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THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

We gladly take the opportunity of congratulating the Earl of WARWICK, Dep. Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master of Essex, the Board of Stewards—and especially those who worked for his lordship's Province—and the Benevolent Institution itself on the grand success of Wednesday's gathering. For ourselves, we were fully prepared, after the later information that reached us, for an ample contribution—with a band of over 500 ladies and brethren it could not well be otherwise. But, having regard to the many calls which our whole body politic has been called upon to make during the last 18 months, and the depression to which the lamented death of our late Queen has given rise among all classes and conditions of men, we confess that we have been well-nigh surprised out of ourselves by the figures which it was the pleasure and privilege of Bro. JAMES TERRY, the Secretary of the Institution, to announce in the hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday evening. The Board of Stewards mustered 597 ladies and brethren, or somewhat less than last year's number, but, on the other hand, while the total announced in 1900 was only somewhat in excess of £20,000—ultimately increased to over £22,000—the Returns on this occasion reached £25,542 18s., London, with 283 Stewards contributing £12,338 10s., and the Provinces, of which 37 out of 46 were represented, £13,204 8s. This is the highest aggregate obtained at any Festival in behalf of this Institution, with the single exception of the Jubilee in 1892, and, therefore, the satisfaction at such a result will be all the more pronounced.

Nor must we allow the occasion to pass without most heartily congratulating Bro. TERRY, the Secretary of the Institution, and his small but energetic staff, on the result. For months past they have been striving their hardest to secure the funds necessary to meet the charges of the year, and they now have their reward in a success which not only was not anticipated, but which is unprecedented for a Festival—held under ordinary conditions and without a special attraction—in the annals of the Benevolent Institution. We must also tender our congratulations to the Institution itself, which will be able to meet its obligations and it may be, make some additions to the roll of annuitants on the two Funds. We bear in mind that new annuities were created both last year and in 1899; but under the circumstances it may be that the Committee will strain

a point, if only that by so doing it may lessen appreciably the number of poor old applicants. If something of this kind is done, Lord WARWICK and all who helped his lordship on Wednesday will have good reason to be proud of this year's Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Festival to celebrate the 59th anniversary of the establishment of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Warwick, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Prov. G. Master for Essex, presided, and was supported by over 400 brethren, many of whom were accompanied by ladies. Among the brethren present were:

Bros. Rear-Admiral St. Clair, P.G.D.; W. C. Lupton, P.G.D.; Rev. R. Peek, P.G.C.; W. M. Stiles, P.G.T.; Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, P.G.T.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. H. Whadcoat, J.G.D.; H. L. Florence, G. Supt. Wks.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Lennox Browne, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Dr. Strong, S. J. Attenborough, P.A.G.D.C.; F. B. Westlake, P.D.G.D.C.; J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution; James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; James Speller, W. H. Bailey, P.G.T.; Daniel Mayer, S.G.D.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C.; Major Henry Wright, P.G.S.B.; and W. G. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br.

The proceedings commenced with a grand banquet, and afterwards the toasts were proposed.

The Earl of WARWICK, in proposing the first toast, "The King," said this was the first occasion on which he had had the honour of submitting to the brethren the toast which he was now going to propose—"The King and the Craft"—who had passed recently through a very sad time and they, as loyal subjects—for all Masons were essentially loyal subjects—had been filled with the deepest sorrow at the loss of the greatest Sovereign, he supposed, ever known in the history of this world. It had always been Masons' custom to associate her name with the toast of the Craft. Now they drank the health of their King coupled with the Craft. They all knew how greatly Masonry had been honoured by the association of his Majesty with their Order and they were glad to think that although owing to his exalted position and many duties he would not be able to take that active part in their proceedings which he had hitherto done, yet still he remained the Protector of their Order, and they as loyal subjects could assure him of the deepest loyalty from every Mason throughout his kingdom and Empire. They had the greatest confidence that their King would prove himself a great King; they knew he had all the personal qualities which rendered him attractive to the people, and they had it from his own lips that the great thought of his heart for the future would be the consideration of his people's good. It was needless for him to say more on this subject, and he would give them with every good feeling "The Health of the King and the Craft."

The Earl of WARWICK next gave "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the other Members of the Royal Family," and said that from the very first moment our King brought his bride to these shores the Queen had always been the most popular woman in this country. At the opening of Parliament the other day all those who witnessed the ceremony were impressed by the beauty and the majestic appearance of her Majesty on that occasion. They all knew the great grief she experienced in the loss of her son and of her mother, but she was ready to take her place and her duties. She had always been the loving Queen of her people. With regard to the other members of the Royal Family, he might say the Duke of Cornwall and York was going to a most distant part of his Majesty's Empire, and they knew the hearty reception he would get there, and that he would cement the ties of brotherly love and affection which existed between the old country and the new. With reference to the Duke of Connaught, they knew—and they were delighted to know—that they were to have his Royal Highness as their Grand Master, and he knew well the reception his Royal Highness would get when his installation was performed this year. (Applause.)

The Earl of WARWICK then proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M.; Earl Amherst," who he hoped would long be spared to assist the Grand Master in the performance of his duties. During the interregnum a great burden and responsibility fell on Lord Amherst's shoulders.

Bro. MIDDLEMASS proposed "The Grand Officers," to which the Rev. Bro. Peek, G.C., responded.

The Earl of WARWICK then said they had now come to what he begged to think was the toast of the evening. He had now the honour to submit

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the toast "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." (Applause). They all knew what a country this was for charity, and in a good cause how easy it was to obtain money. On occasions like the present it was generally the custom to choose some chairman of prominent eloquence who was able by the excellent way he put the case before his audience to induce them to contribute towards the charity or institution he advocated. On the present occasion, however, matters were somewhat different. Fortunately for him the work had been already done, and it remained to him more or less to congratulate and to thank those brethren, the Stewards, who had worked so energetically in the past year to secure funds for this Institution. (Hear, hear). He should feel very nervous were he to think that it might depend on words of his that evening whether they secured an adequate subscription or not; but they all knew that among Charitable people in this country the most Charitable were the Freemasons, and it was a matter of honour to them, no matter who might preside in the chair on these cases, to do their best to support the Institution and the Chairman. ("Hear, hear.") It had been his privilege on two previous occasions to occupy the chair for the two other Masonic Charities. It had also been told him that he might have the honour some day to preside over the Benevolent Institution. If his memory served him, on previous occasions the brethren of his province (Essex) had never been backward in supporting him, and although to-night he was completely in the dark as to what they had been doing in his province during his absence, he felt quite sure from the noble attendance they made that evening that they had been doing their best for the cause, and also their best to support their Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers.) Owing to the kindness of Bro. Terry he had a short statement in his hand of the history of the Institution which he would venture in a few brief words to place before them. No doubt most of the brethren were well acquainted with it, but there were probably younger Masons who might like to know more about the Institution than they knew already, and who might be encouraged to still further efforts in the Masonic year which was before us. (Hear, hear.) As regarded the Male Fund of the Institution, this branch was founded in the year 1842 by Grand Lodge, under the auspices of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Most Worshipful Grand Master. It had since then supported 1017 brethren. At the last election there were 210 brethren, each receiving £40 a year, and the total amount came to £8400 a year. The permanent income of this branch was £2966, and the deficiency the brethren were asked to assist to make up, was £5534. There are 50 candidates at the election in May next, and only nine vacancies. The Widows' Fund Branch of the Institution was founded in 1849 by Grand Lodge, under the auspices of the late Earl of Zetland, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and since then it had supported 706 widows. At the last election there were 253 widows, each receiving £32 a year. That amounted to £8096, and the permanent income was £2800. The deficiency of this branch amounted to £2996. There were also 32 widows receiving half of their late husband's annuities, or £20 a year each, and they received this for five years, or until election. There were 54 candidates for election in May next, and only three vacancies. At the Institution at Croydon there was accommodation for 32 residents, who had, in addition to the annuity, gas, coals, and medical attendance. The earnest desire of the Committee was not only to keep the existing large number of annuitants on the funds, but if possible to provide for additional males and females. Looking at the calls made on the funds there had been a custom to invest a portion of the money, but during the last few years a plan was adopted which struck him as very satisfactory, and whereas at one time a large portion of the receipts had been invested, the Committee now felt that the subscriptions were intended to alleviate present wants, and not to be laid by for future calls. Therefore they invested only the surplus income each year. They all knew that in the subscriptions which had been asked for for our soldiers and sailors abroad one of their Institutions had been viewed with considerable dislike and suspicion in consequence of the fact that in the Crimean War a large sum of money was invested and had never been distributed. He was one of those who thought that was a wrong thing, and that they should spend their money while they had got it. There were plenty of generous men who would not keep it in their hands. In Masonry brethren had calls on them for Charity, and some hesitated to give if they did not know whether the money would be properly administered. But he would say he had the pleasure of going down on Tuesday with Bro. Terry to Croydon, and one of the Grand Officers, and they made a personal inspection of the inhabitants. Some of them, though aged, were full of good spirits, and were able to enter into Bro. Terry's chaff which he distributed. Some of the old couples seemed to be very happy in their domestic arrangements until Bro. Terry advised them not to flirt too much. (Laughter.) He was quite sure these aged Masons were people who were deserving of gratitude. It was not a matter of Charity; they had a right to expect from us in their declining years and impoverished condition liberal support. He was sure the appeal he made to-night would come to the hearts of all. He was glad to see that among the list of Stewards there were many ladies. Ladies were prominent in the cause of Charity. It had long been considered whether it was not for the good of the country that women should take part in our affairs, and it had recently been said in speaking of the ladies, "Woman, once our inferior, now our equal." (Laughter.) They placed themselves on an equality with us by subscribing to the Masonic Charities. We were extremely grateful to them, and if they felt themselves superior in the collections we should not wish to deprive them of the honour of doing good. (Hear, hear.) He wished it were possible for him to explain how greatly he appreciated the privilege conferred on him that evening. Those who lived outside his Province of Essex he thanked for coming up to support him on this occasion.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treasurer, responded on behalf of the Committee and the Executive Officers of the Institution. His lordship's speech had touched the hearts of the brethren. The Committee had no notion what might come, as so much money had been spent in other directions. They feared the Masonic Charities might fail, and last Wednesday when they had to consider the number to be put on the list for election in May they did not know whether they should add in order to supply vacancies by death. There had been several deaths, and the vacancies would be filled up. He did not like to prognosticate, but he thought from a whisper he had heard that the Festival to-night was one that would gladden the Dep. Grand Master's heart.

Bro. JAMES TERRY then read the following

STEWARDS' LISTS.

LONDON.				Lodge			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Lodge	1 Bro. Cecil Holden-White	21	0 0	1441	Bro. A. H. Rimbault	10	10 0
1	" B. W. Levy	10	10 0	Chapter			
2	" F. S. Hanson	21	0 0	1507	Comp. W. Mason Stiles	15	15 0
Chapter				Lodge			
2	Comp. W. J. Armitage			1539	Bro. W. G. Cannon	67	7 0
	(see also Lodge			1540	" A. J. Bailey		
	No. 859, Cam-			1540	" William Miles	87	3 0
	bridgeshire)			1571	" Percy Leach	62	13 6
Lodge				1598	" A. W. Jeffreys	47	5 0
4	Bro. W. R. Few	15	15 0	1599	" Walter Callingham	108	3 0
5	" J. C. Collard	54	0 6	1602	" W. J. R. Littlewood	137	0 6
8	" J. Heron Duncan	21	0 0	1613	" A. Spiegel	50	0 0
Chapter				1613	" *Claud A. Hooper		
8	Comp. J. H. Davidson			1642	" W. H. Handover	82	8 6
	(see also Lodge			1658	" Henry Backeridge	25	0 0
	No. 1820)			1671	" F. G. Fender	133	5 0
Lodge				1685	" L. Shilton	45	0 0
9	Bro. W. A. Evans	34	13 3	1687	" L. Verdier	90	0 0
10	" Henry L. Florence	129	0 0	1693	" E. Dimes		
13	" Geo. W. Reed (see			1695	" T. G. Hodges	24	18 0
	also Chap. No.			1706	" C. H. Kempling	63	0 0
	2182)			1716	" J. Y. Mosey	105	0 0
15	" A. R. Carpenter	57	15 0	1719	" Samuel Wood	81	17 0
18	" George Burt	113	18 6	1743	" Richard Perry	65	0 0
21	" W. J. Lancaster	43	5 0	1766	" A. Kaufman	122	11 6
22	" S. J. Cowley	46	14 6	1769	" W. H. Gardner	58	16 0
23	" Joseph Husbands	33	12 0	1791	" A. G. Wedmore	106	5 0
26	" Col. F. G. Watson	18	18 0	1804	" J. P. West	112	12 0
29	" G. T. Langridge	21	0 0	1805	" G. Chapman (see also		
30	" F. C. Foster	29	1 6		No. 2732, Herts.)	26	5 0
45	" John Briggs	131	5 0	1816	" G. Haysom	58	5 6
60	" A. H. Debenham	15	15 0	1820	" J. H. Davidson (see		
65	" James Smart	138	12 0		also Chap. No. 8)	115	10 0
72	" Chas. H. Randall	63	0 0	1820	" R. W. James		
79	" *C. H. Cooper			1827	" W. T. Roberts	60	18 0
79	" R. Salter	36	15 0	1828	" Geo. Knights	27	6 0
79	" Andrew Wilson	10	10 0	1839	" J. F. Perrins	68	15 0
87	" T. Woods	58	0 0	1901	" Jas. S. Pointon	220	0 0
90	" A. L. Reynolds	216	6 0	1922	" H. Cornford (see		
91	" A. J. Thomas	63	0 0		also No. 1320)		
95	" M. L. Russell	62	14 6	1964	" Major W. N. Davis	100	16 0
96	" John Woodhouse (see			1986	" W. S. Oldfield	36	15 0
	also No. 165)			Chapter			
Chapter				2000	Comp. Joseph Pollard	15	15 0
144	Comp. H. Vane Stow (see			Lodge			
	also Lodge No.			2021	Bro. C. W. Evans	105	0 0
	2578)			2029	" R. A. Gowan		
Lodge				2030	" G. Mansfield	120	15 0
147	Bro. the Rev. T. W.			2045	" Stephen Hussey	57	15 0
	Embleton-Thomas	31	10 0	2128	" Thos. W. Chant	65	0 0
165	" John Woodhouse (see			2182	" Geo. W. Reed (see		
	also No. 96)				also No. 13)		
169	" Fred A. Willmott	70	12 6	2190	" Chas. Townley	18	12 0
169	" Arthur Burgin	53	16 0	2242	" Major R. S. Ellis	15	15 0
173	" W. H. Herbert	115	0 0	2265	" *J. L. Goldstein		
Chapter				2266	" A. Ball	10	10 0
173	Comp. T. H. Griffiths	21	0 0	2272	" J. A. Fletcher		
Lodge				2291	" W. G. Stone	96	8 6
174	Bro. J. H. Bulmer	201	19 0	2319	" William Craig	105	0 0
179	" F. J. Edle	84	0 0	2319	" *James Thompson		
180	" L. F. Devry	48	16 6	2319	" *Thos. Sandilands		
185	" W. Hinds	54	12 0	2319	" *J. M. Barclay		
188	" J. Hamilton Craig			2319	" *Francis Inman		
192	" Thos. Stokes	210	0 0	2319	" *N. W. Grieve		
192	" Sidney N. Falls	66	3 0	2397	" R. Newton Crane	38	16 6
198	" G. F. Carr			2398	" N. Dukas	21	5 6
194	" F. J. Hunt	54	12 0	2417	" Walter G. Boswell	61	19 0
197	" Thos. Geo. Bullen	22	1 0	2432	" C. Ransford	73	10 0
198	" George Bavin			2456	" W. E. M. Tomlinson	21	0 0
205	" Joseph Marcus	38	2 0	2466	" E. J. M. Owens	60	18 0
212	" *J. M. Pelt (see also			2489	" Charles Butler	76	13 0
	No. 1861, Surrey			Chapter			
228	" Geo. H. Williams	54	17 6	2489	Comp. O. C. Robson	43	1 0
235	" P. Dawson	15	15 0	Lodge			
250	" Tyson Crawford	49	7 0	2500	Bro. W. Scott Miller	350	0
259	" H. M. Holman	15	15 0	2500	" *I. Whifford		
263	" S. H. Waterhouse	22	1 0	2500	" *G. Scott Miller		
507	" Wallace Smith	45	8 0	2500	" *E. Scott-Miller		
Chapter				2500	" *J. F. Percival		
348	Comp. F. Jones	20	9 6	2500	" *W. G. A. Edwards		
Lodge				2590	" *A. Reid		
554	Bro. H. A. Baxter	63	5 0	2500	" *A. Almond		
569	" H. Humphries	110	5 0	2500	" *A. Pain		
619	" Lorenzo A. J. Faull	38	17 0	2512	" G. R. Haines	93	9 0
704	" Fred A. Bint	179	0 6	2535	" B. Carter	491	9 0
705	" J. H. Warwick	68	5 0	2546	" W. Haig Brodie	19	18 0
781	" Geo. E. Morrow	85	12 0	2550	" T. H. Parry	56	3 6
860	" T. S. Newell	57	15 0	2578	" Major H. Vane Stow		
861	" Jules Dètrez	21	0 0		(see also Chap.		
862	" T. J. Hester	59	17 0		No. 141)	44	2 0
871	" W. W. Wright	80	17 0	2579	" Harry Lewis	60	17 6
898	" A. G. Duck	26	10 0	2580	" W. R. Bennet	101	6 0
902	" Charles Butcher	26	5 0	2601	" H. A. Cockerton	45	0 0
907	" F. O. Tubby	146	9 6	2612	" Rear-Admiral W. H.		
933	" W. Archer Moss	37	10 0		C. St Clair	22	1 0
1017	" James Rosedale (see			2669	" T. F. Strutt	92	18 6
	also No. 2695)			2687	" Leandro Toppoli	40	0 0
1139	" Ernest W. Gurney	21	0 0	2696	" Jas. Rosedale (see		
1155	" Thomas Bugler	36	15 0		also No. 1017)		
1159	" E. J. Lambert	51	9 0	2698	" A. F. Hardyment		
1227	" W. J. Carroll	525	0 0	2698	" H. J. Dunaway	78	15 0
1227	" Robert R. Hayne	10	0 0	2699	" Henry S. Parrott	43	1 0
1259	" C. W. Chandler	63	0 0	2750	" E. Roehrich	36	15 0
1275	" Thos. Bore	26	5 0	2721	" J. M. Klempner	10	10 0
Lodge of Instruction				2729	" Arthur Johnson	10	10 0
1275	Bro. G. C. Blanchard	70	0 0	2730	" W. Hamelton	44	2 6
Lodge				2744	" J. Norman Noakes	32	0 6
1288	Bro. G. W. Key	112	14 0	2763	" G. R. Newman	63	9 6
1298	" H. A. Badman	53	11 0	2766	" Chas. H. Piesse	24	1 6
1306	" G. W. Dawson	34	7 6	2772	" Harry Manfield	110	5 0
1320	" Henry Cornford (see			2789	" Daniel Mayer	131	5 0
	also No. 1922)			2796	" Imre Kiralfy	46	14 6
1339	" A. G. Boswell	68	5 0	2817	" Chas. J. Drummond	70	17 6
1348	" C. Stuart Walker			UNATTACHED.			
	(see also No. 2473,			Bro. *Frank R. Kenning			
	Surrey)			" J. A. Farnfield	10	10 0	
1349	" David Schuter	78	15 0	" J. H. Gerards	10	10 0	
1360	" D. F. Butler	84	0 0	" G. Thompson			
1366	" J. Campbell	77	16 0	" *James Stephens			
1382	" D. Russell	103	15 0	" *Lt.-Col. Clifford Probyn			
1383	" A. H. Thornton	49	13 0	" *E. Rogers			
1437	" W. D. Child			" *J. Walford			

