shrine," the members of which are familiarly called Shriners.

In a recent visit to the States I heard this Society continually referred to by Freemasons, and I gathered it is largely a burlesque on Mahommedanism. In New York city there are two "encampments"—the Mecca Temple and the Arab Patrol—none but Freemasons being eligible for membership.

The regular meetings are held on the Mahommedan Feast Day, the principal officer is addressed as "Potentate." Summonses, which I was shown, were delightful pieces of buffoonery, and led me to think that conviviality was the leading characteristic of the "Shriners."

The following extracts from the *Masonic Standard* will give your correspondent a good idea of this Masonic excrement:

"The March session of Mecca Temple will be held next Thursday night, March 29th. A number of pilgrims are awaiting the start of the caravan. The camels have already been watered, and are eager to begin their journey across the hot sands. The Recorder will be found at 'the receipt of custom' to take the shekels from the pilgrims before their interviews with the Arab Patrol. The fingers of the Arabs tingle with expectation at the pleasure they will experience when they officially greet the pilgrims."

"Mecca Temple's session last Thursday night was one of those joyous and halcyon occasions that are vouchsafed only to the true followers of the Prophet.

An unusually large number of pilgrims from afar, upwards of 100, presented themselves at Mecca's shrine, and received the Haji badge at the hands of the Illustrious Potentate. Eighty-one candidates put up the necessary 25 (? dollars), and were escorted with fear and trembling into the awful presence. There they conducted themselves with much meekness and humility, and having displayed the faith and courage characteristic of the true Moslem, they were permitted to occupy high seats in the multitude. The Arabs didn't do a thing to them, and after the toilsome journey was over the traditional banquet refreshed and revived them.

"The great throng of hungry and thirsty Shriners taxed Noble Terhune's resources, but he was equal to the emergency. The divertissements were excellent, and were of a true Oriental character."

The number of members on the roll is, I believe, about 60,000, but in addition there are the "black Shriners," who have 27 temples, with about 500 members. These are not recognised by their white brethren. The Imperial Council (corresponding to Grand Lodge) met this year at Washington, where it was officially received by President McKinley.—Yours fraternally,

DAVID HILLS,
P.M. and Sec. 185.

St. Brelades, Elm-road, Beckenham.
July 16th.

IMPORTANT TRANSACTIONS.

I have been favoured with the sight of an advance copy of the Transactions of the "Lodge of Research," No. 2429, Leicester, without doubt, second in importance of its kind in this country, and of considerable interest and value. The present W.M. is the Rev. H. S. Briggs, B.A., P.M., &c., the esteemed Master of the Grammar School, Lutterworth; and, as every Masonic student knows, the Secretary of the lodge, its prime mover, and Editor of the Transactions is Bro. Jno. T. Thorp, P.M., &c.

This is the eighth volume, and the equal of the best of its several predecessors. It gives racy reports of the 36th to the 40th meetings inclusive, and most interesting sketches or digests of the Papers read, the discussions thereon, &c. My Lecture on "Recent Discoveries concerning Freemasonry—its early history and the origin of additional Degrees"—is so ably reproduced as to be a surprise to myself. The next one on "The Triads of Freemasonry" by the Rev. H. S. Briggs, B.A., the W.M., is well reported, as also a capital discussion on "Lessons from the Sequence of the Degrees," introduced by Bro. F. W. Billson, LL.B., I.P.M. "The Grand Lodges of England," Part 2, is by Dr. R. Pratt, P.M., &c., who has carefully epitomised the particulars concerning that important subject.

The Secretary briefly introduced for discussion "The Qualifications for Masonry, operative and speculative," at the 38th meeting, and at the next Bro. Laurence Stains, S.W. 523, &c. (I.G.), read a very thoughtful paper on "The Life and Career of the Rev. William Dodd, LL.D., Grand Chaplain 1775-6," and the subject for discussion was "The Privileges of a Lewis, and the reasons for them." The final meeting was devoted to "The Jewels of the W.M. and the P.Ms.," by Bro. John T. Thorp, which requires to be read to be appreciated; and, finally, there is an excellent reproduction for the first time, transcribed by Bro. Thorp, of the "John Strachan MS." of the "Old Charges," from the famous collection owned by Bro. G. W. Bain. Finally, I said, but really not so, as Bro. Thorp intends to present to each member of the lodge and of the "Correspondence Circle" a copy of his last valuable work, so that for the trifle of a crown the C.C. members will obtain all this important Masonic literature, and all I can say is if they are not grateful to the Secretary, I am. Doubtless the esteemed Editor of the *Freemason* will soon review this work.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

"MASONIC MUSINGS."—This is the title of a well-printed and altogether nicely-got-up book by Dr. Charles Forshaw, of Bradford, a well-known Yorkshire poet, and frequent contributor some years ago to the columns of the *Courier*. The work is dedicated to William Blackburn, Esq., J.P., of Crofton Tower, Wakefield, a prominent West Yorkshire Freemason, and there is a biographical introduction by a Macclesfield Freemason, the doctor having some years ago joined the Combermere Lodge of Union, No. 295, and written a magnificent ode on the centenary of that lodge in 1893, and which is incorporated in this excellent volume of "Musings." To Freemasons generally the

book must be of great interest and advantage, and by members of the Craft in Macclesfield, and the district in particular, from the circumstances mentioned, it is sure to be received with genuine fraternal greetings, while the public at large will find pleasure and instruction in the perusal of everything the book contains, which cannot fail to arouse a keen curiosity as to "the sacred beauties of the Mystic Tie." The author is a man of remarkable energy and ability, as is proved by the biographical sketch of him by a Macclesfield Freemason, already alluded to. It says, *inter alia*, "Freemasonry has no more devoted son than Bro. Chas. F. Forshaw, and if thoroughness and conscientiousness in all that relates to the Craft—as, indeed, in regard to anything else that he touches—be any justification for the publication of 'Masonic Musings,' then no little book ever had a greater title to existence. Goethe tells us that 'The history of man is his character,' and in this simple but eloquent sentence there is prolific meaning as applied to so versatile a personality as Dr. Forshaw, whose ability, energy, and industry, are known and appreciated by a very wide circle. Over so extensive a field, indeed, do his talents range, that it would be impossible to do anything like justice to them in the necessarily limited space allotted to an introductory memoir to such a work as this. After enumerating the author's distinguished professional and other attainments, the biographer proceeds, 'In the province in which he appeals to the wider and more sympathetic audience of the whole nation, Dr. Forshaw is known as 'the' Poet of Yorkshire, and also its biographer. He has, in his day, written over 1000 biographies of poets and poetasters, and all his writings are marked by grace and refinement of style. His love for the Masonic order, as I have already indicated, has been more than once made the subject of song, and as a member of the Combermere Lodge of Union, No. 295 (Macclesfield), it is with no little pride that I call attention to the magnificent ode, written by Brother Forshaw, for the Centenary of my Mother Lodge in 1893. The ode speaks for itself and author more eloquently than anything I can write. But



Chas F. Forshaw.

Masonry is by no means the only Art or Science that has benefited by his muse. Dr. Forshaw is a prolific poet, he has contributed verse to more than 5000 journals and magazines. A large number of his songs have been set to music. In April of this year the doctor was elected a Life Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. He is one of the founders of the Bronte Society, of which the Earl of Crewe is president. He is a freeman of the Spectacle Makers' Company, a freeman of London, a member of the Council of the Optical Society, a member of the British Optical Association, and of half a score other learned and scientific societies. The public look forward to many more works from Dr. Forshaw, and I trust they will not be disappointed." Bro. Dr. Forshaw's "Musings" omit no phase or point of Freemasonry—they are sung in the sweetest tones and in a spirit which proclaims the true tenets of the Craft, and we shall be surprised if, in the future, he is not compelled, by the unanimous voice of his brethren, to add to his numerous titles that of "The Poet of the Mystic Tie." The world knows comparatively little of the Charitable organisations of the Craft and the immense amount of good it has achieved and is still achieving and pursuing—it knows as little of the real principles upon which the Craft is governed, but all these, and other topics bearing upon them, are dealt upon with true poetic fervour. The poet also recognises that Masonry, no more than Christianity, can make a man what he ought to be if he strives not himself to do the thing which is right, but he beautifully enforces the duty of the Fraternity to "a fallen brother" as follows:

"A broken Column crumbling to decay
Can sometimes be restored to strength and beauty
And so a brother erring on Life's way
May be awakened to a sense of Duty.
Forget his faults—forget his foolish deeds,
And still the hand of Fellowship extend—
And if he o'er and o'er ignores your pleads]
Still o'er and o'er persuade him and befriend.
Then haply round our Altar's Sacred Shrine
Again he'll labour in the cause of Truth,
And thro' your aid gain such of Love Divine
That age departs and leaves renewed youth;
Thus will he cut the ignoble bonds of strife
And like the Phoenix rise again to Life."

If we could afford space to quote further from Dr. Forshaw's "Musings," the public would be enlightened with many phases of Freemasonry in regard to which there is much ignorance and misconception, but to be rightly appreciated the volume must be carefully perused and thought over. It can be obtained only at George Kenning and Son's at 5s. per copy. Orders may be sent to *The Courier* Publishing Office (Messrs. Clay, Brown and Clay, Chestergate, Macclesfield).

Miss Winifred Pyne, a grand-daughter of the famous opera singer, Miss Louisa Pyne, was married a little time ago, to one of our most promising concert-singers and managers, Mr. Holmes Kingsley. The lady is breaking ground favourably, as an actress, after a two years' probationary career.

Secret Monitor.

The members of the Premier Conclave, No. 1, and the Cleve Fast Conclave, No. 8, held a combined installation festival at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 4th inst., when the Grand Supreme Ruler, the Earl of Warwick, attended with many Grand Officers. In addition to the G.S.R., the following brethren were present: Bros. C. L. Nelson, G.T., the S.R. of the two conclaves; J. R. Reep, P.G.V., S.R. elect 1; Frank Adams, G.C., S.R. elect 8; Lieut.-Col. H. W. Kiallmark, Asst. D.R.O.; Japheth Tickle, P.G.T., Asst. D.R.O.; J. J. Pakes, P.G.V.; Col. H. M. Gordon, George Gregory, John Read, Dr. H. W. Roberts, W. J. Spratling, G. Rec.; Thos. Sheppard, N. Brokenshire, John Lusty, John Kay, T. J. Noakes, Org.; T. E. Hughes, S. K. Cam, and many others.

