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THE YEAR'S FESTIVALS.

It is marvellous how the support that is given to our Central Charitable Institutions and, indeed, to all such Institutions, whether Central or local, has gone on increasing during the last few years, and that, too, without special inducements of any kind being held out to the brethren, and in spite of the numerous claims that have been made upon them in connection with the war in South Africa. In 1898, the total subscribed to the two Schools and the Benevolent Institution amounted to about £160,000, but of this huge sum quite £141,000 was raised for the Boys' School in respect of its Centenary Festival. Naturally, after such a stupendous effort, there was in 1899 a great reduction in the year's Returns, and the total contributed to the three may be roundly set down at £50,000, of which the Girls' School obtained £21,000, the Benevolent Institution £20,000, and the Boys' School, what in the circumstances was the very fair total of £9000. Last year substantial progress was made, and while the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution may be held to have obtained between them some £46,000—the former having the advantage to the extent of a few hundreds—the Boys' School was in a position to point to a return to something like its old form and obtained a total of contributions to its 102nd Festival of £17,000, the aggregate of the Returns to the three Institutions being £63,000. This year there has been a still further advance, the Benevolent Institution having been supported in February, when the Earl of WARWICK, Dep. G. Master, Prov. G. Master Essex, presided for it as Chairman, to the extent of £26,430; the Girls' School in May, when Earl AMHERST, M.W. Pro G.M., Prov. G. Master of Kent, was in the chair with £26,520; and the Boys' School last month, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, to the extent of £23,020; the total being £75,970, or within measurable distance of £76,000. Moreover, the number of those who volunteered their services as Stewards was large in proportion, there being 607 who acted for the Old People in February, 713 for the Girls' School in May, and 553 for the Boys' School last month. If we compare this year's Returns with those of 1888, when the Girls' School celebrated its Centenary, and special inducements were held out to the brethren to give their services as Stewards,

we find that the aggregate for the latter year stood at about the same figure. In 1892, when the Benevolent Jubilee was celebrated, and realised £69,000, the proceeds of the whole three Festivals was only about £92,000, and then there were similar inducements offered to brethren, either to become Stewards or subscribe more generously than in ordinary years.

If we go a little further, and tack on the proceeds of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival and of a principal local Fund or Association, we shall find the figures still more amazing. Thus last year, when the Earl of EUSTON, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided at the Anniversary Festival on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, a "record" Board of 302 Stewards compiled a "record" total of donations and subscriptions amounting to £5113; while Warwickshire, at the Festival held in Stoneleigh Park—the seat of its respected Provincial Grand Master—the sum of £3150 was subscribed for its Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund; and North and East Yorkshire raised £1050 for its Educational Fund. If we add these amounts to the total of £63,000 above mentioned for the Central Charities, we have something like £72,300 for 1900, irrespective of what we know was contributed to other local Charitable organisations. This year the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, under Bro. Lieut.-Col. CLIFFORD PROBYN, Past Grand Treasurer, yielded a fair average total of £2022, while the Festival, at Manchester, under the presidency of Lord STANLEY, M.P., P.G.M. of East Lancashire, on the 26th June, in aid of the Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution realised £9379, and the still more recent Cheshire Festival £2063. Thus, if we add these three amounts to the £76,000 subscribed to the Central Charities, we have the grand total of nearly £89,500, irrespective of what has been, or is being, subscribed to other local Funds. In fact, if we reckon what is disbursed by the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, and the moneys raised for Charities and Funds beyond those we have specified, we shall not be exaggerating if we place the year's contributions towards our main and subsidiary Charitable organisations at £100,000 for the year, or, reckoning the interest at 2½ per cent, the equivalent of a year's dividend on a capital of four millions. This is a grand and amazing total for a Society which does not number more than from 120,000 to 130,000 members.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th instant, at the Public Hall, Loughton, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick and Brooke, Dep. G.M. of England, and as usual attracted a large assembly of brethren from all parts of the county. The local arrangements for the meeting were in the hands of the W.M. and members of the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457, which holds its meetings in the Public Hall, and to their efforts no little of the success of the meeting was due.

The proceedings commenced at four o'clock, when the Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by his officers, entered the hall, and was received with the honours due to his rank.

Bro. Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.S.G.W., acted as Dep. Prov. G.M., in the absence of Bro. Colonel Lockwood, M.P.

The minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Clacton-on-Sea, having been confirmed,

The Prov. G. Secretary announced that communications of regret at their inability to attend had been received from Bros. Earl Amherst, Pro G.M.; Col. John Davis, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Lord Geo. Hamilton, M.P., Prov. G.M. Middx.; Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M. Suffolk and the Isle of Man; the Earl of Stradbroke, P.G.W.; His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.W.; T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts; Hannon le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; the Mayor of Colchester (Claude E. Egerton-Green);

Dr. Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; Matthew Clark, P.G.D.; G. W. G. Barnard, Prov. G. Sec. Norfolk; and others.

The roll of lodges was then called by the Prov. G. Sec., and all the 44 composing the province were found to be represented.

Bro. R. CLOWES, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.S.G.W., moved the adoption of the report of the Board of General Purposes.

Having respectfully congratulated Lord Warwick on his appointment as Lord Lieutenant of Essex, the Report went on to speak in glowing terms of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last, over which his lordship presided, and at which the Province of Essex subscribed the large sum of £4,000. The returns from the lodges showed that during the year there had been 206 initiations, compared with 181 last year; and 77 joining members, compared with 78 last year. There had been 80 resignations, against 97 last year; the losses by death had been 22, whilst 20 brethren had been struck off the books of their respective lodges, leaving the present strength of the province 2521 members, against 2360 last year. The Board recommended the following grants: £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £5 5s. towards the Loughton Branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institution for Nurses. The Board also recommended that the portrait in next year's Calendar should be that of the Right Reverend the Bishop of Barking, P.G. Chap., and concluded by regretting the resignation of Bro. W. D. Meritt, who had been a member since its formation in 1891.

The Report was adopted.

The Charity Committee's Report was adopted unanimously.

At this point, Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., asked permission to say a few words. He remarked that he had been directed by his Committee to attend the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and to ask his lordship's acceptance of an engrossed vellum, in recognition of Lord Warwick's services as President of the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution. On that occasion every lodge in the province had been represented by 102 Stewards, with a total subscription of £4,000, while the general result of the Festival, supported as it was by 618 Stewards from all parts of the country, was the splendid total of £26,400. (Applause.) Bro. Terry then read the address, which was handsomely illuminated in album form, as follows:

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

To the Right Honourable the Earl of Warwick, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Essex.

At a meeting of the Committee of Management, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 13th March, 1901, W. Brother John A. Farnfield in the chair, on motion duly made, it was unanimously resolved that the warmest thanks of the Committee of Management are due, and are hereby given, to the Right Honourable the Earl of Warwick, for his kindness in presiding at the Anniversary Festival on the 27th February last, and also for his great exertions in promoting the interest of the Institution by his powerful advocacy of its claims whilst acting as Chairman, in which he was supported by 618 brethren from all parts of the country, including 102 from his Province, by which means the funds were increased by £26,400, of which Essex contributed £4,000, being, with the exception of the Jubilee Festival, the largest sum raised on behalf of the Institution.

Lord WARWICK, on rising to acknowledge the presentation, was received with great applause. He said he accepted with pleasure this handsome memento of an occasion of which he was very proud. He confessed that when it was suggested that he should take the chair at this festival he had some misgivings, Essex having, like every other county in the kingdom, done so much for the various funds that had arisen out of the South African War, and Bro. Terry, with all his experience, could not give him any idea of what that result might be. When that result was announced he was perfectly astonished and at the same time he was very proud of being Grand Master of such a province. Speaking of more general matters, his lordship made a feeling allusion to the death of Queen Victoria, and whilst speaking regretfully of the severance of the tie that had long bound his Majesty the King to the Order, said it was a matter for great satisfaction that the Duke of Connaught had accepted the Grand Mastership. His Royal Highness was most thorough in all he undertook, and would conscientiously perform the important duties he had on the previous day at that great assembly at the Albert Hall so solemnly engaged to do. As regards the province, he was glad to know that the work in the various lodges was well done; that there was a keen desire amongst the brethren to excel, and as a consequence they liberally supported the Charities. He thought they would be interested to know that a new lodge was about to be added to their roll. He had given his sanction to the formation of one at Chingford, which it was desired should be for the benefit of residents in that charming locality. He had carefully considered the petition when it was brought before him—it seemed to him that there was a good opening for such a lodge, and he trusted it would prove a source of strength. Some of them would probably recollect that a few years ago they had a very pleasant Grand Lodge meeting at Easton. And he had several times thought how nice it would be if the brethren could come down to Warwick—not, of course, for a Grand Lodge—but for a pleasant gathering. The date for this had now been fixed, and he was glad to find that so large a number were coming. His friend the Grand Secretary had been working like a slave in making arrangements—he had already been down in the district, and was to go again in order that every possible arrangement for the comfort of the brethren and their lady friends might be made. It would give Lady Warwick and himself the greatest satisfaction to greet them on that occasion, and he hoped that all who took part in it would have an enjoyable time. (Applause.)

The next business was the election of four members of the Board of General Purposes, but as only the requisite number had been proposed, his lordship declared them duly elected as follows: Bros. W. Ernest Dring, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Scott Miller, P.M. 2717, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Salter, P.M. 2342, P.G.D.; P.P.J.G.W.; and John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.

On the motion of Bro. GOWER, seconded by Bro. CLOWES, Bro. Charles J. Smith, P.M. 2504, was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The Earl of WARWICK having, amidst the heartiest applause, announced his re-appointment of Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., as Dep. Prov. G. Master, appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows:

Bro. Howell J. J. Price, P.M. 2561	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Walter J. Tull, P.M. 2508	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Elsan I. Colnett, Chap. 1457	...	Prov. G. Chap.

Bro. W. G. Synnot, P.M. 2339	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.	...	Prov. G. Sec.

" D. of C. Eng. (25th year)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Jethro Ambrose, W.M. 1457	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.

" R. A. Panchaud, P.M. 1457	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Percy E. Beard, P.M. 1734	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.

" A. J. Constable, P.M. 2006	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. S. Page, P.M. 453	...	Prov. G.D.C.

" A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.G.P. Eng. (28th year)	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. H. Bridgman, P.M. 2255	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.

" William Leghorn, P.M. 2734	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" Leo Taylor, I.P.M. 2501	...	Prov. G.S.B.

" Arthur S. Gardiner, P.M. 2707	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Charles R. Allen, P.M. 2749	...	Prov. G. Org.

" J. Phillips Sayer, P.M. 1024	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Arthur Hodsell Brooks, P.M. 1977	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.

" Sidney Hann, Org. 2005	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. L. Crow, W.M. 2717	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

" J. S. Wilkinson, I.P.M. 1280	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" John Wright, P.M. 1543	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

" W. J. Johnstone, W.M. 1312	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Alfred Ford, I.P.M. 2757	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

" F. A. Stratford, P.M. 1437	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. R. Peake, W.M. 650	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

" Geo. Ackerman, P.M. 2734	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. H. Archer, W.M. 697	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

" A. W. Martin	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
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On the motion of Bro. A. HAWARD IVES, seconded by Bro. H. E. DEHANE, the brethren unanimously elected Bro. Howell J. J. Price, the new Prov. S.G.W., a member of the Charity Committee, in the place of the brother retiring by rotation.

The Earl of WARWICK announced that the meeting for next year would be held at Chelmsford.

A hearty vote of thanks having been passed to the brethren of the Bagshaw Lodge for the admirable arrangements they had made for the meeting which was suitably acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. JETHRO AMBROSE, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

About 150 brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, admirably served in the gymnasium of the new Club House, just opened opposite the Public Hall.

Lord Warwick presided, and gave the usual toasts. In proposing that of "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," his Lordship associated it with the name of Bro. Ambrose, W.M. of the Bagshaw Lodge, and said, without wishing to derogate from any previous Prov. G. Lodge, the one they had held that day had been in all respects one of the best he ever recollected.

Bro. AMBROSE, in reply, said himself and the brethren associated with him were most gratified at his lordship's kind commendation. He had looked forward to that meeting with considerable pleasure and some amount of anxiety, and their earnest desire had been to do all that was possible for the comfort of the brethren.

During the dinner a string band played a selection of music, and between the toasts there was some excellent vocal music, under the direction of the Organist of the Bagshaw Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual Prov. Grand Lodge for the above province was held, by permission of the Mayor, Mr. Charles Tacon, in the Council Chamber of Eye Town Hall on the 19th instant, under the banner of Lodge Hartismere, No. 1663, and, considering the inaccessibility of Eye, there was a numerous attendance of Provincial Officers and brethren. The Chamber in which the lodge was held was prettily decorated, and in honour of the brethren visiting the old borough the band of Eye Company 2nd V.B.S.R. played selections of music in the Market Place. The Prov. G. Master, Lord Henniker, P.S.G.W., P.P.S.G.W. (who has quite recently sustained grievous family bereavements), was unavoidably absent—a fact which was deeply regretted, as it had been hoped that to his lordship would have fallen the honour of installing Bro. N. Tracy, 376, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., late Secretary to the province, into the Deputy Prov. G. Master's chair, vacant by the lamented death of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. Under date July 15th Bro. Lord Henniker wrote expressing his sorrow at being unable to attend. He had intended, he wrote, to be in London for the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and had engaged rooms, but another engagement prevented his leaving the Isle of Man. He hoped the brethren would excuse him, as he would be pleased to meet them whenever the opportunity arose. The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. S. R. Anness, 376, P.P.S.G.W., also read expressions of regret for absence from the Prov. Grand Masters, Deputy G. Masters, and Secretaries of the Provinces of Cambs, Norfolk, and Essex; the Secretary to the Grand Lodge of England, and the Secretaries to the Boys' and Girls' Masonic Institutions.