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" Capt. J. Barlow ... 220 10 0			251 " R. W. J. Smart ... 31 10 0			" *H. Flower ...						" W. Lascelles South-		
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" A. J. Rippin ...			DORSETSHIRE.			James Berry ... 99 15 0						261 " G. H. Kite ... 94 10 0		
" W. Ward ...			Bro. J. H. Whadcoat ... 105 0 0			GLOUCESTERSHIRE.						1833 " O. W. Wiltshire ... 52 10 0		
" W. Hudson ...			DURHAM.			Lodge						STAFFORDSHIRE.		
" H. Sykes ...			Lodge			246 Bro. F. F. Palmer ... 5 5 0						Lodge		
" W. Immins ...			1862 Bro. E. S. Cockell ...			493 " S. J. Brendon ... 34 2 6						539 Bro. Alfred Dewsbury ... 35 8 0		
" C. Schindler ...			1862 " John T. Purdy ... 168 0 0			702 " A. S. Winterbotham ... 10 10 0						624 The Lodge ... 10 10 0		
" F. C. Vanoni ...			ESSEX.			1005 " Edwin Lee ... 10 10 0						2149 Bro. Thos. Taylor ... 35 8 6		
" Julius Schmidt ...			THE CHAIRMAN ... 52 0 0			1005 " J. D. Shera ... 66 13 6						2149 " Arthur Baines ... 35 8 0		
" C. J. Mold ...			Lodge			HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.						Unattached		
" C. Stanley Gibbs...			51 Bro. C. E. Egerton-Green 150 0 0			Lodge						Bro. W. H. Bailey ... 51 3 0		
" R. N. B. Best ... 5 5 0			160 " A. J. Arthy ... 23 2 0			342 Bro. Edward J. T. Webb 36 15 0						SUFFOLK.		
" S. J. Attenborough ... 10 10 0			214 " T. Humphreys ... 36 15 0			1069 " Alex. N. Y. Howell 16 10 0						The Province ... 26 5 0		
" W. H. Cole ...			276 " Lewis Beale... 36 15 0			1331 " E. G. Finch ... 20 0 0						114 Bro. V. D. Colchester ... 120 15 0		
" G. H. Paine ...			Chapter			2074 " W. J. Bone ... 26 5 0						225 " Geo. Powell Price ... 220 10 0		
" W. Webber ... 10 10 0			276 Comp. J. P. Green ... 42 0 0			HERTFORDSHIRE.						332 " A. J. Grimwade (see		
" J. W. Elvin ... 10 10 0			Lodge			Lodge						also Chapter No.		
" Richard Jennings ... 15 15 0			433 Bro. William Fieldgate ... 20 0 0			403 Bro. J. L. Gregory ... 39 2 0						1224) ...		
" Alfred Busby ...			453 " Geo. Corble ... 12 12 0			404 " C. E. Keyser (see						Chapter		
" T. J. O'Brien ... 10 10 0			453 " W. S. Page ... 47 5 0			also No. 1479 ...						376 Comp. T. W. Norman ... 52 10 0		
" J. H. Wilson ...			650 " A. J. H. Ward ... 100 10 6			409 " Henry Gervis ... 21 0 0						Lodge		
" S. C. Friston ...			697 " J. P. Smith ... 70 0 0			809 " Chas. A. Reeve ... 117 12 0						959 Bro. A. R. Trew ... 52 10 0		
" W. H. Woolley ...			1000 " Jas. Geo. Jarvis ... 108 5 0			809 " A. Cunningham ... 10 10 0						1008 " Wm. Chapman (see		
" Abel Simmer ...			Chapter			1327 " E. G. Platt ... 53 11 0						also No. 1592) ... 194 0 0		
" A. Friedborig ...			1000 Comp. Albert Lucking ... 36 15 0			1479 " C. E. Keyser (see						Chapter		
" *H. J. Horner ...			Lodge			also No. 404) ... 126 0 0						1224 Comp. A. J. Grimwade		
" William Yeo ...			1024 Bro. Rev. D. Gotto ... 25 2 6			2054 " Frank L. Palmer ... 10 10 0						(see also Lodge		
" W. G. Kentish ... 52 10 0			1280 " Henry King... 27 6 0			2323 " E. C. Fisk ... 26 5 0						No. 332) ... 52 10 0		
" H. Bown ...			1312 " W. J. Johnstone ... 102 7 6			2372 " William Metcalfe ... 42 0 0						Lodge		
" J. H. Catten ... 10 10 0			1343 " Chas. Asplin ... 63 0 0			Chapter						1592 Bro. W. Chapman (see		
" Jas. E. Terry ... 10 10 0			1437 " C. H. Woodcock ... 29 18 6			2373 Comp. James Graham (see						also No. 1003) ...		
" *G. R. Allison ...			1437 " John Suckling ... 15 15 0			also No. 2750						1631 " W. G. Shadrake ... 89 5 0		
" A. A. Frigout ... 10 10 0			1437 " F. A. Stratford ... 15 15 0			Essex) ...						1663 " A. G. Flatman ... 99 15 0		
" W. Gladding ... 10 10 0			1437 " W. Baker ... 10 10 0			Lodge						1883 " T. E. Key ... 15 15 0		
" *Jas. P. Dickson ...			1437 " J. S. Hammond ... 10 10 0			2518 Bro. Geo. H. Fell ... 31 10 0						2371 " F. A. ... 52 10 0		
" T. Blanco White...			1457 " Jethro Ambrose ... 107 1 6			2732 " Geo. Chapman (see						SURREY.		
" *Chas. Robinson ...			1457 " R. A. Panchand ... 94 10 0			also No. 1305,						410 Bro. W. H. Bathurst ... 63 0 0		
" *A. W. Daniell ...			1457 " C. E. Foster ... 42 5 0			London) ... 246 15 0						889 " G. Cowan ... 40 19 0		
" H. B. Marshall ... 52 10 0			1457 " A. J. Richmond ... 10 10 0			2786 " Frank Burckett ... 217 17 0						1046 " C. N. Jackman ...		
" *F. H. Callingham ...			1543 " T. J. Ralling ... 84 0 0			2786 " J. T. Matthews ...						1347 " *Tom Cookes... 52 10 0		
LADIES.			1734 " Percy E. Beard ... 47 5 0			2786 " W. Coxen ...						1347 " H. W. Lofis... 52 10 0		
Mrs. T. W. Chant ...			1799 " S. J. Sparling ... 33 12 0			Unattached						1362 " G. Wallace Peat ... 43 1 0		
Miss Lily Stephens ...			1817 " Waiter Willingate ... 52 10 0			Bro. W. E. Catesby ... 13 13 0						1638 " G. A. Mitchell ... 25 10 0		
Mrs. J. H. Whadcoat...			1817 " A. J. Marden ... 21 0 0			" W. T. Boyhall, jun. ... 10 10 0						1790 " Henry Baber ... 27 15 0		
" J. H. Bridgman ...			1877 " A. H. Brooks ... 45 0 0			" J. P. Taylor...						1861 " *J. M. Pett (see also		
" J. R. Johnson ...			1907 " F. H. Lehmkuhl ... 170 2 0			" Dr. W. P. Warren...						No. 212, London) ...		
" G. E. Cannon ...			2005 " J. R. Johnson ... 10 10 0			" John C. Richards ... 3 3 0						26 " William Rogers ... 26 5 0		
" C. H. Cooper ...			2005 " A. G. Hayman ... 10 10 0			" H. G. Floyd... 10 10 0						1981 " R. S. Cobden ... 26 5 0		
" S. T. Cooke ...			2005 " S. F. Herbage ... 10 10 0			" Philip Wilson ... 10 10 0						2096 " Herbert A. Brown... 59 17 0		
" A. Ford ...			2005 " B. Henderson ... 10 10 0			Bro. J. T. Marchant ... 10 10 0						2096 " John Wayte... 11 11 0		
" J. T. Dormer ...			2005 " *G. H. Clark... 10 10 0			" W. J. Crutch ...						2444 " C. Wells ... 36 15 0		
" Louisa Bailey ...			2005 " James Dear ... 10 10 0			" W. H. Williams ... 10 10 0						2473 " C. S. Walker (see		
Miss Dove ...			2005 " E. S. Free ...			KENT.						also No. 1348,		
Mrs. C. Winterbotham ... 5 5 0			2005 " W. Slater ...			Chapter						London) ... 89 5 0		
" W. F. Toyhell ... 5 5 0			2005 " G. H. Finch ...			133 Comp. Henry S. Fett ... 21 0 0						2652 " F. W. Hancock ... 90 0 0		
" F. H. Lehmkarlb ... 5 5 0			2005 " C. H. Kyon ... 85 1 0			Lodge						2769 " R. D. Longworth ... 44 11 6		
" Wm. Webber ...			2063 " W. G. Lowe... 75 6 0			1050 Bro. Solomon J. Brice,						Unattached		
" W. G. Cannon ...			2077 " E. R. Cleaton (see			jun. ... 21 0 0						Bro. W. D. Hayward ... 10 0 0		
" C. Milton ...			also No. 1582, N.			1436 " W. S. Carter ... 26 5 0						SUSSEX.		
" R. H. Stevens ...			Wales) ... 25 4 0			2147 " Samuel Gale ... 10 10 0						Lodge		
" Meens ...			2154 " Thos. Marshall ... 10 10 0			2205 " Wm. Baker ... 15 15 0						38 Bro. H. S. Aylmore ... 23 17 6		
" F. J. Stokes ...			2184 " W. H. Catt ... 5 5 0			LANCASHIRE (E.D.).						315 " R. E. Felham ... 11 11 0		
" T. Hughes ...			2255 " G. S. Dauntun ... 37 10 0			The Province						732 " Harry Mainwaring... 10 10 0		
" E. Walker ...			2255 " James Terry ... 137 15 0			Bro. C. D. Cheetham ... 115 10 0						916 " A. S. Triggs ... 30 0 0		
LEWIS.			2256 " G. R. Brown ... 52 10 0			Unattached						1184 " L. T. St. John ... 38 17 6		
P. G. W. Pointer ...			2318 " John Jas. Snowdon... 30 8 0			" W. Forrest ... 52 10 0						1821 " V. B. Burden ... 39 7 6		
Sidney Pointer ...			2339 " W. G. Synnott ... 31 10 0			*John R. Thompson...						1829 " A. J. Carpenter ... 61 0 0		
*Eric Carter ...			2342 " S. J. King ... 25 0 0			LANCASHIRE (W.D.).						1829 " John T. Rusbridge... 21 0 0		
D. H. Dale ...			2344 " Walter Fortescue ... 206 6 6			Lodge						1829 " James Nye ... 10 10 0		
L. E. Bratt ...			2472 " Arthur R. Ray ... 35 0 0			382 Bro. A. J. Hanson ... 47 5 0						1829 " F. J. Marston ...		
THE PROVINCES.			2477 " J. D. Bailey... 26 5 0			1237 " James M. Dexter ... 57 15 0						1829 " G. Law ... 10 10 0		
BEDFORDSHIRE.			2501 " Leo Taylor ... 60 0 0			1309 " Fred. Robinson ... 26 5 0						1829 " C. M. Gosheron ...		
Lodge			2501 " J. H. Retallack-			1309 " *Joseph Hodder ...						1842 " Lt.-Col. H. C. Wilson		
802 Bro. J. C. H. Daniel ... 40 19 0			Molony ... 26 5 0			1507 " H. C. R. Dailey ... 78 15 0						G. H. Wheeler ... 10 10 0		
BERKSHIRE.			2508 " Percy Griffith ... 105 0 0			1579 " H. W. Dobb ... 31 13 0						2187 " W. H. Crossley ... 10 10 0		
574 Bro. W. J. Langley ... 26 11 0			2561 " H. Herbert Francis...			1037 " Max Lichtenberg ... 10 10 0						2434 " W. F. Trydell ... 36 15 0		
1101 " D. N. Heron ... 90 0 0			2707 " A. T. G. Woods ... 52 10 0			1650 " D. A. Ross ... 23 2 0						2676 " C. A. Venables ... 10 10 0		
2671 " W. A. Cocks ... 50 0 0			2707 " A. S. Gardiner ... 10 10 0			2523 " E. C. P. Hodgkinson 60 0 0						2676 " H. Habgood ... 10 10 0		
2760 " T. S. Cockbridge ... 30 9 0			2717 " W. L. Crow... 325 10 0			Unattached						2676 " F. Schreiner... 26 5 0		
Unattached			2717 " F. Oram ...			Bro. Capt. C. H. Garnett 31 10 0						Unattached		
Bro. C. E. Keyser... 105 0 0			2717 " *P. Koskams... 10 10 0			MIDDLESEX.						*Bro. Major W. H. Cary-		
" E. C. Brequet ...			2717 " A. R. When... 10 10 0			Lodge						Elwes ...		
" Lewis C. N. Keyser 21 0 0			2717 " E. Lucking ... 10 10 0			382 Bro. A. J. Hanson ... 47 5 0						" H. C. Richards ... 10 10 0		
BRISTOL.			2717 " F. G. Smith... 10 10 0			1237 " James M. Dexter ... 57 15 0						WARWICKSHIRE.		
The Province			2717 " Thos. Byford ... 10 10 0			1309 " *Joseph Hodder ...						Lodge		
Bro. F. S. Bolt ... 707 7 0			2717 " F. England ... 36 15 0			1507 " H. C. R. Dailey ... 78 15 0						739 Bro. C. M. Wrightson ... 5 5 0		
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.			2717 " *A. Drury ...			1037 " Max Lichtenberg ... 10 10 0						794 " Felix Jones ... 10 10 0		
Lodge			2717 " Geo. Jacob ... 10 10 0			1650 " D. A. Ross ... 23 2 0						925 " Joseph Hudson ...		
1501 Bro. Henry Flint ...			Lodge of Instruction			2523 " E. C. P. Hodgkinson 60 0 0						925 " Thomas Ballington...		
" James Williams ... 10 10 0			2717 Bro. John A. Terry ... 10 10 0			Unattached						925 " F. J. Penn ... 84 0 0		
1501 " J. J. Simcox... 16 16 0			2734 Bro. Geo. Ackermann ... 42 0 0			*Bro. James P. Orton ...						925 " Jas. A. Turton ...		
1787 " Thos. Bonner ... 20 0 0			2749 " G. M. E. L. Verlyck ... 116 0 0			" R. F. Fennell ... 10 10 0						925 " John A. Hankins ...		
2421 " William Yeo... 21 0 0			2749 " R. J. Hatfield ...			" C. W. Pridmore ...								
2492 " A. G. Lea ... 43 11 6			2750 " James Graham (see			MONMOUTHSHIRE.								
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.			also Chap. 2372,			683 Bro. W. H. Le Grand								
Lodge			Herts) ... 89 5 0			Chambers ... 10 10 0								
859 Bro. W. J. Armitage ...			2757 " J. T. Dormer ... 262 10 0			NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.								
1892 " W. Briggs ...			2757 " Alfred Ford ...			Lodge								
2107 " George Barrow ...						445 Bro. G. H. Dunckley ... 20 16 6								
						NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.								
						Lodge								
						1852 Bro. J. Harrop White ... 210 0 0								

Lodge	£	s.	d.
1016 Bro. Geo. H. Sheaff ...	10	10	0
1246 per Bro. Jas. Evans ...	31	10	0
1551 Bro. T. Rowbotham ...	10	10	0
1644 " Thos. Ratcliff ...	10	10	0

WILTSHIRE.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
626 Bro. A. H. Lapham ...	39	7	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
280 Bro. R. C. Smith-Carington (see also No. 1204) ...	62	11	6
529 " J. Hill White ...	52	10	0
529 " J. Millington ...	31	10	0
564 " H. W. Willcocks ...	31	10	0
1204 " B. C. Smith-Carington (see also No. 280) ...	—	—	—
2385 " *W. T. Davies ...	—	—	—
2385 " G. B. Buttery ...	49	7	0
2385 " Fred. Richards ...	—	—	—
2654 " C. P. Perry ...	24	3	0
2654 " R. W. Rusby ...	42	0	0

YORKSHIRE (N. AND E.).

Lodge and Chapter	£	s.	d.
236 Bro. F. W. Laughton ...	73	10	0
Lodge	£	s.	d.
236 Bro. G. Potter-Kirby ...	10	10	0
312 " J. H. Harrowing ...	26	5	0
1511 " W. L. Harrison ...	—	—	—
1511 " W. H. Holmes ...	—	—	—
The Province	£	s.	d.
Bro. W. H. Cowper ...	67	3	0
Unattached	£	s.	d.
Bro. G. W. Brown ...	—	—	—

Those marked with a * have their donation included in Lodge or Provincial list.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

Province	£	s.	d.
Bedfordshire ...	40	19	0
Berkshire ...	323	0	0
Bristol ...	732	7	0
Buckinghamshire ...	111	17	6
Cambridgeshire ...	102	19	6
Cheshire ...	21	0	0
Cornwall ...	418	8	6
Cumberland and Westmorland ...	15	15	0
Derbyshire ...	10	10	0
Devonshire ...	777	0	0
Dorsetshire ...	105	0	0
Durham ...	168	0	0
Essex ...	4052	10	0
Gloucestershire ...	127	1	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight ...	99	16	0
Hertfordshire ...	1001	8	0
Kent ...	94	10	0
Lancashire (East Division) ...	168	0	0
Lancashire (West Division) ...	31	10	0

GENERAL SUMMARY.

283 STEWARDS—LONDON ...	£12,338	10	0
314 STEWARDS—PROVINCES ...	13,204	8	0
GRAND TOTAL ...	£25,542	18	0

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., proposed "The Chairman."

The Earl of WARWICK responding, said he did not know how adequately to express his deep and sincere thanks for the noble and loyal manner the brethren had come forward and supported him. He thanked specially the brethren from Essex for so nobly assisting him. He knew they had been working hard to make the festival creditable to himself and the province, but he had been quite staggered with the amount.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER proposed "The other Masonic Institutions," and Bros. HEDGES and MCLEOD responded.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE proposed "The Stewards," to which Dr. STRONG replied, and the company then adjourned to the Temple, where a grand entertainment was given, in which Miss Edith Serpell, Miss Florence Venning, Miss Gertrude Collins, Miss Annie Bartle, Miss Lizzie Davies, Miss Helen Mar, and Bros. Samuel Masters, Frank Tebbutt, and Arthur Strugnell took part.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

There is no need for any prefatory remarks in the case of a Festival which has been so splendidly productive. The 527 Stewards who gave their services on Wednesday raised a total of £25,542 18s., London, with 283 representatives, being responsible for £12,338 10s., and the Provinces, with 314 Stewards, for £13,204 8s. This is largely in excess of any total previously announced in ordinary years for this Institution.

Giving our attention, in the first place, to

LONDON,

we remark that as many as 29 lists in excess of £100 are included in the aforesaid total of £12,338 10s., the highest of all being that compiled by Bro. W. J. Carroll, of the Upton Lodge, No. 1225, who has the satisfaction of being an Essex as well as a London brother, and who, above all things, has, by his zeal and energy, had the satisfaction of raising a total of £525. Next in order was Bro. B. Carter, who represented the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535, to such good purpose that his list ultimately amounted to £428 9s. Bro. W. S. Miller, of the Old Boys' Lodge, No. 2500, compiled a Return of £350, while for the fourth place there was very nearly being a tie between Bro. Captain John Barlow, who raised £220 10s., and Bro. J. L. Pointer, Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, whose total was £220. Bro. A. L. Reynolds, of the St. John's Lodge, No. 90, was close up with £216 6s., and was followed at no very great distance by Bro. J. H. Bulmer, Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, with £201 19s. Bro. F. A. Bint, Camden Lodge, No. 704, is entered for a total of £179 6s. 6d., and then follow in close order Bro. F. O. Tubby, of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, for £146 9s. 6d.; Bro. James Smart, Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, with £138 12s.; Bro. J. R. Littlewood, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, with £137 6s.; Bros. John Briggs Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, and Daniel Mayer, Royal Warrant Holders Lodge, No. 2789, who tie with £131 5s., and Bro. H. L. Florence, Westminster Lodge, No. 10, with £129. Bro. Robert Manuel, of the Logic Club, figures for £126; Bro. A. Kaufman, St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1706, for £122 11s. 6d.; and Bro. G. M. Spong, Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, for £120 15s. Bro. J. H. Davison, Sir Thomas White Lodge,

YORKSHIRE (W.).

Lodge	£	s.	d.
290 Bro. Joe Lamb ...	—	—	—
290 " W. P. Raynor ...	—	—	—
304 " C. L. Mason ...	—	—	—
306 " W. Blackburn ...	—	—	—
904 " Fred. Cleeves ...	—	—	—
904 " John Gibbs ...	—	—	—
974 " W. C. Lupton ...	—	—	—
1019 " Major H. G. E. Green ...	—	—	—
1102 " Geo. C. Hirst ...	—	—	—
1102 " Walter Barley ...	—	—	—
1231 " J. G. Howell ...	—	—	—
1231 " A. W. Law ...	—	—	—
1231 " Albert Fielding ...	700	0	0
1231 " H. H. Waller ...	—	—	—
1231 " Chas. H. Waller ...	—	—	—
1231 " J. W. Broadhead ...	—	—	—
1239 " T. Rowbotham ...	—	—	—
1514 " David Walker ...	—	—	—
1736 " J. E. Oates ...	—	—	—
2263 " W. C. Fenton ...	—	—	—
2268 " Major C. F. Bennett ...	—	—	—
2558 " Chas. Stokes ...	—	—	—
2558 " Capt. C. Parker ...	—	—	—
2558 " Chas. Robinson ...	—	—	—
2558 " H. Cawood ...	—	—	—

GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.

Province	£	s.	d.
Bro. J. B. Nickolls ...	10	10	0

Lodge	£	s.	d.
168 Bro. Thos. Pengelley ...	84	0	0

FOREIGN STATIONS.

S. AFRICA.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
2678 Bro. N. E. Haworth ...	8	14	0

No. 1820, compiled £115 10s.; Bro. G. Burt, Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, £113 18s. 6d.; and Bros. J. P. West and A. Smith, who jointly represented the Coborn Lodge, No. 2804, £112 12s. Bros. H. Humphries, of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, and Harry Manfield, of the Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772, scored each of them £110 5s.; Bro. H. Callingham, Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599, £108 3s.; Bro. H. O. Herbert, Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, £107 15s.; and Bro. A. G. Wedmore, Creaton Lodge, No. 1793, £106 5s.; Bros. H. Cornford, of the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, J. Y. Mosey, of the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716; Bro. C. H. Evans, Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, and Bro. Craig and five other brethren of the Scots Lodge, No. 2319, each compiled a total of £105; and Bro. A. H. Thornton, Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, and Bro. W. N. Davies, Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, brought up the rear with £103 15s. and £100 16s. respectively.