After several candidates had been inducted into the Order, Bros. J. R. Reep and F. Adams were installed as S.Rs. of Nos. 1 and 8 respectively. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. J. J. Pakes. The officers for the year were then invested.

Two Past S.R. jewels were presented to Bro. C. L. Nelson, I.P.S.R. 1 and 8, and suitably acknowledged.

Other business was transacted, and the conclave was closed.

After banquet, at which the G.S.R. presided, the usual toasts were given, and a musical programme carried out under the direction of Bro. T. F. Noakes, Org.

The loyal toasts were heartily honoured, after which

Bro. J. R. REEP, S.R. No. 1, proposed "The Health of the G.S.R., the Earl of Warwick." Bro. Reep referred to the interest taken by the G.S.R. in the Order, and by his attendance at the recent Grand Festival of the Order, when representatives were present from every corner of the world. The Order was destined to be one of the great Orders of Freemasonry, because its principles brought home to every member the lessons and doctrines they should practise in their lives. It was very important that an Order in its infancy comparatively, should have at its head some of the great men of the nation. The elder branch of Freemasonry had profited by the fact that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been at its head for many years. In the Order of the Secret Monitor, although not quite so favoured, they had at the head a brother second to none in the realm.

Bro. the Earl of WARWICK, G.S.R., in reply, said it gave him very great pleasure to respond to the toast so kindly proposed. He remembered the fact that he was first initiated in the Order in the Alfred Meadows' Conclave, and although they mourned the loss of many dear friends who were present at his initiation, yet it was pleasant to find such a continued interest taken in the Order. Allusion had been made to the fact that under proper management the Order might be of enormous benefit to Freemasonry, and he quite agreed, because its principles were undoubtedly of a pure nature, and those supporting its principles were likely to do so in the best sense of the word. The other day at their meeting there were Masons from all parts, representatives of their Order, and it struck him very forcibly of what use Freemasonry was in disseminating the noblest sentiments, not only amongst their own countrymen, but in the great nations of the world. As far as their Order was concerned, he was happy to think that although young they were a prosperous and united body. They had passed through troublous times, to which he would not allude, and were now sailing in calm waters. As long as they elected him G. Ruler of the Order he would take the very greatest interest in it. They were not a very numerous body, but very select and the best of friends, and he wished to express his deepest thanks for the courtesy shown him.

Bro. FRANK ADAMS, S.R. 8, proposed "The Grand Officers."

Bro. DR. H. W. KIALLMARK, Asst. D.R.O., in his response, referred to an operation he had performed that day upon Bro. Dr. Zacharie, the P.G.S.R., who was progressing favourably.

Bro. W. J. SPRATLING, G. Recorder, also responded in an excellent speech.

The G.S.R. next gave "The S. Rulers," to which Bro. J. R. REEP, S.M. 1, and F. ADAMS, S.R. 8, replied.

Other toasts followed before the pleasant proceedings closed.

THE RECENT MARK BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

It must be a source of infinite pleasure to the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.M., the Chairman at the gathering on the 11th instant, the ladies and brethren who supported him as Stewards, and the General Board which administers the Mark Fund, to find that the efforts made to secure a record return at the recent Festival were so successful. The highest total previously announced on one of these occasions was upwards of £3000, but at this the Returns exceeded £5000, the total announced, as stated in our Report of last week, being £5026, while the figures, when finally adjusted, reached £5113 6s., the number of Stewards being 302. Of the extent of this success the reader will be better able to form an opinion if we state that in the year 1874 the Returns at the Festival of the Royal

Masonic Benevolent Institution, under the late Lord Waveney, Prov. G. Master of Sussex, amounted to no more than £5220. The merit is still further enhanced by the fact that the 102nd Anniversary of the Boys' School was celebrated only the day previous, when the total reached £16,834. But these matters, after all, are of no great moment. The fact stands out clearly that the total obtained at the 32nd Mark Benevolent Fund Festival exceeded those of all its predecessors by about £2000, while the total of its immediate predecessor, in 1899, was only slightly in excess of the latter sum.

We have said that the number of Stewards on the 11th instant was 302, and the sum raised by their combined efforts £5113 6s. London being responsible for £887 8s., and the Provinces, Foreign Stations, Degrees, &c., £4225 18s. The London contingent was made up of 15 ladies, 17 members of the General Board, six brethren Unattached, and the representatives of some 22 lodges, and one lodge of instruction, but many of these are entered in more than one place, and also in the Provincial contingent, while with a few exceptions, the lists were connected with the lodges only, the most important amounts being as follows: the lists of Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., of the Grand Master's Lodge, for £57 15s., and Bro. the Rev. W. Russell Finlay for £70 7s., and the highest of all, that of Bro. Imre Kiralfy, of No. 533, for £160.

Turning to the Provinces, of which there are 35, as many as 32 were represented, the total from BERKS AND OXON, with two Stewards, amounting to £29 7s., while that of BRISTOL, with Bro. Lieut.-Col. Jas. R. Bramble, reached £102 16s. 6d. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, notwithstanding the busy year it has had in connection with the Festival of the Old People, is entered for £21, the brother who acted on its behalf and for one of its lodges being the Rev. V. P. Wyatt. The CHANNEL ISLANDS returned £52 10s., the principal item being Bro. Col. de Carteret's Return of £42. CHESHIRE furnished a contingent of six Stewards, headed by Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Dep. G.M., Prov. G.M., whose lists reached £63 5s. CORNWALL was represented by Bro. H. S. Hare, but his amount is included elsewhere, while CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND, with two Stewards, subscribed £35 5s. Bro. A. Woodiwiss, Prov. G.M., headed the 20 Stewards from his Province of DERBYSHIRE, eight of them being lodge representatives and the rest acting independently. The total they together compiled was £267 18s. 9d., the list of Bro. W. H. Wright, of No. 302, amounting to £42, that of Bro. J. H. Beckett, No. 246, to £30 10s.—a second Steward from the same lodge being entered for £10 10s., and raising the sum for this lodge to £11—and that of the Prov. G.M. to £26 5s. DEVONSHIRE, with five Stewards, figures for £38 10s., of which £26 5s. stands to the credit of Mrs. Taylor. DORSETSHIRE had two acting on its behalf, the Earl of Portarlington and Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, J.P., the latter's list comprising £120 out of £125 5s. EAST ANGLIA, with five Stewards, raised £77 3s. 6d.; GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE, three Stewards, £10 10s.; HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT, six Stewards, £41 18s.; and HERTFORDSHIRE, five Stewards, £117 2s. 6d., the list of Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, Dep. P.G.M., representing the Watford Lodge, No. 241, being for £57 15s., and that of Bro. G. L. Eistles of the Rose and Lily Lodge, No. 354, for £37 17s.

The Stewards from the Province of KENT, to the number of eight, and including Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M., obtained amongst them £124 1s., his lordship's list of £31 10s. topping the Returns. LANCASHIRE, which is our strongest Mark Province, and had among its representatives the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M., contributed by the medium of 16 Stewards, £113 11s., while LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, one of the Provinces which enjoys the honour of being presided over by the Earl of Euston, returned £320 5s.; the most important list being that of Bro. W. Jesse Freer for £95 10s., the number of those who assisted as Stewards being 39, and including Lord Euston, P.G.M., and Mrs. Freer. LINCOLNSHIRE, represented by the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G.M., and two others raised £21; MIDDLESEX, with Bro. Sir R. Hanson, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master—who is entered for £26 5s.—Bro. A. Stewart Brown, Prov. G. Secretary, Mrs. A. Stewart Brown, and nine other Stewards, £166 3s.; and MONMOUTHSHIRE four Stewards, including Bro. J. O. Marsh, P.G.M., £71; Bro. P. H. Price, Lodge, No. 214, handing in the largest list for £31 10s. NORTHANTS, HUNTS, AND BEDS, of which Lord Euston is also Prov. G.M., returned £214 2s.; Bro. T. P. Dorman being responsible for £63; and Bro. P. Mitchell, No. 434, for £64 14s. 6d. NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM, five Stewards, contributed, per Bro. G. W. Bain, £48 5s.; NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, per Bro. his Honour Judge Masterman, Prov. G.M., £70 16s.; and NORTH WALES £15 15s., per Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. Gordon Warren. SOMERSETSHIRE was represented by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.M., and returned £39 7s. 6d., but including the lists of two lodge representatives, reached £78 4s. 6d. STAFFORDSHIRE AND SALOP, with a representative from each section of the Province—and we must bear in mind what Staffordshire did for the Girls' School in May—raised £47 5s. SURREY, with seven Stewards, including Bro. Fred. West, £201 1s., the list of Bro. W. J. Hyam, No. 450, alone amounting to £106 1s. SUSSEX, though heavily engaged at the Boys' Festival in supporting the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M., the day previous, figures for £5 5s. WARWICKSHIRE, five Stewards, for £29 3s., and WORCESTERSHIRE for £16 5s. 6d. Last of all we have WEST YORKSHIRE, 42 Stewards, including Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M., and his Deputy, Bro. John Barker, contributing £629 10s. FOREIGN STATIONS, DEGREES, &c., &c., make up a total of £109 8s., while, to crown all, we have the Return compiled by the Chairman himself from various sources, and amounting to the splendid total of £976 5s. It will be long before this record of £5113 is beaten.

BRO. SIR WALTER BESANT has presented to the Public Library of Portsmouth, his native town, the publications of the Navy Record Society, 17 volumes royal 8vo., issued only to members, and "The World's Best Orators," 10 volumes, royal 8vo., with portraits, published in Chicago, and presented to himself. In a letter accompanying the package of books, Bro. Sir Walter says: "I have special pleasure in thinking that they are going to find a place in the library of our great naval station and dockyard."

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Science, Art, and the Drama.

THE TARANTULA-KILLER.