Assembling about one o'clock, Bro. Alex. Gibb, 114, the retiring Prov. S.G.W., occupied the Prov. G. Master's chair, while Bros. J. M. Harvey, 936, P.P.S.G.W., officiated as Prov. S.G.W., and G. L. Oxborrow, 376, as Prov. J.G.W. Other Present and Past Provincial Officers in attendance were:

Bros. W. J. Wilton, 71, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Arthur Robbs, 81, P.P.G.C.; E. Smith, 81, P.P.G.P.; G. Booth, jun., 81, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. T. Housecroft, 81, P.P.G.C.; J. A. Pettitt, 225, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. Senton, 225, P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. Abbott, 225, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Powell Price, 225, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. W. Cook, 225, P.P.G.P.; Rev. W. E. Fletcher, 376, P.G. Chap.; B. R. Bryant, 376, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Hills, 959 and 376, P.A.G. Sec.; Thomas Stevenson, 388, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. C. Peacock, 516, P.P.G.R.; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 555, P.P.G. Chap.; W. H. Mann, 929, P.P.J.G.D.; Harry Martin, 929, P.P.G.P.; H. J. Wright, 936, P.P.G.D.C.; C. S. Browa, 936, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex; R. H. Unsworth, 959, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. R. Trew, 959, P.P.J.G.D.; Alma Cocks, 959, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. Gould, 959, acting P.G. Tyler; J. C. B. Winder, 1008, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Denton Leach, 1008, P.P.G.R.; W. A. Jones, 1008, P.P.S.G. of W. Middlesex; C. J. N. Row, 1224, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. F. Hawkins, 1224, P.P.S.G.D.; Major H. W. H. Cary-Elwes, 1452, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Durrant, 1631, P.A.G.P.; H. Rix, 1663, P.G.P.; C. W. Harper, 1663, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. Riches, 1663, P.P.G.S.; J. T. Page, 1663, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. C. Vincent, 1823, P.J.G.D.; J. M. Canova, 1983, P.P.S.G.W.; and Rev. S. J. Sherbrooke Banks, 2371, P.G. Chap.

The presence-book was also signed by the following Past Masters and brethren:

Bros. W. H. Hunt, J. Symes, E. C. Shipp, F. Gray, and A. G. Evans, all of 71; W. T. Thornton, W. J. Miles, J. H. Swann, A. Hayward, and F. W. Hopson, all of 81; the Rev. H. Carter and Harry Jones, 114; S. Sparkes, W.M., H. J. Brook, I.P.M., R. Miller, S.W., and H. B. Clarke, all of 225; R. Norman, 305; G. T. Harrison, G. Stephenson, and J. Whittle, all of 332; F. Seward, W.M., F. W. Long, I.P.M., H. R. Bird, and F. W. Smith, all of 376; P. C. G. Hayward and W. Phillippo, 516; Jas. Hulland, the Rev. R. O. Davies, C. Goodwin, and C. W. Biden, all of 555; R. W. Hudson, A. D. Botwright, W. Crowtoot, and W. H. Sturgess, all of 929; G. S. Roper and T. Key, 936; C. Grayson, W.M., and C. E. Whitmarsh, S.W., 959; W. Patrick, I. Hewitt, and C. H. Bullen, all of 1008; W. G. Normandale and F. Jennings, 1224; F. J. Smith, 1452; F. Curry, 1592; W. B. Cockrill and E. Harvey, 1631; A. Flatman, W. G. Watkins, Jas. Woods, F. W. Gill, F. W. Bray, W. Turner, Walter Hunt, E. A. Onyon, D. W. Curtis, H. Skuffham, C. Franklin Wright, H. G. Smith, J. W. Martin, and R. F. Perfit, all of 1663; W. S. Emden, 1983; F. A. Brooks, W.M., and P. Cooper, 2371; J. W. Outlaw, 85; and A. S. Knights, 1471.

The Prov. G. Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes of the last annual and two special Prov. G. Lodges having being confirmed, the Prov. G. SECRETARY, read the patent, signed by Bro. Lord Henniker, under the authority of the Duke of Connaught, the M.V.G.M. of England, appointing Bro. Nathaniel Tracy to the office of Dep. Prov. Grand Master.

The Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers then formed into processional order, and escorted the Dep. Prov. Grand Master into the lodge for installation and investiture, which ceremony was ably discharged by the acting Prov. G. Master, Bro. Gibb, who congratulated Bro. Tracy upon the well-deserved honour which had been conferred upon him.

Bro. Tracy having taken the chair amid applause, proceeded with the business of the province.

The roll of lodges having been called, Bro. Winslow Woollett was elected Prov. G. Treasurer, in succession to Bro. P. Jolly, deceased, on the proposition of Bro. CANOVA, seconded by Bro. BRYANT.

The retiring Auditors (Bros. A. A. Bennett, C. E. Tempest and Mayhew) were re-elected *nem. con.*, after which the Acting Prov. G. Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 555	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Harry Jones, 114	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. Carter, 114	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. O. Davies, D.D., 555	...	...
" W. Woollett	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Percy Hayward, 516	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" S. R. Anness, 376	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. G. Patrick, 1008	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. Curry, 1592	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. Stephenson, 332	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. Booth, jun., 81	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. H. Hunt, 71	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. Calver, 2810	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. Stevenson, 388	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. G. Normandale, 1224	...	...
" F. W. Bray, 1663	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Hills, 959	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" J. Hardwick, 959	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. C. Rance, 225	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" D. W. Curtis, 1663	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" E. A. Onyon, 1663	...	...
" W. James, 1452	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. B. Syer, 376	...	...

The report of the Board of General Purposes was of a most satisfactory character, showing, as it did, an increase in the number of lodges and a gain in membership of 33 on the year. The finances, however, showed an adverse balance of £10 1s. 4d., due to exceptionally heavy expenditure. Sympathetic reference was made in the report to the death of the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who had filled the office of Deputy G.M. for 24 years with such zeal and perfect Masonic spirit as to endear him to all with whom he came in contact. The Board also expressed its sympathy with Lord Henniker in the deaths of his son and daughter. The report was adopted.

Bro. HARVEY, in submitting the 20th annual report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, said the province had this year contributed most liberally to the three Charities. At the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, the Stewards presented £1014 1s.; at the Festival for the Girls' Institution in May the province sent £926 3s.; and at the Boys' Institution Festival in June a sum of £416 4s. 6d. was sent up; the total for the three Institutions for the year amounting to £2608 8s. 6d. During the past 13 years the Province of Suffolk had contributed £13 409 18s. 6d. to the Charities. (Applause.)

Bro. ABBOTT proposed, and Bro. C. J. N. Row seconded, the adoption of the report, which was agreed to, Bro. Row paying a tribute to the zeal of Bro. Harvey and Bro. Canova in connection with the Charities.

Bro. CARY-ELWES added that, apart from Hants and the Isle of Wight, Suffolk was first on the list in its contributions to the Boys' Institution.

The brethren then went in processional order, and wearing their regalia, to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, where a beautiful musical service was rendered. The Prov. G. Chap. (Bro. Carter) was the preacher, and Bro. the Rev. Dr. Davies read the lesson, the Prov. G. Organist (Bro. F. W. Bray) effectively presiding at the organ; while the choir gave a good account of themselves in Gounod's anthem, "The peace of God." The offertory, which realised £5 15s. 3d., was devoted to the Eye Ladies' Sick Visiting Fund.

The Prov. Grand Lodge being re-formed after returning from church, the DEP. PROV. G.M. expressed the regret he and all the brethren felt at the absence of Lord Henniker, who he knew had for some time been looking forward to being with them. After impressing upon the lodge officers the necessity of sending in their returns promptly for inclusion in the calendar, Bro. Tracy said he thought they might congratulate themselves that the province was still increasing in numbers and in strength. The addition of a new lodge to a purely agricultural province like theirs was distinctly encouraging. In conclusion, he moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor of Eye for the use of the Council Chamber, and to the Vicar of Eye for the use of and service at the church.

This was seconded and heartily carried, after which the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form.

The annual banquet was afterwards served at the White Lion Hotel under the presidency of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President; Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President, were in their respective chairs. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department.

The other brethren present were

Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, E. W. Nightingale, W. M. Bywater, James W. Burgess, T. Jones, R. W. Ker, James Block, W. Kipps, S. H. Goldschmidt, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Blunt, P.G.S.B.; G. M. E. Hamilton, J. V. Vesey Fitzgerald, K.C., Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, G.C., Charles Henry Stone, H. Miller, George T. Peall, T. W. Robinson, William H. Stocks, Lorenzo Faull, S. J. Cowley, F. W. Buxton, William A. Gregory, Angelo Coghots, G. Marten, F. W. Middleditch, H. Massey, Frank L. Palmer, William Fitch, P. P. Shapland, and F. Stötzer, W.M. 238.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the June meeting to the amount of £460. There were 23 cases on the new list from the London district, from Klerksdorp, Devonport, Buckhurst Hill, Gravesend, Wigan, Stretford, St. Helen's, Lancs.; Chorley, Hatfield, Linslade, Colchester, Liverpool, Malta, Agra, E.I.; Dursley, Exeter, Grand Lodge, Canada, Grand Orient of Italy, and Grand Lodge, Ireland. One candidate, however, died since his petition was presented. Two petitions were deferred for further information. The remainder were awarded £490. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for approval of a grant of £50. The Grand Master was asked to sanction £40 in three cases and £30 in four cases. Eight grants of £20 each were made, and four of £10 each.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL, LEEDS.

On the 14th July last year we published in these columns a description of the new Hall which was then projected by the Freemasons of Leeds, and in our issue of the 28th of that month was a report of the laying of the corner-stone of the building. This took place on Wednesday, the 18th July, 1900, and the ceremony was performed by the R.W. the Dep. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick. West Yorkshire has 81 lodges, and from 78 of that number representatives came that day to Leeds from all parts of the riding to welcome the R.W. Deputy, this being his first visit. The function was a great success, and at the dinner which followed "Prosperity to the New Masonic Hall," a toast proposed by Bro. Richard Wilson, was heartily received and drunk. Throughout the year the directors of the company have steadily pressed on the work, and, though it is yet far from completion, so much has been accomplished as to justify them in looking forward to speedy occupation. The solemn dedication of the new building to the purposes of Freemasonry will be undertaken by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., assisted by Bro. Richard Wilson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The date fixed for the ceremony is Monday, the 29th instant, at 3.15 p.m. Of the nine lodges in Leeds, six will at once become tenants of the new Hall, and at the opening proceedings the Worshipful Masters of these lodges, which are *Philanthropic* 304, *Alfred* 306, *Excelsior* 1042, *Goderich* 1211, *Zetland* 1311, and *Prudence* 2069, will fill the chairs, and open a lodge in the Three Degrees preliminary to the entrance of Provincial Grand Lodge. The larger of the two lodge rooms, which measures about 61 feet by 35 feet, it is calculated will seat considerably more than 300 brethren, and yet leave space on the floor for the necessary ceremonial. Its capacity will, doubtless, be fully tested; for though the function may strictly be considered but of local interest, yet many from outside will wish to be present, either from sympathy or curiosity. The arrangements for the day rest entirely in the hands of the Worshipful Masters of the six tenant lodges, Bro. J. N. Hart, W.M. *Philanthropic*, 304, acting as Secretary. Full particulars of the proceedings will duly appear in our columns.

There seems every reason to expect that in a flourishing and populous city like Leeds the Masonic Hall will become not only a success in point of advantage and convenience, but also in a financial sense. In the hands of such well-known (professional and business men as Bros. J. Barraclough, I.P.M. 304 (Chairman); H. B. Wilson, W.M. 289; G. Hainsworth, P.M. 304; W. Blackburn, P.M., and C. H. Wilson, P.M. 306; R. J. Smith, P.M., and H. Whitfield, I.P.M. 1042; C. Scriven, P.M., and A. E. Powolny, P.M. 1211; W. W. Clayton, P.M., and E. L. Frazer, P.M. 1311; and T. Atkinson, P.M., and James Buckley, P.M. 2069, as Directors of the Company, there should be no doubt on this point. These, all of whom are brethren of repute in their respective lodges and several of whom have been recipients of provincial rank, are assisted by Bro. Wm. Postlethwaite, M.A. (Cantab), P.M. 1311, as honorary solicitor; and Bro. H. Gaskell Blackburn, F.C.A., P.M. 1311, as honorary auditor. The services of Bro. Charles Scriven were at the commencement secured as honorary Secretary, and the time and labour which has been so cheerfully given and indefatigably continued by this energetic brother entitle him to the gratitude of all concerned. Through his courtesy we are able to state that towards the full capital of £10,000 which the company proposes to raise, £8000 has been already subscribed. *Philanthropic* Lodge heads the list as largest holder of shares and has still further shown its interest in the new concern by presents of furniture, crockery, plate, &c. *Goderich*, 1211, and *Zetland*, 1311, contend for second place, both having subscribed most handsomely. The full amount of £10,000 should, nay, doubtless will eventually be obtained as out of the 525 Freemasons, or thereabouts, in the City, the shareholders up to the present do not number one half. Though *Fidelity*, 289, and *Defence*, 1221, will remain at their old quarters at Carlton Hill and will not become at present tenants of the new hall, yet they have shown their sympathy by purchasing shares to very respectable amounts. Even the *Headingley* Lodge, No. 2608, though it commenced as a suburban lodge, and still retains that character, has invested some of its lodge funds in the new scheme. We venture to suggest that in no better way could the honorary yet onerous services of the Directors and Secretary be recognised by the Freemasons of Leeds than by increasing the list of holders of stock up to the full amount of £10,000. The Executive would look upon this as a mark of confidence; it would be most gratifying to them, and would stimulate them to further effort. There is yet much to do both for the Hall Committee and for the House Committee. A steward has

been appointed who will reside on the premises, rooms and accommodation for whom formed part of the scheme. Electric lights and bells, with the latest improvements in heating, ventilation, and lavatories are prominent features; there is excellent cellarage, and several strong rooms; a lift to take the brethren from the vestibule to the principal lodge-room, and amongst other provisions are a suite of two apartments which it is suggested should become respectively the office of the Prov. G. Secretary and the West Yorkshire Masonic library. West Yorkshire, we are assured, possesses an exceptionally valuable collection of books and curios. If a room in the new building were set apart as a library, and at certain hours on one or two days in a week some competent and responsible brother were in attendance, who would submit for inspection such books as inquirers or students might wish to consult, it would render the library a practically useful institution, and afford opportunities for Masonic research which at present, we are informed, are not easily obtained.