The following lists are also worthy of being mentioned, namely, that of Bro. F. J. Eedle, Manchester Lodge, No. 179, for £84; Bro. Geo. E. Morrow's for £85 12s., as representing the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781; Bro. W. W. Wright's for £80 17s., Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871. £70 from Bro. G. C. Blanchard, of the Star Lodge, No. 1275; £78 15s. from Bro. C. Stuart Walker, Ebury Lodge, No. 1348; £77 16s. from the Highgate Lodge, No. 1766, per Bro. J. Campbell; £87 3s. from the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, per Bro. W. Miles; and £82 8s. 6d. from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, per Bro. W. H. Handover. The Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, contributed £90, per Bro. L. Verdier; and the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, £81 17s., per Bro. S. Wood. Bro. W. G. Stone, of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, is entered for £96 8s. 6d.; and Bro. C. Ransford, of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2432, for £73 10s. Bro. Charles Butler, Willesden Lodge, No. 2489, figures for £76 12s.; Bro. G. N. Haines, Fulham Lodge, No. 2512, for £93 9s.; and Bro. T. F. Strutt, Hygeia Lodge, No. 2664, for £92 18s. 6d.; while Bro. H. J. Dunaway, Brondesbury Lodge, No. 2698, returned £78 15s.; and Bro. Chas. J. Drummond, St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817, £70 17s. 6d.

As regards

THE PROVINCES,

we have much pleasure in recording that 37 out of the 46 holding under Grand Lodge were more or less numerously and efficiently represented on Wednesday, the number of Stewards being 314, and the aggregate of the Donations and Subscriptions they accumulated £13,172,140. Last year only 32 Provinces figured in the Returns, the sum of £9524 10s. being raised by the efforts of 331 Stewards, while in 1899 there were 36 Provinces, whose contributions amounted to £9788 9s. 6d., the number of representatives being 216. Thus, on the whole, this section of the Board has every reason to be satisfied with the result of its exertions.

The nine absentee Provinces were as follows, namely: HEREFORDSHIRE (five lodges), which subscribed £15 15s. to the Boys' Festival in July, 1900, and at the Centenary Festival of the same Institution, in 1898, the creditable sum of £330 15s., being at the rate of £66 per lodge. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND raised £362 5s. for the Girls' School last year, and £429 19s. 6d. for this Institution in 1889. Thus, as the Province makes it a rule to give its main support to each Institution in turn, we shall look to see it represented at the Boys' Festival in June. LINCOLNSHIRE (25 lodges) gave £10 10s. to the Girls' School, and £42 to the Boys' School last year, and £399 7s. to this Institution and £10 10s. to the Boys' School in 1899. NORFOLK (18 lodges) contributed £73 10s., per Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, Prov. Grand Secretary, to this Institution, and £254 10s. per Bros. W. P. Eversley and A. F. Hardymont to the Girls' School in 1900, and £122 17s. 6d. to this Institution in 1899. NORTHUMBERLAND (33 lodges) figured at the Benevolent Festival for £68 5s., and that of the Girls' School for £79 16s. 6d., last year, and at those of the same Institutions in 1899 for sums amounting to £77 5s.; at the Boys' Centenary in 1898 for £1290 9s.; and in 1895, at the two School Festivals; its contribution to the senior, per Bro. R. Holmes, D.P.G.M., being £231 5s., and to the junior £186 18s. SOUTH WALES (E.D.), with a roll of 23 lodges, subscribed £1050 to the Girls' School in 1897 when Lord Llangattock, Prov. Grand Master, was in the chair; £605 6s. 6d. to the Boys' Centenary in 1898; and £631 to this Institution in behalf of Lord Llangattock's Chairmanship in 1899; while SOUTH WALES (W.D.), which comprises only 10 lodges, gave £161 7s. to the Boys' Centenary in 1898; £141 15s. to this Institution in 1899; and £75 12s. to the Girls' School last year. The other absentees are JERSEY (7 lodges) and the ISLE OF MAN (9 lodges), from both of which contributions are from time to time received by one or other of our Institutions, and though owing to their remoteness from headquarters, we do not notice their absence, we feel sure that the oftener such contributions are received, the more pleased will be the Secretaries of our Charities.

We now turn to the represented Provinces, the first, in alphabetical order, being

BEDFORDSHIRE

which, though it numbers only seven lodges, does good work every now and then. On Wednesday the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 803, Biggleswade, contributed, per Bro. J. C. H. Daniel, £40 19s. Last year it figured at all three Festivals—for £31 10s. to this Institution in February, for £153 11s. to the Girls' School in May, and for £52 10s. to the Boys' School in July. In 1899, the Girls' School was favoured to the extent of £133 17s. 6d., while in 1898 it raised £321 16s. 6d., of which £288 4s. 6d. was subscribed to the Boys' Centenary and the balance to the Old People. In 1893 it distributed £183 17s. 6d., and in 1894, £238 9s. among the three Charities, while its returns in the intermediate and preceding years bear testimony to its readiness to render what service it can to our Central Charities.

BERKSHIRE,

during the 10 years it has existed as a separate Province, has been a consistent and generous supporter of our three Institutions. In 1892, its aggregate, including £661 9s. 6d. to the Benevolent Jubilee, reached £945 11s. 6d., and in 1895 £936 6s. 6d. In 1896 the total stood at £1009 19s. 6d., while in 1898, it was as high as £1097 5s., of which £1436 17s. was raised for the Boys' Centenary. Notwithstanding this splendid record it compiled, in 1899, a total for the three Charities of £1226 8s. 9d., of which £558 8s. 6d. was subscribed in support of Bro. C. E. Keyser's Chairmanship at the Boys' Festival. Last year it raised £366 5s. 6d. for this Institution; £253 4s. 6d. for the Girls' School; and for the Boys' School £224 15s. 6d., making a total for the year of £844 5s. 6d. On Wednesday four of its 17 lodges were represented, and with Bro. C. E. Keyser, his son, and another Steward Unattached, returned a total of £323.

The last time we had the pleasure of including

BRISTOL,

with its roll of nine lodges, among the represented Provinces was in 1898, when it figured in the Returns at the Boys' Centenary for the substantial sum of £354 7s. 6d. On Wednesday it sent up a Provincial Steward in the person of Bro. F. S. Bolt, whose list comprised donations and subscriptions amounting to the large sum of £707 7s. It is hardly necessary for us to add that the oftener this Province enters an appearance at these gatherings the heartier will be the welcome accorded to it.

Four of the 22 lodges in

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

will be found in the Returns on this occasion, the number of Stewards being six, and the sum total of their lists £111 17s. 6d. Like its neighbour and former

associate, when the late Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., was Prov. G. Master of "Berks and Bucks," this Province has always shown to great advantage during the 10 years of its separate existence, and particularly last year, when Lord Addington presided at the Festival of this Institution, and his lodges and their members loyally supported him to the extent of £1495 10s., a contribution of £111 6s. to the Boys' School, augmenting the year's total to £1606 19s. Again, in 1898, the aggregate of its subscriptions, including £1143 18s. 6d. to the Boys' Centenary, reached £1323 9s. 6d.; while at the outset of its separate career, when its then Prov. G. Master, Lord Carrington, took the chair at the Girls' Festival, it raised in all £511 1s., of which £300 was subscribed in honour of his lordship's chairmanship. In 1892, including £290 18s. to the Benevolent Festival, the year's total stood at £705 15s., and in 1894 at £590.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

though a small Province with only four lodges on its roll, has been doing excellent work in behalf of our Charities for a number of years, and on Wednesday the representatives of three of its lodges together raised £102 19s. 6d., the principal item being the list of Bro. George Barrow, No. 2107, for £81 19s. 6d. Last year it showed up well, being entered for £95 15s. at the Benevolent Festival and for £126 and £63 at the Girls' and Boys' Festivals respectively. In 1899, its contributions amounted to no more than £222 12s., but this is not to be wondered at seeing that in 1898 it raised in all £759 13s. 6d., of which £707 3s. 6d. was subscribed to the Boys' Centenary. In 1897, it distributed among our Central Charities £323 10s. 3d., and, in 1896, £364 5s. Bearing in mind what we have said as to the smallness of the Province, these figures are most creditable.

CHESHIRE,

is one of our strong Provinces, comprising now as many as 55 lodges, but it has two Charitable Institutions of its own—an Educational, which has been established for over 35 years, and a Benevolent, which was started under the auspices of Earl Egerton of Tatton, who resigned the office of Prov. G. Master last year. Hence, like other strong Provinces which are similarly placed, it occasionally shows to less advantage than in proportion to its strength. On this occasion only two of its lodges figured in the Returns, and the sum of their lists was £21. Last year it took part in all three Festivals, giving £73 10s. to this Institution, £289 16s. to the Girls' School, and £68 5s. to the Boys' School, the year's aggregate reaching £431 15s. Its highest contributions include £1050 to the Boys' School in 1891, £1988 to the Benevolent Jubilee in 1892, £2000 to the Boys' School in 1895, when Earl Egerton was in the chair at its annual Festival; and £2753 12s. to the Boys' Centenary in 1898. These figures tell their own tale of generous support when a particular need arises.

There are now 31 lodges in the Province of

CORNWALL,

which on Wednesday was represented as a whole by Bro. E. M. Milford, while Bro. Sholto H. Hare acted as Steward for the Molesworth Lodge, No. 1954, Wadebridge. The total compiled by these two reached £418 8s. 6d., of which all but £37 5s. 6d. was included in Bro. Melford's list for the Province. Last year Cornwall subscribed in all £378, of which £357 was in behalf of the Boys' School, while the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions received £10 10s. each. In 1899, the Old People were benefited to the extent of £238 1s., the Girls' School with £231, and the Boys' School with £47 5s., making the total for the year £516 6s. In 1898, it subscribed in all £924 5s., of which £854 19s. was in respect of the Boys' Centenary, its previous highest Returns having been in 1895, when the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was Chairman at the Girls' Festival, and in 1892, when his lordship presided at the Benevolent Jubilee, the amount on the former occasion being £750 and on the latter £776 15s.

There was a Steward from one of the 23 lodges in

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND,

whose list amounted to £15 15s., but last year the Province figured at both the School Festivals, returning £10 10s. to "Our Girls" and £187 2s. 6d. to "Our Boys." In 1899, the Province was unrepresented at all three Anniversaries, but in 1898 it figured in the Boys' Centenary Returns for £222 1s., and no doubt would have figured to still greater advantage had not its Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., occupied the chair at the Boys' Festival in 1897, and in honour of that event it subscribed the handsome total of £1260.

It seldom happens that

DERBYSHIRE

with its array of 27 lodges, is so modestly represented as it was on Wednesday, when an Unattached Steward in the person of Bro. I. H. Woodiwiss made a personal donation of £10 10s. But we cannot always look for big figures even from Provinces whose loyalty to our Institutions is known throughout the country. In 1892, Derbyshire raised £1738 14s., of which £1362 was subscribed to the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1896, when the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. G. Master, presided at the Boys' Festival, it contributed £1642 3s. to that Institution, while in 1898, its Returns totalled up £2784 10s. 6d., of which £2419 2s. was raised for the Boys' Centenary. Last year the Province gave £10 10s. to this Institution, £195 11s. to the Girls' School, and £338 5s. to the Boys' School, making together £544 6s. We have every confidence that the Province will be well represented at the School Festivals which will be held in May and June respectively.

There are now 60 lodges in the Province of

DEVONSHIRE,

and it is becoming more evident every year that our Devonian brethren are turning their increased and increasing strength to good account by giving greater support than in the past to our Central Charities. The Province has its own Educational and Annuity Funds, which are doing good service, to maintain in a state of efficiency. This, no doubt, will explain why it has not always appeared in these Festival Returns to the best advantage. Thanks, however, to the untiring zeal and efforts of certain of its members, such as Bro. J. Stocker, Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. F. B. Westlake, and others, it is generally fairly well represented, and very particularly so on this occasion, the half-dozen Stewards who did duty on its behalf—including Bro. Stocker as the representative of the whole Province, two lodge representatives, and three brethren Unattached—having compiled a total of £777, of which £745 10s. was raised by Bro. Stocker. This is a notable achievement, and we trust will be followed by others still more notable. Last year £519 15s. was distributed among the three great Charities, of which £246 15s. fell to the lot of this Institution, and the balance was equally divided between the two Schools. In 1899 only £274 11s. was subscribed, but in 1898 the total, including £1875 2s. 10d. to the Boys' Centenary, reached the handsome figure of £1961 4s. 10d.

A worthy brother in the person of Bro. J. H. Whadcoat did duty as the representative of the 15 lodges in

DORSETSHIRE,

and handed in a list of £105. This is very far from being the first time he has figured in these Returns—in his earlier days in the London Section of the Board, but for some years past under Dorsetshire in the Provincial section. Last year, as Steward for the Province in behalf of the Old People, he had to his credit a list of £148 16s. 6d., and the contributions of £82 19s. to the Girls' School and £32 0s. 6d. to the Boys' School placed the year's total at £263 16s. In 1899, when Bro. Whadcoat assisted at all three Festivals, the total was £336 11s.; while in 1898, the year of the Boys' Centenary, it stood at £2127 10s. 6d., Bro. Whadcoat being here likewise the most prominent among

the Dorsetshire representatives. There is no need to go further back in our statistics, though, if we did so, we should only make the picture more attractive.

We pass next to the Province of

DURHAM

which now has 38 lodges on its roll. It invariably devotes a goodly sum out of its Provincial funds to each of our Central Institutions, but—what is almost as remarkable—it seldom concerns itself about having a brother to act for it as Steward. On Wednesday, however, two members of the Stranton Lodge, No. 1862, West Hartlepool—Bros. E. S. Cockill and John T. Purdy—compiled between them the goodly list of £168. Last year it subscribed £332 7s. to the Benevolent and Boys' Institutions receiving each £105, and the Girls' School £122 7s. In 1899, each Institution was voted 50 guineas, making the total £157 10s., but it must not be forgotten that it had a special Festival of its own in behalf of its Educational and Hudson Benevolent Funds, which resulted in a subscription list of about £2500. In 1898 also, it did well, the sum it subscribed to the Central Charities being £643 7s., of which £533 2s. was raised for the Boys' School in honour of its Centenary.

As regards the "Chairman's Province" of

ESSEX,

it has fully realised our hopes and expectations and though it has not quite reached its record total for the Boys' Centenary in 1898, it has surpassed all its previous efforts in behalf of our Institutions. Past experience has taught us that when the Prov. Grand Master has consented to take the chair at one of these gatherings the Province has adopted the most conclusive way of showing its loyalty by subscribing handsomely. Thus, in 1884, when his lordship had only been in office some 18 months, and when the Province was only half its present strength and big figures were not quite so much the order of the day as they are now, it raised £1000 in support of his Chairmanship at the Girls' School Festival. Nine years later, when he presided as Chairman at the Boys' School, it gave £2155 6s. out of a total for the year of £2258 3s. to that Institution, notwithstanding that the year previous, it had compiled a total of £2608 5s., inclusive of the £2218 2s. 6d. to the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1898, it raised no less than £4122 12s. 6d. for the Boys' Centenary, while even last year it figured for £1381 1s. 6d. at the Benevolent Festival, for £215 15s. 6d. at the Girls' Festival, and for £470 8s. 6d. for "Our Boys," making a total for the year of £2067 5s. 6d. With these successes for our guide it is not surprising that we should have looked forward hopefully to such a Return as would be an honour to the Province and its respected ruler. On Wednesday, 43 out of the 44 lodges on the roll and two of the chapters were represented, in many cases by several brethren, while the number who acted on the occasion, including Bro. James Speller and nine others Unattached, was 98, who together raised the splendid total of £4052 10s., the principal items, including £52 10s. from the Chairman, being in the numerical order of the lodges as follows: Bro. Egerton Green, Angel Lodge, No. 51, £150; Bro. A. J. H. Ward No. 650, Harwich, £100 10s. 6d.; Bro. W. J. Johnstone, St. Mary Lodge, No. 1312, £102 7s. 6d.; Bros. Ambrose and three others, No. 1457, Boughton, £254 1s. 6d.; Bro. T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Secretary, Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, Dunmow, £84; the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, per Bro. F. H. Lehmkuhl and others, £212 2s.; Bro. Lehmkuhl's list being for £170 2s.; Bros. Jas. Terry and G. S. Dauntun, Philbrick Lodge, No. 2255, Chingford, together £225 11s.; Bro. Terry's list amounting to £187 15s.; Bro. Walter Fortescue, Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, £206 6s. 6d.; Bro. Percy Griffiths, of the Thomas Ralling Lodge, No. 2508, £105; Bro. W. L. Crow and 10 others of the Albert Lucking Lodge, No. 2717, £425 5s.; Bro. Crow's list alone being for £325 10s.; Bros. Verlyck and Hatfield, No. 2749, Romford, £116; and Bros. J. T. Dormer and 14 others, of the Charles Dickens Lodge, No. 2757, Chigwell, £262 10s. Bro. James Berry, Unattached, is entered for £99 15s. This is a grand Return, and we congratulate both the Earl of Warwick and his Province on such a total.

Duty now takes us from the East to the West, where we find the representatives of four of the 17 lodges in

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

with a fifth Steward Unattached, swelling the general total by the substantial sum of £127 1s., of which the Unattached Bro. J. D. Sherd compiled £66 13s. 6d. Last year the Province raised £57 15s. for this Institution, £378 9s. 6d. for the Girls' School, and £115 10s. for the Boys' School, making in all £551 4s. 6d., while in 1899 the figure was £524 19s. 6d., of which the Old People had the good fortune to secure the lion's share in the shape of £331 16s. In 1898, which is the "record" year of the Province, the total amount reached £2860 2s., of which £2723 12s. was subscribed towards the Boys' Centenary. The previous best was in 1892, when the Province raised in all £1729 11s., of which £1645 11s. fell to the share of the Boys' School, at whose Festival Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., presided as Chairman.

Notwithstanding that Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

has very kindly undertaken, and not for the first time, to act as Chairman at the Boys' School Festival in June, four of the 48 lodges under his charge have shown their goodwill to the Old People by subscribing amongst them £99 16s. Last year it gave £113 3s. 6d. to this Institution; £209 10s. to the Girls' School; and £342 9s. to "Our Boys," making altogether £665 2s. 6d. In 1899, the total reached £983 19s., made up of £432 7s. to this Institution; £377 to the Girls' School; and £174 12s. to the Boys' School; while in 1898 the Return amounted to the splendid sum of £3343 13s. 6d., of which all but £105 was raised for the Boys' Centenary. Nor must we omit to mention that the Province has its own Educational Charity, which is liberally supported, and in consequence is able to render material help to the children of its poor and deceased members.

There are now 24 lodges in

HERTFORDSHIRE,

or thrice as many as when, in April, 1874, Bro. the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., was installed in office as Prov. Grand Master. And, as it has increased in strength, so has it enlarged the amount of its benefactions to our Central Charities. It has, indeed, contributed so largely and so regularly that we consider it unnecessary to do more than cite a few examples of its work. Thus, in 1892 it gave £1883 6s. 6d. to the Benevolent Jubilee out of a total for the year of £2135 6s. 6d. In 1893, out of £2106 14s. it raised £1455 18s. 6d. in support of Bro. C. E. Keyser's Chairmanship at the Festival of this Institution. In 1898 its total reached £2126 3s., of which £1614 5s. 6d. was subscribed for the Boys' Centenary; while the following year, when Bro. Keyser presided at the 101st Boys' Festival, the total was £1714 15s., including the £1151 4s. 6d. subscribed for "Our Boys." Last year, too, it did well, giving £566 14s. to this Institution, £329 14s. to the Girls' School, and £427 2s. to the Boys' School, making together £1323 10s. On Wednesday it was very strongly represented, the number of Stewards being 26, of whom 16 acted in behalf of 12 of its lodges and the chapter attached to one of them. The total, which amounted to £1001 8s., included such substantial items as £117 12s. from Bro. Charles A. Reeve, Gresham Lodge, No. 869; £126 from Bro. C. E. Keyser, Nos. 404 and 1479; £246 15s. from Bro. Chapman, Grove Park Lodge, No. 2732; and £217 17s. from Bro. Frank Crocker, St. Alban's Lodge, No. 2786.

KENT

is similarly circumstanced to Hants and the Isle of Wight, Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master, its Prov. Grand Master, having kindly promised to occupy the chair at the Girls' School Festival. But, like Hants and the Isle of Wight, it figures on a moderate scale in Wednesday's Returns, the representatives of three of its 65 lodges and one of its 29 chapters having compiled a sum of £94 10s. Last year the Province figured for £284 1s. 6d. at the Old People's Festival; £585 19s. at that of the Girls' School; and for £442 at that of "Our Boys," the sum of the three amounts being £1312 1s. 6d. In 1899, the aggregate was £1476 15s., and in 1898, £5571 16s., of which no less than £5542 3s. 6d. was subscribed towards the Boys' Centenary. This is its most successful year, and there have also been in previous years big totals of upwards of £2000, £3000, but £4000 to the credit of the Province, and hence we have the best reasons for hoping that its contributions to "Our Girls' Festival in May will be on a scale worthy of its past achievements and the distinguished brother who has ruled it as Prov. G.M. for upwards of 40 years.

It will be seen from the complete list of Returns that neither of the large and influential Provinces into which the County of Lancashire is divided makes any great show at this Festival. In the case of

LANCASHIRE (E.D.),

notwithstanding its array of 113 lodges, this may not have been altogether unforeseen. It will be remembered that last year the Province intended holding a Festival in aid of its Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and applying 1550 guineas out of the proceeds to the purchase of a Perpetual Presentation to this Institution as a memorial to its late chief, the lamented Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, and we have reason to believe that the gathering thus postponed in consequence of the absence of Lord Stanley, M.P., Prov. G. Master, in South Africa, will take place some time during the summer of this year. This will certainly account for the modesty of the Returns on Wednesday, amounting to only £168 from Bro. Cheetham for the Province, and an Unattached Steward. However, it has shown up worthily on special occasions, and notably at the Boys' Centenary, 1898, when it raised £5772 7s. 6d. out of a total for the year of £6081 6s. 6d.