The Tarantula is a large burrowing spider, which dwells in a shaft-like hole it sinks in the earth. Its appearance is most repulsive, and inspires anyone who examines it with a feeling of profound disgust. As it stands, it frequently covers an area as large as the palm of a man's hand, and over its body and legs there bristles a thick covering of red-brown hair. It may be said that its home is in many lands; but its greatest size is attained in tropical and semi-tropical countries. In the south of Europe, along the Mediterranean coast, it has been known for centuries as the "Mad Spider," because the symptoms following its bite are similar to those of hydrophobia. There the peasantry, especially those of Sicily, regard it with mingled feelings of hate and superstitious dread. They will tell you that the only chance of recovery from its bite is for the patient to commence dancing without delay, and to continue until he falls senseless from exhaustion—a remedy which, ridiculous as it seems, has something to be said in its favour, when we know that the one danger to be overcome is the tendency to sleep. As long as this can be successfully avoided, the patient is in no danger, but if he gives way, and allows himself to fall into a stupor, then he is likely to succumb, even from the comparatively mild poison of the European variety. It is in the tropical countries of South America, however, where all forms of insect and vegetable life attain their highest development, that this great spider is most deadly. And further north, in the Provinces of Mexico, where it is quite as numerous, its poison is only a slight degree less dangerous. In the orange orchards, the vineyards, and the open prairies, it attacks enemies many times its own size, and easily overcomes them. Even its own kind are not exempt from its fierce onslaught; if a pair should meet, a duel will be fought to the death—the death of both. Of man it seems to have no fear whatever, and will attack, without hesitation, either his hand or foot, if they come within striking distance. In doing so, it stands upon its four hind legs. It opens wide its enormous fangs, until the mandibles protrude in a straight line from its face, then, with all the muscular force it is capable of, launches itself forward, sinking them, with a vicious thrust, deep into the flesh of its enemy. Though it burrows a passage in the ground like the trap-door spider, this is its only point of similarity to that industrious tribe. It does not line the walls of its domicile with silk as they do—at least, not to the same extent—nor does it construct the same ingenious device with which they close the entrance to their underground dwellings, and bar the way to any possible intruders. Perhaps it is because it feels secure in its own might that it disdains any such artifice. At all events, there is a marked contrast between the tarantula and trap-door spider in this respect, that, while the latter, on the approach of an unknown danger quickly retires to its domicile, closing the door behind it, the tarantula no sooner hears an unusual noise than he boldly sallies forth to investigate the cause. Yet, notwithstanding all its great courage and pugnacity, there is one enemy, the sound of whose coming throws it into paroxysms of fear. This enemy, of which it has such an instinctive dread, is a large wasp known as the Tarantula Killer. It has a bright blue body, nearly two inches long, and wings of a golden hue. As it flies here and there in the sunlight, glittering like a flash of fire, one moment resting on a ledge, the next on a granite rock, it keeps up an incessant buzzing, which is caused by the vibration of its wings. No sooner does the tarantula hear this than he trembles with fear, for well he knows the fate in store for him when once his mortal foe perceives his whereabouts. This it soon does and hastens to the attack. At first it is content with flying in circles over its intended victim. Gradually it approaches nearer and nearer; at last, when it is within a few inches, the tarantula rises upon its hind legs and attempts to grapple with his foe, but without success. Like a flash the giant wasp is on its back. The deadly fangs have been avoided. The next instant a fearful sting penetrates deep into the spider's body. Its struggles almost cease; a sudden paralysis creeps over it, and it staggers helpless, like a drunken man, first to one side, then to the other. These symptoms, however, are only of short duration. While they last the wasp, but a few inches away, awaits the result, nor does it have to wait long. A few seconds, and every sign of life has disappeared; the once powerful legs curl up beneath its body, and it rolls over dead. Then takes place one of those strange incidents which illustrate the perfect adaptation to circumstances everywhere so remarkable in the economy of the insect world. The wasp seizes hold of the now prostrate spider, and drags it to a hole in the ground. It buries it in the earth, depositing in its back an egg, which changes into a grub, and lives upon the carcase in which it was born. This grub becomes another tarantula wasp, thus adding one more to the ranks of the enemy of the spider race. The amount of slaughter which these large wasps inflict upon the tarantulas is almost incredible, and it is noticed that those to which the greatest destruction is due, are the females. It can only be realised when it is known that though the female deposits but one egg in each spider, she has a large number to get rid of, each one of which she provides with a home, and its grub with future sustenance at the expense of the life of a spider. From the powerful character of the tarantula wasp's sting it may be inferred that they are dangerous to human beings. But this is not so. It never annoys them unless teased. Without a doubt, it is man's friend, not his enemy, and much would dwellers in Mexico regret its absence were it destroyed. Though much is known of, and has been written about the dreaded tarantula itself, but little is ever heard of the tarantula wasp. As is often the case, men remember an injury or damage, but easily forget a service or kindness that may be rendered.

STATE OF PAINTING UNDER MARY I.

(Continued).

Arriving at the Netherlands, Sir Antonio More went to his birth place, Utrecht, where he found the Duke of Alva, who employed him to draw several of his mistresses, and was made receiver of the revenues of West Flanders. He burned his easel and gave away his tools when he was invited by the Duke of Alva from Utrecht to Brussels, where he continued to paint for him; and, according to Van Mander, realised a considerable property by his profession. More was a man of a stately and handsome presence; and often went to Brussels, where he lived magnificently. He died at Antwerp, 1581, in the 56th year of his age. His portrait, painted by himself, is in the chamber of painters at Florence, with which the great duke, who bought it, was so pleased that he ordered a card with some Greek verses,

written by Antonio Maria Salvini, his Greek professor, to be affixed to the frame. Another picture of himself and one of his wife, were in the collection of Sir Peter Lely. More's was 3 feet 6 inches in height by 2 feet 9 inches wide. King Charles had five pictures painted by this master, and the Duke of Buckingham had a portrait of a man by him. At what time, or where he was knighted is uncertain. A very good portrait of Sir Thomas Gresham is at Houghton. Among the illustrious heads there is a miniature by him, called Thomas Duke of Norfolk—it belonged to Richardson the painter, and came out of the Arundelian collection; and a half-length of a lady in black, with gold chain about her wrist, which is mentioned in the catalogue of pictures of James II., and by that of Charles I., appears to be Margaret of Valois, sister of Henry II. of France, and Duchess of Savoy at the tournament, for whose wedding that monarch was killed. We may mention, with regard to the collection of pictures at Houghton, that the whole, or the greater portion of it, was sold to the Empress Catherine II. of Russia, and is now at St. Petersburg. At Newstead Abbey, in Nottinghamshire, the beautiful seat of the Lords Byron, where are the most perfect remains of an ancient convent, is an admirable portrait, painted, as is believed, by this master, and worthy of Holbein. It is a half-length of a fat man, with a beard, on a light greenish ground. His arms are three roses, the middle one highest, on a field argent; something like a green hill. These arms are repeated on his ring, and over them J.N., 1557. As this bearing is evidently foreign, we may suppose the portrait represents one of the family of Numigen. Nicholas Byron married Sophia, daughter of Lambert Charles of Numigen. But More did not always confine himself to portraits. He painted several historic pieces, particularly one, much esteemed, of the Resurrection of Christ with the angels, and another of Peter and Paul. A painter who afterwards sold it to the Prince of Condé obtained a great deal of money by exhibiting it, at the Foire de St. Germain, near Paris. He made a fine copy of Titian's Dance, with the shower of gold, for the king; and left unfinished, the Circumcision, designed for the altar in the church of Our Lady at Antwerp. In the catalogue of pictures, at the Palais Royal, is a portrait said to be of Grotius, by Antonio More, who, in fact, was dead above 20 years before Grotius was born. There is also a portrait of Anne Stanhope, Duchess of Somerset, second wife of the Protector, whose portrait she holds in her hand, attributed to Sir Antonio More.

(To be continued.)

THE OPERATIC OVERTURES OF ROSSINI.

Some time ago we said that we might have some more to say about Rossini; we propose now to briefly consider a few of the overtures of his leading operas. In these the *maestro* seems to have successfully aimed at originality. If we carefully examine any one of his popular overtures we shall generally find there are a few passages by way of an introduction then will follow an Adagio or Andante movement, as the case may be, to be afterwards adopted in the body of the opera itself, forming the foundation for the florid vocalisation of which we have previously spoken. After this movement there will follow a melody or melodies, either Allegro or Allegretto, which will be most elaborately worked out until it arrives at what we should naturally consider to be the termination; but no, we see the direction "Da Capo," and we have to turn back to the beginning of the Allegro and repeat the movement until we ultimately come to the conclusion. If we examine the overtures of "Il Barbiere di Siviglia," "Tancredi," "La Gazza Ladra," and more especially "Semiramide," we shall find that they are all constructed on these broad lines—they are overladen with ornament, but this is Rossini's particular style—he may be considered the master of the florid school of music. It cannot be denied that there is a considerable amount of padding in these brilliant overtures, which, to our modern taste, appears tedious and superfluous, but then we must gratefully remember that imbedded as it were in much that it is commonplace, there are pure gems of melody which will never be forgotten. We might give several instances, but we will only mention the lovely slow movement in the overture to "Semiramide." Then think of the symphony in the overture to "Gaius Tell"—how wonderfully descriptive is the music representing the storm in the Alps, its continuance, and its ultimate dying away in the echoes of the mountains—we can almost fancy ourselves to be there—then the clear bright notes of the Ranz de Vaches; the sun seems to pour forth its joyous beams, bidding nature again to rejoice. We well remember our hearing this for the first time at the Italian Opera. We were entranced; it still continues to be our favourite of all the overtures of Rossini. Ere we conclude we will give some details respecting the overture to the opera of "Otello." As the story goes, after the opera had been completed and put in the hands of the impresario for rehearsal, it was found that there was no overture. Rossini was requested to furnish one, but, with his customary dilatoriness, he put off day after day writing it, though constantly urged to do so. At last it came to the morning of the day fixed for the final rehearsal. The impresario was at his wit's end, he did not know what to do. He must have an overture; he dare not represent the opera without it; the public would not have suffered it. It is related that when Rossini that morning was Bacchi plenus full of wine, he left him suddenly, locked him in the room with music paper, pens, and ink, and swore he would not release him till the overture was furnished. Rossini set to work, wrote sheet after sheet till it was finished, passing them under the door. Each portion was rehearsed by the band, and the overture was given at the Grand Opera next evening previous to the commencement of the work. This is as the story goes; we will not vouch for its truth. The Italian proverb says "Se non vero è ben trovato"—"If not true, it may well be considered so."

