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THE NEXT FESTIVAL.

OUR readers will perhaps think we might pause for a few days ere we again urge them to be up and doing on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, but our motto is, and must ever remain—Onward. Particularly on the present occasion must we impress on the members of the Craft that there is no time to be lost in the good work to which they devote themselves, for within a very few days—only just over a fortnight—will be celebrated the ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the gathering being fixed to take place on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Vicount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Devon.

To ensure the success of this gathering the most strenuous exertions will be necessary from all who are in a position to render help, and on that account we once more place the claims of the charity prominently before our readers.

The great success of the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School during the present week must of necessity absorb a large amount of the attention of the Craft for some little time to come, and we know there are many who will consider it out of place to even speak of anything but that grand gathering until the term usually allowed to an event of exceptional interest has expired. But the exigencies of the case before us are of so peculiar a character that we have no time to regard the Festival that has passed as a nine days' wonder. If we do there will be no time left in which to work for the one to follow, and it does not require much argument to convince that so far the Stewards for the Boys' School Festival of this year have had little opportunity of urging the claims of that Institution. Up till within the last few days the all-absorbing topic in the Craft has been the Centenary celebration of the Girls' School. Now that that event has been disposed of it must be allowed to rest, except to be referred to as showing what is possible, and acting as an incentive for those who are pledged to work for the future.

We think there is little doubt but that the exceptional success of the Girls' School Festival will make a material difference in the outcome of the celebration on behalf of the companion Charity, but we hope the Boys' Institution will not be wholly forgotten in the rejoicings which must follow the grand result of Thursday's gathering. We do not think the Craft will overlook the fact of there being a third Festival for the year, but how can we expect a brilliant result after so exceptional a contribution as that we have to record this week? We must rather be content with what is provided as the natural outcome of true Masonic feeling on behalf of an Institution which has justly earned the good opinion of a large and influential section of the Craft.

We cannot do better than refer our readers to another part of our present issue, where the special claims of this Institution are set out at length, and conclude with the hope that so far from the success of the Girls' School Festival proving detrimental, it may be the means of securing exceptional support for the Boys' Institution. Much of the honour that has been secured by the Girls' School would be removed if it was found it was purchased at the expense of another Charity, which if not quite as old must be regarded as equally deserving of support.

THE CENTENARY OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE events of the past few days, in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have, we should imagine equalled the anticipations of the most sanguine, and they will form a topic for congratulation among members of the Craft for many years to come. The Centenary Festival of this Charity was celebrated at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday, and it proved a most unqualified success. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master presided, and he was supported by His Majesty the King of Sweden, Grand Master of that country, the Grand Master of Scotland, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters of England, and a brilliant assemblage of Grand Officers, Provincial Officers, and others.

The Board of Stewards consisted of 1,465 Brethren, and the total amount collected was announced by the Grand Master as exceeding £50,500, a sum which he said had never before been equalled at a Charity Festival, and, as our readers are aware, far in excess of anything hitherto achieved in connection with Freemasonry.

We give elsewhere in our present issue full details of the amounts collected by the London Stewards, together with a summary of the amounts sent up from the Provinces, and take this opportunity of testifying to the excellence of the arrangements made by the Secretary of the Institution and the principal Stewards for the comfort and entertainment of those present. The whole of the proceedings of the week passed off without a hitch, and considering the magnitude of the undertaking this must be regarded as particularly gratifying.

The amounts speak for themselves, and are a splendid result of the appeal which has been made to the Craft for a fitting memorial of the Centenary of the Institution. It is yet early to predict the full effect the handsome totals will have on the future of the Charity, but we may safely surmise that an early increase in the number of pupils will be one of the results, and if it is found possible to extend the benefits of this noble Institution there will be an ample reward for the special exertions which have been put forward, even if those who have contributed to the success are not more than satisfied by the outcome of the Festival.

On the previous Monday the prizes were distributed to the successful pupils of the Institution by the Countess of Carnarvon, the ceremonies of the day also taking place at the Royal Albert Hall, and also being honoured by the presence of the Grand Master, who on this occasion was accompanied by the Princess of Wales and his daughters. The Royal party, attended by Col. Clarke and Miss Knollys, reached the Albert Hall at halfpast four. They were received at the private entrance of the building by the Earl of Carnarvon (one of the Trustees of the Institution), the Earl of Lathom, Sir Albert Woods, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, and Bro. Robert Grey, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and conducted to the Royal box, amidst the strains of "God Save the Queen." Bouquets of choice flowers having been presented to the Princess of Wales and her daughters, Miss Davis (head governess), Miss Buck (the matron), and Bro. Robert Grey was introduced to their Royal Highnesses, after which the gold and silver medallists—Miss Mabel Osmond

and Miss Agnes Stephenson—received their awards from the hands of the Princesses. At the conclusion of the calisthenic exercises the Royal party left the building, and drove away amidst cheers. Before leaving, the Prince of Wales expressed to Lord Lathom, on behalf of the Princess and himself, the pleasure it had given them to be present, and their gratification at all that they had witnessed. The following is a full programme of the proceedings and a list of the prize winners:—

PROGRAMME.