It will be seen from the particulars mentioned that the Leeds Masonic Hall Company have undertaken a great responsibility. With the help and sympathy of their brethren there can be no doubt as to their success.

It is an opportunity, a turning point in Leeds Freemasonry, and we cannot but believe that the brethren of the city will rise to the occasion and prove themselves worthy of these exceptional Masonic privileges.

CHESHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

JOINT FESTIVAL AT KNUTSFORD.

A joint festival of the Cheshire Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institutions was held on the 20th instant in the Town Hall, at Knutsford. Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, president of the two institutions, acted as chairman over the banquet and subsequent proceedings. In spite of the great heat there was a large gathering, betokening a great interest in the Charities. Knutsford is an attractive summer resort ordinarily, and Earl Egerton of Tatton, the former Prov. Grand Master, with characteristic kindness, threw open his gardens at Tatton for inspection by the brethren and their lady friends during the afternoon. Within the Town Hall the seats at the tables were all filled, and some of the Stewards and guests had to be accommodated in another room of the building. After dinner Bro. R. Newhouse, the Prov. Grand Secretary, read a list of contributions totalling up to £2063, although in two or three cases the lodges had not yet sent in their returns, and this sum will in the end be exceeded.

Bro. F. BROADSMITH, in proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," said the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution had been formed many years. The Benevolent Institution came into existence within the last 15 years, and was formed to meet a growing desire that there should be a provision for old and indigent Masons and widows of Masons pending their being placed on the foundation of the London Institution. The Prov. G. Master, by virtue of his office in the province, but still more by reason of his own personal inclination, had become the President of both Cheshire Institutions, in order to further the interests of Masonic Charity in the province, and to enlist the sympathies of the brethren on behalf of the fatherless and widows and the distressed. The Benevolent Institution was the offspring of the Prov. G. Master's immediate predecessor in office, Earl Egerton of Tatton, who rightly conceived that there was something to be done far away beyond the education of children, in providing for the needy old men and old women connected with the Order in the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER responded. He said he had little to say on the subject of their Charities, seeing that he had so recently taken the position of Provincial Grand Master. But after the many long years of work that his brother, Earl Egerton, had given to the province, and the record that his lordship had made, he should do his level best to live up to it. (Cheers.) That festival was the second which had been held in the province. It was instituted practically at Lord Egerton's instance, in order to make it possible that fitting objects of their Charity might be helped at once, instead of having to wait even the short time that was necessary to secure for them the benefits of their London Masonic Charities. With regard to that matter, he could only say that he should follow in the footsteps of his predecessor to the very best of his power. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Egerton afterwards proposed the toast "Success to the Masonic Charitable Institutions of the Province," coupling with it the name of Bro. Henry Jackson, Chairman of the Committee, to whose energy and organising ability, he said, the success of the gathering was, in his opinion, due. The handsome sum which had been recorded had been contributed by the brethren as a result of the work of the Committee, with Bro. Jackson at its head.

Bro. H. JACKSON, who was cordially received, said the sum raised by the lodges and the Stewards was very gratifying, particularly when they remembered that the Province of Cheshire, which was but a small province in point of numbers as compared with some of its neighbours, had, during the past two years, spent something like 10,000 guineas upon the various Masonic Charities in the country. Their Cheshire Educational Institution was educating upwards of 60 boys and girls who had been left fatherless. Their Benevolent Institution was paying annuities to 12 or 14 annuitants, as a stepping stone to the recipients being placed upon the London Charities. With regard to their Educational organisation, they had with them its veteran Hon. Secretary, Bro. F. K. Stevenson, who had devoted himself to its interests for over 30 years. A large number of brethren had determined to show their appreciation of Bro. Stevenson's efforts, and in their behalf he asked that worthy brother to accept a purse of something over 90 guineas.

Bro. F. K. STEVENSON, after expressing thanks for this token of regard, said he had been connected with the Educational Institution for something like 33 years, having taken up the work in 1868. During that period the Institution had educated 298 children. They had now 54 children on their books whose clothing and education would require about £500 this year. Their assured income was scarcely £150 per annum, and for the remainder they looked, and not in vain, each year to the brethren of the province.

Among subsequent speakers were Bros. Dr. Napier, J. Fred. May, and George Ibeson.

Craft Masonry.

St. George's Lodge, No. 1958.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. F. MATTHEWS.

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on the 8th ult., when Bro. J. F. Matthews was placed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. T. Allway, who was presented by the W.M., in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of esteem and recognition of the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of

office, a large muster of the brethren of the lodge being present, including the Past Masters of the lodge, Bros. J. Berrow, P.P.A.G.P.; A. Manistree, P.P.A.G.P.; J. S. Hobbs, T. J. Hill, and G. T. Oliver.

The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. T. Allway, I.P.M.; W. Pellatt, S.W.; J. Hurdle, J.W.; A. Manistree, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Hobbs, P.M., Sec.; J. Gunner, S.D.; J. E. Ramsey, J.D.; J. Berrow, P.M., D.C.; G. Barnes, Org.; D. Apps, I.G.; T. Templeton and E. C. Allen, Stwds.; and H. Ansell, Tyler. Amongst the numerous Masters of neighbouring lodges and visitors were: Bros. G. F. Lancaster, P.A.G. Sec., G.P. Eng.; C. Nock, 342; H. M. Triggs, 487; F. S. Stebbing, 814; E. P. Dash, 923; J. H. Seymour, 1428; R. H. Platten, 1705, P.M. 153; A. G. James, S.W. 1705; J. Wood, 1923; G. Williams, P.P.G.P. 2068; W. G. Miller, 2063; J. W. Bone, 2074; J. Pardon, 2153; and others.

The brethren then adjourned to the Town Hall, where a most excellent banquet was presided over by the W.M., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given.

Runymede Lodge, No. 2430.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. S. BEECHING.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Anglers' Rest Hotel, Wraybury, on Thursday, the 18th inst., 25 brethren, including several visitors, attended to take part in the gratifying ceremony of installing the genial W.M., Bro. G. S. Beeching, into the chair of K.S. for a second year of office, additional honour being conferred on the lodge and its Master by the presence of the Prov. G. Master, Lord Addington, who himself carried out the actual work of installing, the addresses being given in a very able manner by Bro. Robert Head, P.M. 1305, Bro. W. Vincent, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., acting as D.C.

The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. A. H. Pook, S.W.; C. E. Grigsby, J.W.; G. S. Fricker, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; C. Chubb, Sec.; B. B. Springett, S.D.; John Hewett, J.D.; A. E. Holt, I.G.; Dr. Bowdler Sharpe, P.M., D.C.; Kirby, Stwd.; and Ellis, Tyler. Other brethren present in addition to those named were: Bros. O. A. Fry, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Sullivan, P.M.; Blencowe, P.M., Prov. G. Purst.; Baxter Boyle, L. Raven Hill, Tate Maude, Salisbury, Humfrey, Solway, White, Chapman, Woodham Smith, Warden, Hunt, Young, and Ellis.

The W.M., having been proclaimed and saluted, the names of two candidates were announced to be balloted for at the August meeting.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, at which Bro. Beeching, W.M., had the gratification of being supported, not only by the Prov. G. Master, but also by the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Bowen, who was unable through pressure of important business to be present during lodge as he had intended.

Bro. Lord Addington, in returning thanks for the toast of "The Prov. G. Master," alluded to the very great pleasure it had been to him to be present at and take part in such an admirably worked installation ceremony, and hoped that he might have still further opportunities of attending the Runymede Lodge, feelings which were thoroughly endorsed by the Dep. Grand Master when responding for the Grand Officers of the Province.

Bro. Vincent, P.G. Std. Br., in responding for "The Officers of Grand Lodge," mentioned that it was an unique occasion, in a long and busy Masonic career, including the membership of nearly 200 lodges which he had assisted in consecrating, for him to have been present at a lodge where the Prov. G.M. thus showed such marked appreciation of the lodge and its W.M. by thus attending to perform the installation ceremony. He was truly pleased to see such signal honour paid to Bro. Beeching, in addition to the always pleasing recognition of services during the year of office, that of being asked to continue in the chair for a further period.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, and the proceedings closed in good time to allow of the brethren returning to London.

Thomas Ralling Lodge, No. 2508.

A TRIP TO CANTERBURY.

On Saturday, the 13th instant, the following members of the above lodge availed themselves of the kind invitation of Bro. Horatio Ward, P.D.G.S.B., father of Bro. Frank W. Ward, W.M. of the Thomas Ralling Lodge, to pay him a visit at the Fleur-de-Lis Hotel, Canterbury, of which he is the proprietor: Bros. F. W. Ward, W.M.; C. Lewis, P.M.; R. J. Hennings, P.M.; C. H. Kemping, P.M.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Löhr, S.W.; C. Gough, J.W.; G. Rankin, S.D.; J. Martin, Stwd.; A. G. Wedmore, C. Ledger, H. Billingham, J. C. Lyell, and W. H. Oldham, Secretary.

The party travelled in a specially reserved saloon carriage leaving Cannon-street at 10 a.m., and on arrival at Canterbury proceeded at once to the Fleur-de-Lis Hotel, where they were heartily welcomed by Bro. Horatio Ward, and hospitably entertained at a cold collation, at which they fortified themselves for the day's sight-seeing.

The visitors proceeded to the Cathedral directly after lunch, under the guidance of Bro. F. McClemens, who entertained the brethren with his interesting and instructive explanation of the various points of interest of this ancient and historic edifice. Bro. Rhodes exhibited and explained to the brethren the treasures of the Cathedral Library, after which they attended evensong in the Cathedral, the celebration of which, being fully choral, was greatly appreciated. After service, Bro. Frank Ward, W.M., conducted the party to the world-renowned Norman porch and the ancient school-rooms of the King's School, founded by King Henry VIII. The W.M., we may add, was formerly a scholar at King's. Bro. Ewell next assumed the leadership, conducting the visitors to St. Augustine's College and the ruins of S. Pancras, one of the most ancient of British churches, and the excavations now proceeding at the Old Abbey Church. Time, unfortunately, did not permit of a visit being paid to S. Martin's, the oldest existing church in a state of preservation in England, built by S. Augustine, but the Old City wall was inspected, and a visit paid to the Masonic Temple, specially consecrated for the use of the three Craft lodges in Canterbury, and used also by the chapters, Knights Templar, and other Masonic bodies. Bro. Kennett, W. Master, and Bro. Biggleston, P.M. of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, explained the various objects of interest in this unique and handsome structure. Bro. Frank Ward, P.M., who was initiated, passed, raised, and exalted by his father in this Temple, signed the visitors' book on behalf of the members of the Thomas Ralling Lodge, after which the party returned to the Fleur-de-Lis Hotel, where an excellent banquet, served in the admirable style for which their host, Bro. Horatio Ward, is famous, awaited them. The visitors and local brethren who partook of the banquet were 20 in number.

Bro. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., proposed "The Health of their Host, Bro. Horatio Ward," in a humorous speech, which, nevertheless, was expressive of the visitors' appreciation and the generous hospitality extended to them.

Bro. Horatio Ward thanked the brethren for their kindly appreciation of his efforts to entertain them. He deeply regretted that his health had not permitted him to accompany them to the various places of interest, but was pleased to welcome them all under his roof. He remembered with gratitude his visit to the Thomas Ralling Lodge in April last, when he was so kindly allowed to instal his son in the chair of K.S., and the hearty welcome given him by members of the lodge on that interesting occasion. He regretted that Bro. Thomas Ralling was too busy in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex, but was pleased to see his old friend, Bro. Clowes, and the other members present, and to think their outing had been in every way a success.

Bro. Biggleston then presented each of the visitors with a metal ash-tray, on which a splendid view of the Cathedral was engraved.

Bro. Frank Ward, W.M., thanked Bro. Biggleston for the pretty souvenir he had so thoughtfully provided, and which would be preserved in memory of the delightful day the brethren had spent in Canterbury. He took the opportunity also of personally thanking his dear father, in the presence and on behalf of the brethren and himself, for his great kindness and hospitality, which they would always gratefully remember.

Bro. Lewis proposed the health of the brethren who had kindly conducted the party during the day, and done so much to make their outing enjoyable.

Bros. McClemens, Rhodes, and Biggleston replied. "The Health of Bro. Kennett, W.M. 31," was proposed and honoured, and duly responded to.

The visitors returned to town in a first-class saloon carriage, kindly placed at their disposal by the S.E.R.C., through the agency of Mr. E. Skelton.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

DICE AND DOLASSES.