GENERAL NOTES.

If it be true that Mr. Hermann Merivale has lost his invested fortune through the default of a solicitor, one of the burning questions of the hour will be brought home to many connected with the theatre. Actors are not the thrifless men and women many imagine; but they are a confiding class. After Sir George Lewis's declaration, one would be inclined to advise a general examination of deposited securities. Meanwhile, what is to be done for Mr. Merivale, a great lover of the stage, a brilliant writer, the author of several fine dramas, and alas, now, "in the evening of his days," deprived of a well-earned income? There should be no difficulty in securing for him a civil list pension.

**SUMMER OUTING OF THE LEOPOLD LODGE,
No. 1571.**

The annual summer outing in connection with the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, was held on Monday, the 25th ult., when a large party of over 80 assembled at Paddington Station, journeying by the 10 a.m. express for Henley. Although the weather at starting was not of the brightest, sunshine favoured the company on arrival at Henley, where the *Bona Fide* launch was in readiness to steam to Caversham. The scenery of the Thames, with showers at intervals, was at its best, "in verdure clad." After partaking of light refreshments, and the usual feast of strawberries supplied by Bro. Leach, an improvised concert was held, Miss Fleming ably presiding at the piano.

Bona's Caversham Bridge Hotel was reached at 1.30, and dinner served at two o'clock, presided over by the W.M. of the Leopold Lodge, Bro. M. Morris, supported by the following:

Mrs. Morris; Bro. Gabell and Mrs. Gabell; Bro. W. Carey, P.M., Treas., Mrs. Carey, and Mr. Carey; Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, P.M., Sec.; Bro. Duffield, P.M., D.C., and Mrs. Duffield; Bro. Watts, P.M., and Mrs. Watts; Bro. Leach, S.W., and Mrs. Leach; Bro. Farmer, S.D., and Mrs. Farmer; Bro. Simmonds, Asst. D. of C., and Mrs. Simmonds; Bro. Durell, Stwd., and Mrs. Durell; Bro. J. Brown, P.M., and the Misses Brown; Bro. Baker, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Olley, and Miss Olley; Bro. Nienhaus, Mrs. Nienhaus, Mrs. Hiscox, and Miss Thompson; Mr. Barker and Mrs. Barker; Mr. Witheridge and Mrs. Witheridge; Mr. Dyer; Mr. Chandler and Miss Chandler; Bro. Truckell; Mr. Smithies; Mrs. Dobson; Mr. Mann and Mrs. Mann; Bro. Spurrell and Mrs. Spurrell; Bro. Ward and Mrs. Ward; Bro. Millar and Mrs. Millar; Mr. Bell and Mrs. Bell; Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke. Mr. Teilor; Mr. Lockyer and Mrs. Lockyer; Bro. Knight and Mrs. Knight; Bro. Cordroy, Dr. Cooper, Dr. Hadaway, Miss Bell, Mr. Houghton, Bro. Fysh and Mrs. Fysh; Mr. and Mrs. Munford; Bro. Fleming and Miss Fleming, and others.

The toast list on this occasion was reduced to small proportions.

The President, Bro. MORRIS, in giving "The Queen," referred in feeling terms to the affection in which her Majesty was held by her subjects, the beneficent influences of her lengthened reign, and trusted that she might long be spared to shed that lustre over the throne of England, which had been her privilege now for so many years.

"The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" was heartily received. The readiness of the Heir Apparent and his beloved consort to relieve suffering (Masonic and otherwise) at all times being touched upon by the PRESIDENT.

In proposing "The Ladies" who had graced the outing with their presence, Bro. MORRIS sincerely thanked them for braving the elements and coming in such numbers to support the Leopold outing as they had done on former occasions. As Freemasons they had much to be grateful for to the ladies, who had ever shown a high appreciation of Freemasonry by their self-sacrifice and devotion to home ties when duty called the sterner sex away. They were their nurses in sickness and comforters in the time of sorrow and the hour of adversity, and in the times of their prosperity they helped them to dispose of their surplus means. He gave the ladies a hearty welcome, and sincerely hoped that for many years to come they would meet together at the Leopold summer outings.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Bro. PERCY LEACH, S.W., replied in the happy and humorous vein which characterises him when championing "The Ladies." On their behalf he thanked the President for all the kind references made to the gentler sex, without whose society we should be poor indeed. The ladies highly valued these annual re-unions and he could promise the support of the ladies, if it was intended to hold a ladies' night in connection with the Leopold Lodge.

"The President," proposed by Bro. CAREY, P.M., who claimed a friendship extending over quarter of a century with the Morris's, was heartily pledged and acknowledged.

The toast list was brought to a close by drinking to "The Health of the Secretary of the Outing, Bro. Leach," whose arduous duties were referred to by the PRESIDENT.

Bro. LEACH replying, regretted that the clerk of the weather had not given them their accustomed fine weather, but taking all things together they had so far enjoyed themselves and would continue to do so for the rest of the day.

Resting awhile, the party re-assembled on the launch, and proceeded up river towards Goring, tea being partaken *en route*. The weather not being too propitious, an earlier return was decided on, and an impromptu concert held at the Caversham Bridge Hotel, when Miss Thompson, Miss Bell, Miss Brown, Miss Chandler, Dr. Hadaway, Mr. Chandler, Mrs. Munford, Bro. J. Brown, P.M., Bro. Ward, and Bro. Fleming favoured the company with a selection of songs and recitations, Miss Fleming again kindly acting as accompanist in her usually able manner.

A start was subsequently made for the station, Paddington being reached at 9.20, all the members of the party having enjoyed themselves, notwithstanding the fickleness of the weather.

Great credit is due to the Committee, consisting of the Master, Past Masters, and Wardens of the lodge, with Bro. Leach as Secretary, for the admirable arrangements made for the day's outing.

Craft Masonry.

Sydney Lodge, No. 829.

The installation meeting and banquet of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the lodge, the Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup. The lodge was convened at the early hour of 12 noon, which was necessitated by the amount of lodge duties to be got through, which included the raising, passing, and initiation of candidates. The W.M. (Bro. H. S. Syer), and Bro. T. Knight, P.M., ably performed the duties appertaining to the Three Degrees. The installation of the new W.M. (Bro. W. Bull), followed at 3.30 p.m., by which hour there was a large attendance of the brethren. The installation office was impressively undertaken by Bro. R. Henry Hale, P.M., and the new W.M. was subsequently saluted by the brethren after the custom of the Craft. The W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. H. S. Syer, I.P.M.; A. V. Chapman, S.W.; T. M. Coombes, J.W.; Rev. C. E. S. Woolmer, Chap.; T. Knight, P.M., Treas.; W. Moulder, P.M., Sec.; J. Davies, P.M., D.C.; D. M. Mackay, S.D.; J. G. Dennis, J.D.; F. Marks, I.G.; A. Bailey, A.D.C.; J. Seaton, P.M., G. Knight, and F. Moye, Stwds.; E. Whomes, Org.; and J. Bailey, Tyler. The W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. Syer with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge in recognition of the duties he had discharged during the past year, and the I.P.M. returned thanks in appropriate terms.

The banquet was served at 6.30, and the catering by Bro. W. J. Goddard was all that could be desired.

The company assembling was a large one, and included the W.M. (in the chair), supported by Bros. the Rev. H. Lawrence Fry, Prov. G. Chap. Kent; H. S. Syer, I.P.M.; A. V. Chapman, S.W.; T. M. Coombe, J.W.; T. Knight, P.P.G.O.; W. Moulder, P.M.; J. Seaton, P.M.; G. Davies, P.M., D. of C.; R. Henry Hale, P.M.; D. M. Mackay, S.D.; J. G. Dennis, J.D.; F. Marks, I.G.; A. Bailey,

G. Knight, F. Moye, E. Whomes, Farrier, P.M.; Coomber, P.P.A.G.P.; A. Sharp, P.P.G.O.; Jorgenson, P.M.; W. J. Charman, J. W. Skinner, M. W. Sharples, R. Ellard, H. C. Fenn, W. Evelev, G. Hayes, C. P. Hager, J. Read, W. G. Coombes, H. Evans, W. Chick, Henry Dunn, W. J. Goddard, W. J. Goddard, jun., G. Kadwell, J. H. Cook, S. H. Shearman, R. Lock, T. Drive, J. Brighton, G. E. Pine, A. Brett, J. Brighton, J. Wilson, C. W. Knight, H. Barber, A. Marshall, G. E. Price, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. the Rev. H. L. Fry, W.M. 2499; H. S. Hithersay, 615; W. Wingent, 700; T. E. Avery, 147; J. Dowsett, 700; J. Haddow, Mary Chapel, No. 1; A. C. Swift, 13; W. G. Kent, 1539; C. T. Knight, E. H. Hall, R. H. Cheesman, F. Burney, Cormack, J. P. Readshaw, R. Bassett, G. B. Cett, H. M. Lornerngan, H. E. Pearce, and F. Murray.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were given by the W.M., and accorded the usual Masonic honours.

"The Prov. G. Master, Earl Amherst, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. the Rev. H. L. Fry, P.G. Chap., who alluded to the 40 years of Masonic service rendered by Earl Amherst. They had, indeed, in the Grand Lodge those who would keep Masonry up to the high state of perfection that it had ever held.

Bro. T. Knight, P.P.G.O., Kent, also responded.

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. H. S. Syer, I.P.M., who spoke of the high esteem in which Bro. Bull was held by the brethren of the Sydney Lodge, and congratulated him on having the assistance during his year of office of the officers whom he had invested that afternoon.

The W.M., who was enthusiastically greeted, responded briefly. He thanked the brethren for their support, which he was sure he might rely on in his year of office, which he entered on with confidence, knowing that he would have the co-operation of many Past Officers.

"The Installing Officer" was proposed by the W.M.

Bro. Hale acknowledged the toast, and observed that he owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Sydney Lodge, in which he was initiated eight years ago, and he would be glad at all times to perform such service as might be required of him. There was a kindly feeling and sympathy existing among the brethren, which he greatly appreciated. (Hear, hear.)