The still more powerful Province of

LANCASHIRE (W.D.),

was represented on Wednesday by two Stewards, of whom Bro. Parr acted for one of the 127 lodges as well as for the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and the other was Unattached, the total being £31 10s. from the latter. But here, as in the case of EAST LANCASHIRE, there is always a grand return on special occasions as in 1891, when it subscribed £6126 14s. 6d. to the Boys' Festival, out of a total for the year amounting to £6341 14s. 6d., and again in 1898, when it subscribed £4451 13s. to the Boys' Centenary.

MIDDLESEX,

with its array of 42 lodges, may always be trusted to make a good show, if not at each successive Festival and invariably year by year, at all events, at very frequent intervals. Last year, for instance, though there was no great call upon it to make any special exertion, it subscribed £1415 4s. 6d., made up of £193 12s. to this Institution, and £1010 11s. and £211 1s. to the Girls' and Boys' Schools respectively. In 1899, the total was only £876 5s., of which £300 11s. 6d. fell to the Old People; £489 10s. to the Girls' School; and the small balance to "Our Boys." But in 1898 it made a brave effort in behalf of the Centenary of the last named Institution, its 78 Stewards compiling a sum of £2895 16s., which, with the £273 17s. subscribed to this Institution, and £507 13s. 6d. to the Girls' School, placed the year's aggregate at £3587 6s. 6d. Its greatest achievement, however, was in 1896, when out of a total for the year amounting to £3967 15s. 6d., it contributed £3705 15s. 6d. to this Institution on the occasion of its chief, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, presiding at its Anniversary Festival.

MONMOUTHSHIRE,

with its small compact list of 11 lodges, generally gives the whole of its year's contributions to one of the three Charities, though every now and then a stray subscription from one of the 11 lodges finds its way into the Returns in respect of this or that Festival. In 1898, including £525 for a Life Presentation in memory of the late Bro. Captain Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M., it raised £1088 8s. for the Boys' Centenary. In 1899, it subscribed £477 15s. to the Old People, and last year £498 15s. to the Girls' School. On Wednesday, the representative of the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, made what looks like a personal donation of £10 10s.

One of the 16 lodges in

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

—the Fidelity, No. 445, Towcester—subscribes £20 16s. 6d. per Bro. G. H. Dunkley. Last year the Province raised £278 15s., of which the Boys' School received £200, this Institution £36 15s. and the Girls' School £42. In 1899, the total comprising £243 10s. 6d. to the Old People, £220 10s. to the Girls' School, and £68 5s. to the Boys' School, reached £530 1s. 6d., while in 1898, including £1621 7s. to the Boys' Centenary, it stood as high as £1784 2s.

There are 18 lodges in

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

and Bro. J. Harrop White as Steward for the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, Mansfield, had the pleasure of handing in the substantial list of £210. Last year two small lists of £10 10s. to this and the Girls' Institutions, and £71 6s. to the Boys' School represented the total of the contributions. In 1899, three Stewards, of whom Bro. Rorke acted for the Province as a whole, and his two colleagues as lodge representatives, compiled a sum of £199 10s. for the Girls' School, while in 1898, £777 was subscribed to the Boys' Centenary; in 1897, the Old People and Our Boys' received between them £309 4s., and in 1896 the two Schools had each a share in £397 6s.

Two Stewards hailed from the Province of

NORTH WALES,

of whom, Bro. C. K. Benson did duty for the whole body, and Bro. E. R. Cleaton for one of its 20 lodges, as well as for a lodge in Essex, their lists amounting together to £79 10s. In 1898, the Province raised during the year £1394, made up of £294 for this Institution, £10 10s. for the Girls' School, and £1089 10s. for the Boys' Centenary. In 1899, after such a strain upon its resources, it is not to be wondered at that the total for the three Charities should have fallen to £154 16s. 6d., but last year there was a recovery, and a total of £327 3s. 6d., composed of £180 10s. to the Girls' School, and £146 13s. 6d. to the Boys' School, was subscribed.

We may always rely upon

OXFORDSHIRE

entering an appearance at these gatherings, and on special occasions it makes quite a brave show, though the number of its lodges is only 12 all told. On Wednesday as many as eight of these took part in the proceedings, the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, contributing, per Bros. F. Twining and G. Claridge Druce, £62 1s., and the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, per Bros. Roger C. Parr—who also acted for a West Lancashire lodge—and A. Biedermann, £77 10s., of which £52 10s. stands to Bro. Parr's credit, while the

total from all sources reached £204 4s. 6d. Last year the Province subscribed £178 10s. to the Old People, £37 11s. 6d., to the Girls' School, and £160 17s. 6d. to the Boys' School, making together £376 19s.; in 1899 the three Returns reached £516 14s. 6d.; and in 1898 £917 13s. 6d., of which £505 12s. 6d. was raised in honour of the Chairmanship of the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G. Master, at the Old People's gathering, £73 14s. for the Girls' School, and £338 7s. for the Boys' Centenary.

A worthy representative in the person of Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell with Bro. T. J. Salway of No. 611, did duty for

SHROPSHIRE,

which also musters only 12 lodges, and handed in lists amounting to £31 10s. In 1900 the year's total reached £357, of which the Boys' School secured £288 15s., and the other two Institutions the balance between them. In 1899 £36 15s. to this Institution represented the year's total, but in 1898 it amounted to £1325 18s. 6d., of which £1199 8s. 6d. was raised for the Boys' Centenary.

SOMERSETSHIRE,

though it only musters 26 lodges, has, under the auspices of Viscount Dungarvan, its Prov. Grand Master, done excellent work during the last half-dozen years. In 1895, his lordship presided at the Festival of this Institution and the Province, in its loyalty to him and its great goodwill towards the Old People, subscribed £1657 17s. 6d. out of a total for the year of £1745 3s. 7d. In 1893, it raised £1187 19s. for the Boys' Centenary, while, in 1897, when Lord Dungarvan was Chairman for the Girls' School, the total of its subscriptions on the occasion reached £2191 17s. On Wednesday, three of its lodges together subscribed £262 12s. 6d., the principal list being that of Bro. Charles Curd, of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, for £115 12s. 6d.

Last year

STAFFORDSHIRE,

as "Chairman's Province," did splendid service for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and raised £3800 14s. in support of that School out of respect to the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. Grand Master, who was in the chair, the number of Stewards, among whom were several ladies, being 220. In 1898, when the Boys' School celebrated its Centenary, there were 204 Stewards, but the aggregate of their lists reached £3845 8s., while the product of the whole year was £4023 8s. In 1899, too, the Province subscribed generously, the three Returns amounting to £767 11s., of which £420 fell to the share of this Institution. On Wednesday, three of the 34 lodges compiled, aided by Bro. W. H. Bailey, a small Return of £167 17s.

The 23 lodges in

SUFFOLK

have invariably helped our Institutions to good purpose, and on Wednesday the Province as a whole, with ten lodges and the chapters attached to two others, returned amongst them £976 5s., the principal items being £220 10s. from St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225, Ipswich, per Bro. G. P. Price; £194 by Bro. W. Chapman, who acted as Steward for the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, No. 1008, and the Abbey Lodge, No. 1592, both Bury St. Edmunds; £120 15s. by Bro. V. D. Colchester, of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, Ipswich; and £99 15s. by Bro. A. G. Flatman, of the Hartesmere Lodge, No. 1663, Eye. Last year produced a total of £841 16s. 6d., composed of £518 15s. to this Institution; £139 12s. to the Girls' School; and £183 9s. 6d.; while in 1899 the donations only amounted to £238 7s., but this is fully accounted for by the heavy work of the previous year, when they reached the large sum of £1563 7s. 6d., of which £1510 17s. 6d. was subscribed towards the Boys' Centenary. It may be mentioned that Wednesday's figures include part of the insurance received in respect of the late Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn's contributions to the three Charities.

There were in all 18 Stewards from

SURREY,

of whom one was Unattached, and the rest represented 14 out of the 45 lodges on the roll, the amount obtained from all sources being £642 7s. 6d. The principal lists included £89 5s. from Bro. C. Stuart Walker, No. 2473, and £90 6s. from Bro. F. W. Hancock, No. 2652. In 1900, the total was £1428 9s., made up of £196 14s. to the Benevolent Institution, £737 3s. to the Girls' School, and £494 12s. to the Boys' School; and in 1899 it was £1288 5s. 6d., made up of £649 4s. to this Institution, £531 5s. 6d. to the Girls' School, and £90 12s. 6d. to the Boys' School. In 1898, including the £3499 16s. subscribed at the Boys' Centenary, the total for the year reached £3968 2s. On previous special and ordinary occasions Surrey has contributed largely, but there is no need to give particulars for more years than the three we have specified.

SUSSEX,

though it comprises only 33 lodges, had also an excellent record, with which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has good reason to be satisfied. In 1892, when this Institution celebrated its jubilee, and the Duke took the Chair at the Girls' School Festival, it raised £2214 2s., of which £1155 6s. was in respect of the jubilee and £1026 5s. as Chairman's Province. In 1897, when his Royal Highness presided for this Institution, the year produced a total of £1497 5s. 6d., of which £1263 2s. 6d. fell to the lot of this Charity, while the following year it figured in the Returns at the Boys' Centenary for £2869 15s. out of a total for the whole year of £2933 15s. Again, when the Boys' School Festival has been held at Brighton, it has always shown up well, while on this occasion it furnished a contingent of 31 Stewards, of whom one was Unattached, and the others did duty for 11 of its lodges, the total of their lists being £425 8s. 6d.

Turning our attention to the important Midland Province of

WARWICKSHIRE,

we note with pleasure that the work, both locally and generally, is of a high order. Last year for instance, though the contributions to the Central Charities amounted to no more than £131 5s., apportioned between this and the Boys' Institution, the Province held a Festival at the country seat of Lord Leigh, its Prov. G. Master, at which it raised upwards of £3150 in behalf of its Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, while in 1899, it subscribed to all three Charities to the extent of £572 5s., of which the Girls' School had the good fortune to receive £467 5s., while in 1898, it raised £5079 14s. 6d., to the Boys' Centenary, with certain small amounts to this and the Girls' Institution. On Wednesday, seven of its 34 lodges were represented, the number of Stewards being 10, and the amount they compiled £162 15s. This in itself is not a very large sum, but after the Stoneleigh gathering on the 3rd July, 1900, to which allusion has just been made, it may be taken as an earnest of its continued goodwill to our Old People, to whose jubilee in 1892 it contributed £2186.

There are but 12 lodges in

WILTSHIRE

which makes it a rule to concentrate its support on each Institution in turn. On Wednesday, however, it so far departed from this custom as to subscribe £39 7s. to the Old People, the Steward who furnished the list being Bro. A. H. Lapham, and the lodge he represented the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham. Last year the Province subscribed £194 5s. to this Institution, and £10 10s. to the Boys' School; in 1899 it figured for £288 in the Girls' School Returns, and £10 10s. in those of the Boys' School; while in 1898, its contributions exceeded £610, being £539 to the Boys' Centenary, and £71 to the Girls' School.

Six of the 15 lodges in

WORCESTERSHIRE

were represented at Wednesday's gathering, the number of brethren that acted as Stewards being nine, and the total of their lists £262 1s. 6d. Last year the Province gave £210 to the Old People, £903 10s. to "Our Girls," and £42 to

"Our Boys," making in all £1160 10s.; while in the previous year it contributed £415 16s. to the Old People and Boys' School, of which all but £36 15s. fell to the share of the former Charity. In 1898 it subscribed £1136 2s. to the Boys' Centenary, out of a total for the year of £1231 13s.

The Province of

YORKSHIRE (N. AND E. RIDINGS)

was represented as a whole by Bro. W. H. Cowper, P.G. Std. Br., whose list reached £67 3s., and in addition there were six other Stewards acting for three of the 34 lodges and a chapter, and one brother Unattached, the total being £177 8s., the principal item being the joint list for £73 10s. of Bros. F. W. Laughton and G. Potter-Kirby, of the York Lodge, No. 236, and the Zetland Chapter attached to it. Last year the Province was content with a moderate subscription of £53 11s. to the Girls' School, and in 1899 gave £137 9s. to this Institution, and £66 3s. to "Our Girls." In 1898, it contributed £563 13s. to the Boys' Centenary and £78 15s. to the Old People; in 1899 £707 9s. to the Benevolent Jubilee out of £733 4s. 1 and in 1888, £762 15s. to the Girls' Centenary out of £832 1s. Its record year, however, appears to have been 1896, when it raised in all £1022 10s., of which £900 fell to the share of this Institution, while last year it had a Festival in behalf of its Educational Fund, which produced over £1054.

There are now 82 lodges in

YORKSHIRE (W. RIDING),

of these 14 were represented by a body of 25 Stewards, whose lists amounted to £700. Last year, the Province subscribed £1800 to this Institution, together with £575 to the Girls' School and £500 to the Boys' School, the year's total being thus £2875. In 1899, it reached only £1413 10s., but in 1898 it stood at £7956 3s., of which £6136 3s. 6d. was subscribed towards the Boys' Centenary. There is no need to go further in our researches in order to demonstrate the largeness of the yearly totals from this Province.

There only remains the small Province of

GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY,

which is entered for £84, received by the medium of the Prov. G. Secretary and Bro. Thomas Pengelley, of the Mariners Lodge, No. 168, Guernsey. Last year it apportioned £52 10s. between the Schools. In 1899, it gave £27 to the Boys' School, and in 1898, distributed £240 9s. among the three, the Boys' School at its Centenary receiving the lion's share in the shape of £151 4s.

Only one

FOREIGN STATION

is included in Wednesday's Returns, a Steward from Manica Lodge, No. 2678, Rhodesia, having a modest list of £8 14s. to his credit. Doubtless, Bro. Terry would have welcomed any number of additional Stewards from foreign parts.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We need hardly say that the task of analysing such Returns as these have given us great pleasure, and we trust our endeavours to avoid offending the sensibilities of Provinces, lodges, and brethren have been not wholly unsuccessful.

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Coborn Lodge, No. 1804.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. BUTCHER.

On Thursday, the 14th ult., the installation meeting was held by dispensation at the Holborn Restaurant. The lodge having been opened, the Auditors read their report, and the same being satisfactory, was entered on the minutes. Mr. H. Turner having been initiated, the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and was admirably performed by Bro. C. M. Holland, P.M., who placed the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Butcher, into the chair of K.S. The investiture of officers was as follows: Bros. the Rev. J. H. Etchel, M.A., I.P.M. and Chap.; J. P. West, S.W.; F. A. Slater, J.W.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.M., P.A.G.P. Eng., Treas.; J. Sulley, P.M., Sec.; A. Smith, S.D.; W. Boggis, J.D.; A. Meyer, I.G.; R. R. Green, P.M., D.C.; J. Ellerton, P.M., Org.; G. A. Goodridge, J. Godfrey, and A. B. Brine, Stewards; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The W.M., with appropriate remarks, presided, on behalf of the lodge, a beautiful Past Master's jewel, also collar and jewel, to the I.P.M., Bro. Rev. J. H. Etchel, who suitably responded.

No further business offering, the lodge was closed.

Among the many visitors were Bros. A. T. Dale, P.G.S.B. Essex; J. Vanderpump, 1803; G. T. Knipple, 65; John de Casseres, 1349; O. E. Rich, 2409; F. Thornton, 1805; Cleaver, 1584; H. Meyer, 2549; J. Young, 1805; and others.

Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902.

The ordinary February meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. George Joseph Brown, W.M., presided, and there were also present: Bros. J. J. Fifield, I.P.M.; F. Richmond, S.W.; J. T. Osofort, J.W.; George Gabb, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Byng, P.M., Sec.; Henry Haycraft, S.D.; R. H. Marchbank, J.D.; J. M. Stanley, I.G.; John Beddoes, P.M.; S. Rashleigh, P.M.; Charles Butcher, P.M.; E. W. Pillinger, J. C. Cracknell, P.M.; R. Clark, R. S. Brearley, E. J. Morton, W. White, Henry Labe, J. H. E. Fifield, J. Burge, William Adams, W. Byartt, Charles Dickeson, Ed. Steins, J. F. F. Chiverall, A. T. Frost, W. Bennett, G. F. Ore, A. Robins, John Dickeson, Mark Bryant, J. H. Lewis, J. Booker, H. A. Dupre, Charles Horton, F. Butcher, and T. Tolhurst. The visitors were: Bros. H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Arthur W. Briggs, L. S. Saunt, 2319; A. Woods, and E. Harris.

A heavy paper of business was before the brethren, but the whole of it was most efficiently performed by the W.M. and his officers. Bros. W. P. White and Bengie were raised to the Third Degree, Bros. W. Byartt and James George Messer were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. William Harry Wilkins and Richard Tonking were initiated. On the motion of Bro. Rashleigh, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. J. Fifield, I.P.M., 10 guineas were voted to the list of the W.M. as Steward for the Boys' School; and on the motion of Bro. Rashleigh, for Bro. Morris, seconded by Bro. H. E. Fifield, Asst. D. of C., a similar sum was voted to the list of Bro. C. Butcher, P.M., as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. This work kept the brethren employed for three hours, although not a moment was wasted.

"Hearty good wishes" preceded the closing of the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The speeches which followed were of the briefest limit.

Bro. G. J. Brown, W.M., in proposing "The King and the Craft," said it was the first time this toast had been proposed in the Burgoyne Lodge. It was no use to dwell further on the melancholy event which was the cause of it, and he would go on to say that the King was looked upon in this country and other countries as one of the best Sovereigns we had ever had. He hoped and trusted before the year was out the country would be in a most flourishing condition, and that we should feel we had been repaid for the loss we had suffered. The King had been the best of Masons during the 27 years of his Grand Mastership, and had done his duty well.

Bro. J. J. Fifield, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who had turned out a trump card. That evening he had performed the Three Degrees and had done them well. He only hoped that he would still have the Three Degrees to do for the remainder of his term. The brethren knew how many years he had been with them, and they had found in him a good friend.

Bro. G. J. Brown, W.M., in reply, said he should do his best for the Burgoyne Lodge and he hoped everything would go on in the future as well as it had gone on in the past. He thought all the members were delighted with the initiates. From what they had seen of them they might judge that they were two good brethren. One of them he had known from his (the Initiates') childhood, and he was very pleased indeed

to have been in the chair to initiate him. Nothing could give him greater pleasure as his (Bro. Wilkins') father introduced him (the W.M.) into Masonry. Bro. Tonking was a stranger to him, but he was pleased to say that he was now a brother. All Burgoyne brethren appreciated initiates because they filled up the places of those who fell out. He hoped the impression made on the initiates that night would induce them to go to lodges of instruction and learn to do the work and become good officers. They would see a little more there than they had seen that evening.

The Charity box which was handed to the W.M. at this point produced £1 1s.

Bros. Wilkins and Tonking having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" was proposed and responded to.

The toast of "The Treasurer and the Secretary" was acknowledged by Bros. Gabb, P.M., and S. J. Byng, P.M.

"The Past Masters and Officers" was replied to by Bros. Rashleigh, Pillinger, the S.W., the J.W., and Bro. Cracknell.

Bro. J. Fifield replied to the toast of "The I.P.M.," which the W.M. apologised for having omitted from its usual place.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a very happy and enjoyable evening.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.

This lodge held its second meeting of the year at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 22nd ult. Bro. John Billson, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Robert Cranston, P.M., as S.W.; H. F. P. Inglis, J.W.; H. J. Grimwade, I.P.M.; Rev. Emlyn Jones, Chap.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Charles Gray, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. Marchand, P.M. 1572, S.D.; C. A. Cooke, J.D.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; Engleheart, I.G.; Dr. Haskins, P.P.G. Org., Org.; C. B. R. Koch, C. Terry, and Ambrose Jones, Stwds.; Martin, P.M., Tyler; G. Blizard Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. C. Collingwood, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. G. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. M. Rainsford, P.M., Prov. A.G.D.C.; C. P. W. Wheeler, G. Murch, F. Bygrane, R. V. Hart, Marchand, C. Smith, and others. The visitors included Bros. F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Rev. Dr. O. C. Cockrem, P.M. 404, Prov. G. Sec.; the Rev. Gardiner, Chap. 2509; Dr. Currie, Hill, P.M.; Davison, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the January lodge read and confirmed, and two sums of three guineas each having been voted from the funds of the lodge to the Barnet Cottage Hospital and the Herts Convalescent Home, Bro. C. Smith was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a manner which elicited words of high approval from Bro. Knyvett, the Dep. G.M. of the province. A circular letter addressed to the lodges in Hertfordshire directing that hymns were not to be sung in lodge—no exception, however, being taken to their being sung before or after—was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the installation banquet, which, in consequence of the lamented death of her Majesty the Queen, had been postponed from the installation meeting in January.

After grace had been sung, due honour was paid to the toast of "The King and the Craft," and a verse of the National Anthem was given with much enthusiasm.

With the toast of "The Pro G. Master, the Dep. G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was associated the name of Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, Past G. Deacon, who briefly, but gracefully, replied.

In proposing "The Health of the Prov. G. Master, R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," the W.M. expressed the pleasure with which the Gladsmuir Lodge, in common with all the other lodges in the province, had received the news of the honour done him (the Prov. G.M.) by her late Majesty in appointing him a member of the Privy Council.