(Continued).

Three oblong dice, resembling the Roman tali, are used in an old Indian game called *chausar*, being a variant of the still older game known as *pachisi*, which is played with seven cowry-shells. Both these games resemble backgammon, and the latter has been traced by Dr. E. B. Tylor to America, where under the name of *patolli* it was played by the Mexicans before the conquest, and is still played by some of the North American tribes, beans being used instead of dice. Dr. Tylor calls this game, in which the oblong dice beans, cowry-shells, and, perhaps, knuckle bones, sticks or strips of wood, were used and thrown by hand, lot-backgammon, which, he thinks, was the most ancient form of the game, afterwards developed into dice-backgammon as at present played. The Indian *pachisi* and the Mexican *patolli* were both played upon mats, upon which was drawn a cross divided into squares. The early Spanish writers all describe the game, the eagerness displayed by the players, and the superstitious ceremonies with which it was commenced. The dice are described as black beans, five or ten in number, marked with little white dots. Gamblers are represented as going about with the mat and stones in a little basket under their arms. They would address these things as though they were living beings, offer incense and food to them, and then, after rubbing them awhile in their hands, calling meanwhile upon the god of dice, would throw them upon the mat, give a great clap, and then look to see the points that had come. From Mexico this game of *patolli* spread under the same name, but with variations in the number of dice used and the substances of which they were composed, as far north as the Great Lakes. Sometimes the dice were made of elk-horn, cut and polished and blackened on one side, sometimes of peach stones ground down, sometimes of slips of reed, or bits of wood, upon which different marks were made in black. The American Indians, like the Chinese and other Eastern nations, are great gamblers, and at their tribal dances enter into competition with those who come to witness the ceremonies, and win or lose a great portion of their worldly possessions. One of their ancient gambling games was played with marked plum stones shaken in a bowl, the numbers of marked stones turning up denoting the winner. These plum stones, constituting dice, were much used before the advent of Europeans, but are now almost superseded by cards. One use of them, which seems to have been confined to the Sioux, is described in Yarrow's *Mortuary* customs of the North American Indians, under the name of the "ghost gamble." Upon the death of a wealthy Indian all his property is divided into small bundles, and at the first feast held in honour of the deceased an Indian is chosen to represent his ghost. This ghost plays against each of the invited guests singly for the property of the dead, and whoever wins against the ghost, takes up a bundle and goes out of the tent, making room for the next player, till the whole of the bundles are disposed of. The use of dice, which we have thus shown to have been universal and very ancient, is now forbidden by law; but an exception is made in the case of the favourite old game of backgammon, in which dice may still be thrown, as of old, without fear of legal penalties. The fascination which games of chance have exercised over gentle and simple is well illustrated in the description given by Stow, of the entertainment given by Henry Picard, Mayor of London, in 1357, when the Kings of France and Scotland, being prisoners in England, and the King of Cyprus on a visit to England to Edward III., the Mayor, having won 50 marks from the King of Cyprus, returned him the money, saying, "My Lord and King, be not aggrieved; for I covet not your gold, but your play."

SCULPTURE IN THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

Sculpture was carried to no great height in this reign; what statuary there were found employment chiefly on monuments, which were generally in a bad taste. We will mention a few names. Maximilian Colte lived in St. Bartholomew's-close; in the church is a monument to his daughter Abigail, who died at the age of 16, March 29th, 1629; and in the register of the parish is mentioned the interment of his wife Susan, who died in 1615. He had two sons, Alexander and John; the latter was a stone-cutter, and was buried in the same parish with his wife and children. Maximilian, the father, was of some eminence, and was in the service of the Crown, as appears by an office book of the Board of Works: Maximilian Colte, master sculptor, at £8 a year, 1633. Epephanius Evesham was another sculptor of that time. He affords the first instance of an English sculptor of considerable talent. The practice of placing the name of the artist upon the plinth of any sepulchral monument is of a date much subsequent to Evesham's time. Numerous monuments of acknowledged merit, therefore, remains unattributed, and it will not be supposed that Evesham had acquired fame without having produced many examples, the record of which will now be sought in vain. In the translation of Owen's *Epigrams*, by John Penkethman, printed in 1624, the translator says, "Give me leave to insert his (Owen's) epitaph, which is engraved on a plate of brass, and fixed under his monumental image, formed and erected by that most exquisite artist, Mr. Epephanius Evesham, in the cathedral of St. Paul." Nicholas Stone was the statuary most in vogue. He was born at Woodbury, near Exeter, in 1586, and coming to London lived for some time with one Isaac James. He then went to Holland, where he worked for Peter de Keyser, whose daughter he married, and returning to England, was employed in making monuments for persons of first distinction. We owe to Nicholas Stone the full praise of having deviated with more success than his immediate predecessors, from the stiff and Gothic style, yet his approaches towards classic grace were distant. During the time of his practice, the French, Flemings, or Italians brought to England sometimes the manner of Gougeon or Pilon, sometimes a debased imitation of John of Bologna, and sometimes the taste of Bernini, but never a pure style nor sound principles. In 1616, Stone was sent to Edinburgh, to work in the King's chapel there. In 1619, he was engaged on the building of the banqueting house, and in the beginning of the reign of King Charles he received his patent as master mason, recorded in Rymer's *Fœdera*, of which this is the substance: "Know ye that we do give and grant unto our trusty and well beloved servant Nicholas Stone, the office and place of our master-mason and

architect, for all our buildings and reparations belonging to our castle of Windsor, during the term of his natural life; and further, for the executing the said office, we do give him the wages and fee of twelve pence, by the day, in as ample and as large a manner as William Suthis or any other person, here-to-fore, did enjoy.—20th April, 1626." The history of his works is fully recorded by himself. His pocket-book has been preserved, in which he kept an account of the statues and tombs he executed, of the persons for whom done, and of the payments he received.

THE ARMADILLOS.

There are many species of armadillos, and most of them differ considerably from each other in shape and size. The giant armadillo of Brazil is the largest of them all, and measures about 3 feet in length of body, and is furnished with a long tail. The smallest armadillo of Argentina is only about 5 inches in length, and has a tail only about an inch long. The other armadillos include the six-banded armadillo of Brazil, the broad-banded one of Paraguay, the shaggy one of Peru, and the Peba armadillo. There are other species, but they are closely allied to those enumerated, and only differ from them in minute details. The body of this animal is covered with a shield of bony plates, which is its only protection from its enemies, being furnished with no formidable weapon of offence, in the shape of sharp claws and teeth, to battle with antagoists. All the armadillos burrow with great rapidity, and disappear into the earth, almost as quickly as if diving into water. Although possessed of only short limbs, they are very fleet of foot. With regard to food, nearly all of them are insectivorous, but the hairy and Peba armadillos are carnivorous, and snakes form a part of the diet of the former. These it kills by lacerating their bodies with the sharp edges of its carapace. Although partial to an insect diet, worms do not come amiss to it. Notwithstanding this unpleasant bill of fare, its flesh has no unsavoury taste about it, and is greatly relished by the natives, who are constantly hunting the animal on this account.

MADAME SARA BERNHARDT.

It is gratifying to note how enthusiastically Mme. Bernhardt, on returning to Paris last week, after her successful season here, spoke not only of her personal experiences of English kindness and hospitality, but of the cordial feeling shown by the many people of all classes amongst us towards her compatriots. The great actress's comment, given to one of her own countrymen, is worth recording: "Take my word for it, these people have as much esteem for us as ever, and would be very glad to be our friends."

GENERAL NOTES.

Madame Clara Butt is now rejoicing exceedingly in the possession of an infant daughter. In a few weeks' time the popular contralto and her husband, Mr. Kennerley Rumford, will fulfil several engagements arranged for them by Mr. Vert.

Mr. Max Beerbohm's one act play, "The Happy Hypocrite," is to be converted into an opera, and the music will be written by Mr. C. Willeby, a young musician who is rapidly making a conspicuous position as a composer of distinction.

One of the features of the Leeds Festival in October will be the performance by Dr. Joachim and Senor Arbos of Spohr's double concerto in B minor for violins.

BRO. SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S BIRTHPLACE.—The house in which Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan was born, is 8, Bolwell-street, Lambeth, a neighbourhood now chiefly occupied by those engaged in the great pottery works of Messrs. Doulton. Mr. Doulton, indeed, was the donor of a tablet to mark the composer's birthplace, and this, with a very simple ceremonial, was unveiled on Saturday last by Bro. Dr. Cummings and Dr. Prout, as representing the Society of Musicians. The plaque was concealed behind a Union Jack stretched between the two bedroom windows, and, on pulling a string, the flag fell, and the inscription on the tablet was revealed, as follows: "In this house was born, 1842, Sir Arthur Sullivan, musician. Died 1900, and was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral." Brief speeches were delivered by Bro. Cummings and Dr. Prout, and the Guildhall Glee Singers sang Sullivan's "The Long Day Closes," this ending the brief ceremonial.

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Masonic Notes.

On Monday will be published our special "Installation Number." Our readers must judge for themselves as to the contents, but there are sundry illustrations to which we desire to call particular attention and one

especially which represents the children of our Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and which possesses additional interest from the fact of its having been taken from a photograph by our late Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G. Warden, who during his long Masonic career was ever a sterling friend of our Institutions, the Girls' School, of whose House Committee he was for many years a member, being a great favourite of his. There are also several views of the School buildings which have been selected from a number taken by Messrs. Bolus and Co., by their celebrated "collatype" process. That we have been able to publish these in the Number, is due to the courtesy of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, the Secretary of the Institution.

We also give two illustrations in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, of which one shows the School as it is at Wood Green, and the other as it will be at Bushey, Herts. For the originals of these we are indebted to the courtesy of the Secretary of the Institution, Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B. Lastly, there will also be found in reference to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution a number of illustrations, for which we are indebted to Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, who placed at our disposal quite a number, from which those we publish have been selected. Among them is a group of the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, one of the interior of the Hall at the Asylum, and a third which represents the Stewards and their friends on the occasion of the usual visit paid by the brethren who have helped to gather in the harvest of donations and subscriptions for the year.

There are also two other full-page illustrations, one of his Majesty the King, as Prince of Wales, being installed Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1875, and the other of the Prince, the Duke of Connaught, the late Prince Albert Victor, Lord Lathom, Dep. Grand Master, and other eminent Masons, who were grouped together and photographed after the installation of the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex in 1886. This and others of the illustrations in our Special Number have not, so far as we are aware, appeared in any Masonic Journal, and will, therefore, help to make it more worthy of appreciation. Our one regret is that we have been unable to furnish the record of the Masonic services rendered by all the brethren on whom, in commemoration of the auspicious event of Wednesday, the 17th instant, his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to confer Past Grand Rank. The G. Secretary, with his usual courtesy, has furnished us with all the information it was in his power to give, and for this, which was invaluable, we gladly take the opportunity of expressing our very sincere thanks.

The annual meeting of the Provincial G. Lodge of Suffolk, which was held at Eye on the 19th instant, under the banner of the Hartismere Lodge, No. 1063, was shorn of many of its attractive features, and as regards the absence of one dear familiar face must have been attended with many regrets on the part of the brethren of the Province. Lord Henniker, who has recently sustained two severe domestic bereavements, had intended presiding, but was prevented at the last moment from fulfilling his intention. The well-known form of his late Deputy, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, was also absent from a place which will know him no more, but his able and worthy successor, Bro. Nathaniel Tracy, who till the beginning of the year had occupied the responsible post of Prov. G. Secretary. He, of course, had to be installed in office, and the ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring Prov. S.G.W. Bro. Alex. Gibb, who acted as Prov. Grand Master *pro tem*. Then Bro. Tracy proceeded with the business arranged for the meeting.

The feature of this part of the proceedings, which must have given the greatest satisfaction, was the annual report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, from which it appeared that the total raised by the Province for the Festivals this year of the three Central Institutions was upwards of £2600, or considerably more than such a Province could be in reason expected to contribute. However, Suffolk has always been a generous supporter of our three Institutions, and hence we congratulate it most warmly, without, however, being very greatly surprised at its having beaten its previous best. We must also congratulate the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master upon his induction into office, and express a hope that he may enjoy health and strength to discharge his duty for many years.

We briefly announced in our last week's issue that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex had been held at Loughton, on Thursday, the 18th instant, under the presidency of the Earl of Warwick, Prov. Grand Master, and that in the course of the proceedings, Bro. James Terry, on behalf of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, presented his lordship with a beautifully illuminated address of thanks in album-form, for the very great services he had rendered by presiding at the recent annual Festival. His lordship expressed his great appreciation of the gift and also congratulated the meeting on the generous part which the Province had taken in ensuring the success of the Anniversary. His lordship further announced that all the preliminary arrangements had been made for the visit of the brethren to Warwick Castle, where he hoped that he and the Countess of Warwick would have the opportunity of welcoming the brethren.

As regards the other business that was transacted, the reports that were presented and the statistics as to the lodges and members, our report shows that Essex is still advancing and becoming stronger. It has gained in membership, the number on the lodge rolls totalling up to upwards of 2500. The Prov. G. Master also mentioned that he had recommended that a petition for a new lodge at Chingford, intended especially for residents in the town, should be granted, and that he hoped shortly to see it consecrated, and then the lodges in Essex would muster 45. There are several lodges already meeting at Chingford, but the proposed new one is not likely to affect them or their stability.