"The Candidate" was proposed by the W.M., and the newly-initiated brother responded.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Evans, Haddow, Pearce, Cett, R. Bassett, C. T. Knight, and others.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" completed the toast list.

With Bro. Edmund Whomes at the pianoforte, an excellent programme of songs was given during the evening, while the whole of the arrangements were carried out with a smoothness and efficiency by the Secretary, Bro. W. Moulder, P.M., which was greatly appreciated by the brethren.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599.

Under the able presidency of the W.M. a most successful "ladies' outing" was carried out according to the following programme. The party numbered about 50, comprising Bro. Walter Callingham, W.M., Mrs., and Master Callingham; Miss Smith; Bro. Davis and Mrs. Davis; Mr. Milton; Bro. C. E. Cove, I.P.M.; Bro. H. J. Cove and Mr. Wise; Bro. H. Williams Mellors, S.W., Mrs. Mellor, and Mrs. Williams; Bro. H. S. Easty, J.W.; Bro. C. H. A. Harris, P.M., Treas., Mrs. Harris, Miss Mabel Harris, and Mrs. Symons; Bro. Geo. Laker, P.M., Sec., Miss Laker, and Miss Florence Laker; Bro. W. H. Fowler and Mrs. Fowler; Bro. A. W. Diamond, S.D.; Bro. W. Mokler, J.D., Mrs. Mokler, Miss Barton, and Mrs. Bradnham; Bro. Percy Callingham, I.G., and the Misses Edythe and Jessie Callingham; Bro. F. A. Lewis P.M., and Mrs. Lewis; Bro. F. W. Horn, P.M., and Mrs. Horn; Bro. F. R. Callingham, Mrs. Salter, and Mr. Barrow; Bro. A. Feaviour and Mrs. Feaviour; Bro. G. A. Keen; Bro. Geo. Callingham, Miss B. Callingham, Miss N. Hare, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Pack, and others.

The elements, hitherto unpropitious in the extreme, were fortunately on their best behaviour for the occasion, and consequently a great treat has to be recorded. The river generally, and especially the foliage of the far-famed Clevedon and Quarry Woods, being seen to particular advantage. The light refreshments on board seemed to receive due appreciation, whilst the catering of Mrs. Cole (Crown Hotel, Marlow) deserved and received a hearty commendation. The steam launch Royal, supplied by Messrs. J. Bond and Son, was convenient and commodious, and as the ladies contributed right royally to the musical arrangements, the whole affair was an unqualified success.

At the dinner, after the toast of "The Queen" had been duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. C. E. Cove, I.P.M., and most cordially received by all present.

The W.M., in reply, congratulated the company on having such a fine day, thanked the ladies for coming in such numbers, and, in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," called upon Bro. Harris, P.M., Treas., to respond on their behalf, at the same time expressing how much one and all must feel indebted to Bro. Geo. Laker, P.M. and Sec., for the very excellent manner in which the details of the trip had been carried out.

Bro. Harris, P.M., responding on behalf of the ladies, regretted the absence of sunshine, but thought the 20 or more smiling faces he saw around him, and which he represented, would provide an ample recompense.

Bro. Geo. Laker, P.M., Sec., thanked the W.M. and company for their kind recognition of his services, and in the success that he felt sure had been achieved he had received the best reward for all that he had done, and which he hoped to be able to do again.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. D. D. Mercer, S.V.P., took the chair of President; Bro. Henry Garrod, J.V.P., acted as S.V.P.; and Bro. H. A. Tobias, P.A.G. Std. Br., as J.V.P. Bros. G. S. Recknell, W. Dodd, and Frank Lloyd Palmer, W.M. 2054, represented the Grand Secretary's department. The other brethren who attended were—

Bros. E. W. Nightingale, W. Fisher, F. W. Hancock, James Block, R. W. Kerr, A. Knight Prescott, S. H. Goldschmidt, Major Henry Wright, P.G.S.B.; John Ellinger, Robert H. Murdoch, D.G.S.B.; John Trude Fripp, George Thos. Peall, W. B. Pratt, R. W. L. Sindall, J. W. Burgess, H. Massey, George R. Langley, J. Leach Barrett, J. F. Saunders, E. J. Barron, Money Marsland, W. M. Bywater, George Herbert Burns, G. M. E. Hamilton, W. J. Goldspink, J. G. Cobb, P. J. Barnes, and F. Ranger.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the June meeting to the amount of £210. There were 20 cases on the new list, qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Feltham, York, Harringate, Rotherham, Chepstow, Southend, Broxbourne, Alfreton, Buckhurst Hill, St. Ives (Cornwall), Meltham, Tredegar (Mon.), Tonghoo (Burma), and Agra (E.I.).

The total sum voted was £410. One case was withdrawn, two petitions were deferred, and three dismissed. Grand Lodge was recommended to approve of one vote for £50, and the Grand Master was recommended to approve of six grants of £40 each and two of £30 each. Two grants of £20 each and two of £10 each completed the list.

Bro. HENRY GARROD, P.G.P., before the Board separated, thought it right to mention the death of Bro. George Graveley, a brother who attended the Board very regularly. The circumstances of his death were known to most of the brethren, but he thought some notice should be taken of it by the Board.

The Board was then closed.

Obituary.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. RICHARD EVE.

"Life's work well done" was the keynote of the impressive burial service on the 12th instant. Bro. Eve had found in life manifold points of sympathetic contact with his fellows, and on the 13th instant his friends rose up from all parts of England to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. It was a solemn and inspiring sight—this long procession of black-coated men, representing many ranks and diverse interests in life, yet all with a connecting link through their regard for him in the coffin in their midst. As it paced slowly down the Victoria-road, its head turning into High-street as the rear emerged from Arthur-street, the feeling deepened that Aldershot was giving honourable burial to one of its worthiest sons. The body had been brought home on Tuesday night, and lay, coffined, in the inner office. By Wednesday the first of the floral tributes had arrived, and thereafter they followed in such number and magnificence that by Thursday the room appeared a garden of flowers. Nearly all were from public and Masonic bodies, and were correspondingly large and beautiful. Half-past two o'clock was fixed for the departure from the house. For some time before that the mourners arrived in streams, and prepared to take their positions in the procession. Meantime the coffin was brought out and laid on an open car drawn by four handsome black horses. The wreaths and flowers were placed and hung over and around, until scarcely a corner, even on the canopy, remained uncovered. Then, as the car passed away from the door, the five mourning coaches succeeded to receive the principal mourners. In the first rode the Rev. Priestley Evans (minister of the New Meeting House, Leamington), who was to conduct the service; Mr. Gustavus Thompson, of the firm of Bro. Eve's London agents, and one of the executors; Bros. C. Belton, P.G.D., Sec. 1; and J. W. H. Thompson, P.M. and Treas. 165. The second carriage contained Mrs. Thompson (London), Mrs. Clinton (Aldershot), Mrs. Marshall, and Miss Cartwright (Bro. Eve's house-keeper). In the third were Bros. Col. A. K. Prescott, 1, P.A.G.D.C.; A. L. Thompson, P.M. 2228; Mr. Marshall, and Dr. Stroyan. Carriage number four was occupied by Colonel W. H. Tabot (of Kidderminster), who represented Bro. Sir A. Frederick Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, and also the congregation of the New Meeting Church, Kidderminster; Mr. Parry, Bro. George Houldsworth, J.P., of Kidderminster, representing Lodge Hope and Charity, No. 377; and another gentleman from Kidderminster. Riding in the last carriage were Mr. Donald Murray, Secretary of the National Liberal Club, and a brother of No. 2772; the Rev. M. Scarlett Parry, representing the Aldershot Athletic Club; Dr. J. H. Gibson, and Mr. Bennett, The vanguard of Masons: The great body of Masons, other than those already mentioned, marched in two's in front of the car. There were about 100 of them altogether, all wearing the customary white gloves and carrying their sprigs of acacia. The Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, of which Bro. Eve was chairman, was strongly represented. Among those present were Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br.; Chas. E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., P.G.D., Treas.; Harry Mansfield, Grand Treas., S.W. 2772; Major John E. Le Feuvre (J.P., Southampton), P.G.D.; E. Margrett, J.P. Fitzgerald, P.M. and Sec. 2772, Sec. Logic Club; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., J.W. 2772; and the Medical Officer (Dr. W. E. Porter). The Headmaster of the School (Bro. H. A. Hebb, M.A.), as well as Bros. Major J. W. Woodall, E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; and F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; were unable to be present from various causes. Several members of the Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772, in addition to those mentioned above, were in the procession. These included Bros. O. B. Cuvilje, J. H. Gérard, W. Masters, and C. H. West. Three brethren represented Guy's Lodge, No. 395, Leamington, Bro. Eve's mother lodge. They were Bros. the Rev. J. P. Cranstoun, W.M.; Albert E. Gibbs, I.P.M.; and J. F. Burgess. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight province was represented by Bros. Commander H. J. Giles, R.N., Prov. G. Sec.; J. W. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas.; and John Brickwood F.R.G.S., 1, P.P.G.W. Other Masons from distant lodges included Bros. A. H. Salter, Sec. Percy Mark Lodge, Guildford; T. White, P.M. 777; and Captain G. E. W. James, representing No. 2578. Local Masons turned up in force, and there were representatives of all the Aldershot lodges, viz., Nos. 723, 1331, 54 (Mark), 1971, and 723 (chapter), as well as Nos. 1046, and 2203. Among the Aldershot brethren were Bros. W. Sowden, senior P.M. 723; H. J. Marshallsay, W.M. 723; E. Finch, W.M. 1331; Norman Clinton (Bro. Eve's partner); Colonel Pickance, Dr. Stroyan, Sergeant-Major Cockburn, H. L. Allen, W. Burns, A. J. Colledge, C. Cullen, B.A., C. A. L. Calvert, Jas. Doe, R. Elliott, R. Featherstone, W. E. Foster (clerk, Aldershot U.D.C.), C. J. Jerome, R. L. Lloyd, Lehmann, J. Meiklejohn, J. Milner, W. Marlow, J. May (chairman Aldershot U.D.C.), C. H. Smith, A. H. Smith, N. Solomon (captain Aldershot Fire Brigade), Shearwood, H. Saunders, A. G. Tolley, T. Turner, J. Taverner, T. Vincent, G. Wasley, Thomas Wells (vice-chairman Aldershot U.D.C.), and J. M. Youd. The Farnborough and North Camp representatives included Bros. Carpenter, A. Davis, C. Gates, J. J. Galsworthy, G. Goodall, G. Harrison, H. J. Joyce, and Captain Bachelor. From the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1046, came Bros. Dr. J. H. Gibson, and Dr. C. E. Tanner. Public bodies represented: A prominent member of the procession was the Hon. Mark F. Napier, who was concerned with Bro. Eve in the defence of Arabi Pasha, and who represented the Board of Management of the National Liberal Club. Colonel G. F. Birch (the chairman) and Mr. W. T. Robertson were the Aldershot magistrates present, and they were accompanied by their clerk (Mr. J. L. Brooks) and his deputy (Mr. V. Knapp). Mr. H. Barber (the clerk) represented the Hants County Council. Many of the Aldershot District Council were present in other capacities, but their ranks included Surgeon-General O'Dwyer, P.M.O., Mr. W. Christmas, M. T. Jeffries, Dr. T. Dunlop (medical officer), and Mr. Nelson F. Dennis (surveyor), Mr. R. Bateman (chairman), and Messrs. T. Budd, B. Croxford, and C. F. Roelich represented the Burial Board. Superintendent Hawkins was present with a strong body of police. Court Colia Campbell, A.O.F., of which Bro. Eve was a member, was represented by Bros. Colyer, Cox, Gannon, Hughes, and Williams. Others noted in the procession, or at the graveside, were: Mr. John Fell, J.P., of Leamington; Bro. Robert Manuel, Treasurer of the Logic Club; Mr. Percy St. Gerrans, Mr. W. Reavell, vice-chairman Aldershot School Board; Mr. Merry, and Mr. W. Wren, secretary Aldershot Hospital. Unavoidably absent: Long as is the list above, it far from represents all who would have been present had they not been unavoidably prevented. Only a few can be mentioned of those from whom letters of apology for absence were received. Among the number were Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh and Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.P.G.M., Hants and Isle of Wight, who were joint trustees with Bro. Eve of the R.M.I.B.; numerous members of the R.M.I. Board of Management, including Bros. George Corble, Vice-Chairman; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; John Strachan, O.C., G. Reg.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; and R. V. Vassar-Smith, J.P., P.G.D. Others who regretted absence included Bros. F. Trehawke Davies, Sec. 2771; Ralph Gooding, Treas. 1; and W. F. Lamonby, editor of the *Freemason*. At the Cemetery: The slow march to the cemetery was made through roads lined almost all the way by respectful bystanders. On Redan Hill the children of the East End Schools had taken up positions to see the last of their friend and benefactor. At length the open grave was reached. It lies on a gentle slope in the southern part of the cemetery, and adjoins that of the late Rev. Ellis Hewitt. Round the space the members of the three Fire Brigades (Aldershot, who were under Captain Solomon; Farnborough,