Bros. Knyvett, D.P.G.M., and the Rev. Dr. O. C. Cockrem, Prov. G. Sec., were called upon to respond for the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past, and both spoke in terms of satisfaction with the manner in which the duties of the lodge had been carried out, while the latter referred to the exceedingly smart way in which the lodge officers, and particularly the J.W. (Bro. Inglis) and the S.D. (Bro. I. Marchand) had fulfilled their respective parts in the ceremony of raising Bro. Smith. The Prov. G. Secretary further expressed the hope that the Gladsmuir R.A. Chapter, at the installation meeting of which he had been present the previous week in his official capacity of Prov. Grand Scribe E., would receive a greater measure of support from the members. He pointed out that the H.R.A. was an integral part of "pure Antient Masonry" as declared in Article 1 of the Book of Constitutions, and that a Mason must be held not to have completed his course of Masonic education until he had been exalted to that Supreme Degree.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," complimented the presiding officer on the manner in which he had done his work, and trusted that he might have a happy and successful year; and the W.M., who on rising was most cordially received, having expressed his thanks briefly, but in hearty and appropriate terms, gave the toast of "The Visitors," for whom Bros. Hill, P.M., Davidson, P.M., and another made suitable reply.

Bros. R. Fisher Young and G. Blizard Abbott responded for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Abbott for "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers of the Lodge" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

In the course of the evening several good songs were admirably sung, notably "The young Royalist," by Bro. G. Murch; "The Deathless Army," by Bro. H. J. Grimwade; "The Man that laid the Carpet," by Bro. W. Lewis; and "The Gauntlet," by Bro. C. P. W. Wheeler. Bro. Dr. Currie evoked much laughter by his quaint Scottish stories, and Bro. Abbott many groans by an atrocious pun he perpetrated in one of his speeches, while want of time alone prevented Bro. Young, "the Father of the Lodge," from delighting the brethren with one of his charming ditties.

The menu was well chosen, but spoiled by the indifference of the service, the waiters being few in number and slow of movement.

Herschel Lodge, No. 1894.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. R. H. BARRETT.

This well-known lodge in South Bucks met at their lodge room at Slough, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at which there was a large attendance, the occasion being the presentation to their late Secretary, Bro. R. H. Barrett. The lodge was opened in due form, the W.M. called the brethren to be upstanding, and in a very able speech alluded to the lamented death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and to offer their fraternal wishes that his Majesty King Edward VII. may be long spared to reign over us, and to express their thankfulness that his Most Gracious Majesty had been pleased to accept the Protectorship of our noble Order, and which was ordered to be entered in the minutes. Bro. R. H. Barrett was then called to receive from the hands of the W.M., Bro. George E. Harris, a very handsome jewel and a large silver after-dinner tray, which had been subscribed for by the brethren in recognition of his very valuable services as Secretary for 16 years, to which he made a very suitable reply, and thanked the brethren for the very handsome testimonial. The jewel, as said, would always be a reminder of the many happy hours he spent in the company of his brethren of the Herschel Lodge, and the tea tray would be handed down in his family as an heirloom. After some routine business, Bro. R. H. Barrett rose for the purpose of moving that a vote of condolence be passed to Bro. Arthur Turner, the very able D. of C., in the great loss he and his family had suffered in the loss of their mother, who, he reminded the brethren, was the widow of one of the founders of the lodge; the same was ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ante-room for supper, to which ample justice was done.

The only toasts were "H.M. the King and the Craft," "The W.M.," by the I.P.M., Bro. W. D. Shuard, who in a few well-chosen words congratulated the W.M. for having made such admirable arrangements for the inaugural supper in the lodge rooms (which had hitherto been held at the Royal Hotel), which was received with great enthusiasm from the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the very kind words which had fallen from the I.P.M., and the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they received them, and said he had no doubt if they would only rally round him that there was no reason why the continuance of the present arrangements should not be a perfect success, and he was delighted to find that his efforts had met with the approbation of the brethren.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Barrett in his well-known happy and humorous manner, which was replied to by Bros. Layton, P.M., and Ernest Parsons.

The Tyler's toast was next given, and the brethren dispersed, but not until they had again expressed their hearty congratulations on the grand success of the evening.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

Grand Lodge will hold its regular Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 6th instant, but in consequence of the very large attendance that is expected in respect of the contested election for the office of Grand Treasurer for the

ensuing year, the hour of meeting has been fixed for two p.m., when the minutes of the December meeting, so far as they relate to this matter, will be read and put for confirmation; after which the candidates will be formally proposed and the voting proceeded with, while the ordinary business will be taken at the usual hour of six p.m. The candidates are Bros. Captain John Barlow, P.M., and Horace Brooks Marshall, P.M., as to whose qualifications for the office there never has been and never can be the slightest question. Whichever of the two is elected we know the Grand Treasurership for 1901-2 will be worthily filled. Our regret is that some way could not have been found of avoiding a contest.

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In the evening the business will include the election of a M.W. Grand Master, who will, in the order of things, be H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master, who was nominated at the Especial Grand Lodge held on Friday, the 15th ult., and will thus succeed his Majesty the King, now Protector of the English Craft.

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There will also be considered the Report of the Board of General Purposes, the most important items of which give full information relating to the steps taken by the Central Committee of the South African Masonic Relief Fund formed in Capetown under Earl Roberts, K.G., as Honorary President with local Sub-Committees for the distribution of Relief at certain important centres. The particulars given have been furnished by Bro. George Richards, Dist. G. Master of the Transvaal, in a Report, and afford a clear insight into the steps that have been taken to give effect to the purpose of Grand Lodge in raising the Fund. There are also suggested certain amendments in the law relating to the election of members of the Board.

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The number of lodges for which Warrants of Constitution have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the December Communication is seven. Four of these are located in London, namely, the White Rose of York, No. 2840; the Aldersbrook Lodge, No. 2841; the Asylums Board Lodge, No. 2842; and the Middlesex Hospital Lodge, No. 2843. Only one new Provincial Lodge has been sanctioned, which will bear the name and number of the Needles Lodge, No. 2838, and will meet at Freshwater in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and there are Warrants for two new lodges in India, of which the Defence Lodge, No. 2839, will meet at Calcutta in the District of Bengal; and the Grey Lodge, No. 2844, which will meet at Dharmasala, in the District of the Punjab.

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The regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, when early in the course of the Proceedings, Grand Lodge will be invited to express its humble and grateful thanks to his Majesty the King, lately M.W. Grand Mark Master, for his gracious intimation that he will be pleased to assume the position and title of Patron of the Mark Degree. Subsequently, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., who graciously sanctioned his being put in nomination for the office at the especial meeting on Tuesday, the 19th ult., will be elected M.W.G.M.M. in succession to his Majesty.

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From the Report of the General Board which will be submitted, it appears that warrants for three new Mark Lodges have been granted since the December Grand Lodge, all three of which will be located in the North of England, namely, the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 545, at Slaithwaite, in the Province of West Yorkshire; and the Hartford Lodge, No. 546, and the Blagdon Lodge, No. 547, at Bedlington and Blyth-on-Tyne respectively, in the Province of Northumberland and Durham. The number of Mark certificates issued during the quarter to the 31st December, 1900, was 446, raising the total of Registered M.M. Masons to 42,446, while the Royal Ark Mariner certificates issued during the same period were 98, making the total registered 6435.

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Under the head of the Fund of Benevolence, it is announced that Bro. Alderman and Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, Past Grand Treasurer, has very kindly promised to preside as Chairman at the 33rd Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 10th July. We trust the meeting under Bro. Probyn's auspices will prove a success.

We warmly congratulate the governing bodies and Secretaries, and more especially the Educational Staffs of our two Scholastic Institutions, on the very creditable success achieved by the children under their charge at the different public examinations for which they were entered last year. These successes, though they have been from time to time greater or less according to circumstances, have been uninterrupted for many years past, so that the record has now become a series of formidable lists in which the honours and distinctions that have been additionally awarded make quite a brave show. As both these Institutions are looking forward to their anniversary Festival, those brethren who have already undertaken or intend enrolling themselves as Stewards will find this latest evidence of the value of the educational training the strongest and most impressive argument they can employ when engaged in the business of canvassing for subscriptions. People are always more generous in giving when they have the assurance that their donations or subscriptions are turned to good account.

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As regards the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 51 of the elder children were entered for the Cambridge Middle-Class Examinations in December last, and 50 of the younger for the College of Preceptors. Of the former four went in for the Senior Division, and all passed—two with Honours. For the Junior Division 25 were entered, and 24 passed, three of them with Honours and "Distinction," while 22 entered for the Preliminary Examination, and 21 passed, Honours and "Distinction" being awarded to four of them. For the College of Preceptors' Examinations, 47 out of the 50 passed, as many as 29 "Distinctions" being awarded. Thus of 101 entered for the two Examinations, 96 passed. This is a result which reflects the greatest credit upon Miss Hutchinson and her staff.

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In the case of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys as many as 75 were entered for the Cambridge Middle-Class Examinations in December last, namely, five for the Senior Division; 40 for the Junior Division; and 35 for the Preliminary Examination. All the five Seniors passed, three being awarded Third Class Honours, with three Distinctions. Of the 40 Juniors, one boy took First Class Honours in the First Division, and two First Class Honours, Second Division; four, Second Class Honours with two distinctions; eight, Third Class Honours with one distinction, and the remaining 25 satisfied the examiners. For the Preliminary, 31 passed out of the 35 entered, two being placed in the Second Class with one distinction, three in the Third Class with one distinction and 26 receiving certificates. It should be added that only four out of the whole 75 failed, and these were for the Preliminary, while the boy so highly distinguished by taking First Honours in the Juniors was under 15 years of age. We congratulate the Head Master, the Board of Management, and the Secretary on the result.

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We have much pleasure in announcing that the Festival which was to have been held last year in behalf of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution will take place on some date, as yet to be fixed, in the coming spring or summer. We shall have occasion to revert to the matter in connection with the Annual Report of the Institution, which has reached us during the last few days.

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At the recent half-yearly Communication of the District G. Mark Lodge of Bengal, which was held at Benares on the 22nd September last, Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Burkitt, who presided, referred, in the course of his address, to the great loss which the Mark Degree in the District had sustained by the death of Bro. Adam Paxton, who had done signal service as Dep. Dist. Grand Master from 1895 to 1899. Bro. Paxton's connection with the Mark dated from 1877, when he was advanced on the day the Lebanon Mark Lodge, No. 207, Allahabad, was consecrated, and was at once appointed Junior Overseer. Subsequently he was appointed District G. Registrar in 1878, District G.M.O. in 1880, District S.G.W. in 1882, and as Dep. Dist. G.M., as already mentioned, from 1895 to 1899. The tribute paid by the Dist. G.M.M. to our deceased brother was listened to with marked appreciation by the brethren present, and we feel sure the memory of the services of the late Bro. Paxton will be worthily cherished throughout the District.

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.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE (COMMUNICATED).

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

Our good Brother Richardson, in raising the question of the orthography of your correspondent, also settles the matter by speaking of "the like error."

As one who always spells the word BYE-LAWS, may I appeal to him to view the little weaknesses of brethren, "secretaries of some big railways, and certain Parliamentary draftsmen," as well as all the cricket people, with that Charity for which the Fraternity is noted.

True, we know that BY means *against*, but that is always used in the older English, and not common at present. We, however, have as boys learnt about BYES in cricket, which are not only *against* the other side, but also would in a good game be an *unusual* or *irregular* form of scoring. Consequently, when BYE-LAWS are spoken about we consider them as something not provided for by the ordinary law, and spell it accordingly.

Surely Bro. Richardson would not make the various erratic people give up that which has been with us for so long. Although we are a conservative race, some erratic one started the spelling, which, if not quite according to the best authorities on orthography, is dear to many of us, and less likely to offend the eye of the majority.

Besides, our spelling varies from time to time, and why may not this word be the one of the future?—Yours fraternally,

C. W.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have this afternoon received the results of the Cambridge University Local Examinations held in December last. I am glad to inform you that our Boys have gained the following successes:

SENIORS—Five entered, all passed, three in Third Class.

JUNIORS—40 entered, all passed; one First Class, First Division with three distinctions, two First Class, Second Division; four Second Class, with two distinctions; eight Third Class, with two distinctions; and 25 other passes.

PRELIMINARY—35 entered and 31 passed; two gaining Second Class with one distinction; three gaining Third Class with one distinction; and 26 other passes.

TOTAL—75 certificates, 23 honours, 53 passes, and nine distinctions.

There was no failure in the "Senior" and "Junior" Sections, and only four in the "Preliminary."

The boy Coates, who passes so brilliantly in the First Class of the "Junior," was under 15 years of age.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. McLEOD,
Secretary.

6, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
22nd February.

[For the Girls' School result, see page 117.—ED. F.M.]

FOR WORN-OUT BRITISH SEAMEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that Admiral Sir F. Leopold McClintock, K.C.B., has been again elected as Chairman of the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution, and Capt. David Mainland, F.R.G.S., as Vice-Chairman.

I have the pleasure to announce that the Institution has just received a donation of £1000 from its worthy President, Mr. R. S. Donkin, and his wife, enabling the Committee to nominate 15 of the aged applicants to receive the out-pension of this national and unique Institution for worn-out British merchant seamen in addition to the 20 elected by the votes of the subscribers and donors.

This still leaves 210 poor old seamen on the list of approved applicants who are in urgent need of relief, and the Committee sincerely hope that some friend of British seamen will imitate Mr. and Mrs. Donkin's generous example.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York is patron, and Col. Robert Williams M.P. (banker) is treasurer of the Institution.—Yours faithfully,

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ORTHOGRAPHY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I thank Bro. Richardson for his letter and must acknowledge my error. All I can say in extenuation is "De minimis non curat jurisprudentia."—Yours fraternally,

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Reviews.

"COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1901."—This well-known annual, now in its 29th year of publication, is an old favourite of the Craft, and is really and truly a supplement or complement to the official Grand Lodge Calendar. In its way it is quite as necessary and useful, as all the Masonic Degrees, other than the first Three and the Royal Arch of England, are duly detailed, the information as to all Bodies beyond, under or above, as they may be considered, being varied, complete, and carefully arranged; besides which all the Craft Grand Lodges, excepting England, are fully represented, Lists of Lodges being given, and also ample information as to the Grand Chapters of all Countries in the Universe. It is a very handy publication, containing, as it does, complete Registers of the Mark Grand Lodge, Ancient and Accepted Rite, Knight Templars, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Allied Masonic Degrees, Secret Monitor, Royal and Select Masters, and the Resicrucian Society. Scotland, Ireland, the Colonies, Continental, and American Grand Lodges, &c., are all cared for. Assuredly if over 200 pages, and these well covered with facts, for one shilling, are not sufficient for the trifling outlay, Masonic clients must be hard[ly] to please and difficult to satisfy.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DURHAM, 1901."—This admirably edited Annual is duly authorised by the Provincial Grand Lodge, the esteemed Brother Robert Hudson being the Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. John Joel the Assist. Prov. G. Sec., to whom all matters affecting the publication must be addressed. The "Index of Contents" is a boon, because it is both accurate and complete; the arrangement of the numerous particulars is as near perfection as possible, and the Directory generally is well filled with valuable facts respecting the Province, so that no member can afford to do without a copy for the expenditure of a shilling. The yearly Summaries from 1884 to 1899 is an excellent feature, beginning with 30 lodges and 2258 members, and ending with 37 and 3350 respectively. The average is unusually high, being over 90 members per lodge. Similar particulars for the R.A. chapters and the Mark lodges would be acceptable, though it scarcely seems fair to ask for more information, when so much is given concerning the Prov. G. Lodge and all the lodges and other Masonic Bodies in Durham.

"WHITAKER'S PEERAGE FOR THE YEAR, 1901."—(J. Whitaker and Sons, 12, Warwick-lane, E.C.).—This extremely handy work, being a "Directory of Titled Persons," has now been before the public for five years, and evidently has come to stay, like the famous *Whitaker's Almanack*. It is so complete, accurate, and ably arranged, that the handsome volume—always increasing in size year by year—is indispensable for all classes who desire precise and full information as to the Royal Family, the Peerage, Baronetage, Knighthood, Privy Councillors, Home and Colonial Bishops, &c. In fact, all Titled Persons are duly described, and many particulars are appended in explanation of the origin and character of all such positions of distinction. The issue for 1901 is the best of the series undoubtedly, and, though regret will generally be felt for the cause which has led to the late publication of the volume, viz., the Editor's prolonged ill-health, the delay itself has been beneficial really, as the List includes the New Year's Honours for 1900 and 1901, and the Obituary covers 13 months—so it includes the decease of the beloved Queen, and thus notes the changes affected by the accession of his Majesty, King Edward VII. The Obituary for 1900-1 is classified for the first time, in this issue, which is a decided improvement; other additions of value being brief historical notices after each Peerage—models of their kind—and the Second Heirs to every Peer and Baron are also inserted. The invaluable Introduction with such precise and concise description of all the Titles conferred by the Sovereign, as well as a mass of most interesting and instructive information respecting the Sovereign, his Relatives, the Peerage, and its Degrees, is an important feature of the work. No higher praise can be offered than the simple statement that, though "Whitaker's Almanack" and "Whitaker's Peerage" are independent publications, they are naturally supplementary each to the other, and are the best of their kind extant.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 6th instant:

Grand Lodge will be opened at Two o'clock in the afternoon punctually, and will not be closed until the conclusion of the ordinary business of Grand Lodge, which will be taken at six o'clock.

At Two o'clock p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December, 1900, so far as they relate to the election of Grand Treasurer, will be read and put for confirmation, after which the candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer will be formally proposed, and the ballot proceeded with. Bro. Captain John Barlow, P.M. 1260, and Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, P.M. 1745, &c., the only nominations.

At Six o'clock p.m.

2. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December, 1900, and of the Especial Grand Lodge of the 15th February, 1901, will be read for confirmation.

3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the months ending December, January, and February, in which there are recommendations for the following:

The widow of a brother of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, London ...	£50 0 0
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5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board begs to report that it has been called on to investigate a complaint against two brethren in the Province of Guernsey and Alderney, for insubordinate conduct and dereliction of Masonic duty, and that it has felt it its duty to suspend such brethren from all Masonic rights and privileges, the one for six, and the other for three months.

The attention of the Board having been called to the practice—the subject of much complaint—of smoking in the corridors adjacent to Grand Lodge and in other rooms in the building, orders have been issued prohibiting such practice in future.

The Board has to report that the conveyance to the Trustees of Grand Lodge of the stables recently acquired in New-yard, pursuant to the resolution of Grand Lodge, has been completed.

The Board has further to announce that it has received a Report from Right Worshipful Bro. George Richards, District Grand Master for the Transvaal, to the effect that a Central Committee of the South African Masonic Relief Fund had been formed at Capetown, of which R.W. Bro. Earl Roberts, K.G., Past Grand Warden, had accepted the office of Honorary President; and that local Sub-Committees for the distribution of relief had been established in Capetown, King William's Town, Kimberley, Pietermaritzburg, Durban, and Johannesburg. That to each Committee sums of money had been allocated, to relieve the most pressing cases of distress, and that in addition to the sum of £1000 allocated to Capetown, Kimberley, Durban, King William's Town, and Pietermaritzburg, it had been arranged to place £1000 at the disposal of the Transvaal Committee as soon as the refugees from the Transvaal commenced to return to their homes, as it was considered the cases for relief would naturally gravitate towards that centre.

The Report further stated that the lodges unattached in Rhodesia, Zululand, and a portion of the Orange River Colony, were especially represented on the Central Committee, and that applications for relief were either forwarded direct or through the nearest Sub-Committee.

Of the sum of £9000 which had been received by the Trustees at Capetown, the Central Committee had arranged with the Standard Bank there to place £6000 on deposit, bearing interest at three per cent. It was also stated that the local Committees meet weekly, making monthly reports to the Central Committee, the services of the members of which were given gratuitously. That the principle adopted by the Committee was to grant free relief to widows and orphans in need, but treating advances to the brethren as loans repayable, should future circumstances permit. R.W. Bro. Richards, in conclusion, stated he was desired by the President and members of the Central Committee to convey to the Grand Lodge of England their gratitude on behalf of the brethren in South Africa for the noble response made by the Fraternity under the English Constitution to the appeal of the M.W. Grand Master.

The Board having for some time had under its consideration proposals for amending the law relating to the election of members of the Board of General Purposes, begs to recommend Grand Lodge to sanction the following alterations in the Book of Constitutions:—

That Rules 255 and 256 be amended to read as follows:—

Rule 255.—The President and six of such other members shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Grand Lodge in June, and the Grand Lodge shall on the same day elect, from the actual Masters and Past Masters of lodges, as many as may be required to make up the remaining eighteen members of the Board, as hereinafter provided. A Master and Past Master, or more than one Past Master of the same lodge, shall not be elected as such on the same Board; but this shall not disqualify any Past Master, being a subscribing member and Master of another lodge, from being elected for and representing such other lodge as Master.

Rule 256.—At the election in June, 1901, the full number of 18 members shall be elected; and thereafter one-third of the elected members shall go out of office annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. Those who go out of office in June, 1902, shall be the six members who were elected by the smallest number of votes in 1901; and those who go out of office in June, 1903, shall be the six members who were elected by the next smallest number of votes in 1901; the Board always determining, when the votes for any such members shall have been equal, who shall be the members so to go out of office; and after 1903, those who shall go out of office shall always be the members who have been for the longest time in office. On the death or removal from office of an elected member, the brother elected in his place under Rule 261, shall go out of office at the time appointed for the member whose place he has taken.

The attention of the Board having been directed to the crowding and inconvenience occasioned by the procession into Grand Lodge of so large a number of Present and Past Grand Officers, it begs to report that, at the suggestion of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, and with the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, it has been arranged that, in future the procession into Grand Lodge shall be divided into two parts; the first part comprising Past Grand Officers, according to their rank, seniors first, who shall proceed into Grand Lodge and take their seats on the dais; the second part to be formed of the Grand Officers of the year, who will precede the Grand Master as at present, and will open out in front of the dais to allow the Grand Master, or other presiding officer, to take his seat, and will then take the seats marked and reserved for them.