This week it is our misfortune that we should be under the necessity of reporting the death of a brother who held a foremost position among the members of the legal profession, who, indeed, was at the head of the Parliamentary Bar, and who at the same time was a distinguished Mason, and 15 years since had the honour of being appointed S.G. Deacon of England. We allude, of course, to Bro. Samuel Pope, K.C., who died suddenly on the 22nd instant. Bro. Pope was a genial and able Craftsman, and was as highly respected in Masonry as he was by the members of his profession. A full report, which we have quoted from a morning paper, and also the particulars of his Masonic career, which we published at the time of his appointment to Grand Office, will be found in another column.

One of the ablest members of our Society for the United States has just died, and a report of his funeral in the Cedar Rapids *Evening Gazette* of the 2nd inst. has been sent us, from which we hope to make some excerpts later. The brother in question is none other than Bro. T. S. Parvin, Past G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and for the last 50 years its Grand Secretary. It was owing to his energy that the famous library connected with that Grand Lodge was established; nor do we think there can be found another Iowa Mason who has or could have accomplished what our late lamented brother has accomplished for the promotion of Freemasonry, not only in his State, but also generally throughout the United States of America. We tender our most respectful sympathy, as well to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, as to the family and friends of our late brother.

The annual Festival of the Order of the Secret Monitor was held at the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, under the presidency of the Earl of Warwick, G.S.R. Everything passed off admirably, but the demands on our space are such, that to our great regret, we find ourselves under the necessity of holding over our report of the proceedings till next week.

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"Underhill on Trusts and Trustees," by Arthur Underhill, M.A., LL.D., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. (Butterworth and Co., Law Publishers, of 12, Bell-yard, Temple Bar, W.C.) Price 17s. 6d.—This is a practical and concise treatise on the law relating to private trusts and trustees by one of the most eminent of modern writers on jurisprudence; a work that though only published comparatively recently, has already reached a fifth edition. In this work the author has extracted and formulated in a most lucid manner the principles of the law of private trusts, and, by way of example, has quoted or referred to all the important modern decisions, and a fair collection of the more ancient ones. The Judicial Trustees Act of 1896 is discussed in Chapter VIII. of Division IV. The volume should be found not only of great use to both branches of the legal profession, but also to students. The first division of the work is devoted to preliminary definitions, while subsequent divisions deal with declared or express trusts, constructive trusts, the administration of a trust, and the consequences of a breach of trust. The table of cases cited occupies over 40 pages, and the table of statutes cited five, and there is, moreover, a perfect index.

Our Flags, by Rear-Admiral S. Eardley-Wilmot (Simpkin, Marshall, and Co.). Price 3s. 6d.—This elegantly bound and artistically illustrated volume, which is dedicated by permission to the Duke of Cornwall and York, deals with the origin, use, and traditions of our flags. The information given is what most people desire to have without being confused by heraldic terms. It deals with the evolution of the Royal Standard, the Union Jack (separate chapters are devoted to the crosses of St. George, St. Andrew, and St. Patrick, which appear in that flag), the red, white, and blue ensigns, the Admiralty flag, the flag of the Master of Trinity House, and the flags of the Army and of the Colonies. Separate chapters deal with the material and dimensions of flags, and with the traditions of the flag. There are 52 illustrations occupying eight full-page plates in correct heraldic colours.

The Lady of Lynn.—By the late Sir Walter Besant. (Messrs. Chatto and Windus.) Price 6s.—This is the last work from the pen of our late distinguished brother, and the reader on laying it down will be unable to repel the conviction that his death was too untimely, for the master's hand had lost nothing of its cunning in this his latest work, nor was the lustre of his genius dimmed. The time of the story is towards the latter end of the reign of George II., and the scene mostly in King's Lynn, or Lynn Regis as it was then called, though it is laid also partly in London. The Lady of Lynn, Molly Miller, is a great heiress and shipowner of the port of Lynn, who, on account of her wealth, is destined by her ambitious guardian, Captain Crowle, to form a brilliant alliance, though the old sailor is none the less resolved that her husband must be an honourable and virtuous man. The lover who finally wins her is one John Pentecrosse, a mate on board one of Molly's ships, but before his hopes are crowned with success many things happen. Sam Sempie, who was once cudgelled by Captain Crowle for writing verses to his ward, in revenge persuades the Earl of Fylingdale a profligate and penniless nobleman, to come to Lynn and marry Molly, and gain her fortune. Sam meantime finds means to persuade the people of Lynn of the medicinal waters of one of its wells, and the town becomes temporarily a fashionable spa. This is the excuse merely for the visit of the Earl and his profligate friends, the latter including the Lady Anastasia Langton, a lady presented by the Grand Jury of Middlesex for keeping a gaming-house, who is in love with Lord Fylingdale. The progress of the conspiracy is skillfully developed, including an abduction of the heiress, who is rescued by Lord Fylingdale after a duel. At the last moment Molly becomes acquainted with the Earl's real character, and declines to proceed to the church where the marriage is to take place. Lady Anastasia, in a domino and pink cloak, takes Molly's place, and is married to the Earl, but is bribed by the offer of Molly's jewels not to proclaim her triumph, and the conspirators, who include the officiating clergyman in their ranks, overwhelm Molly's denial of the marriage by the weight of evidence of its having taken place. The Earl becomes possessed of her fortune, the best part of which he succeeds in squandering before he is denounced by his fellow conspirators. The story rivets the reader's attention from beginning to end, and is, we consider, one of the best the author has written. The book is tastefully bound, and contains 12 beautiful full-page illustrations.

The August Magazines.

The Cornhill Magazine for August opens with a rondeau on its five hundredth number by Mr. Austin Dobson. Mrs. Woods depicts life in the mangrove swamps of Jamaica, and gives anecdotes of the negro population. In "The Cup and the Lip," Mr. "Francis Connell" describes some incidents and accidents of mountaineering in the Alps; while Mrs. Archibald Little, on the anniversary of the relief of the Legations, tells of what is to be seen in Peking of to-day. Under the title of "Smeifungus goes South," Mr. Thomas Seecombe has studied Smollett's travels in France and Italy, and an anonymous writer deals with the French Press of to-day. Mrs. Hodgson Burnett concludes her story, "The Making of a Marchioness," Mr. Stanley Weyman continues his "Count Hannibal," and there is also a short story, "The Inspector of Private Nuisances," by Mr. Frank Richardson. The series of family budgets has now reached the figure of £10,000 a year, an income the expenditure of which is described by Lady Agnew. There is a further instalment of Dr. Fitchett's "Tale of the Great Mutiny," describing the Relief of Lucknow; while "The Londoner" has been with his log-book to the University cricket match and to the Stafford House Fête.

The Pall Mall Magazine summer number opens with a valuable and profusely-illustrated account of the development of the modern ocean-liner, entitled "The Fight for the Atlantic." "Napoleon at Play," by Georges de Dubor, gives an account of the great general's married life at Malmaison, with illustrations made by special permission for this magazine. "The Game of Bridge, and How to Play It," is an exhaustive yet lucid exposition of this fascinating game, while in "Over a Hundred Miles an Hour" the story of the monorail is told, with illustrations supplied by the inventor. "The Invasion of the Devil-Fish" is the first of a series on "Studies under the Sea." "With Rod and Gun" gives some idea of the cost of a Scotch moor, and "The New Switzerland," by W. D. Wilcox, F.R.G.S., gives information of 2000 mountains that still await the foot of the explorer. There are several complete stories of which special mention may be made of "How to Treat a Woman," by Archibald Marshall, and "Balkameh," by W. Waldorf Astor. The pictures are beautiful throughout, and there is also an exquisite frontispiece in photogravure.

The Royal Magazine opens with a further instalment of "From the Stalls," being a series, accompanied by biographies, in a nutshell, of the best known actresses. There are interesting illustrated articles on "Posters that Fill Theatres" and "Eyes, and What they Tell You," the latter being illustrated by photographic reproduction of the eyes of nearly every living person of eminence. Vice-Admiral A. H. Markham, R.N., contributes an instructive paper on "Curiosities of the North Pole," which is strongly reminiscent of his voyage of Polar exploration in 1875-6. "Our Cricketers' Cranks" deals with the personal peculiarities while playing of eminent cricketers. In the department of fiction the fourth of a series of "London Mysteries" is entitled "The Theft at the English Provident Bank." Other complete tales are "Our Mr. Baynes," "At the Play," "Attention," "Hilda," "The Mating of Billy, the Lag," and "Balk."

The Smart Set can never be accused of dullness. In its 160 pages of stories, verses, and witticisms there are surprises and delights for the most blasé reader. The August number opens with a novelette of remarkable power and originality, entitled "Miss Sylvester's Marriage," written by Cecil Charles. Miss Sylvester, the niece of a society leader in New York, is fascinated by a daring adventurer, who claims to be worth millions. The story of their sensational marriage and its strange results is told with great realism and admirable art. The highly diverting history of a social struggler is related in "Ghosts in Naumkeag," by W. B. Cohen, and other stories of exceptional interest are "The Price of Admission," "The Sunflower Girl," "Orchids or Arbutus?" "In the Matter of a Watchman," "Taken at the Flood," a £20 prize story, "In Regard to Madras," "Mr. Poltroon," and "Le Commissaire," a tale in the original French, by S. Boucherit. Edgar Saltus contributes a brilliant and amusing essay entitled "De l'Amour." Of the conspicuous poems may be mentioned "Pierrot's House," "The Mirthless Princess," "Escapade," "Afterglow," and "Roses."

Craft Masonry.

Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165.

An emergency meeting of this well-known and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, when there were present Bros. Godfrey Sykes, W.M.; Alfred P. Crabb, P.M., acting I.P.M.; W. de B. Herbert, B.A., S.W.; Charles J. Andrew, J.W.; Henry Times, P.M. and Sec.; Sir William Murray, Bart., acting J.W.; Harry Bearman, I.G.; Henry W. Clarkson, Stwd.; Captain W. G. Renton, J. Harris Stone, M.A.; Edward White, Wm. H. Burt, John A. Dugdale, and Dr. Morley Agar.

The lodge having been duly opened, the W.M. requested Bro. Alfred P. Crabb, P.M., to take the chair, and Bros. Captain W. G. Renton and Edward White having proved their proficiency in the previous Degrees were impressively raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The W. Master resumed the chair and Dr. Morley Agar having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquetting room, and at the conclusion of dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Henry Times proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him on having arrived at the summit of his Masonic ambition in having been unanimously elected the Master of that his mother lodge.

Bro. Sykes returned thanks in a neat speech, and thanked the officers and members of the lodge for the support they had already accorded to him and he felt sure would be continued for the remainder of his year of office.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to by Bros. Sir William Murray, J. Harris Stone, M.A.; Alfred P. Crabb, P.M.; and J. A. Dugdale.

Bowen Lodge, No. 2816.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. PERCY G. MALLORY.

The first installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held by dispensation of the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Addington, on Saturday, the 20th instant, at the Town Hall, Chesham, which was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and when set out as a Masonic lodge was equal to any in the province. There were present Bros. F. S. Priest, P.M. 1637, Prov. G. Std. Br., W.M.; J. J. Simcox, P.M. 1501, P.P.G. Treas., Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; Wm. T. Reeve Knapp, S.W.; Percy G. Mallory, J.W., W.M. elect; Rev. C. E. Roberts, W.M. 2492, P.P.G. Chap., Prov. G. Sec., Chap.; J. L. Goldstein, P.M. 2265, Treas.; H. D. Woods, Sec.; Thos. B. Fourmy, S.D.; T. Golby, J.D.; F. Cave, I.G.; Carl Ornstein, D.C.; Harry Danaway, Org.; H. A. Moore and Alex. McBain, Stwds.; J. W. Smith, P.M., Tyler; Harold Coxon, F. Lewis, Andrew Coxley, Albin L. Hunt, W. J. Abbott, James Herbert, Harry Allen, Geo. F. Woods, W. J. Akers, George Ayers, George Dainty, Charles Hibberd, and W. D. Miller. Visitors: Bros. Frank Milman, 855, P.M., P.P.G.W. Gloucester; H. Trask, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Thos. Sare, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Oxon; W. J. Nash, P.M. 321, P.P.G.W. Cheshire; W. J. Stratton, P.M. 2743; W. F. Gellion, P.M. 2319; Frank Crocker, W.M. 2786, Prov. G.S.B. Herts; Stanley W. Ball, P.M. 2361; Charles Pinkham, J.W. 2361; J. R. Campbell, P.M. 1439; B.

Haylor, S.W. 2361; F. Ward, J.D. 1598; C. Cowley, 2361; Robt. Haylor, 2361; G. Hipwell Green, 2361; Max. Lichtenberg, 1637; C. E. Morris, 2698; and George Barnes, 382.

The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the dispensation from the Prov. G.M. sanctioning the meeting at the Town Hall. The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Messrs. Geo. Dainty and C. Hibberd having been elected and, being present, were regularly initiated by the W.M.—thus making 14 initiates during his year of office. A presentation of a Past Master's jewel was made to Bro. J. J. Simcox for his services of acting I.P.M. during the first year of the lodge's existence, which was suitably acknowledged. Bro. Percy G. Mallory, the W.M. elect, was duly and regularly installed as W.M. by the I.P.M. in a very able and impressive manner, who also gave the three addresses with much feeling. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. S. Priest, I.P.M.; W. T. R. Knapp, S.W.; T. B. Fourmy, J.W.; C. E. Roberts, as Chap.; J. L. Goldstein, Treas.; H. D. Woods, Sec.; F. Golby, S.D.; F. Cave, J.D.; Carl Ornstein, J.D.; H. A. Moore, D.C.; H. Dunaway, as Org.; and McBain and Harold Coxon, Stewards. The I.P.M., Bro. Priest, was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a token of regard and esteem for the able manner he had performed the duties of W.M. for the past year. This was suitably acknowledged.