under Captain Joyce; and Farnham, under Captain Elliott), formed a cordon, within which stood the chief mourners and the Rev. Priestley Evans. The service was according to Unitarian rites, and was very simple. A reading of Scriptural passages, an extempore prayer, and address, and then the committal sentences. In his address the Rev. Priestley Evans said it was not his intention, had it been in his power, to deliver a funeral oration to such a company as he saw before him, but he should feel negligent and callous if he turned away without one word respecting him, whom many of them had learned to honour if not to love. It would seem cold and faithless to turn their backs upon him and get absorbed immediately in the turmoil of the world, forgetting that there lay a soldier of humanity, who fought many a noble fight, and did many deeds that wore the colours of Heaven. Such deeds it would not be fitting to enumerate; it was needful but to record the spirit which animated them, which spirit was simply the desire to do good, to uphold the cause of justice and truth and to scatter blessings, almost unknown to his friends, on the needy and helpless. As the years of life rolled away people became impressed with the transitoriness of things, and often that led to the disease of indifference. But there were no such signs of decay in him they were now honouring. Mr. Eve was young to the end, although he had almost completed the allotted span. Life was always full of interest for him, and that in spite of a certain loneliness, for he was the last member of his family and had no near relative in this country. His presence was always buoyant, full of cheer, courageous, and inspiring. He had the ambition of being of use to his fellow men and leaving the world better than he found it. Perhaps fewer things helped to keep a man young than to possess a lofty ambition, which enabled him to forget himself and the little annoyances of life. It was the fate of few men to realise all their ambitions, but the chief thing was to have ambitions that were worthy. There was no drearier desert on earth than a life without a lofty ambition, for it lacked all interest. Still, they must remember that they were but mortals, that whenever the time came they must depart with grateful and modest hearts, and make room for others, when the Giver of the Feast so willed it. So long as their chief aim had been not to indulge their own selfishness, but to glorify the Giver of the Feast, they would not find fault with Him nor lament the end. Rather they would believe with Whittier that "life is ever greater than death," that that vast energy in life that permeated the universe, so constituted man that the soul had two dominating yearnings, the desire to preserve life here and to continue it hereafter. They would believe that the Author of those yearnings would not prove faithless, but would possibly weave another garment, as Paul put it, of finer texture, to clothe the nakedness of life once more. In that hope and that faith they trusted to meet yet again across the border in another of the mansions of the realms of life. The service over, the Freemasons filed past the grave and dropped their sprigs of acacia as they took their last look at the coffin. The floral tributes: To describe in detail the many beautiful wreaths would be scarcely possible, and we can do no more than enumerate the senders. Of Masonic bodies, the following sent tributes: The Board of Management of the R.M.I.B., another from "The Boys" of the School, the Prov. G. Lodge of Hants and Isle of Wight, the Panmure and Aldershot Camp Chapters, and the following lodges: Yorick, Aldershot Camp, Royal Alfred, Richard Eve, Military Mark, Shadwell Clerk, Honour and Generosity, and Panmure. Others were from the National Liberal Club, the Logic Club, the Aldershot U.D.C., the Aldershot Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Bowling Club, the teachers and scholars of the East End and West End Board Schools, the Boys' Collegiate School, Aldershot, Mr. J. W. Howard Thompson, "Will and Pearl," W. G. Thompson and son, Bertie Godsell (a scholar of West End School), Mr. R. Bateman, Dr. and Mrs. Loughrey, Mrs. Klenck, Mrs. Anderson, Miss G. Jones, Mrs. T. J. Keene, and Mr. and Mrs. Robertson.

BRO. GEORGE GRAVELEY.

Bro. George Graveley, who was familiarly known as the "Masonic Patriarch of Essex," to whose painfully sudden death on the 13th instant, we refer in our "Notes," was initiated in the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, No. 898, on the 23rd February, 1876, and, having passed through the junior offices, was successively appointed Junior and Senior Warden, and elected and installed in the chair of K.S. in May, 1883. He was also a joining member of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, and a member of the Correspondence Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati. He was exalted in the Yarborough Chapter, No. 554, on the 14th November, 1878, and in February, 1887, after occupying successively the chairs of Third and Second Principal, was installed M.E.Z., and for the second and third times in 1888 and 1889. He was for many years Treasurer of the chapter. In July, 1884, he was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Temperance-in-the-East Chapter, No. 898. In 1893 he was chosen to fill the chair of J.; in 1884 and again in 1895 that of H.; and in 1898 he again presided over the chapter as its First Principal. In March, 1892, he was a founder and first acting P.Z. of the Guelph Chapter, No. 1685, and in 1898 was its Treasurer; while in November of the same year he was founder and first H., and afterwards installed M.E.Z., of the Shurmur



Chapter, No. 2374, his services in its behalf being recognised, a month after its consecration, by his appointment as Prov. 1st A.G.S. of Essex. In 1896 he was appointed A.G.D.C. in Supreme Grand Chapter. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 205, in November, 1878, he served as its W.M. in 1884; was appointed the same year Provincial G.S.B.; and the year following Provincial S.G.O. of East Anglia; was a P.M. of the Old Kent (T.I.) Lodge; was founder and first W.M., in 1885, of the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, and, on vacating the chair, was elected Treasurer; while, in 1885, he was appointed Grand Inner Guard in Mark Grand Lodge; and, in 1885, had conferred upon him the brevet rank of P.G.S.B. He joined the Panmure Lodge in 1886, and some years since was founder and first W.M. of the Mark lodge, No. 461, which bears his name. He was, in addition,

Royal Ark Mariner, P.C.N. of the Panmure Lodge; and in the Order of the Temple, into which he was installed Knight in 1880, was Past E.P. of the Mount Calvary Preceptory, as well as a Past Prior of the Order of Malta. He was perfected Rose Croix, and was Past M.W.S. in the Mount Calvary Chapter of that Degree, and took the 30° in the A. and A. Rite. He was also a member, and won high distinction in the Royal Order of Scotland, the Royal and Select Masters, the Allied Degrees, the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Rosicrucian Society, and, as regards our Charitable Institutions, he served as many as 14 Stewardships, and was a Life Governor of all of them, while for many years he served as an elected P.M. on the Board of Benevolence. He had, indeed, done most excellent service during his Masonic career of 20 years and upwards, and more than one lodge and chapter is under a debt of gratitude to him for assistance on some special occasion.