The "Old Hundredth" to be sung by all present.
Calisthenics and Marching.
Distribution of Prizes.
Selections by the Pupils.
"God Save the Queen."

PRIZE LIST.

BY THE INSTITUTION.

Mabel Osmond, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, with £5 by Bro. William Winn. Agnes Stephenson, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, with £5 by Bro. William Winn.

Cambridge Local Examination.—Eighteen entered, 15 passed.—Senior: Mabel Osmond, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Grace Bartrum.

Junior: Athalinda Allison, Ellen Delafons, Agnes Fyfe, Georgiana Smith, Dorothy Ainsworth, Ethel Falding, Maud Hill, Mary Sherington, Ruth Byers, Helen Foxall, Augusta Nicholls, Lillian Sykes.

College of Preceptors' Examination.—Thirty-one entered, 28 passed. Agnes Stephenson, Caroline Weare, Martha Fry, Amy Cutbush.

Proficiency:—Class III.—Beatrice Knott. Class IV.—Bertha Dean. Class V.—Mary Allen. Class VI.—Evelyn Conti. Class VII.—Alice Smith.

Needlework.—Millicent Wootton, Lousia Johnson, Edith Hutton.

Order and Attention (as proved by conduct marks throughout the year), Emily Carruthers, Olive Hurst.

BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Religious Knowledge:—Agnes Stephenson.

By Bro. William Winn, for Proficiency (£5—£2 10s each).—Fanny Oberdoerffer, Grace Bartrum.

By Bro. J. H. Matthews, for Music "Royal Academy Examination" (1st Prizes):—Agnes Stephenson, Florence Mason.

The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize, for Music (2nd Prizes):—Georgiana Smith, Louisa Pincombe, Charlotte McMillan.

By Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music (3rd Prize):—Mildred Wrigton.

The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize, for Drawing:—Fanny Oberdoerffer, Ruth Byers, Florence Mason.

By Bro. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French:—Maud Hill.

By Bro. Louis Hirsch, for German:—Athalinda Allison.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Elocution:—Daisy Capon, Mary Tanner.

By Bro. Thomas Fenn, for Arithmetic:—Ruth Byers.

By the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct (1st Prize):—Athalinda Allison.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct (2nd Prize):—Beatrice Cookes, Lillian Shrapnel.

By Mrs. D. P. Cama, for Needlework (First Prize, £5):—Ruth Byers.

The "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James's Lodge, No. 842), for Usefulness in Domestic Duties (£2 10s):—Florence Wright.

The "Bai Hirabai Cama" Memorial, for Cookery (1st Prize, £5):—Alice Cleaver.

By Bro. Ralph Clutton, for Cookery (2nd Prize):—Beatrice Cookes.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Cookery (3rd Prize):—Helen Foxall.

By Bro. Col. James Peters (Trustee), for Calisthenics and Deportment:—Norah Besly.

By Miss Godson, for Swimming:—Georgiana Smith, Louisa Haigh, Florence Popkiss.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Amiability (selected by her School-fellows):—Maud Greethurst.

Prizes in Junior School.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Proficiency:—Ethel Craft, Florence Bexfield.

The "Henry Levander" Memorial Prize, for Arithmetic:—Hilda Kemp.

THE FESTIVAL.

IT would be idle to speak of the actual celebration at the Royal Albert Hall, or to consider it in comparison with any previous Festival held on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. It was so far in advance of all of its predecessors as to place it outside the range of comparison. It was, indeed, unique—and the strongest eulogiums we can bestow upon it fail to give any adequate idea either of its grandeur or of its success. It was a sight never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it, and it resulted in such a return as will for ever entitle it to a foremost place in the records of Benevolence. The lower parts of the Hall had been filled with tables, and although every available space was utilised we do not think there was a vacant seat when, punctual to the appointed time, the company was called to order to receive the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was accompanied by His Majesty the King of Sweden, Grand Master of the Craft in that country, and Past Grand Master of England; the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, Sir Archibald Campbell Grand Master of Scotland, Prince Albert Victor Past Grand Warden, the Chamberlain Egaberg (in attendance on the