It is with a feeling of very deep and sincere regret that the Board has to report the removal by death since January, 1900, of the following brethren, who had filled a high position in the Craft as Officers of Grand Lodge:

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Radnor, Prov. G. Master for Wiltshire.
R.W. Bro. the Earl of Portarlington, P.G.W.
R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough, P.G.W.
R.W. Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, K.C.M.G., P.G.W.
R.W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G. Master for Durham.
R.W. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W.
R.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.
V.W. Bro. Rev. Robert J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.
V.W. Bro. Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.
V.W. Bro. Rev. Brooke Lambert, P.G. Chap.
V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.
V.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Bevan, P.G. Treas.
W. Bro. A. Saville Tomkins, P.G.D.
W. Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, Bart., P.G.D.
W. Bro. Sir J. W. Maclure, Bart., M.P., P.G.D.
W. Bro. A. Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S., P.G.D.
W. Bro. Chas. Beaumont, P.G.D.
W. Bro. Chas. Barry, F.S.A., P.G. Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. Chas. H. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. Wentworth Cole, P. Asst. G.D.C.
W. Bro. John Fenwick, P. Asst. G.D.C.
W. Bro. Geo. Kelly, P.G.S.B.
W. Bro. E. J. Smith, P.G. Std. Br.
W. Bro. B. Kelly Thorpe, P.G. Std. Br.
W. Bro. Howard H. Room, P.G. Std. Br.
W. Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, P.G. Organist.
W. Bro. George Graveley, P.G. Purst.
W. Bro. L. F. Littell, P.G. Purst.
W. Bro. Walter Martin, P. Asst. G. Purst.

The Board has to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks:

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Two Old Masonic Prints (Dutch)...	John H. Gerards, No. 2772.
An Old Past Grand Steward's Jewel ...	R. Loveland Loveland, K.C., Pres. B.G. Purposes.
"The Masonic Record," No. 1. (printed on satin) ...	The Proprietor of "The Masonic Record."
An Old Masonic Apron and three Masonic Prints } ...	C. T. Townsend, P.P.S.G.W.
The Tabernacle in the Wilderness ...	Suffolk.
Constitutions, 1756, and four old Jewels ...	Thos. E. Withington, Prov. S.G.W.
Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry, 1843 ...	W. Lanc.
Cross's Masonic Chart, 1820 ...	Gr.-Mr.-Sergt. John Leaney, P.P.G. Purst. Essex.
Photograph of an old Masonic Plate ...	J. C. Main, P.M. and Sec. No. 157.
The Masonic Veterans of Illinois, 15th Report ...	Joseph Gray, P.M. No. 503.
An Old Perfect Ashlar (inlaid) ...	Gen. John C. Smith, Past G. Master of Illinois.
Four Old Masonic Prints (the late T. G. Dougherty's) ...	Edwin P. Luke, W.M. No. 1853.
The Antiquity of Chester Masonry ...	F. Bascombe, P.M. No. 2396.
The Constitution, Public Ceremonies, &c., of the Grand Lodge of Canada ...	Jn. Armstrong, P.P.S.G.W.W. Lanc.
Two Old Masonic Books ...	The Grand Secretary of Canada.
History of the Soc. Ros. in Anglia ...	Rev. F. M. Burton, G. Chap.
History of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147 ...	Dr. W. Wynne Westcott, P.M.
	Walter E. Dille, P.M. and Sec.

Photograph of the Lambton Arms Inn ... Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. Durham.

History of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, New York ... The Author, C. Victor Twiss, P.M., Past High Priest, &c.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND-LOVELAND, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
19th February, 1901.

The Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 18th instant, showed a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £9125 5s. 6d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.A.G.D.C.—

Addition to Article 282.

"A Brother who has been a member of a subordinate Lodge in a British Colony, formerly holding allegiance to this Grand Lodge, but now to a Colonial Grand Lodge, may, by permission of the Grand Master, if a member of this Grand Lodge, wear his Colonial Grand Lodge insignia in Grand Lodge, or in any subordinate Lodges; provided that the permission of the Grand Master to wear such insignia shall not interfere with the order of precedence set forth in Article 6."

7. Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts of receipts and disbursements during the year 1900.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

No. 2838, The Needles, Freshwater, Isle of Wight.
2839, The Defence, Calcutta.
2840, The White Rose of York, London.
2841, The Aldersbrook, London.
2842, The Asylums Board, London.
2843, The Middlesex Hospital, London.
2844, The Grey, Dharmasala, Punjab, India.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday next, the 5th instant:

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 4th December, 1900, and Special Grand Lodge of 19th February, 1901.

2. That the humble and grateful thanks of Grand Lodge be most respectfully offered to his Majesty the King, for his gracious intimation that he will be pleased to assume the position and title of Patron of the Mark Degree.

3. Election of the M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4. Election of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. Report of the General Board.

6. A motion will be made that the report be taken as read.

7. A motion will be made that the report be received and entered on the minutes.

8. Recommendations arising out of the report:

(a) That a sum of £50 be voted to the widow of a late brother No. 342.

(b) That a sum of £20 be voted to the widow of a late brother No. 342.

(c) That a sum of £20 be voted to the daughter of a late brother No. 28.

(d) That a sum of £20 be voted to the widow of a brother Nos. 2 and 305.

9. A motion will be proposed that the report be adopted.

Royal Arch.

Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777.

The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, when there were present Comps. Alfred G.bbs, M.E.Z.; T. P. Whately, H.; Rev. J. A. Arnan Tait, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.P.G. Std. Br., Scribe E.; W. Macklin, P.S.; F. Dowse, P.Z.; P. Dewar, W. A. Shaw, and C. Haig-Brown. Visitors: Comps. R. F. Gould, P.A.G.S.; and C. T. Tyler, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G.S.E.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. George Lintott, 2101, which proving unanimous in his favour, and the candidate being in attendance, he was exalted into the mysteries and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. A resolution embodying the regret of the companions at the death of her late Majesty the Queen was recorded on the minutes, after which, there being no further business, the chapter was closed.

The companions subsequently dined together.

St. Magdalene Chapter, No. 242.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. F. J. FORTH.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 22nd ult. Present: H. A. Fenton, M.E.Z.; F. J. Forth, H.; W. Langbridge, J.; J. Constable, P.Z., P.S.; W. W. Fretwell, P.Z.; C. Goldthorpe, P.Z.; C. M. Hartley, P.Z.; F. D. Waker, P.Z.; J. Shires, P.H.; F. T. Turner, J. H. Pawson, W. Ord, W. W. Hainsworth, G. Pashley, W. Mason, Janitor, and others.

Comp. Forth was installed into the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Fenton, I.P.Z., Comp. Langbridge into the chair of H. by Comp. Constable, P.Z., who in turn was installed into the chair of J. by Comp. Langbridge, and the newly-installed M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. Ord, S.E.; Boomer, S.N.; Turner, P.S.; Shires, 1st A.S.; Pawson, 2nd A.S.; Forth, Treas.; and W. Mason, Janitor.

The chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the ante-room, where a light banquet was partaken of, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been pleased to confer upon the undermentioned regiments the honour of becoming their Colonel-in-Chief on his accession to the throne: 10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars, of which regiment he has been the Regimental Colonel since the year 1863; Grenadier Guards, Coldstream Guards, Scots Guards, and Irish Guards.

Craft Masonry.

Alleyn Lodge, No. 2647.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. COMPTON STANLEY.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd ult., in the tastefully-appointed Napoleon Room of Messrs. Callingham's Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, and was attended by the following members and visiting brethren:—Bros. T. Compton Stanley, W.M.; E. M. Scott, J.W.; J. F. Henley, S.D.; R. Omash, J.D.; J. William Stevens, D.C.; Walter J. Mass, I.G.; J. Joel, I.P.M.; G. W. Capel, P.M.; Harry Harwood, Chas. A. Frost, H. J. Newnham, John R. Simmons, Thos. G. H. Johnson, J. W. Harrison, Henry Wyatt, James Kahn, Charles L. Lechman, A. Dixon Jolly, G. W. Bins, John Songhurst, A. Browne, and Charles J. Thomson. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Bale, P.M. and Treas. 87; J. Webb, P.M. 92; Geo. Paxton, W.M. 435; S. S. Stanley, 435; Edw. Harris, W.M. elect 435; Edw. Barrow, 879; Ernest G. Lundberg, 1287; A. G. Thomson, 1287; Richd. Cane, P.M. 1287; Capel Lambe, 1567; H. Trimmell, 1580; D. Taylor, 2278; Walter West, P.M. 2416; R. C. Richardson, 2458; S. P. Clark, 2699; and Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.

The minutes having been read, Bro. T. G. H. Johnson initiated Mr. Charles John Thomson into the ancient mysteries. Bro. Joel was elected and invested Treasurer. Bro. W. H. Stone, I.P.M., then proceeded to instal Bro. T. Compton Stanley, P.M., as Master for the ensuing year, a task agreed upon by all to have been most creditably and efficiently performed, hampered as he was by a very bad cold. The W.M. is also to be congratulated upon the manner in which he invested his officers. Bro. Stone having been presented with a Past Master's jewel, and also a collar, and thanking the lodge in feeling terms, the lodge, after a little discussion *re* the Audit Committee's report, and the voting of £5 5s. for the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School Festival, adjourned to refreshment, and during the banquet a very select programme of vocal and instrumental music was given under the direction of Bro. J. C. Steiner, the items we

Bro. Stone, in rising to thank the W.M. and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, said that as Bro. Ganz in his remarks seemed to imply that he had a past, he trusted that he had a future also and the lodge as well, and a good one, and, as far as he was concerned, it would have, as he should continue to forward its interests.

The W.M. then proposing "Our Brother the Initiate," regarded it as the toast of the evening, and said judging by the way Bro. Thomson had gone through the ceremony he appreciated his entrance into our ancient Institution.

Bro. C. J. Thomson, in his reply, said how proud he was to be received as a brother, and thanked the newly found brethren for their reception of him.

Bros. Paxton, W.M. 435; Bale, P.M. and Treas. 87; E. G. Lundberg, 1287; Webb, P.M. 92; and H. Trimmell, 1580, thanked the W.M. in suitable and happy terms for the entertainment offered them.

Bro. G. W. Capel, in responding for "The Past Masters," commented on the fact that he was, owing to the death of Bro. Axford, senior Past Master of the Alleyn Lodge, and thanked the brethren.

Bro. J. Joel in a few words endorsed the remarks of the last speaker.

Bro. Stone, I.P.M., expressed his gratification at seeing Bro. Stanley in the chair.

Bro. J. Joel, the newly-elected Treasurer, said what a great honour he felt in being called upon to succeed to the office so ably held by the late Bro. Axford, and hoped he also would be able to earn the esteem and respect of the brethren.

Bro. C. H. Phillips then, in his capacity as Secretary, assured the brethren of the splendid financial condition of the lodge, although so young, and said if they went on at the same rate as they had been doing they would become the finest lodge in London.

In toasting "The Officers," the W.M. called attention to the presence of Bro. Harris, who had been fighting in South Africa, and hoped he would soon take active service in the lodge.

The S.W. and J.W. then replied, and the Tyler's toast brought a long and interesting evening to a close.

The flashlight photograph of the members and guests at table was taken by Messrs. Fradelle and Young.



From a Photo by Fradelle and Young, Regent Street, W.

may mention as seeming to please more particularly being "Love the Pedlar" and "Ma curly-headed bobby," by Madame Julia Franks; and "When I was a child of three," by Miss Emily Rasey. "Take a pair of sparkling eyes," and "The Lost Chord" were most efficiently rendered by Mr. George Harlow on the cornet.

On proceeding to the toast list, the W.M., in giving "The King," which was drunk with enthusiasm, remarked on the good their late M.W.G.M. had done for the Craft during his many years' tenure of his exalted office.

In proposing "The M.W. Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., with the toast.

Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, in replying, stated what pleasure it afforded him to be present at the installation that day of his old friend, Bro. T. Compton Stanley, they both belonging to the same mother lodge (the Salisbury), and called attention to the fact that by the election of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to the acting leadership of English Freemasonry, the Craft would derive much benefit in having one who had their common interests so much at heart.

Bro. W. H. Stone, I.P.M., then rose to toast his newly-elected successor to the chair, and referred to him as an able worker, and diligent in all things Masonic.

The W.M., in response, remarked that he regarded his election as one of the happiest moments in his life, tinged by sadness, however, as it could not help being by the lamented death of Bro. Axford, to whose special presence on that occasion to support him at his installation he had looked forward.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Stone," and referred to the work he had done in the Craft, and to the particularly workmanlike way in which he had discharged his important duties that evening.

Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. R. W. MATTOCK.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Yatton, Somerset, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Lyddon, W.M. The members in attendance included Bros. A. W. Metcalfe, P.P.G.S., I.P.M.; R. W. Mattock, S.W.; R. W. Statham, P.M., Chap.; C. L. F. Edwards, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., Treas.; T. A. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Sec.; E. H. Openshaw, S.D.; E. J. Davey, J.D.; C. Winter, I.G.; F. J. Savage, Stwd.; J. Ball, Tyler; J. Mountstevens, P.M., P.P.A.G. Purs.; F. W. Hesse, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; H. W. Collins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. W. Knowles, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. W. Pitts, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; W. Ritson, P.M. 216; W. H. Shiner, J. S. Cudlip, W. E. Butland, and W. Stoker. The visitors included Bros. W. E. Perrett, jun., P.M. 1222, D. of C.; J. Cooper, P.M. 1222; R. J. Dart, P.M. 1222; H. Butt, W.M. 1222; T. Cox, 1222; E. Baker, 1222; A. E. Jefferies, Stwd. 1222; W. B. Frampton, 1222; C. W. Noble, 610; G. Payne, 326; J. Gover, P.M. 610; W. H. Carmock, S.D. 106; and H. W. Mackenzie, P.M. 1750.

After the opening of the lodge and the transaction of formal business, Bro. R. W. Mattock was presented as W.M. elect by Bros. F. W. Hesse, P.M., and W. Ritson, P.M., and duly installed into the chair by Bro. H. W. Collins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. The officers appointed and invested by Bro. R. W. Mattock, W.M., were as follows: Bros. W. A. Lyddon, I.P.M.; A. Powell, S.W.; E. H. Openshaw, J.W.; R. W. Statham, P.M., Chap.; C. L. F. Edwards, P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Treas.; T. A. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Sec.; E. J. Davey, S.D.; C. Winter, J.D.; W. Reece, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., D. of C.; E. Thatcher, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Org.; H. C. Bristow,

I.G.; F. J. Savage and J. S. Cudlip, Stwds.; and J. Ball, Tyler. Bro. W. A. Lyddon, I.P.M., then proposed a vote of condolence with his Most Gracious Majesty the King. The motion was seconded by Bro. C. L. F. Edwards, P.G.D. Eng., and passed in solemn silence. Bro. R. W. Mattock, W.M., expressed regret that Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., was absent through ill-health, but hoped shortly to see him again on more important occasions, and also thanked Bro. H. W. Collins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., for performing the ceremony of installing him in the chair. Other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed and the usual banquet followed.

The W.M., for the first time, proposed "The King and Craft," but before submitting the toast he referred to her late Majesty Queen Victoria, expressing regret at the loss his Majesty the King and also the nation had sustained.

In proposing the next toast, "The Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst; the Dep. Grand Master, Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. made reference to the value of Grand Lodge.

Bro. C. L. F. Edwards, P.G.D. Eng., replied.

Bro. W. A. Lyddon, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." and wished him success and plenty of work during his year of office.

Bro. R. W. Mattock, W.M., in reply, said he trusted, with the aid of the officers, to carry out the duties as other Masters had done in the past.

The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bros. Statham, P.M., Metcalfe, P.M., and Pitts, P.M.

Bro. C. L. F. Edwards, P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Treas., proposed "The Visitors," and Bros. W. E. Perrett, jun., P.M. 1222, H. Butt, W.M. 1222, W. B. Frampton, 1222, C. W. Noble, G.O., and H. W. Mackenzie, P.M. 1750, replied.

"The Officers of Lodge 1199" was proposed by Bro. W. Ritson, P.M. 216, and acknowledged.

The W.M. proposed "The Charities," and congratulated the county on the few candidates that had lately been proposed for any benefit.

The toast was replied to by Bro. C. L. F. Edwards—who has represented the county on several occasions as Steward at the festivals—which brought a pleasant evening to a close.

The banquet was served by Bro. J. Mountstevens, and enjoyed by all present.

Southampton Lodge, No. 394.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. J. M. BERRY.

The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on the 21st ult., when Bro. W. J. M. Berry (Chief Constable of Southampton) was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. There was an exceptionally large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, including the following Masters and Past Masters: Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D. Eng., P.D.P.G.M.; Bunch, W.M. 76; A. J. V. Bishaw, W.M., and C. J. Sharp, 130; Pakeman, W.M. 1728; Lovell Stevens, W.M., Michael Emanuel, P.P.G. Reg., and T. G. Dacombe, P.G.S.B., all of 359; Noel S. Ashby, W.M. 1112; J. C. Burbage, P.P.G.S.B., 316; R. W. Dennis, 1780; and J. Lemon, W.M., P.P.S.G.W., H. P. Aslett, P.P.S.G.D., E. Gayton, S. Dacombe, P.P.A.G.D.C., F. A. Dunsford, P.P.A.G.D.C., A. Hewett, P.P.G. Stwd., H. C. Ashdown, P.P.G. Stwd., A. Doggrell, F. Fairweather, P.P.G. Stwd., Dr. A. W. Harris, and Maurice Wheeler, all of 394. Bro. J. Barton, S.W. 551, was also one of the visitors.

Bro. H. Lashmore was the Installing Master, and during the ceremony the following were invested as lodge officers for the year, viz.: Bros. Lemon, I.P.M.; E. R. Ensor, S.W.; J. E. Maffey, J.W.; H. Lashmore, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Linthorne, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Blizard, J.D.; W. B. G. Bennett, J.D.; S. J. Gubb, I.G.; F. A. Dunsford, P.M., D.C.; A. Doggrell, P.M., A.D.C.; G. Leake, Org.; W. G. Conlan and A. M. Miller, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Lemon for his services in the chair, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to him. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. A. W. Harris, the retiring I.P.M. A vote of sympathy with the King and Royal Family, proposed from the chair, and seconded by Bro. Lemon, was ordered to be recorded on the lodge minutes.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Biggs, under the superintendence of the D.C.

The W.M. presided, and in the course of the *post-prandial* proceedings his health was honoured, and many "Hearty good wishes" were tendered him by the visiting and other brethren that he would have a happy and successful year of office.

An attractive musical programme was gone through, Bro. Leake presiding at the piano.

Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569.

A meeting was held at the Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, on Friday, the 22nd ult. Present: Bros. Henry Humphries, W.M.; Capt. George Carpenter, S.W.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, J.W. and Sec.; H. J. Adams, P.M., Treas.; H. Jarrett, S.D.; H. F. Adlard, J.D.; C. Draycott, D.C.; F. Half, I.G.; R. G. Webster, P.M.; T. F. Harrington, H. M. B. Hardy, H. C. Simmonds, W. Bradley, G. C. Taylor, B. T. Mills, J. M. Wright, P. J. Hopkinson, J. H. James, H. Munday, T. Faulkner, E. T. Roberts, J. C. Wood, C. H. Mitchell, and H. T. Greenwood. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Driver, P.M. 45; E. G. Life, 2528; Capt. J. Barlow, P.M. 1260; Caldwell, 140; H. J. Baker, 1660; A. C. Weston, 101; Sutton Shepley, P.M. 1607; and A. G. Young, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Wright, Hopkinson, and Taylor were raised impressively by the W.M. to the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed.

After supper the usual Masonic toasts were given.

The W.M. gave "The King and the Craft," which was followed by the singing of "God save the King."

The toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next presented, Bro. H. J. Adams, P.A.G.D.C., replying.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Adams, who spoke of the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of his important office; he regretted that many of the officers were absent.

The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for their kindness. He reminded them that he was about to represent the lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution; he hoped that he would be liberally supported.

It may be mentioned that the W.M. has already 85 guineas on his list; this is encouraging.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. assured them of a hearty welcome.

Bro. Life and Driver replied.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" was given by the W.M., who alluded to the services they were always ready to render.

Bro. R. G. Webster replied, saying that the Past Masters were always ready to help when needful, more especially as their services had been so thoroughly appreciated.

In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said how valuable they were to the lodge.

Bro. Stohwasser replied, thanking the brethren on behalf of the Treasurer and himself.