FUNERAL OF BRO. R. W. LEADBEATER, P.M., P. PROV. J.G.D. NORTH E. RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, the 14th instant, at Scarborough Cemetery, amidst every manifestation of regret, of Bro. R. W. Leadbeater, who at the time of his death was head cashier at the York City and County Bank, and had been connected with the bank for the long period of 25 years, and who died in Edinburgh Hospital on Thursday, the 12th instant, under distressing circumstances. The body was enclosed in a shell and placed in a coffin of polished oak with brass mountings, the breastplate bearing the inscription: "Robert W. Leadbeater. Died July 12th, aged 46 years." The funeral cortege left the house of deceased, 98, North Marine-road, shortly before 3.30, and proceeded to the cemetery, the chief mourners being Mrs. Leadbeater (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Leadbeater, Mr. and Mrs. Mayne (Leeds), Mr. W. Leadbeater, Mrs. Catley (sister), Miss Higgins (sister-in-law), Mr. A. H. Higgins (brother-in-law), Mr. B. Mayne, Mr. Clare Catley, and Miss Nellie Leadbeater. Mrs. Leadbeater (mother) was too ill to attend. The Rev. A. W. Bell was the officiating clergyman. The coffin was covered with a very large number of floral tributes, those sending them including the widow ("From his sorrowing, loving, and devoted wife and little children"), the members of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248 ("With deep sympathy from the W.M. and brethren of the Denison Lodge, 1248"); Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, of which deceased was Treasurer ("From the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Old Globe Lodge, 200"); the Cricket Club ("From the President, Committee, and members of the Scarborough Cricket Club"); Mr. Sayner, manager of the bank, Mrs. Sayner, and the staff of the bank ("With deep sympathy from the York City and County Bank staff"); Mrs. Leadbeater ("From his sorrowing mother"); Mrs. Clare, Miss Pritchard, Mrs. Cursham, the directors of the Aquarium, Mr. W. Morgan, Alderman E. H. Gawne, Mrs. Tindall and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Southwell, "Friends at 9, Belgrave-crescent," Mr. and Mrs. Temple and family, Mr. and Mrs. Godley, Mrs. Higgins and family (Northampton), Mr. Goy and family (Northampton), Mr. and Mrs. Wilson (Northampton), Mr. and Mrs. H. Leadbeater, Mr. and Mrs. Mayne, "Rachel and Willey," and Mr. and Mrs. Cass Grayston. At the cemetery there was a very large number of sympathising friends, including the following: Bros. H. Darwen (Mayor of Scarborough), Col. Kendall, Alderman E. H. Gawne, Councillor V. Fowler, Councillor J. Sinfield, J. Boyce, T. King, J. White (Driffeld), T. Laughton, J. Holliday, B. Harvey, A. J. Lund, H. T. Chambers, H. Marks, R. Noble, F. A. White, G. Ricketts, F. Pexton, C. K. Lumb, J. Townsend, T. Coulson, F. Coopland, W. Ascough, S. Bland, J. Hagyard, C. Travess, B. Cass (Filey), W. Ombler, R. Fenwick, F. D. Tindall, W. B. Richardson, W. Morgan, Frans. Goodricke, T. Winstanley, G. Padley, Dr. Handcock, J. H. Delday, W. H. Hagyard, S. Manson, Councillor F. Topham, J. Clare, J. B. Rider, H. Hill, R. Atkinson, T. B. Jowsey, G. W. Tindall, J. Wanless, H. J. Morton, W. Millner, G. Evesham, R. Lamplough, F. Wilson, W. Pecket, J. T. Whalmesley, J. Watkin, J. M. Gibson, R. Roberts, J. Geldard, R. Smith, J. P'Anson, John Barry, G. E. Martin, C. E. Bradley, and W. C. Grayston.

BRO. H. J. SAVERY, No. 610.

Last week the funeral of the late Bro. Henry John Savery took place. The cortege left the residence of our deceased brother, Scropton Lodge, Upper Knowle, Bristol, at half-past three o'clock, and proceeded to Arno's Vale Cemetery. The coffin, which was covered with a number of beautiful floral tributes, was borne on a glass-cased car. It was of polished oak exterior, with a shell of zinc, and brass furniture. On the brass plate was the inscription: "Henry John Savery, died July 4th, 1900, aged 38 years." The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Griffiths. The mourners were—First carriage: Canon Griffiths, Dr. Rudge (the medical attendant of the deceased), Mr. W. R. Nurse, and Mr. Rich. Second carriage: Mr. John Savery (father of the deceased), Mrs. Flay, and two children of the deceased. Third carriage: The Misses Savery (sisters of the deceased), Mr. and Mrs. Gove. Fourth carriage: Mr. Harry and Mr. Norman Savery (cousins), Mr. Westcott and Mrs. Halliday. Fifth carriage: Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Halliday, and Mr. Flay. At the cemetery a large number of friends of the deceased attended, and joined in the procession to the church. The small building was crowded to its utmost capacity, and many had to remain outside. Amongst those present were: Representing the Bristol Guardians, of which deceased was a member; Messrs. W. Burland, F. G. Harding, E. C. Tyack, W. J. Avery, A. J. Shorter, J. Owens, J. J. Ellis, J. Hayes, H. Edmonds, C. Penn, F. Evans, T. F. Griffiths, W. Jones (a Past Governor of the Poor), and the Rev. J. L. Davies, Chaplain at Stapleton Workhouse. The Bristol Master Bakers' Association was represented by Mr. W. H. Curtis (president), Mr. A. W. Heaven (vice-president), Mr. W. C. Bamfield (treasurer), Messrs. A. Mitchell, F. M. Norris, and R. J. Simms. The Freemasons present were Bros. J. W. Stone, C. H. Harding, F. Neale, F. Moore, and W. J. Bover, representing the Colston Lodge, No. 610, to which the deceased belonged; W. C. Bamfield, P.M., W. H. Curtis, and T. Curtis, of 326; and T. Bowden, P.M., A. J. Smith, R. E. Melville, and Maton Durnford, of 103. Representing the Bristol South Conservative Association, of which the deceased was a member of the executive committee, were Mr. A. S. Harding and Mr. A. S. White; the Knowle Primrose League, Mr. R. J. Plunkett. Amongst others present were the Rev. W. F. Jepson (St. Luke's, Bedminster), Messrs. T. Ingram, T. Curtis, T. Broad, and T. Locke. The following employes of the deceased were also present: Messrs. W. Smith (foreman), A. Kemery, G. Wheeler, F. Andrews, F. Selway, and G. Smith. As is customary with the Freemasons, sprays of acacia were thrown on the coffin, and there was a large number of beautiful wreaths. In the several bodies to which our late brother belonged, a gap is left that is not easy to fill.

Royal Arch.

Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657.

A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Comps. C. Garton, M.E.Z.; A. B. Hudson, P.Z., H.; K. Smyth, J.; W. S. Whitaker, S.E.; T. Briggs, P.S.; G. Couchman, Janitor; G. Rawlinson, P.Z.; and T. H. James. Visitors: Comps. J. Cowan, M.E.Z., 2147, P.Z., 1572; G. Harlow, P.Z., 1572, 2147; F. Inskipp, P.Z., 141; W. H. Cole, M.E.Z., 1671, P.Z., 1572; C. A. Hooper, P.Z., 2147; and W. W. Arter, Org., 1572. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Comp. Whitaker, A.G.D.C., was inducted into the chair of M.E.Z., and then installed Comp. R. Smyth into the chair of H. and Comp. T. Briggs into that of J. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Garton, P.Z., which he suitably acknowledged, after which the chapter was closed. The companions then adjourned to the banquet, where the usual toasts were given and responded to.

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THE DIRECTORS OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND decided to raise the Bank rate to four per cent. on Thursday.

THE MERCERS' COMPANY have forwarded £21 to Highbury's Home for Confirmed Invalids.

THE SKINNERS' COMPANY have voted 20 guineas to the North London Hospital for Consumption.

THE FISHMONGERS' COMPANY have contributed £50 towards the Home for Confirmed Invalids at Highbury.

THE GOLDSMITHS COMPANY have given a donation of £100 to the Children's Country Holidays' Fund, 10, Buckingham-street, Strand.

ON AND AFTER Monday next the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the public on every week day, under the usual regulations, until further orders.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Duke of Argyll, K.T., to be Lord Lieutenant of Argyllshire, in the room of the late Duke.

AT A MISCELLANEOUS sale of books at Sotheby's on the 16th inst. a first edition copy of Cowper's "Poems," with the substituted leaf, in the original boards and uncut, realised £30 10s.

SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN has undertaken to conduct the Brass Band Combination, which will give a series of performances at the Crystal Palace to-morrow (Saturday). He will be assisted on the occasion by Mr. August Manns.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, attended by Lady Eva Dugdale, was present on Tuesday afternoon at an open-air reception given by the committee of Princess Frederica's Homes for Gentlewomen at Warwick House, Trinity-road, Tulse-hill.

A VIOLIN by Antonius Stradivarius, 1697, original label and scroll, with two bows, one by Dodd, was sold at Messrs. Sotheby's rooms on the 16th inst., for £495. The violin was the property of the late W. C. Selle, Mus. Doc., who purchased it 40 years ago from a private collection.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR, on the 16th instant, unveiled a bust of her Majesty, generously presented to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, as a memorial of the partial connection with the district, by Sir M. M. Bhowanagree, M.P., in honour of the Queen's long reign.

A WINDFALL FOR THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.—By the death of Mr. William Loney, of St. Heliers, Jersey, the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney, has become entitled to the residue of his estate, which will ultimately realise about £14,000. The greater part of this amount is payable at once.

THE WELSH HOSPITAL AT SPRINGFONTEIN.—The following telegram, dated Capetown, July 12th, has been received from Professor Hughes, who has recently joined the Welsh Hospital at Springfontein: "Hospital splendid. Staff all well." The Mayor of Cardiff has forwarded to Bro. Sir David Evans, the Treasurer, a cheque for £300 as the result of the appeal made in Cardiff in behalf of the hospital.

A MONTHLY MEETING of the New Forest Lodge, No. 319, was held at the old Masonic Hall, Lymington, on the 16th inst., when there was a full attendance, including some visiting brethren. The ceremonies of the day were impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. R. L. Gent, and at their close the brethren adjourned to the Bugle Hotel, where a banquet was served by Bro. Dore, P.M. A pleasant evening was enjoyed, the brethren separating shortly before 8 p.m.

THE LIST OF members of the Duke of York's Lodge, No. 25, Dublin, is very suggestive of the active part taken by prominent Craftsmen in the South African war. Bro. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts is a member of this distinguished lodge, and to his name and 18 other officers are the words "at present in South Africa," besides which others are serving their Queen and country in India and elsewhere. Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury is the present W.M., and Bro. Sir Charles A. Cameron, C.B., is the Honorary Secretary.