A joining member having been proposed, after "Hearty good wishes" to the new W.M., the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Victoria Room of the Crown Hotel, where host Bro. W. D. Miller had provided an ample banquet, which was greatly appreciated.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, a very pleasant evening was spent, the following musical brethren adding to the harmony: Bros. F. Golby, F. Lewis, F. B. Fourmy, F. Ward, A. Cowley, Harold Coxon, F. Cane, H. Dunaway, and G. F. Woods, with Bro. C. Winterton, R.A.M., accompanist.

During the evening Bro. Woods, Sec., presented a very interesting report of the year's working, of which the following is a summary: As this is the first regular installation meeting of the Bowen Lodge, I thought it might be interesting to the members of the lodge, and also to the visiting brethren here assembled this evening, if I gave a short report on the progress the lodge has made during its first year of existence. For the information of those brethren who may not be so informed, I would state that several brethren who were in the habit of frequently meeting together, thought it expedient to start and create a new Masonic lodge at Chesham. A form of petition was applied for, and suitable rooms were obtained at the Crown Hotel, Chesham, as a meeting place. The Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Bowen, was asked if he would consent to the lodge bearing his name; this he willingly agreed to, and the lodge was called the "Bowen Lodge." A meeting was called by the W.M. designate at the request of several of the founders, and all the preliminary and necessary arrangements were made at that meeting. The petition was unanimously recommended by the Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501, duly signed by the R.W. Prov. G. Master, and forwarded to Grand Lodge. The first meeting being the consecration and the installation of its first W.M., was held by dispensation at the Town Hall, Chesham, on July 7th, 1900. W. Bro. J. E. Bowen, Dep. Prov. G. Master, acting as W.M. and Consecrating Officer, assisted by several very prominent Buckinghamshire Freemasons, the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Lord Addington, being present. The lodge was formed with 17 founders, and W. Bro. Priest became its first Master. The first year of the Bowen Lodge has been one of great progress, and members can certainly congratulate themselves on the success thus obtained. During the year eight meetings have been held, being three emergency meetings besides the five regular ones. The W.M. has had a most successful year, one far in excess of his and our expectations. He has had a considerable amount of work to do, having had 14 initiates, which he has carried through in a most exemplary manner. It is an acknowledged fact that for a provincial lodge to be successful it must have local support. In this respect we are certainly to be congratulated, as five of the initiates are residents of Chesham or the near vicinity. We also were most fortunate in having as a joining member W. Bro. Lowdes, of Chesham, a brother who will, undoubtedly, shed lustre on the Bowen Lodge. Our Wor. Master, as the representative of the Bowen Lodge, took up the handsome sum of £101 to the Girls' Festival, the second highest list in the province. Not a bad start for a young lodge. Another matter that I cannot pass over without comment is that three of our initiates went up as Stewards Unattached during the first year of their Masonic career. I am also pleased to state that the lodge has been highly distinguished by three of its members having obtained Provincial rank, our first W.M., Bro. Priest, having been invested as Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. Bro. Simcox as Prov. J.G.W.; and our Bro. Chaplain as P.G. Secretary. You have all seen our balance-sheet, which I think is highly satisfactory; everything the lodge possesses is paid for, and we do not owe a penny, besides having a fairly good balance. In conclusion I will say that my sincere and heartfelt wish is that the Bowen Lodge will continue to prosper and become influential in diffusing the true spirit of Freemasonry in Buckinghamshire for many years.

A very successful meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Royal Arch.

Pattison Chapter, No. 913.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. DR. E. BRYCESON.

The above chapter celebrated its annual installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, on Thursday, the 18th inst., and it was in every respect a most impressive and important function. The chapter was opened by Comp. John O. Cook, M.E.Z., assisted by his Principals and the P.Zs. present. The companions were then admitted, and the ballot was taken for Bro. W. Bullworthy, 2523, and it being unanimous in his favour, he, being in attendance, was admitted and exalted. Comp. Cook then installed his successor, Comp. Dr. E. Bryceson, as M.E.Z. Comp. Bryceson did the same service for his successor, Comp. W. H. Turtan as H., and the latter exalted his successor, Comp. W. Busbridge as J. The following companions were

invested: Comps. H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.S., S.E.; B. Hammond, S.N.; R. J. Cook, P.Z., P.P.G.R., Treas.; J. D. Brooks, P.S.; E. Carter, 1st A.S.; Dr. J. Clark, 2nd A.S.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.S., D.C.; W. C. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., and F. Hoare, Stwds.; and C. Warren, Janitor. Comp. J. O. Cook, I.P.Z., was then presented with a handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel for services rendered the chapter during his year of office, and the chapter was closed.

The banquet was served at Como. George Hall's famous establishment, the Royal Mortar Hotel, Beresford-square, Woolwich, and was *chic* in every respect and thoroughly enjoyed.

Among the other companions present were: Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. B. Hobson, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; G. F. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; G. R. Nichols, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.E.; S. Horton, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; I. Turtan, P.Z.; J. H. Roberts, P.Z.; C. Jolly, P.Z. (Hon.), P.Z. 1472, P.Z. and S.E. 2184, and P.P.G.S.B. Essex; E. W. Sampson, W. E. Champion, G. Frost, D. K. Somers, G. Hall, L. Chatterneuf, Jas. Stratton, G. Lawson, D. C. Capon, and A. Moore, of the chapter. Among the visitors were: Comps. W. Russell, P.Z., P.G. Treas., P.G.S.B. Eng.; F. W. Lean, P.P.G.S. Lancashire; Dr. H. Barnays, P.Z. 1973, P.P.G. 1st Asst.; S. G. Knowles, P.Z. 503; A. M. Queen, M.E.Z., and H. Jacobs, J., of 13.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts having been honoured, that of "Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of the Province of Kent," was proposed by the M.E.Z., who paid a high tribute to the admirable manner in which his lordship discharged the many and onerous duties attached to the high offices he held in the Craft and R.A.

That of "Comp. East, Grand H., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," was coupled with the name of Comp. Russell, who, in response, said it was always a great pleasure to him to come into the Pattison Chapter, and he rejoiced to see and meet those who were trying to do their work to the honour and credit of the chapter. Those who did their work well were sure in the end to gain positions in its ranks. It was the same in Grand Chapter, and those who got there were those who were fortunate enough to "catch the Speaker's eye." The Pattison Chapter always chanced to have good officers, and while thanking them for their kindness, could only say how pleased he was with the work he had seen done that day.

Comp. Coupland also briefly responded.

Comps. Butter and Horton responded for the Prov. G. O. officers, and several other toasts were proposed and responded to.

The musical portion of the entertainment, both vocal and instrumental, was a rare treat, the magnificent singing of Mrs. E. Bryceson, wife of the esteemed M.E.Z., and Madame Kate Tester Jones was much admired. Comp. G. Lawson was in excellent voice, and in ballad and duet won unstinted applause. Mr. Lionel Horton played selections on his beloved 'cello, and the whole was a glorious affair.

The Craft Abroad.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 492 (E.C.).

INSTALLATION OF COMP. R. H. K. DYETT.

A regular convocation of the above-named chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Nevis-street, St. John's, Antigua, W.I., on Tuesday evening, the 2nd instant. The companions present were Comps. R. Warneford, M.E.Z.; R. H. K. Dyett, H.; Chas. Griffin, J.; G. T. Gallwey, S.E.; J. Robertson, acting S.N.; F. Watts, acting P.S.; A. St. G. Spooner, acting 1st A.S.; J. H. D. Wall, acting 2nd A.S., Treas.; John D. West, Janitor; the Hon. A. W. H. a Court, P.Z.; S. M. M. Taylor, P.Z.; C. H. Branch, P.Z.; R. Bell, P.Z.; Thos. S. G. Pigott, G. E. Piercez, John Halliday, and F. J. W. H. Doig.

The chapter was opened and the minutes of previous convocations were read and confirmed. Comp. R. H. K. Dyett, H., M.E.Z. elect, was duly installed in the chair of M.E.Z., and he then installed Comps. Charles Griffin as H., and Thos. S. G. Pigott, W.M. 402, as J., being assisted in the latter case by Comp. Warneford, I.P.Z. The other officers were then invested as follows: Comps. G. T. Gallwey, S.E.; W. W. Malone (by proxy), S.N.; J. T. Thibou (by proxy), Treas.; the Hon. Francis Watts, P.S.; A. St. G. Spooner, 1st A.S.; F. J. W. H. Doig, 2nd A.S.; and John F. D. West, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, showing a favourable condition of the finances. A ballot was taken for a candidate for exaltation and proved favourable. A resolution expressive of regret at the death of the late Comp. M. R. Higgins, P.Z., was unanimously adopted; and after the usual routine business had been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the dining hall, where light refreshments were served, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured.

It may be of interest to note that the three newly-installed Principals, Comps. Dyett, Griffin, and Pigott, were initiated together on 13th May, 1892, passed together, with others, on 8th July, 1892, and raised together on 29th August, 1892. And, in addition, the Master who initiated, passed, and raised them (Comp. S. M. M. Taylor, P.Z.) was present at their installation. They were also advanced to the Mark Degree together on 4th April, 1893. Is this a record?

Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, E.C. (Sydney).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Foresters' Hall, Sydney, on Wednesday, the 5th ult., in the presence of a number of naval visitors from H.M.S. Ophir and others, as well as members of the New South Wales Constitution. The notice paper contained the announcement of raising members of St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, Portsmouth, and Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2474, Chatham, by request of the W.M.s of those lodges. The W.M., Bro. Louis Parkinson, presided, and raised Bro. Sergt. G. T. Mauly, R.M.A., 2074. Much regret was expressed at the receipt of a telegram from Bro. Sergt. Lidiard, R.M.L.I., 2404, that he was unable to leave the Ophir. An interesting item of the proceedings was the reading by Bro. G. Robinson, P.M. and Secretary, of the award of the arbitrator in the suit Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, against Lodge Cambrian, No. 10, N.S.W. Constitution, resulting

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in favour of the plaintiffs, with value of the goods admitted to be in possession of defendants, and damages, together with costs of reference, arbitration, and award. He mentioned that on the following night it would be 13 years since the illegal resolution was passed which caused the carrying away the warrant of No. 656. This completed another phase of this matter. Four propositions for initiation were made, also one of a joining member from a leading Cheshire lodge, Mersey, No. 477, Birkenhead.

A very enjoyable hour was spent at the banquet table.

Bros. Mauly, 2074, Glassop, 51, N.S.W. Constitution, and other members and visitors contributed to the harmony of the evening.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Scarlett, R.N., 2074, on behalf of the English visitors; also by brethren belonging to the N.S.W. Constitution.

Instruction.

CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

PRESENTATION TO THE PRECEPTOR, THE NEW PROV. G. STD. BR. OF SURREY.

The Preceptor of the above lodge of instruction (Bro. J. S. Pointon, P.M.) having been elected Prov. G. Std. Br. of Surrey, in succession to Bro. W. Ellinger, P.M. 2222, the members gathered in great force on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., at the home of the lodge—the Newlands Tavern, Stuart-road, Peckham Rye, S.E., of which "mine host" is Bro. Dickason—a private "whip" round having been made with a view to marking the sense of the lodge and other comrade lodges of their appreciation of the honour done by the Prov. G. Lodge to Bro. Pointon. The Claremont Lodge of Instruction, by the way, is one of the most genial and efficient nurseries of the Craft in Suburbia, and since its foundation, three years ago, its weekly convocations bear an unbroken record.

The following officers were present: Bros. J. Ellinger, P.M. 2222, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, W.M.; J. Tossell, 1205, S.W.; W. Maybourn, 1901, J.W.; J. E. Wiberg, 1901, S.D.; A. S. Jennings, 73, J.D.; A. Bridge, 1861, I.G.; J. S. Pointon, P.M. 1861, W.M. 1901, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, Preceptor; W. T. Greenland, J.W. 1861, Sec.; W. Jobson, J.D. 2266, Org.; and J. Dickason, 1901, Treas. There were also present Bros. Sykes, P.M.; H. E. Francis, 1861, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Bale, P.M.; F. Pow, P.M. 1901; Wimble, P.M. 1901; J. D. Wilkinson, P.M. and Secretary of the Star Lodge of Instruction; T. Dickason, S.W. 1861; H. P. White, 1541; W. J. White, 1541; S. W. Clarke, 1861; Rees Day, 1861; W. H. Webb, 1329; R. C. S. Philp, 1861; Culpeck, 879; H. R. Gurney, S.D. 1861; Hand, 1928; Brace, 1928; A. H. Portch, J.D. 1861; Robinson, P.M.; J. Rose, P.M.; J. Lightfoot, P.M. 1901; Gibbons, 1658; H. H. Bolton, 1901; G. Dixon, 879; Reynolds, Secretary of the Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction; and many others.

The lodge being opened in the Three Degrees, and closed down, the Secretary read letters and messages of regret for unavoidable absence from Bros. W. Rogers, W.M. 1861; Deeley; C. W. Phillips, 1928; Underdown, 1861; J. Hart, 1901; T. G. Bond, 1861; and others. The W.M., addressing the brethren, said they were assembled to perform a labour of love, and to congratulate their worthy Preceptor on his attaining to the dignity of Grand Standard Bearer of the Province of Surrey. It was fitting that this little ceremony should be practically contemporaneous with the installation of their Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, the same day, at which many of them had had the honour to be present; at any rate, in the minds of those present, one event would serve to connote the other; and in the calendar of Bro. Pointon, at any rate, they hoped that evening would long be remembered by him, and cherished, first as a personal friend of his (the speaker's) and as the brother of them all, for the little mark of appreciation he had now to bestow on him on their behalf, in token of his unselfish devotion to the lodge in particular, and to Freemasonry in general. (Applause.) It never occurred to him that he (the Chairman) would ever have this pleasurable task of informally investing Bro. Pointon, as his successor, with the clothing he had himself been proud to wear. In the circumstances of Bro. Rogers's ill-health, his duty that evening had come as a pleasant surprise. He could not tell Bro. Pointon all that was in his heart, and the hearts of all, of their deep sense of gratitude for what he had done for them. The gift that night was the spontaneous outcome of their feeling for him. Bro. Pointon had been amongst them a good many years. He was a teacher among teachers, and he had very great pleasure in presenting him with the clothing of his new office. (Applause.)