The toast of "The Officers" being duly acknowledged, the Tyler's toast concluded an enjoyable evening.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. Walter Cockerham, W.M.; J. T. C. Blackie, S.W.; S. Richards, J.W.; J. Schofield, I.P.M., Sec.; O. M. Jones, P.M., Treas.; J. Brownhill, S.D.; A. Bentley, J.D.; Geo. J. Critchley and C. G. Balls, Stwds.; Buckley Carr, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. R. Ashworth, P.M.; H. M. Massingham, P.M.; J. W. Whalley, A. Sumner, S. Rains, R. Grenville, S. W. Hartley, G. H. Tyler, W. Arnold, E. A. Harrison, and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Seth Wrigley, P.M. 1052, 2263, P.P.G.D.; John Studd, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Long, P.M. 1496; C. Ireland, 1729; W. E. Willmot, 2464; H. H. Cooper, 1387; W. Spurr, 163; W. J. Lowden, 2264; and C. Coatman, 2464.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and

confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. John James Richards, and he being unanimously elected, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. M. Massingham, P.M., in a very able manner. The working tools and the charge were given by Bro. Samuel Richards, J.W., and brother of the candidate, the latter being rendered in the most finished style we have heard it done. Bro. A. Sumner having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in his usual effective style. Bro. R. P. Grenville was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. This ceremony was the treat of the evening, it being rendered in the most impressive manner by Bro. Buckley Carr, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Bros. Wrigley and Studd, attending as a deputation from Prov. Grand Lodge, addressed the brethren on behalf of the East Lancashire Systematic Institution, urging them to assist that well-deserving Charity at the forthcoming Festival in June next to their utmost power. Bro. Buckley Carr, in thanking the provincial brethren for their visit, said he felt sure that every brother of the lodge would do what lay in his power to help the Festival to a successful issue.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed, and the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the social board, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Friday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. Hugh T. Taylor, W.M., who presided; A. Dawson Jones, S.W.; J. Davidson, J.W.; W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec.; F. M. Spencer Lewin, S.D.; W. W. Szlumper, J.D.; R. Lake, P.M., D.C.; H. L. Sarson, I.G.; T. Pollard, P.M.; R. S. Fairbank, P.M.; F. E. Bartlett, C. Ryall, J. F. W. Silk, M.D., A. R. Woodbridge, J. D. Pattrello, and T. Bowles, Tyler. Bro. F. Burrough, I.G. 1351, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, some routine business was transacted. Bro. W. A. Bowser, P.M., Sec., then, pursuant to notice, called attention to the fact that the lodge of instruction which was authorised by No. 2000 in December, 1889, had no official Preceptor, and he thought it was very desirable that one should be appointed. He (Bro. Bowser) had, it was true, informally acted for some time as Preceptor, but he was anxious not only to make the position an official and, therefore, a responsible one, but to enlist the services and provide some congenial work for one of their members, who, although a junior in point of membership of No. 2000, was an experienced Past Master of another lodge; he referred to Bro. Charles Fox, P.M. 90. Bro. Fox had a thorough knowledge of the ritual, according to Emulation working, and in this respect he resembled his own brother, the late Bro. Joseph Fox, a Past Master of this lodge, whose loss they still deplored, and whose perfect working was a matter of admiration to all the older members of the lodge. He therefore proposed that Bro. Charles Fox be appointed Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. This was seconded by Bro. R. Lake, P.M., D.C., and supported by Bro. R. S. Fairbank, P.M., who said that he did so on the understanding that Bro. Bowser would not accept the position. Bro. Bowser said he had carefully considered the matter, and, in the interests of the lodge, thought it would be desirable, and in every respect a good thing to do, to appoint Bro. Fox to a position for which he was in every way qualified. The proposal was unanimously agreed to. The W.M. then instructed the brethren in some of the principles of Masonry by working the 4th Section of the First Lecture, assisted by Bro. A. Dawson Jones, S.W., and the 5th Section of the same Lecture, assisted by Bro. J. Davidson, J.W. The work was admirably done, and its performance afforded much gratification to the brethren. This is the third occasion within the last few months in which these three brethren have worked portions of the Three Lectures. The charity maul having been passed around, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards informally dined together, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

Langley Lodge, No. 28.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. BEN JENKINS, P.P.G.S.B.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Thursday, the 7th ult. Among those present were Bros. John Sheridan, P.M.; John Munday, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; John R. Ingram, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. G. Coleman, P.M.; C. A. Britton, Arthur Lewis, Q.C., F. J. Harding, and J. T. Dawe. Visitors: Bros. J. Owen Marsh, P.G.S. Eng., Prov. G. Master of Monmouthshire; E. Fred Gardner, Dep. Prov. G. Master; T. P. Garrett, P.M. 109; E. W. Schofield, W.M. 109, P.G.M.O.; Henry Allen, P.M. 109, P.P.S.G.W.; Geo. Bell, 109, P.P.S.G.W.; John Matthias, 109, P.S.G.W.; and D. S. Abrahamson, 109, P.G.I.G. Bro. Isidore Leon, W.M., presided, ably supported by his officers.

The lodge having been duly opened, and before the business commenced, the W.M. feelingly referred to the great loss the nation had sustained in the death of our beloved Queen. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Prov. G. Master of Monmouthshire entered, accompanied by his officers. Grand honours were given, after which Bro. Ben Jenkins, P.P.G.S.B., was presented by the Prov. G.M. Mon., Bro. J. Owen Marsh, and ably installed by Bro. N. D. Marks, Prov. G.S. South Wales. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Isidore, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; Sam Jones, P.P.G.S. of W., S.W.; Frank G. Simpson, P.P.A. G.D.C., J.W.; F. Martin, P.P.G.O., M.O.; Nat Hurley, P.P.G. Stwd., S.O.; Dr. De Vere Hunt, P.G. Reg., P.P.A.G.S., J.O.; N. D. Marks, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. of Eng., Prov. G. Sec., Treas. and Sec.; Carl Carlsen, P.P.G. Stwd., R. of M.; R. F. Morgan, P.P.G. Stwd., S.D.; Ben Winfield, P.G. Stwd., J.D.; T. P. Kerman, P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; J. T. Jones, Org.; C. A. Britton, P.G. Stwd., Asst. Sec.; J. Rees, I.G.; W. J. Hall and J. White, Stwds.; and A. Jenkins, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Isidore Leon, Prov. G.J.W., by the Prov. G. Master, J. Owen Marsh, who replied in suitable terms. Apologies were read from several brethren unable to be present, and one from the Deputy, Bro. Robt. Lock, regretting inability to be present through illness. The Treasurer's account was passed, a handsome balance being in hand. A discussion then arose about reviving the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, which had not been held for two years. It was proposed by Bro. Nelson D. Marks, and seconded by Bro. Dr. De Vere Hunt, and carried unanimously "That the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge should be held twice a year immediately after the Mark Lodge closed, same as the K.T. Malta is held after the K.T."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a *recherche* banquet was served by Bro. Sam Dean, the musical arrangements being in the hands of the Wagner Quartette, and highly appreciated.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Stamford Lodge, No. 148.

The regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday, the 18th ultimo. The following were amongst those present: Bros. W. Shilling, P.G. Treas., W.M.; J. Ferguson, P.A.G. Sec., S.W.; J. T. C. Blackie, P.A.G.D.C., J.W.; W. Dykes, P.P.A.G.D.C., S.O.; W. Hall, Sec.; J. S. Derbyshire, P.G.D. of C., I.P.M., D. of C.; G. Leigh, S.D.; C. Price, P.G. Stwd., I.G.; S. Thompson, Tyler; F. Broadsmith, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. G. Parker, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; J. Davenport, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; H. Holt, H. Perry, J. E. Sharples, G. J. Critchley, Dr. T. Fennell, and G. H. Podmore.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Robert Cartwright Whitelegg, P.M. 1045, (Craft), which proving unanimous in his favour, he was advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M. by Bro. J. S. Derbyshire, P.M., in a most able manner. The Auditors' report was received and the balance-sheet adopted.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, where the usual loyal and Mark toasts were given and responded to.

BRO. SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, Bart., M.P., has been re-elected the President of the Dulwich Chrysanthemum Society.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual general meeting of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday afternoon, the 22nd ult., Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.S.G.W., presiding. He was supported by Bros. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; James Newton, Prov. G. Sec.; and a large number of influential brethren of the province.

The following business was transacted:

The circular calling the meeting was read.

A number of letters of apology were read from brethren unable to be present.

The minutes of the last half-yearly meeting were read and confirmed.

The annual reports of the Finance and Audit and Almoners' Committees were read and adopted.

The Treasurer's accounts and balance-sheet was adopted.

Fifteen brethren, being donors or subscribers, were elected upon the General Committee.

The Deputy Prov. G.M., on behalf of the Prov. G.M., appointed five brethren upon the General Committee.

The thanks of the meeting were voted to the General Committee, Sub-Committees, and Almoners' Committee for their valuable services during the past year.

The thanks of the meeting were voted to Bro. William Jaffrey, Treasurer, for his services during the past year, and he was unanimously re-elected.

The thanks of the meeting were voted to Bro. N. A. Earle, Honorary Secretary, for his services, he being also re-elected.

Bro. A. H. Smith, Honorary Medical Officer, was also re-elected, after the thanks of the meeting had been voted to him for his services.

The Finance and Audit Committee were then elected.

A cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. C. D. Cheetham, Chairman, and Bro. T. J. Hooper, Vice-Chairman of the General Committee.

Bro. C. D. CHEETHAM, in replying on behalf of Bro. T. J. Hooper and himself, thanked the brethren most heartily for the very enthusiastic vote of thanks, and in a very able speech adjured all the brethren present to work most indefatigably to ensure the success of the Festival, which is to be held in June next on behalf of the Institution, and to commemorate in a lasting manner the memory of the late Prov. G. Master, Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, by purchasing a Perpetuity in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

It was resolved to publish the proceedings of the meeting, and send a copy of the same to every member of the province.

The meeting then closed.

Instruction.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Earl Derby, Kilburn, when there were present Bros. Woods, W.M.; P. M. Gawthrop, S.W.; J. Lewis, J.W.; J. Horstead, S.D.; E. Cowley, J.D.; W. Buck, I.G.; A. F. Hardyment, P.M.; Preceptor; T. Bore, W.M., Sec.; A. E. Spiegel, P.M.; H. Willsmer, Palmer, Grover, Butler, Haigmore, and Smith.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Palmer being the candidate. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, after which the lodge was closed.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

DOUBLE PRESENTATION.

A meeting was held on the 19th ult., at the Oliver Arms Hotel, Westbourne-terrace, North Paddington. Present: Bros. C. E. Lilly, W.M. 733, W.M.; W. Hallett, P.M. 733, S.W.; H. H. Baynall, J.W.; G. Weaner, P.M. 733, Treas.; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Preceptor; G. D. Mogford, P.M. 2362, Sec.; E. Thomas, S.D.; F. Beesley, J.D.; E. J. Potter, I.G.; T. Mogford, P.M.; R. Knight, P.M.; W. H. Handover, P.M.; R. Barnes, G. Goddard, A. H. Tapling, W. Weiffenbach, F. Chidley, F. J. Middleton, and G. A. Newman.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. The lodge being resumed to the First Degree as required, the W.M. rose the first time, and addressed the brethren as follows: I have now to discharge a singularly pleasant task—a pleasure which will be shared by every member of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction. The success which has been attained here will, I believe, be admitted by everyone, and it is no exaggeration to assert that the teaching of our Masonic ritual is done in a way that reflects the highest credit on our Preceptor. The work of a Preceptor is not altogether a bed of roses, for he has first of all never to be absent, and while here his undivided attention must be given to whatever ceremony which is being done, so as to pick up any thread that may be missing, in addition to which he has to explain any query which a brother may ask. Then it sometimes happens that a brother may differ, and even contest the ruling, when, only by tact and good feeling, the harmonious spirit of the lodge is sustained. These are qualifications which in the highest degree have been attained by our Bro. Preceptor Dehane. Now for a moment I must turn to the Secretarial part of our lodge of instruction, which has been so efficiently and ably carried out by Bro. Mogford, P.M., and to whom much of the credit is due for having brought this lodge of instruction to its present high standard of perfection. We have, therefore, thought the time has come when some recognition should be made to those two excellent brethren. Bro. Dehane, P.M., I have the greatest pleasure in presenting you with this tankard, which you must accept with best wishes that you may live many years to enjoy its use. You, too, Bro. Mogford, P.M., I have to present, also in the name of the lodge of instruction, with a similar one, and our heartiest wish is that you may be spared for many years to carry on your work, which we all know to be a labour of love. (Cheers.) Bro. Dehane, in responding, expressed his gratitude for the consideration and attention the brethren had always paid to him since he had been Preceptor, going on nine or ten years, the presentation just made to him would always be valued as a reminder of the good wishes of the brethren. It is certainly a proud position to have the goodwill and affection of those with whom one is brought into almost daily contact and he felt he was among those whose allegiance to him as a Preceptor he certainly could depend upon. This was not the first time he had had the honour of receiving a testimonial, as he had also been honoured by his country for services in another sphere of life. The kind words the W.M. had just spoken to him he valued as coming from a sincere friend. (Cheers.) Bro. Mogford then responded and alluded to the late Bro. Rogers and his exertions for the lodge of instruction. He, for his own part—certainly as long as he remained Secretary—would still continue to do his utmost in carrying out his duties, so as to give

satisfaction to the brethren; it was a labour of love, and one that he thoroughly enjoyed, in trying to benefit his fellow Masons to the best of his ability. The mark of esteem just conferred upon him touched him deeply, and he should value their gift as long as he lived, and trusted when his sons looked upon it they would be spurred to make themselves good Masons and good citizens. The W.M. was kind enough to refer to him with that brotherly affection and geniality he knew so well how to do, and he thanked them all from the bottom of his heart. (Cheers.) The W.M. rose the second and third times, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE, No. 1623.

The present W.M. of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, is not only a staunch supporter of the above, but also a true and hard-working Mason in general, and as there is not a lodge of instruction attached to his lodge, the West Smithfield brethren extended to the brethren of Sterndale Bennett Lodge a cordial invitation, in fact leaving all the various offices on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at their disposal. The gathering, therefore, on that night was very unique, and there being in all 24 brethren present, it was likewise a very successful one. Bro. Thomas Powell, W.M., occupied the chair, assisted by Bros. Chas. Eth. Smith, S.W.; Horace Reynolds, J.W.; Hy. Knight, S.D.; A. C. Rogers, J.D.; Edwin Palmer, I.G.; F. Dixon, C. Spencer West, Fred. W. Trotter, W. Goldsmith, and Chas. Strong, all of 2182; F. P. Weinell, P.M., Preceptor; J. Hoffmann, Hon. Sec.; C. A. Barter, W.M. 1623; J. F. Rumball, P.M. (late Sec.); and the following brethren: Bros. S. van Royen, A. Metcalf, Henry King, James Brown, Geo. Wallace Allen, J. R. L. Daish (host), Alf. Hales, A. E. Sayer, and Joseph Kent.

The lodge was duly opened with solemn prayer at seven p.m., and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. C. A. Barter being the candidate for the former, and Bro. F. Dixon for the latter; and let it be said that the ceremonies could not have been worked with greater efficiency, nor the ancient charge been rendered more perfectly and impressively. Bro. Fred. Wm. Trotter then worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Rogers, Palmer, Spencer West, Trotter, Dixon, and Allen were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction, and after the W.M. 2182 had proposed a vote of thanks to the West Smithfield brethren for kindly vacating all offices for No. 2182 on that evening, cordially seconded by Bro. Chas. Eth. Smith, the lodge was closed.

ENFIELD LODGE, No. 1237.

The annual festival of this flourishing lodge was held at the Rose and Crown, Edmonton, on the 20th ult., at which, notwithstanding the severity of the weather, a goodly number of the brethren were present.

The chair was occupied by Bro. W. Hibberdine, W.M. 1237, and the vice-chair by Bro. H. W. Dobb, W.M. 1579. There were also present Bros. H. Woodley, P.M. 1237, Preceptor; A. G. Fidler, P.M. 1237, Treas.; J. Marshall, S.D. 1237, Sec.; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237; A. Bryant, P.M. 1237; J. M. Dexter, P.M. 1237; E. J. Everdell, P.M. 1579; J. Graham, P.M.; G. Richards, P.M.; E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134; G. Gange, S.W. 1237; J. H. Kirby, S.W. 1579; F. G. Lacey, I.G. 1237; J. H. Meyers, 1237; J. Tallant, 1237; J. H. Rowland, 1237; B. W. Binstead, 1237; A. E. Hall, 212; A. Caiger, and others.

After an excellent banquet, the Chairman gave the toast of "The King and the Craft," and in a few well-chosen words spoke of the prosperity the Craft had enjoyed for so many years under his rule as their Grand Master, and felt confident that as "Protector of British Freemasonry" he would take the same interest in their welfare as he had always done.

In proposing the toast of "The Neighbouring Lodges," the Chairman mentioned that it had always been the custom at their annual festival for the W.M. of the Enfield Lodge to preside, and the W.M. of a neighbouring lodge to support him. He was pleased to see Bro. Dobb, W.M. of the St. James' Lodge, in the vice-chair that evening. There had always been a true fraternal feeling between the brethren of the two lodges, and he thought they were equally represented by their respective members at their weekly meetings. He regretted that the W.M. of the High Cross Lodge was unavoidably absent on the present occasion.

Bro. Dobb, in responding, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and cordially reciprocated the sentiments of the Chairman with respect to the friendly feeling existing between the brethren. He might call himself a constant attendant at the lodge, for it was only when prevented by the more pressing emergency of his public or private avocations that he was not found there. He had attained that position to which all members of lodges aspired, and it was here he had gained that knowledge of Freemasonry, without which no one could occupy the Master's chair with credit.

Bro. Bryant, P.M., then rose and said that as one of the oldest members of the lodge, and a Past Preceptor, he was privileged to perform a very pleasing duty that evening. Bro. Fidler was known to all present; to some of them he had been known for many years, and to others for a shorter period, but whether longer or shorter, each one had known him long enough to appreciate his good qualities. He was one of the principal founders of the lodge, and one who had taken a most active part in its formation. For 18 years he had been their Treasurer, and although the duties of that office might not be very onerous they certainly were responsible. He (Bro. Bryant) had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Fidler, on behalf of the brethren, with a marble clock, suitably inscribed, as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by them, and in recognition of his services as their Treasurer for the past 18 years. Whatever the intrinsic value of the gift might be, they were sure he would value it most for the spirit in which it was given, and prize it as a memorial of the many pleasant hours he had spent with them in that room, and they earnestly hoped it would record the passing hours of many a long and happy year to come.

Bro. Fidler thanked Bro. Bryant and the brethren most heartily for the token of their esteem which had just been presented to him. He had done his utmost to deserve their friendship and esteem, and was pleased that any service he had been able to render had met with their approval. They were now entering the 19th year of the lodge's existence, and he trusted it might have a long and useful career. Whatever services he might have in his power to render would be most cheerfully given upon every occasion. As Bro. Bryant had remarked, their handsome present would be a standing memorial of the happy hours he had spent with the brethren in the past, and he hoped they would all be spared to spend more together in the future.

In proposing "Prosperity to the Lodge," the Chairman remarked that it was gratifying to see it fixed on so firm a base. It was strongly supported by the Past Masters of the mother lodge, who had, many of them, attended since their entrance into Freemasonry, and were anxious to assist in imparting that instruction to the younger brethren which they themselves received.

Bro. Thompson, P.M., briefly responded on behalf of the founders of the lodge. In responding to the toast of "The Officers," Bro. Woodley, P.M., Preceptor, observed that he had held office some years, and had endeavoured to discharge his duties to the best of his ability. That he had succeeded in giving satisfaction to the brethren was evinced by the hearty reception they had given him on his return to the lodge after an absence caused by a severe illness. He could assure them that if they would only attend regularly, they would always find him at his post unless prevented by some unavoidable circumstance. The assurance that many of the brethren had profited under his tuition amply repaid him for any trouble or inconvenience which the office of Preceptor necessarily entailed.

"Our Host" concluded the lists of toasts, and was responded to by Bro. Marshall. The musical arrangements, superintended by Bro. Kirby, were all that could be desired. Among those who contributed to the harmony of the evening were our old friend, Bro. Mackney, who appears to have renewed his youth, and Bro. Caiger, whose performance on the glassophone was so highly appreciated that he was repeatedly called for. Excellent service was also done by Bros. Graham, Richards, and Kirby.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The weekly convocation was held at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Comps. J. Block, M.E.Z.; F. Swinford Smith, H.; H. C. Turner, J.; Thos. Grumman, P.Z., Preceptor; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; W. Smith, S.N.; Pusey, P.S.; Barker, J. H. Cureton, P.Z.; Wm. Dawson, P.Z.; and S. J. Frampton.

The minutes of the previous weekly convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Barker being the candidate. This being the annual meeting, the accounts which had been audited, were presented and adopted, and showed the chapter to be in a flourishing condition. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Auditors, Comps. Cureton, P.Z., and J. Block, P.Z. Next followed the re-election of Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; and R. J. Voisey, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C., Treas. Comps. T. Grummant and Stone most suitably acknowledged the trust, and pledged themselves to continue their services to maintain the prestige of the chapter. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the officers for the past year, which was duly responded to. Comp. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z. 1901, was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). The business of the chapter ended, it was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastham-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington. Present: Comps. A. L. Butters, J. elect 890, M.E.Z.; Walter Hancock, P.Z. 91, 1614, H.; C. Webster, J. 1642, J.; H. Foskett, H. 185, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Scribe E.; J. M. Huish, J. 185, Scribe N.; F. Marchant, 1st A.S. 890, P.S.; R. N. Larter, H. 186; E. Stevens, 733; and C. Rowe, 1614.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Larter being the candidate, who was afterwards elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Comp. Hancock was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

Knights Templar.

All Souls Preceptory, No. 31.

The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., and there was an unusually brilliant gathering. In addition to the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir R. N. Howard; V.E. Sir Knight Rev. W. M. Heath, P.G. Prelate Eng., there was a large number of visitors and a full muster of the members. Regrets at inability to attend were received from his Honour Judge Philbrick, K.C., P.G. Chancellor; V.E. Sir Knights Woodall-Woodall, Prov. Prior N. and E. Yorks; C. F. Matier, G. Vice-Chancellor; and others.