BRO. J. M. MCLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., has just communicated to the Secretary of the Isle of Axholme Lodge, Crowle, that the Board of Management has resolved to still further retain, for the purpose of higher education, Percival Edmund Harrison (son of the late W. Harrison, who was head master at the Crowle Board Schools), whose ordinary term expired at midsummer, 1899, and who has already received the advantage of 12 months' retention. He has shown such ability and good conduct as to entitle him to this special mark of favour at the hands of the Board.

INTERESTING MASONIC PRESENTATION.—At a recent meeting of the members of Lodge Amity, No. 137, Poole, Bro. F. A. Sharp was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his duties as Almoner of the lodge for upwards of 10 years. The presentation was made by the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. H. W. Scratchley, who made suitable reference to the work done by Bro. Sharp and the interest he took generally in the lodge. Bro. Sharp thanked the brethren for this handsome expression of their goodwill towards him. The jewel is of gold, and bears the following inscription: "Lodge Amity, 137. Presented to W. Bro. F. A. Sharp, P.P.J.G.D., in recognition of services rendered as Almoner from 1891 to 1899."

DR. CHAS. FORSHAW, F.R.S.L., has received the following letter relative to his "Masonic Musings"—

"Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 9th July, 1900.
"Dr. Charles Forshaw, 48, Hanover-square, Bradford.
"Sir,—I have submitted your letter to the Prince of Wales, and I am desired by his Royal Highness in reply to thank you for your work, 'Masonic Musings,' which you have been so good as to transmit for his acceptance.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"FRANCIS KNOLLYS."

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ON MONDAY EVENING the Queen was present at a performance of Gounod's opera, "Faust," by the Royal Opera Company (from the Opera House, Covent Garden) under the direction of Mr. Maurice Grau. Her Majesty—accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, their Highnesses Princess Aribert of Anhalt, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Victoria Eugénie and Prince Leopold of Battenberg—entered the Waterloo Chamber at nine o'clock, when the opera commenced. The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Royal Household, as well as many invited guests, were present. After the performance the Queen and the Royal Family proceeded to the Green Drawing Room, where the latter were presented to her Majesty. The artists, the director and conductor of the opera, and the secretary had the honour of being presented to the Queen. Refreshments were served in the Dining Room for her Majesty's guests, and in the Audience and Presence Chambers and Vandyke Room for the opera company.

THE QUEEN'S PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.—Her Majesty the Queen has contributed £10 to a fund raised in aid of Thomas Scott, engine driver on the North-Eastern Railway, who was run over by an engine in Newcastle Station, while endeavouring to rescue a collie dog which had strayed upon the line, and was so injured that both legs were amputated. The letter enclosing the donation is signed by Sir Fleetwood J. Edwards, and says: "The Queen commands me to express her admiration of the act of humanity of Thomas Scott recorded in the newspaper cutting which you forwarded. No one could more fully appreciate it than her Majesty, whose fondness for animals is so great that the Queen would further ask you to convey the expression of her sincere sympathy with the poor fellow in the deplorable accident that he met with in his humane endeavour. Her Majesty is gratified to hear that material assistance is forthcoming for him, and while it would be contrary to custom for the Queen's name to appear in a subscription list of this nature, I am directed to enclose £10, which her Majesty hopes may be of some temporary assistance to Mrs. Scott under the circumstance in which she is placed as described in your letter." The letter is addressed to Colonel Coulson, of Newbrough, Northumberland.

EARL AND COUNTESS AMHERST left town on Wednesday for Morvick, Rogart, Sutherlandshire.

A CONTRIBUTION of £50,000 towards the endowment fund of Birmingham University was announced on the 19th instant from Sir James Chance.

THE DUKE OF YORK was on Tuesday last gazetted to be Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

THE PRINTERS' PENSION CORPORATION has received a gift of £311 from Mrs. Mary Maxwell to found a second pension to be named the John Maxwell Memorial Pension.

ON THE 19th instant the contributions to the *Daily Telegraph* Widows and Orphans Fund amounted to 111,427 shillings, bringing the grand total to 3,906,967 shillings.

BY THE WILL of the late Mr. Augustus Matthew Goddard, St. Thomas's Hospital receives a legacy of £1000 for the endowment of a bed to be called "The Matthew and Patience Goddard Bed."

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has presented Madame Suzanne Adams, with a bracelet, composed entirely of diamonds and sapphires, as a souvenir of her performance of Marguerite, in "Faust," at Windsor Castle, on the 16th instant.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR WHITTAKER ELLIS, Bart., and Lady Ellis gave a fete at Buccleuch House, Richmond, recently in aid of the Royal Cambridge Asylum. The Duke and Duchess of York were among those present.

PRINCE WALDEMAR OF DENMARK, who has been on a visit to T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House, left London for Gravesend on Tuesday to resume command of the Danish cruiser Valkyrien.

AS WILL BE SEEN from our advertisement columns, the Midland Railway Company are offering special facilities for intending visitors to the Isle of Man, the Lake Districts, and other well-known holiday resorts on their system.

ALL THROUGH the summer at the London Hippodrome, both at the morning and evening performances, iced lemonade will be distributed gratis and ad lib. in all parts of the house. In addition to this, fans will be provided for the convenience of the audience.

THE COMMITTEE of Lloyds have decided to bestow Lloyd's medal for meritorious services upon Captain Engelbart, of the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamship Kaiser William der Grosse, for his services on the occasion of the great fire at New York on the 30th ultimo.

THE ANNUAL Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held at the Town Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, on the 17th inst., when there was a large attendance of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers and members of the various lodges in the Province. A full report will appear in our next issue.

THE PRINTING of companies' prospectuses, plans, illustrations of industrial works, Masonic work of all description, &c., produced with rapidity. Fast machinery and every modern appliance for the production of large quantities at short notice. Freemason Printing Works, 16 and 16a, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

BRO. SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON (the Town Clerk), has, with Bro. the Lord Mayor and Chief Commoner (Mr. W. R. Pryke), been the recipient of the Khedive's portrait in a silver frame, mounted with the donor's monogram in gold. Accompanying the gift was a cordial letter of thanks for the pleasure the Guildhall entertainment afforded his Highness.

BY COMMAND of her Majesty the Queen, Sergeant M'Askill and Private J. Asquith, of the newly-formed 3rd Battalion Scots Guards, went down to Frogmore on the 19th instant to exhibit the new Army uniform which has been devised by a committee of experts. Her Majesty displayed great interest in all the particulars of the uniform, and expressed her admiration of it.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES have abandoned their proposed visit to Goodwood House in consequence of the indisposition of the Duke of Richmond, who was to have been their host. It is probable, in these circumstances, that the Princess of Wales will not be present during the race week, but that the Prince of Wales, who will live on board his yacht, will attend the meeting.

THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY.—This company have decided to allow each first-class passenger 150 lb., each second-class passenger 120 lb., and each third-class passenger 100 lb. of free luggage, although their Parliamentary powers entitle them to make a charge for excess luggage above 120 lb. per first, 100 lb. per second, and 60 lb. per third-class passenger. This will not apply to continental travellers, as the company are bound by the regulations of the continental railways.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING brings his season to a close on Saturday, the 28th inst. On that day there will be two performances—afternoon and evening—at the Lyceum. At both performances a varied and interesting programme is to be presented, consisting of four separate items, namely, the third act of "Robespierre," "Nance Oldfield," "Waterloo," and the fourth act of "The Merchant of Venice," thus affording scope for the appearance of Sir Henry and Miss Ellen Terry in several of their most popular roles.

IN CONNECTION with Princess Christian's Homes of Rest for Discharged Soldiers and Sailors now in course of erection at Bisley, we are authorised to state that her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to endow two beds; their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York endow one bed for a soldier or sailor; her Royal Highness Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein one bed for the King's Royal Rifles; and their Highnesses Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein and Princess Aribert of Anhalt a bed for a "greenjacket."

ABERDEEN CITY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.—The quarterly communication of this lodge was held on the 13th instant. In the absence of Bro. Wilson, Prov. G. Master, the chair was occupied by Bro. Crombie, Dep. Prov. G. Master. The Chairman referred in feeling terms to the death of Bro. Gill, Prov. G. Sec. Bro. David W. Clark presented his commission from the Prov. G. Master, and was formally installed in the office of Prov. G. Secretary. Bro. A. A. Tindal was elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and Bro. W. Wilson Prov. G.I.G.

THE NINTH ART LOAN EXHIBITION promoted by the City Corporation at the Guildhall Gallery has just closed its doors, after proving one of the most successful ever held, over 200,000 persons having passed through the turnstiles during the last three months. The total attendance of the public at these displays has been nearly two millions, while the value of the works of art temporarily entrusted to the Common Council has been nearly two millions sterling. The expenses have been £9816, less £5255 received for catalogues.

HER MAJESTY, on the 18th instant, decorated Staff-Sergeant S. W. McConnell, Army Gymnastic Staff, with the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field for his good services during the final pursuit and defeat of the Khalifa in the Soudan in November, 1899, for which he was brought to notice by the Sirdar of the Egyptian Army. Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg was present with the Queen. Lord Lawrence, Lord-in-Waiting; Lieut.-Colonel Sir Arthur Bigge, and Major-General Sir John McNeill, Equerry-in-Waiting, were in attendance.

HER MAJESTY and Princess Henry of Battenberg were present on Tuesday afternoon at the christening of the infant son of Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg, which took place in the drawing-room of Frogmore House. The gold font from Windsor Castle was used for the baptism of the little Prince, who received the names of Albert Victor Nicholas Louis Francis, and for whom her Majesty was sponsor. The Dean of Windsor officiated, and the musical portions of the service were sung by several of the lay clerks and choristers of St. George's Chapel, under the direction of Bro. Sir Walter Parratt.

FOR THE LAST time before Vacation, which in the City will commence on the 1st August, Bro. the Lord Mayor presided over the Court of Aldermen. The Senior Sheriff elect attended "to give bond" that he would duly perform the duties of his office. Mr. Sheriff elect Lawrence, on account of urgent private affairs, begged to postpone his attendance for the same purpose until the next Court. The Chamberlain and Bridge Masters recently re-elected made the usual declarations. Bro. Alderman Sir Henry Knight, Sir J. T. Ritchie, and Bro. Vaughan Morgan were appointed on the governing body of the United Westminster Schools.