The W.M. hereupon handed to Bro. Pointon the full dress and undress of Grand Std. Br., together with the P.G. Std. Br.'s jewel.

Bro. Pointon, assuming his new and handsome garb, got a perfect ovation from the brethren on rising to acknowledge the compliment. He spoke of the very great surprise it had been to him, and of the comparative success of the conspiracy of silence in regard to that scheme. (Laughter.) If he had served them well (and it was a labour of love), he was now amply repaid. (Applause.) He paid a tribute to his Masonic foster-father (the late Bro. Walter Martin, P.A.G.P. Eng.), who he wished could have been present at that function; and, after again thanking the brethren from the bottom of his heart, the speaker resumed his seat amid a fresh outburst of applause.

Bro. J. H. Wimble, P.M., felicitated Bro. Pointon on the compliment paid to him on his own behalf and that of Bro. Wills, P.M., whose first initiate the recipient was. That was an honour that Bro. Pointon thoroughly deserved.

Bros. J. T. Wilkinson, Sec. 1275; Sykes, P.M.; Brace, 1928; and members of the Selwyn Lodge all having expressed their appreciation of the instruction received at Bro. Pointon's hands, the proceedings closed in harmony.

Obituary.

BRO. SAMUEL POPE, K.C. P.G.D.

(BY ONE WHO KNEW HIM).

We take the following interesting sketch from the *Daily News* of the 23rd instant:

Mr. Samuel Pope, K.C., died at his residence in Ashley-gardens, Victoria-street, S.W., on Monday night. He was leader of the Parliamentary Bar. Mr. Pope's death was painfully sudden. It was, however, known that he had long suffered from valvular disease of the heart. As recently as Friday last he was busily employed, but a gout attack prostrated him somewhat on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, he was thought to be somewhat better, and it had been arranged that he should have a consultation at Westminster yesterday with regard to a Parliamentary Bill. He dined at home at Ashley-gardens on Monday evening, and retired to bed at his usual time—10 o'clock—seeming cheerful and comparatively well. A little later he was found dead in bed, having evidently passed away painlessly and quietly in his sleep.

In Mr. Samuel Pope, K.C., the Parliamentary Bar loses its undoubted leader, and the Bar of England generally its senior practising member. For the last 15 years or more Mr. Pope's practice has lain almost exclusively before the Private Bill Committees of either House of Parliament, with the exception of occasional visits to the Court of the Railway Commissioners and, whenever the opportunity arose, before the judges appointed to try election petitions. But it is not 25 years since Mr. Pope was accounted one of the recognised leaders of the Northern Circuit, and competed successfully for business at Manchester and Liverpool, when the Committees of Parliament were not sitting, with the late Lord Justice Holker, the late Lord Chief Justice, the late Lord Herschell, and the present Speaker of the House of Commons. Mr. Pope was trained on the Northern Circuit, and was for some seven years from the date of his call in 1858 until he settled in London

in 1865 what is known on the circuit as a Manchester local. He was the son of a Manchester merchant, and intended originally to devote himself to a commercial career, but was induced by his success as a speaker on temperance and political platforms to adopt the Bar as his profession.

From the date of his call in 1858, at the age of 31, Mr. Pope's career at the Bar was never in doubt. He had from the outset a reputation with the public not only as a speaker on public platforms, but as Secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance, a position which he was proud to retain to the day of his death.

He made a respectable income from the first. Defending prisoners at Sessions and at Assizes, then employed in local libel and breach of promise cases, he was soon the most prominent junior in all cases which depended chiefly on skill in advocacy. During these early years at Manchester he was constantly pitted against his friend Jack Holker, afterwards Attorney-General and Lord Justice. It was the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, whose chairman was closely associated with him in temperance work, that first introduced him to work before Parliamentary Committees, and from 1865, when he left Manchester and deliberately sought work at the Parliamentary Bar, treating the work on circuit as of secondary importance, to the very day of his death, it is safe to say that he was engaged in almost every case of importance that has come before these tribunals. Twice during the early part of his career he sought to represent Bolton in Parliament, but without success. His friends have never hesitated to express their belief that, had he found a seat in Parliament at that time, his peculiar abilities as an advocate and as a debater must have secured him an even more distinguished career than that he achieved apart from politics. Throughout his life he was a staunch Liberal and reformer in social and political matters, but he did not hesitate in these latter days to declare himself as in sympathy with the Imperialist wing of the party, and to deplore any attack on the present Government with regard to its policy in South Africa.

The main characteristic of his advocacy, both in the Courts and before Committees, was its straightforward honesty. He never sought to gain a point by raising what he believed to be a false issue. He knew by instinct the strong and the true point of his case. From that he never departed, that he would press with all the fervour and skill of a trained orator, but he could not, and would not, urge an argument until his mind was convinced of its truth and honesty. In dealing with the lay tribunals before which he practised, he was always anxious to present the law as he honestly believed it to be, not as he might fairly argue it to be, for the purposes of his case; thus following, as he himself said, the example set by his eminent predecessor at the Parliamentary Bar, Hope Scott. The Chairmen of Committees soon learnt to rely upon him in this respect, and it was not uncommon to hear them appeal to him after a prolonged legal argument between learned counsel upon a point of law to say what in his opinion the law really was. His word was sufficient. More than any man has he maintained the honour, reputation, and character of the Parliamentary Bar, with its peculiar temptations and difficulties, as a trained legal body constantly practising before a lay tribunal. The simple lucidity and honesty of his argument was the main feature of his advocacy; next to that the large interest with which he could clothe a mass of apparently dull figures and facts. In promoting a Bill in Parliament, he would so marshal his facts as to present a picture of absorbing interest to a committee. He was never dull, he was never over technical; he knew where the difficulties of his case lay, and, whilst he sympathetically aided his tribunal to overcome them, he seemed to be learning with the Committee that he was teaching. To the last day of his life he maintained unimpaired these peculiar qualities. They have been exemplified in more than one case this Session, notably in the complicated Derby Corporation Bill, to which he devoted much attention. The universal verdict of his competitors and friends has been that he was as clear as ever, as honest as ever, as interesting as ever. No man ever had fewer enemies. His rivals trusted him, loved him and confessed their inferiority.

At every function of the Northern Circuit of the last 15 years has he been acclaimed president; when a compliment was to be paid to a member of the circuit upon promotion—to be a Judge, Chief Justice, Chancellor, or Speaker—the occasion was incomplete without Pope in the chair, with one of his incomparable after-dinner speeches, half-bantering, half-serious, wholly affectionate and honest. So, too, in Masonry, no banquet of the Northern Bar Lodge, of which he was one of the earliest initiators, and for many years the Treasurer, was complete without Pope's presence and speech. It is not too much to say that there is not a member of the Parliamentary Bar, of the Northern Circuit, or of the Bar at large, who does not feel that he has lost in Pope an object of love, of respect, and of admiration, one who made him think well of his profession and its honour, of its mutual regard, and its *esprit de corps*, of one who summed up for them all those qualities which have made the Bar a great and honourable profession, and of one to whom each looked up as an example of honest, simple life and affectionate genial character.

Bro. Pope was one of the earliest initiates—in 1876—of the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, and devoting himself earnestly to the welfare of the lodge and the duties of the Craft, he was elected Worshipful Master in 1880. On his retirement he was elected, and has since been annually appointed to the office of Treasurer. Bro. Pope had also interested himself in the other branches of Masonry. He was exalted in the Friends in Council Chapter of the Royal Arch in 1877, advanced to the Mark Degree in the Snowdonia Lodge, No. 250, Portmadoc, installed a member of the Order of the Temple, and a Knight of Malta, and perfected Rose Croix in the Canterbury Chapter, No. 72; but the claims of a busy professional life left him little leisure for more than the pursuit of Craft Masonry, and this, both in London and the provinces, he had followed with zeal and success. He was one of the founders of the Mawddach Lodge, Barmouth, Merionethshire, of which county Bro. Pope was a magistrate, deputy lieutenant, and deputy chairman of the quarter sessions. He became Master of the lodge in 1885 on the consecration of a new Masonic Temple, which Bro. Pope had erected at Barmouth for the use of the Craft. On the death of Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., P.G.M., and the sub-division of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, Bro. Pope was appointed by R.W. Bro. Lord Harlech, the new Provincial Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden of the Province of North Wales. He was also a member of the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1839, Bangor, and the Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, Portmadoc, while as regards our Institutions, he was a Vice-President and had served as Steward for both the Girls' and Boys' School. He was honoured with the appointment of S.G. Deacon of Grand Lodge in 1886.

O. LORD BRASSEY has arranged to lay the foundation stone of the Missions Seamen Church and Institute for the port of Manchester on the 1st prox. The building are to cost £6000, of which £4000 has been already raised. They are to place iron building, which has been well used by sailors since the opening of the ship Canal in 1894.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—Proposed Valedictory Dinner.—It is proposed (with the permission of the hospital authorities) that Founders' Day dinner, the annual festival in commemoration of King Edward VI.'s birthday, shall this year be held in the Great Hall of the Institution on Wednesday, October 23rd, if a sufficient attendance can be secured. The Duke of Cambridge has already signified provisionally that he will "be only too happy to dine with the supporters of the dear old Hospital." The Vicar of Christ Church, Newgate-street, the Rev. E. H. Pearce, M.A., a former "Grecian," will reside.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, August 3, 1901.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

MONDAY, JULY 29.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
 Brondesbury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
 Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.
 Dalhousie, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
 Duke of Cornwall, Bristol Room, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.
 Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Erkenwald, Railway Hotel, Barking, at 7.45.
 Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E. at 8.
 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
 Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.
 Kingland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
 North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
 Perseverance, Riddle's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 31, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
 Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 1 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.
 Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
 St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.
 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
 South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., N., 7.30.
 Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30.
 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
 Walthamstow, Chequer's Hotel, High-st., Walthamstow, at 8.
 Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
 Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
 Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
 Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
 Clapper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
 Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
 Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Curator-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
 Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
 Dalhousie, Lord Turo, Dalston-lane, at 8.
 Egyptian, Salut-tion, Newgate-street, at 7.
 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
 Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
 Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
 London, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
 Linsington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
 Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
 Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
 Mount Edgecombe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.
 Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
 New Cross, Kenble's Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
 Richmond, The Freemasons' Club, Richmond, at 8.30.
 Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
 Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
 St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
 St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
 Strand, The Salisbury, 91 & 92 Strand, at 7.
 Stockwell, Callingham's Restaurant, 94, Cannon-st., E.C., at 6.
 Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
 Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
 Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albyn, George Canning Hotel, Effra-road, Brixton, at 8.
 Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
 City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
 Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.
 Confidence, Bunchof Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
 Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.
 Derby Alcott, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
 Eyre, Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.
 Guelph, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
 Hammersmith, Wycombe House, 263, Hammersmith-rd., 7.45.
 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Lonsborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 London Scottish Rites, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
 Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.

Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
 Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 204, Boro' High-street, at 8.
 New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Peckham, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
 Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
 Prosperity, Manchester Hotel, 145, Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
 St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
 Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
 United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
 Wanderers, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road Victoria-station, S.W., at 7.30.
 West Smithfield, City Scotch Stores, 27, Knight-rider-st., E.C.
 Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
 Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
 Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
 Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.**RAFT LODGES.**

742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
 1790, Old England, Fine Art Gallery, Croydon.

CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

1657, Aldersgate, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
 Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
 Earl's Court, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington-sq., W., at 8.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
 High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
 Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
 Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
 La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, at 8.
 Langton, Simpson's Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand Court, E.C., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
 Montecore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
 Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.
 St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
 St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
 St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
 Southern Star, Ship Tavern, Kennington Road, S.E., at 8.
 Temple, Upland Tavern, Crystal Palace-road, S.E., at 6.
 Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
 Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
 United Military, Star & Garter Hotel, Powis-st., Woolwich, at 8.
 Highgate Chapter, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, at 8.30.
 Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.**RAFT LODGES.**

1489, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
 2511, St. John at Hackney, South Place Hotel, Finsbury.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Chough, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 7.30.
 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
 Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, 205, Goswell-rd., E.C., at 8.30.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 7.
 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
 Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
 Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
 Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30.
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
 Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
 Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
 Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons-avenue, at 6.
 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
 Stuart, The Deacons', Wallbrook, City, at 8.
 Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
 The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, at 8.15.
 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
 Camden Chapter, Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender-hill, S.W., 1st and 3rd Fridays, at 8.
 Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
 Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
 Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, W., at 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Grand Masters' Mark Lodge, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6 p.m. sharp

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30.
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
 Duke of Connaught, The Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-rd at 8.
 Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
 Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30.
 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
 Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
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Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH SAVORY, Bart., entered upon his 59th year on Tuesday last.

BRO. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF VAUGHAN MORGAN has forwarded a donation of £25 to the Dutch Women and Children's Fund of the Victoria League.

THE PENNSYLVANIA CREW witnessed "The Night of the Party" at the Avenue Theatre on the 24th instant as the guests of Mr. Weedon Grossmith.