King of Sweden), Count Wrangle, the Duke of St. Albans Provincial Grand Master Nottinghamshire, the Marquis of Headfort Senior G. Warden Ireland, and Lord John Tylour J.G.W. England, while among those who had assembled to support him were a large number of the rulers of the Craft, the whole of the space in front of the organ being filled with Officers of Grand Lodge, including, among others, the following Provincial Grand Masters:—Lord Methuen (Wiltshire), Earl of Amherst (Kent), Earl of Limerick (Bristol), Earl of Bective, M.P., (Cumberland and Westmoreland), W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., (Hants and I.W.), Col. Sir Francis Burdett Bart., (Middlesex), Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie (Lancashire E. Div.), Earl of Hardwicke (Cambridgeshire), Earl of Mount-Edencombe (Cornwall), Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., (Hertfordshire), Lord Sniffeld, K.C.B., (Norfolk), Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., (South Wales, East Division), Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., (Worcestershire), Sir Joseph R. Bailey Bart., M.P., (Herefordshire), Lord Brooke (Essex), Lord Kensington (South Wales, W.D.), Earl of Jersey (Oxfordshire), Lord Harlech (North Wales), Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., (Shropshire), Sir Matthew White-Ridley, Bart., M.P., (Northumberland), Lord Egerton of Tatton (Cheshire), Earl of Euston (Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire). Grace was said both before and after the banquet by the Grand Chaplain of England, and then followed the toasts. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on rising, said: Your Majesty and Brethren, the first toast which I give you will require no preface, as it is that time-honoured toast to which I know you will all drink with enthusiasm—the Queen and the Craft. The toast was heartily honoured and the National Anthem sung. The Grand Master next proceeded: Your Majesty and Brethren—A very high compliment and a very high honour has been conferred upon us to-night. At this great and important gathering, probably the largest meeting for a charitable object that has ever taken place anywhere, we have as our guest his Majesty the King of Sweden. I little doubted the manner in which you would receive this toast, as not only are we honouring a distinguished guest, but a high and brave ally of ours—and we are honouring the Grand Master of Freemasons of Sweden. We all know the deep interest which his Majesty takes in our Craft, and what excellent Masons the Swedes are. In proposing this toast it is specially gratifying to me, for I have looked forward to this occasion for many years, because it was through his Majesty the King and his late lamented brother, that twenty years ago I was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft—and I am proud to be one of you, and still more to be at your head. I am grateful to the King for having made me one of you. Brethren, I know you will drink the toast with cordiality, and at the same time I feel that it will be right to give this toast Masonically, for in doing so we do honour to our guest and to the Craft. The toast was vociferously received, and followed by capital Masonic firing, led by the Deputy G. Master. His Majesty the King of Sweden replied: Your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren—the toast I have to propose I give, not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of all the foreign Lodges and Masonic congregations whose principles and constitution are in conformity with your own. Would that I could say on behalf of all those who bear the title of Mason, but whose laws and principles do not indeed deserve the name. There are thousands, yes more than a hundred thousand, who will join in the feelings the expression of which I desire may be in this toast. I would also express the great satisfaction I feel at the honour and distinction to-day conferred on me by your Grand Master and by you, constituting me a member of your honoured body. I feel much satisfaction in being present at such an enormous gathering as this, and one assembled for purposes so noble. Patriotic feelings are certainly noble and honourable, and nowhere are they deeper than in this country, for whose people, ever since my young days, I have had the greatest esteem, and where I find so many true and good friends and where, at this moment, I am surrounded by brethren. I hope such noble feelings will never be clouded by individualistic sentiments. But, brethren, there is one feeling still more grand and still more noble than patriotism, and that is the feeling which has its foundation in the word of God, and unites us in love and charity to mankind. As we sing at Masonic gatherings in my own country, "There is one God, our Father, good; so be his sons and brethren." This is the bond which exists between us, the rallying cry which unites us, and the lasting tie which binds us. In this feeling I now have the greatest pleasure in giving you the health of your Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, my good friend and Brother, Grand Patron and President of the Institution—the Chairman of the day. The toast having been honoured, the Prince replied as follows: Brethren, it is difficult, very difficult, for me to find words to thank his Majesty and my kind brother sufficiently for the way in which he has proposed the toast of my health, or you for the kind way in which you have received it. You are well aware that during the fourteen years that I have held the high office of Grand Master I have striven to be not unmindful of your interests and those of the Craft, and though I am prevented by my many duties from meeting you as often as I should like, still I hope that you are convinced that your interests are none the less dear to me. We have heard an address from the King of Sweden this evening which none of us are likely to forget, and I think, if he will allow me to say so, that we Englishmen have reason to envy him his facility in speaking our language. It is, I believe, the first time that a foreign sovereign has honoured a gathering of this kind. I think that we may look upon it as a red letter day, and are not likely to forget the King's presence, and the kind and useful words he has spoken. In returning thanks I do not speak only for myself, because as your Grand Master I am really one of you, and on your behalf I thank the King. Our watchword, "Religion and Charity," is one which has been inculcated in us ever since we have belonged to the Craft, and it is one which we shall do well to remember. If we uphold those principles, and above all that idea of patriotism of which the King has spoken, there is little doubt that the Craft will remain