After the usual routine business had been transacted, the E.P., Sir Knight F. W. Helley, proceeded to install his successor, Sir Knight Sidney Spark Milledge, and the ceremony was admirably done. The officers appointed by the E.P. were as follows: Sir Knights B. Morris, 1st Constable; Rev. J. A. Miller, B.D., 2nd Constable; R. Cox, Chaplain; Zillwood Milledge, P.E.P., Treas. (re-elected); H. T. George, P.E.P., Reg. (re-appointed); E. L. W. Chave, Marshal; H. A. Huxtable, Almoner; T. H. Bowen, Warden of Regalia; Major J. H. C. Devenish, Herald; E. L. N. Pridmore, 1st Std. Br.; J. E. Crickmay, 2nd Std. Br.; J. Lowe, Captain of Guards; D. J. Lawson, Chamberlain; C. Testy, Org.; and Frater J. Old, Guard. The Treasurer's accounts as audited were received and adopted, showing, notwithstanding a large outlay for new fittings, a good balance in hand. The Treasurer, E. Sir Knight Zillwood Milledge, Sub-Prior of Dorset, was unanimously re-elected. After the alms had been collected, the preceptory was closed.

On the invitation of the newly-installed E.P., the members and visitors dined together, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Miss Hutchinson, who, in the early part of last year, was promoted to the important position of Head Governess, has every reason to congratulate herself, and to be congratulated, on the great success achieved by her young pupils in the public examinations to which they were submitted by her at the close of the last half-year. Fifty of the younger ones were entered for the College of Preceptors, and of these 47 passed, obtaining in various subjects no less than 29 "Distinctions." In the Cambridge Local Senior four entered, and all passed, two gaining Honours; in the Junior 25 entered, and 24 passed, three gaining Honours and "Distinction;" in the Preliminary 22 entered, and 21 passed, four with Honours and "Distinction." Thus out of 101 girls who entered, only five failed to pass—an excellent result indeed!

Obituary.

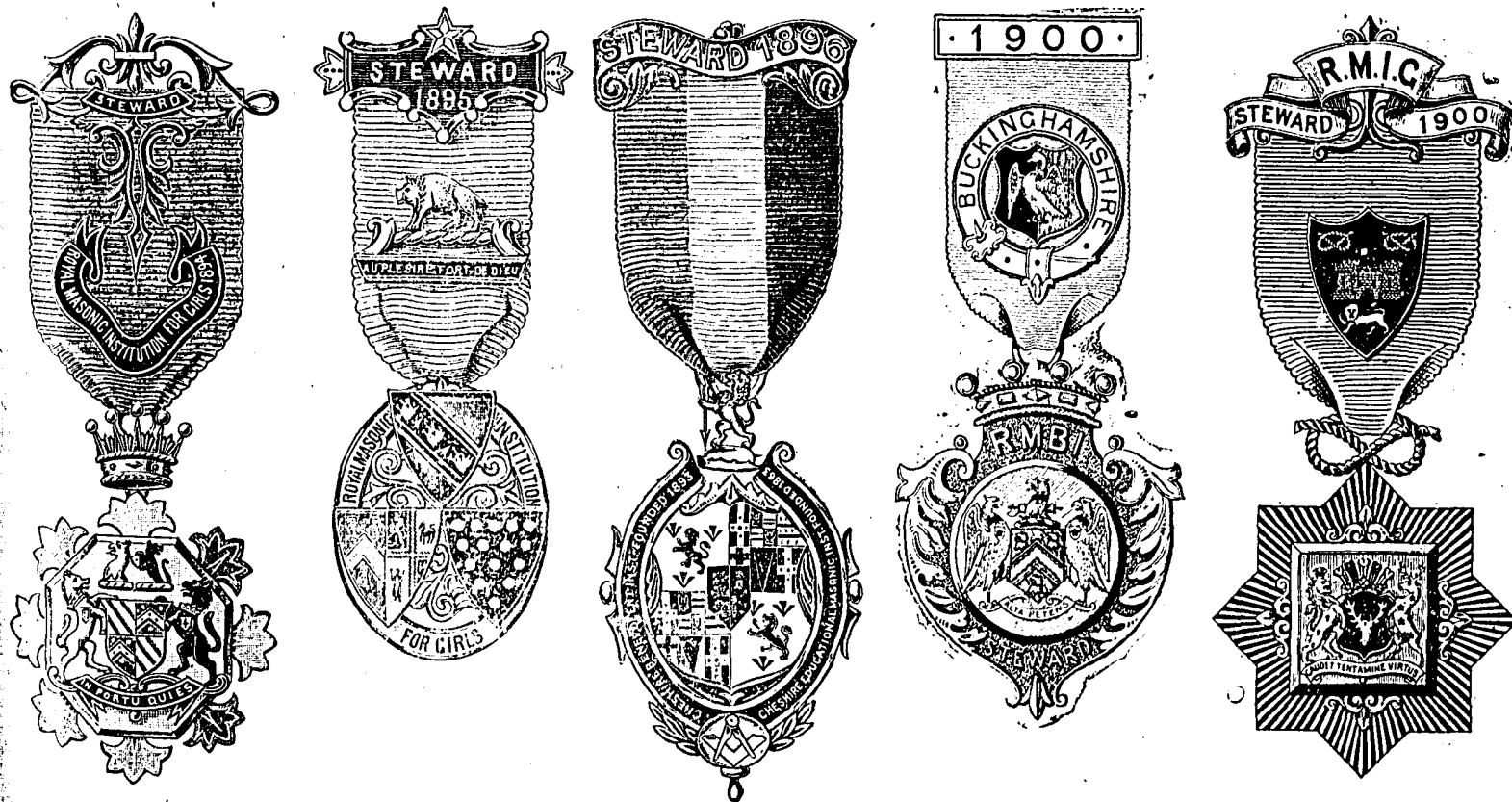
BRO. E. H. THIELLAY, P.M., TREAS. 1559.

We regret to announce the death last week, after some little time of failing health, aged 66 years of age, of Bro. Eugene Henri Thiellay, well known as a member of the Craft, and as a hairdresser and perfumer, he having for many years up to the time of his death carried on the hairdressing saloon at Charing Cross Station, and having also a perfume laboratory at New Cross, besides being the proprietor of a fair number of toilet preparations. The funeral took place at Brockley Cemetery on Tuesday, when the W.M. and some dozen or more Past Masters and brethren of the New Cross Lodge, of which deceased was Treasurer and a Past Master, paid their last mark of respect to his memory by attending and dropping the traditional sprig of acacia on his coffin, which was of polished oak, with brass furniture and breast plate. Among those present were the W.M., Bro. Firminger; Bros. Grayham, P.M.; Grassi, P.M.; Winsor, P.M.; Cowley, P.M.; Cogliati, P.M.; Menniger, P.M.; Dr. Makeham, P.M.; Alio, French, Fromaggio, White, Walden, Smith, Knill, Wilson, Callot, and Grummant, Sec. Bro. Foster, J.W. of the lodge, sent a wreath, and wreaths were also forwarded by the Era Chapter, of which deceased was Treasurer, and members of the Premier Conclave. Deceased being a widower without issue, the nearest blood relative who followed his remains to the grave was a niece, Madame A. Dilpick.

BRO. J. DEFFETT FRANCIS.

Bro. J. Deffett Francis, who was one of the original members of the Sivage Club, and claimed to be its founder, has died at Swansea at the age of 86. He was for many years prominent in art and literary circles in London, and on returning to Swansea 30 years ago, devoted the remainder of his life to the inculcation of a love of art and literature amongst his fellow citizens. He added 7000 rare volumes to the Public Library collection of the town, and 2000 engravings to the Art Gallery, of which he was honorary curator.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. R. D. M. LITTLER, K.C., C.B., is suffering from slight indisposition.

BRO. JOHN LOBB, C.C., has been re-appointed an auditor of the Newspaper Press Fund.

BRO. ALDERMAN ALLISTON has accepted the treasurership of the Linen and Woollen Drapers' Institution.

THE LEATHERSELLERS' COMPANY have made a renewed grant of 10 guineas to the funds of the Ragged School Union and Shaftesbury Society.

MR. WALDO RAVEN BRIGGS, the son of Bro. G. Briggs, C.C., has passed in the first division of the matriculation examination of the University of London.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.—The Archdeacon of London will be Canon-in-Residence at St. Paul's Cathedral during March, and will preach on Sunday afternoon at the 3.15 service.

THE KING has been pleased to appoint Bro. Charles, Lord Suffield, K.C.B., to be one of the Lords in Waiting in Ordinary to his Majesty, in the room of General Viscount Bridport, K.C.B.

BRO. COL. CLIFFORD PROBYN, J.P., L.C.C., has undertaken to fill again the office of Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, for which he has been unanimously selected by the Court of Assistants.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, and Bro. Sheriff Lawrence will be the guests at the banquet of the British Chapter, No. 8, at the Freemasons' Hall on Friday.

THE BEADON R.A. CHAPTER, No. 619, will henceforth meet at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on the third Thursdays in January, April, July, and October, instead of at Anderton's Hotel on the second Thursdays in those months.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of the musical service for the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry, recently composed by Mr. Franklin J. Mountford, Organist of St. John's Church, Truro.

THE KING has been graciously pleased to appoint General H.R.H. Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., G.C.B., K.P., G.C. S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., Commanding his Majesty's Forces in Ireland, to be Great Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

THE URN containing the ashes of the late Bro. Professor Shuttleworth has been placed in the chancel of the parish church of Eglosayle, Cornwall, where his father was vicar for 34 years. A memorial tablet of alabaster has also been placed in the chancel by the Rev. E. S. Shuttleworth, the brother of the deceased.

It is officially announced that the King has informed the Lord-Lieutenant that his Majesty finds that it will be impossible for him, owing to his deep mourning, to visit Ireland this year, as his Majesty had wished to do. At the same time his Majesty graciously intimated that he hoped to come to Ireland next year.

LONDON-PARIS POST.—Arrangements are being made to improve the London-Paris postal facilities. Letters which arrive in Paris from London in the early morning are to be distributed by the first delivery, and those letters which do not arrive in time for that delivery, viz., by quarter-past seven a.m., will be sent out by a special delivery as soon afterwards as possible.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.—The 33rd Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held on Wednesday, 10th July, under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Clifford Probyn, L.C.C., Senior Alderman of the City of Westminster, Past G. Treas. All donations and subscriptions are divided equally between the Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity Branches.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR states that the proposal to place the portrait of the late Bishop Creighton among the series of Bishops of London at Fulham Palace as part of a public memorial is strictly in accordance with precedent. In the case of the last three Bishops—Tait, Jackson, and Temple—the portrait was added by public subscription or by friends. The series is unbroken since the Reformation.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS OF YORKSHIRE.—A special Provincial Grand Lodge and general communication of Masons of this province (on the invitation of the York Lodge, No. 236), will be held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Friday, the 8th instant, at 12.30 o'clock, to consider and resolve upon an address of condolence to his Majesty King Edward VII., upon the death of our late august Sovereign, and expressive of loyalty and affection for his Most Gracious Majesty.

IN RECOGNITION of his published works on historical subjects, Bro. Dr. Charles Forshaw, F.R.S.L., of Bradford, was on Wednesday, the 20th ult., elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, his nomination certificate being signed by the Rev. George Eayrs, of Bradford; by T. W. Hand, Esq., Chief Librarian of Leeds; S. Smith, Esq., Chief Public Librarian of Sheffield; Bro. Emra Holmes, F.R.S.A.I., of His Majesty's Customs, Harwich, and others. The same day, on the nomination of the Right Hon. Lord Masham, Bro. Dr. Forshaw was elected a member of the Royal Society of Arts. This society was founded in 1754. His Majesty King Edward VII. is the President. Lord Masham was elected a member in 1870, and received the Albert Medal of the society in 1886.

THE DRUMMOND PENSION ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual meeting of this department of the Printers' Pension Corporation was held at the St. Bride Foundation Institute, the President, Bro. C. J. Drummond, occupying the chair. The report and balance-sheet having been adopted, it was determined to vote a further sum of 50 guineas towards the endowment fund of the Printers' Almshouses, Wood Green, with a view to one of the houses being named after the association. Several candidates for admission were proposed during the evening. An enthusiastic welcome was accorded to Mr. W. Crespín, the Hon. Secretary, on his first public appearance after a long and severe illness. The re-election of officers followed, and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

SOUTH AFRICAN MASONIC RELIEF FUND.—It will be remembered that at the outbreak of the war in South Africa the Grand Lodge of England in 1899 voted 1000 guineas, and Supreme Grand Chapter 100 guineas to the Mansion House War Fund. In 1900, Grand Lodge, in answer to the Grand Master's appeal, voted 1000 guineas to a fund called "The South African Masonic Relief Fund," which was established for the distribution of relief to Freemasons and their families in South Africa who were sufferers by the war, and private lodges and chapters, as well as individual Masons, were asked to contribute to the fund. The result was that more than £9000 was collected. Bro. George Richards, the District Grand Master for the Transvaal, has now furnished a report, which is communicated to Freemasons by the Board of General Purposes, to the effect that a central committee of the Fund was formed in Cape Town, of which Bro. Lord Roberts, Past Grand Warden, accepted the office of honorary president, and that local sub-committees for the distribution of relief were established in Cape Town, King Williamstown, Kimberley, Pietermaritzburg, Durban, and Johannesburg. To each Committee sums of money were allocated to relieve the most pressing cases of distress, and, in addition to £1000 allocated to the towns just mentioned, it was arranged to place £1000 at the disposal of the Transvaal Committee so soon as the refugees from the Transvaal began to return to their homes, as it was considered the cases for relief would naturally gravitate towards that centre. The lodges unattached in Rhodesia, Zululand, and a portion of the Orange River Colony were specially represented on the Central Committee, and applications for relief were forwarded either direct or through the nearest sub-Committee. Of the £9000 received by the trustees in Cape Town the Central Committee arranged with the Standard Bank there to place £6000 on deposit at three per cent. The local Committees meet weekly, and make monthly reports to the Central Committee, the services of the members of which are given gratuitously. The principle adopted by the Committee is to grant free relief to Masons' widows and orphans in need, but treating advances to brethren as loans repayable should future circumstances permit. Bro. Richards, in conclusion, expresses the desire of the President and members of the Central Committee to convey to the Grand Lodge of England their gratitude on behalf of the brethren in South Africa for the noble response made by the Fraternity under the English Constitution to the appeal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE HUNGARIAN FREEMASONS has sent an address of homage to King Edward on the occasion of his Majesty's accession.

BRO. SIR HENRY HARBEN has consented to preside at the forthcoming festival in aid of the funds of the Royal Blind Pension Society, which takes place at the Hotel Metropole on the 30th April.

GLASGOW EXHIBITION.—It has been officially intimated that the King cannot open the Glasgow Exhibition in May, owing to the Court being in mourning. The Duchess of Fife is to open the Exhibition.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.—A Truro telegram states that the Bishop of Truro has received an anonymous donation of £10,000, which is stated to be the full amount necessary for the completion of the central tower of Truro Cathedral.

THE SECRETARY FOR WAR has notified his intention of visiting Aldershot tomorrow (Saturday) to inspect the Imperial Yeomanry, and to make a tour of the barracks to see for himself the accommodation provided. He will arrive about noon.

CERTAINLY by far the best picture of her late Majesty Queen Victoria is a very fine reproduction from one of the most recent photographs taken and issued by Messrs. Marion and Co., of Soho-square, as a photogravure enlargement, 22in. by 17in. The Queen is represented in the cap of her widowhood, and the expression caught is most natural.

PREPARATIONS for the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York's voyage to Australia are now rapidly advancing, and his Majesty's ship Ophir, as the vessel is now described, has arrived at Portsmouth to receive the final touches. The Channel Squadron has been ordered to leave Berehaven on the 6th instant for Gibraltar, to assist in the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.

THE KING AND QUEEN intend to take up their residence at Frogmore House during the alterations at Windsor Castle. These changes are to be of a somewhat extensive character, for orders have been given to the Office of Works for all the apartments to be re-decorated and furnished in modern style. Frogmore House, which is within the grounds of the Castle, is small compared with the Palace, but is an attractive mansion, and has been a Royal residence since the days of George III.

THE MARQUIS OF NORTHAMPTON presided at the 73rd annual Court of the Governors of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, when it was announced that in May next the Governors intended to make a new departure by appointing two qualified women as resident medical officers, to attend women and children patients. A further resolution was passed to the effect that a petition be sent to the King, praying his Majesty to continue the patronage which was accorded to the hospital by Queen Victoria throughout the 60 years of her glorious reign.

GOOD PRICES FOR RARE BOOKS continue to be realised at Sotheby's. A fine copy of La Fontaines "Contes et Nouvelles," with the suppressed plates, fetched £27; "The Grandam," said to be the first printed poem by Chas. Lamb, and other lines by Coleridge, &c., published at Bristol, 1796, rare, £50; Landor's "The Gebir," first edition, £23 (Sabin); Chas. Mathews' Memoirs, by Mrs. Mathews, enlarged by the insertion of autograph letters, &c., £39; Captaine de Quir's "Terra Australis Incognita," 1617, £29; a Third Folio Shakespeare, imperfect, £19 10s., and a Fourth Folio, £40—about the average price. The day's sale produced £1024 6s. 6d.

AT A MEETING of the City Corporation, presided over by Bro. the Lord Mayor, at the Guildhall, a letter was read from the Commissioner of Police asking for an increase in the City force on the ground that on great occasions of interest larger crowds than formerly were now wont to assemble. The question was referred to a committee to consider and report. A generous offer by Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson to present to the Corporation a bust of the poet Chaucer, to be executed by a distinguished A.R.A., was accepted with the thanks of the Court, and it was referred to the Library to carry the same into execution. It was incidentally stated that the poet was a City official.

DEFRAUDING A MASONIC LODGE.—At Ashton-under-Lyne Police-court, on the 25th ult., George Taylor, an elderly man, was committed to prison for two months on a charge of collecting alms by false pretences. He called on Bro. Pownall, Almoner and Treasurer of the Masonic lodges of the district, and applied for relief. He said his name was George Taylor, that he came from Esham, near Fleetwood, and was a member of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, Mansfield. Bro. Pownall relieved him with 5s., and, upon making inquiries of the Forest Lodge, he found that prisoner was not known. On finding prisoner, he charged him with false representation, and he then admitted his real name was George Taylor Whiteman, and that he was a member of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, at Plumstead, to which he was initiated in 1857. Inquiry had been made of the officers of that lodge, but no reply had been received. Prisoner pleaded that he was hard up.

POLICE SEASIDE HOME.—The risks to body and health run by the police, upon whom we depend for protection, are altogether exceptional; and it is gratifying, therefore, to find that the Convalescent Home for disabled members of the force at Hove, near Brighton, is well supported. The 11th annual meeting of the institution took place on Saturday last, when it was reported that 607 men had been admitted into the Home during the past year. Of these no fewer than 574 belonged to the Metropolitan Police. Several of them unfortunately were suffering from the effects of severe assaults by street ruffians, and the committee would have been more than human, perhaps, if they had shown, like speakers at the recent meeting at the Mansion House, a disposition to deal gently with the Hooligan. What they call for, on the contrary, is strong repressive measures. An expression of grief at the bereavement which has fallen upon the nation by the death of the Queen, and another of heartfelt loyalty to the new King, were in the report.

NEWSPAPER PRESS FUND.—The annual meeting of this corporation, so familiar and so helpful in time of need to working journalists in London and the provinces, was held on Saturday at the offices in Garrick-street, when the year's report and accounts were presented. In the absence through illness of Lord Glenesk, the chair was taken by Sir J. Willox, M.P., who, in moving the adoption of the report, alluded in sympathetic terms to the death of the Queen, who had shown her practical sympathy with the Fund by donations. As to the position of the Fund, it was gratifying to find that there was a steady increase of membership. During the past year 121 grants had been made, and seven annuities, appropriating over £2000. The investments amount to £23,583, yielding an interest of over £1000. The yearly balance sheet showed a satisfactory margin in hand of £1386. Messrs. A. W. a Beckett, H. E. Fenn, J. C. Moor, G. H. Scott, and Jas. Todd, retiring members of the Council, were re-elected, and Mr. F. C. Hillier was elected in the place of Mr. T. McDonald Rendle, who did not offer himself for re-election.

THE CANCER HOSPITAL (FREE) BROMPTON, LONDON, S.W.—The 50th annual meeting of the Governors of this Charity was held in the Board Room of this Hospital on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at 4 p.m., Dr. Alexander Marsden, son of the founder, presiding. The chairman, in opening the meeting, proposed, and it was carried unanimously, that the following resolution be forwarded to the Home Office for transmission to his Majesty the King: "That the Governors of the Cancer Hospital beg most respectfully to represent to his Majesty King Edward VII. their profound sense of the loss sustained by the whole nation in the death of their late most beloved Queen Victoria, whose great sympathy with all suffering was most marked. Her Majesty was a Life Governor of this Hospital, and showed on many occasions her interest in the Charity. The Governors also desire most humbly to offer their loyal and loving devotion, and their sincere congratulations to his Majesty on his accession to the Throne." From the report of the Committee it appeared that during the past year 2365 patients were treated, 725 being in-patients and 1640 out-patients, whilst the total number of attendances of out-patients was 13,638. As was to be expected, owing to the many demands made upon the charitable by the various war and famine funds, the income of the hospital under several heads showed a decrease, making it necessary to sell out capital to realise £5500. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, gave a short résumé of the history of the charity. In reviewing its steadily progressive career during the past half-century, he remarked upon the vast improvements in the scientific knowledge and practical treatment of cancer which have been effected within that period, improvements which he claimed as being brought about in no small measure by the work done at the Cancer Hospital. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the usual vote of thanks accorded.