THE TREASURER of the Middlesex Hospital have received from Mrs. Blagrove Paton 1000 guineas to endow a bed in the cancer wing in perpetuity in memory of her husband.

THE GARDENS OF LINCOLN'S-INN.—On Wednesday, by permission of the Benchers, these gardens were thrown open from six to eight p.m. for the benefit of poor children resident in the district.

BRO. SIR JOHN BLUNDELL MAPLE gave notice in the House of Commons of a Bill to vest the undertakings of the London water companies in a single public authority, and for other purposes.

THE KING AND THE CROWN JEWELS.—The Crown regalia was removed from the Tower of London on Tuesday, and conveyed to Marlborough House, for inspection by the King and various Court officials.

THE LADY MAYORESS, who was accompanied by Bro. the Lord Mayor, distributed the prizes on Saturday last at the 20th annual championship meeting of the County Athletic and Cycling Association at Chelmsford.

IT IS SIX MONTHS AGO last Wednesday since Queen Victoria passed away, and the period of full Court mourning has come at last to an end. Half-mourning and subdued colours will be worn by the Court for another six months to come, and a full year must pass before full colours are worn.

£113 FOR TWO LETTERS OF DR. JOHNSON.—On Tuesday, at Sotheby's, an important series of autograph letters of Dr. Johnson, the property of General Macdonald, came up for sale, and realised high prices. One dated April 19th, 1783, fetched £57, and another dated October 4th, 1783, sold for £56.

BRO. A. J. HOLLINGTON'S two year-old Shire colt, Bishopthorpe Duke, won the first prize, the championship, and the medal at the show of the Waltham Cross and Three Counties Horse and Foal Society on Thursday, the 17th instant. Bro. Hollington also took the second prize for a saddle-horse, and the third for a horse shown in harness.

ATTENTION IS DRAWN to the corrected advertisement appearing in this issue of the Belle steamers belonging to the Coast Development Company, 33, Walbrook, E.C. Special holiday arrangements have been made from August 2nd to 6th inclusive, for sailings between Fresh Wharf, London Bridge, and all the principal watering places of the south and south-east coasts, particulars of which may be obtained by application.

THE LATE MR. JOHN T. BEDFORD.—The fine bust of the late Mr. Deputy Bedford, which was recently placed in the lobby at the Guildhall, has, at the instigation of Bro. T. Hastings Miller, the Chief Commoner, been ornamented with a plate, bearing the following inscription: "John Thomas Bedford, Deputy of the Ward of Faringdon Without (north side) 1884-1896. He saved Epping Forest for the people."

A GRAND SCENIC BAZAAR, representing the British Empire, will be held at the New Hall, Menai Bridge, on August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, the proceeds from which will, it is hoped, suffice to pay off the debt on the Masonic Hall at Menai Bridge, amounting to about £400. The bazaar will be opened by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Harlech, and by kind permission of the colonel and officers the band of the Royal Anglesey Royal Engineers will appear.

"A CHANNEL FLEET," is the title of a little booklet issued by the Great Eastern Railway Company, and the title is appropriate for the brochure tells of the fine fleet owned by this company for the accommodation of mails and passengers between Harwich and the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Information useful to intending tourists is given, while the illustrations are most artistic, including views of the Company's boats, and of the scenery in the Continental countries to which travellers are conveyed by these floating hotels on keels.

WE HAVE PLEASURE in drawing attention to a new catalogue of Masonic jewels, clothing, and furniture just issued by Messrs. George Kenning and Son, Masonic Jewellers, of 1, 2, 3, and 4, Little Britain, London, E.C., and 16 and 16½, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. The list is of a convenient size to carry in the pocket, and contains descriptions and prices of all kinds of Masonic jewellery, clothing, furniture, regalia, symbols, &c., with an alphabetically arranged index so that any article can be found at a moment's notice. An attractive feature of the list is a series of 40 photo process blocks illustrating the firm's manufactory and showrooms both in London and the provinces, the processes of manufacture, &c. Copies of the catalogue may be had upon application as above.—*The Jewellers and Watchmakers' Trade Advertiser.*

A RARE AND ROYAL MASONIC APRON.—There has recently come to light we learn from the *Humanitarian*, a Masonic apron—probably the most exquisite example of needlework extant—that busied the fingers of Mary, Queen of Scots, during her long imprisonment, and served to divert her mind from her impending doom at the block. Just before her execution she secreted her prized apron under the lining of one of her robes, which kept her treasure safe until recently the garment was ripped apart. Its history has since been fully authenticated through letters written by the ill-starred Queen to a friendly ambassador at Paris, who smuggled the material out of which it was wrought into her dungeon. The apron came into the possession of an American, who has refused £10,000 for it, and has also declined £1000 for the privilege of unravelling a single stitch to learn its secret, which is a mystery to all experts.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their principal City and West-end offices, and this arrangement is probably never so much appreciated as during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday seasons. The fares charged are the same as at Paddington. Tickets can also be obtained at Clapham Junction, Kensington (Addison-road), Uxbridge-road, Hammersmith, and other stations. The booking office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 31st, August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and the tickets issued (except those for specified excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days. To meet the expected additional traffic, the Company will run several ordinary trains in duplicate during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, but on the Bank Holiday several of the up and down expresses will not run, and there will be other minor alterations in the services. Fast excursion trains leave Paddington every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to Weston-super-Mare; every Monday (except August 5th), and every Friday, by the new route via Putney and Westbury, to Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c.; every Monday and Friday to Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, &c.; Tuesday nights, July 30th and August 6th, and every Wednesday afterwards, to Rhyl, Llandudno, Bettws-y-coed, &c.; every Wednesday for Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, Dolgellau, Barmouth, &c.; Taunton, Tiverton, &c.; every Wednesday noon and Thursday, to Minehead (for Lynton and Lynmouth), &c.; every Wednesday night, to Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Tenby, New Millford, and other places in South Wales; every Thursday, to Minehead, Lynton, Lynmouth, &c.; every Thursday morning, Thursday night, and Friday night, to Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Dawlish, Trignmouth, Torquay, Plymouth, &c.; every Thursday morning and Friday night, to Falmouth, Penzance, and other resorts in the West of England; every Thursday midnight, to Chester, Birkenhead, and Liverpool; every Friday, to Newbury, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, &c.; every Friday night, to the Scilly Islands; and every Friday night and Saturday, to Douglas (Isle of Man). Every Monday (except August 5th), day excursions are run to Newbury, Winchester, Southampton, and Cowes, and on Mondays, July 29th, August 12th, 20th, September 9th and 23rd, day trips to Southampton, including steamboat trip round the Isle of Wight. For other cheap excursions see advertisement page.

A GREAT compliment has just been paid to the Lady Mayoress. Her dainty poem, "Flower Symbols," has been translated into French by Miss Janotha, and is about to be recited in Paris by Madame Sarah Bernhardt.

LONDON IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.—The Earl of Dunraven is to be appointed to command the 3rd County of London (Sharpshooters) Imperial Yeomanry, whose formation has just been approved by the King.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of the Edition de Luxe of Mrs. Nevill Jackson's "History of Hand-Made Lace" (L. Upcott Gill, 170, Strand), which contains actual specimens of old and fine lace.

THE LARGEST AMOUNT ever paid for stamp duty has just been handed over to the Treasury by Mr. Andrew Carnegie; £5000 worth of stamps were required to make the deed of gift by which he endows the Scottish Universities a legal document.

QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL.—Bro. Dr. Lennox Browne is anxious that his suggestion for an appropriate memorial to the late Queen should not be lost sight of. His main proposal is the perpetuating of the great feature of the Victorian reign—the consolidation of the Empire—by a series of arches, uniform in character, but with distinctive treatment on the frieze of each colony so represented.

BRO. FORBES ROBERTSON'S repertoire, during his forthcoming autumn provincial tour, will include "Othello," "For the Crown," "The Sacrament of Judas," and of course his comparable representation of "Hamlet," added to which he will, in the course of his itinerary, produce at least one and probably two or three new plays, the first of which, unless circumstances arise to prevent it, will be one by the talented authoress Madeline Lucette Ryley.

ROYAL ACADEMY SOIREE.—The galleries at Burlington House were closed to the general public at six o'clock on Wednesday, in order to allow of preparations being made for the annual soiree. Three hours proved by no means too long a time for the transformation which greeted the guests later on. The grand staircase and rooms were beautifully decorated with tall palms and flowers, and the electric light shed a brilliant glow upon the animated throng which filled the rooms to overflowing. The guests, who were received by Sir Edward Poynter, arrived in a continuous stream, and all the learned professions were largely represented. The first exhibition of pictures looked at their best, but it could hardly be expected that they would be the chief objects of interest at a social reunion of such magnitude. A brilliant programme of music was performed by the Royal Artillery String Band.

AN INTERESTING GATHERING.—Tuesday evening last witnessed an interesting gathering at the Mitre Hotel, Richmond, in connection with the Lodge of Harmony, No. 255. That lodge was originally founded at the old Toy Hotel, which stood close by the Trophy Gate, opposite to the Mitre Hotel. After a few years the meetings of the lodge, for some reason unknown to the outside world, were suspended; but in 1801 the Lodge of Harmony was revived at the place where it was established, and continued to meet at the Toy Hotel until it was pulled down, now over 50 years ago. The members resolved to celebrate the centenary of the revival of the lodge, and decided to do so at the Mitre Hotel, being close to the spot where No. 255 was called into being. Bro. J. F. K. Daman, the present W.M. of the lodge, presided over the business which had to be transacted, and then took the head of the table at the banquet which followed, which was attended by about 30 members and visitors. A *recherche* repast was served, and the members were pleased to find that there was a link between the Mitre to-day and the Toy of old. The late Bro. Sadler was connected with the old Toy Hotel before crossing over the road, and saw to the "creature comforts" of the members of the Lodge of Harmony during the forties. It was reserved for his widow and sons to do the same at the centenary festival under notice.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—For the convenience of the public the Midland Railway Company have arranged that the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations shall be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and 3rd. Tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their City and suburban offices. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London on Friday night, August 2nd, to Stirling, Perth, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c., for 4 or 10 days, and to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumfries, Castle Douglas, Ayr, &c., for 4 and 10 days, by which trains third class return tickets will be issued at about a single fare for the double journey, available for 16 days. Cheap excursion tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) to Dublin, and the South of Ireland (via Liverpool), on alternate Fridays (August 2nd to September 27th), and to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, &c. (via Barrow) on alternate Fridays, from August 2nd to September 27th. Also to Belfast and the North of Ireland (via Stranraer and Larne, or via Liverpool) on alternate Thursdays from August 1st to September 26th. On Friday midnight, August 2nd, for 3, 6, or 7 days, and on Saturday midnight, August 3rd, for 2, 5, or 6 days, to Leicester, Nottingham, Manchester, Stockport, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, &c. On Saturday, August 3rd, a cheap excursion train will be run to Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Burton-on-Trent, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Barnsley, Keighley, York, Hull, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle Carlisle, &c., for 3, 6, or 7 days. On Monday, August 5th, day trip trains will be run from London (St. Pancras) to Southend-on-Sea, St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, and Kettering. There will also be a 1, 2, or 3 days' trip to Leicester, Loughboro', and Nottingham; a 1, 2, 4, or 5 days' trip to Birmingham, and a 2 or 5 days' excursion to Nottingham, Sheffield, Stockport, and Manchester. Tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the above-named offices.

THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce that cheap excursions will be run as follows: On Wednesday, July 31st, and each Wednesday until September 18th, for eight days, to Sheringham, Cromer (Beach), Mundesley-on-Sea, Yarmouth (Beach), Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. On Friday, August 2nd, for four or 10 days, from London (Woolwich Arsenal and Dockyard), Greenwich (S.E. and Co.), Victoria (S.E. and Co.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross (G.N.), &c., for Northallerton, Darlington, Richmond, Durham, Newcastle, Alnwick, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow (International Exhibition), Helensburgh, Dumbarton, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Dalmally, Oban, Fort William, Montrose, Aberdeen, Inverness, and other stations in Scotland. Passengers with four days' tickets return on Tuesday, August 6th, and those with 10 days' tickets return on Monday, August 12th. Tickets at about a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by above excursions to places named, available for return by one fixed train on any day within 16 days, including days of issue and return. On the same day an excursion for 3, 6, or 8 days will be run to Newark, Retford, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds and Bradford. On Saturday, August 3rd, for three, six, or eight days, from London (Woolwich Arsenal and Dockyard), Greenwich (S.E. and Co.), Victoria (S.E. and Co.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, &c., for Cambridge, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Lynn, Norwich, Cromer, Yarmouth, Spalding, Boston, Grimsby, Lincoln, Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, Burton, Burslem, Tutbury, Stoke, Newark, Chesterfield, Edwinstowe, Retford, Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham, Huddersfield, Manchester, Liverpool, Doncaster, York, Hull, Harrogate, Bridlington, Malton, Scarborough, Whitby, Stockton, Richmond, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Durham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Shields, Sunderland, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Keighley, Accrington, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, and other principal stations in the Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and North-Eastern Districts; also for one, three, or four days to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. On Saturday, August 3rd, and each Saturday until September 28th, for three, eight, 10, 15, or 17 days, to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, Mablethorpe, Grimsby, New Cleve, Cleethorpes, Bridlington, Filey, Scarborough, Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Saltburn, Redcar, Appleby, Tynemouth, Whitley Bay, Cullercoats, Liverpool, Southport, and Douglas (Isle of Man). On Bank Holiday, August 5th, for one, two, or three days, to Grantham and Nottingham, also for one day to St. Albans, Hertford, Wheatthampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Baldock, Royston, Cambridge, Biggleswade, Sandy, Tempsford, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe.

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