as prosperous as it is now, and that our Lodges and numbers will increase. I do not wish to allude to foreign Lodges with whom we are not in accord, but let us at any rate strive to pick out what is good in many of them, and to remember that we are not only English Freemasons, but Freemasons of the entire universe. I trust that as long as I live, or as long as it may be permitted to me to hold the high office of your Grand Master, I may continue to do my duty to the Craft and to my country. I wish now to ask His Majesty the King of Sweden if he will condescend to accept the Steward's Badge of this Festival. His Majesty was invested with the badge amid cheers. The Prince of Wales, rising again, stated that a telegram had been received from New York, which showed that their cousins across the water had not forgotten them. It was in the following terms: "Grand Lodge in Annual Communication congratulates the Fraternity in England on the Hundredth Anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." The Prince then proceeded: Your Majesty and Brethren, I have now the honour to give you the last toast, though I may safely call it the most important, as the object with which we have met at this enormous and unprecedented gathering is to celebrate the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. That an Institution should have existed a hundred years is a proof that it is a good one, and we have every reason to be grateful to those who from the commencement up to the present time have given their energy and their labours to keep going so thoroughly Masonic a Charity. As you are aware, the Institution was founded by the Chevalier Ruspini. King George IV., King William IV. and many members of the Royal family have supported it, and her Majesty the Queen is patroness now. The school at first contained only fifteen children. It now contains 243, and they are educated up to a high religious standard, combined with instruction of a general character, including music. Particular attention is paid to needlework, cooking, and domestic duties. Only a few days ago I was present here and saw the girls go through their marching exercises, and I never saw anything more satisfactory. There are many commanding officers in our army and in other armies who would be proud to see their men march and go through their exercises as we saw them performed. I may state that the system was established by Miss Davis, who was appointed head governess in 1861, and I am glad to think that at this moment she retains her post. She has been eminently successful, as is manifest by the result of the Cambridge Local, College of Preceptors, and Science and Art examinations. It is also satisfactory to notice that, with the exception of Miss Davis, every member of the staff has been educated at the Institution. The head governesses of other Charities were educated at our school, and during a period of eighty-four years there have been but two matrons, one of whom held the appointment over fifty-two years. As you are aware, the object we have in view in meeting here to-night is to make important additions to the present buildings, and to provide accommodation for an increased number of children. These additions will cost at least £20,000. In 1838, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Institution, £1,000 was subscribed at the Annual Festival, and in 1871, when I had the honour of presiding, as much as £5,200 was collected. But I have now an announcement to make which I think will interest you beyond measure, and that is that I have the assurance of the Secretary that we have obtained at this Centenary Festival over £50,500. I may safely challenge anybody to dispute the statement that so large a sum has never before been subscribed at a charity dinner. It affords me great pleasure to propose "Success to the Royal Masonic

Institution for Girls," coupled with the name of the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and an old and valued personal friend of my own. The Earl of Lathom briefly responded, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. The banquet was well served and reflected great credit on the caterers, Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited.

The following is a summary of the amounts contributed from the Provinces.

	£	s	d
Bedfordshire	97	13	0
Berks and Bucks	715	7	0
Bristol	37	16	0
Cambridgeshire	346	10	0
Cheshire	415	16	0
Cornwall	372	15	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	210	0	0
Derbyshire	776	11	6
Devonshire	125	15	0
Dorsetshire	294	0	0
Durham	376	19	0
Essex	912	15	0
Gloucestershire	516	15	0
Hants and the Isle of Wight	1128	19	6
Herefordshire	68	5	0
Hertfordshire	618	9	0
Kent	3073	2	6
Lancashire, East Division	1339	5	6
Lancashire, West Division	2219	9	0
Leicestershire and Rutland	648	10	0
Lincolnshire	196	14	6
Middlesex	1014	12	6
Monmouthshire	85	10	0
Norfolk	171	3	0
North Wales	664	7	6
Northants and Hunts	221	10	0
Northumberland	52	10	0
Nottinghamshire	176	8	0
Oxfordshire	549	14	0
Shropshire	604	0	0
Somersetshire	945	0	0
South Wales, East Division	26	5	0
South Wales, West Division	105	0	0
Staffordshire	344	12	0
Suffolk	509	4	0
Surrey	1150	3	6
Sussex	859	3	6
Warwickshire	1509	6	6
Wiltshire	329	18	6
Worcestershire	693	18	0
Yorkshire, North and East	762	0	6
Yorkshire, West	2600	0	0
Isle of Man	7	7	0
Foreign Districts and Stations	166	12	6

The following is a list of the amounts collected by the London Stewards:—

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY		HOUSE COMMITTEE.		AUDIT COMMITTEE.	
£	s d	£	s d	£	s d
26	5 0	218	13 0	24	10 6
630	0 0	—	—	31	10 0
100	0 0	—	—	6	16 6
73	10 0	—	—	10	10 0
68	5 0	—	—	21	11 0
52	10 0	—	—	6	6 0
10	10 0	—	—	26	5 0
105	0 0	—	—	21	0 0
105	0 0	—	—	—	—
52	10 0	—	—	—	—
409	10 0	—	—	—	—
15	15 0	—	—	—	—
21	0 0	—	—	—	—
24	10 6	—	—	—	—
31	10 0	—	—	—	—
6	16 6	—	—	—	—
10	10 0	—	—	—	—
21	11 0	—	—	—	—
6	6 0	—	—	—	—
26	5 0	—	—	—	—
21	0 0	—	—	—	—

£	s	d	Lodge	£	s	d
105	0	0	13 Jno Geo Milbourne	147	0	0
26	5	0	14 Alfred Williams	26	5	0
45	3	0	14 William Regester	10	10	0
26	5	0	14 Charles W Stephens (see also Chap 8)	42	0	0
10	10	0	14 William F Nettleship	200	0	0
52	10	0	14 Walter J Ebbetts (see also Lo 2190)	112	7	0
65	2	0	15 Edward Stimpson	21	0	0
21	0	0	19 W M Bywater	42	0	0
44	2	0	19 Comp J Russell Clipperton (see also Lo 66)	105	0	0
52	10	0	Lodge 21 Br William Grellier	52	10	0
21	0	0	21 T S Howell, M.R.C.S.	—	—	—
63	0	0	22 E Y Jolliffe	45	3	0
42	0	0	Chapter 22 Comp William Bailey (see also A C)	—	—	—
34	13	0	Lodge 23 Br Robert Willoughby	63	0	0
10	10	0	23 E C Davies (see also A C)	24	3	0
21	0	0	23 H Dicketts (see also A C)	28	7	0
31	10	0	23 Henry Venn (see also A C)	21	0	0
43	1	0	25 Walter Wingham	32	11	0
130	4	0	26 Malcolm Morris	42	10	0
64	1	0	28 David R Bryce	105	0	0
21	0	0	Chapter 28 Comp E M Money	54	12	0
64	1	0	Lodge 29 Br John R Dunlop	—	—	—
21	0	0	33 Thos C Charles, M.D.	—	—	—
63	0	0	34 T Blanco White	—	—	—
80	6	0	34 S J Attenborough	—	—	—
—	—	—	34 James Chambers	—	—	—
—	—	—	45 John Smith	—	—	—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge was held in Blackpool, on Wednesday, 30th ult., the aid and services of the members of the "Mystic Tie," being called into requisition to give a stimulus to the effort to provide the much-needed increased accommodation for Holy Trinity Church, the principle house of worship belonging to the establishment at the extreme point of the now populous South Shore. Special facilities were offered by the various railway companies to the Fraternity to reach the popular watering-place, and when the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, soon after one o'clock, between 400 and 500 brethren had assembled. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Lathom was unavoidably prevented from being present, and Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, acted in his stead. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened under the banner of the Clifton Lodge, No. 703, Sir Ridley being supported by Bros. R. Wylie P.G.D. P.P.G.S.W., as Dep. P.G.M., Beswick-Royds P.G.D. P.G.S.W. as S.W., J. F. Newell P.P.S.G.W. as J.W., D. M. F. Gaskin Prov. G. Treasurer, W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. Prov. G. Secretary, J. D. Murray P.P.G.J.W. as Dir. of Ceres., Major Ormsby P.G.S.D., C. Bargery P.G.S.D., H. James P.G.J.D., R. Burgess P.G. Org., Rev. F. J. Whalley Prov. G. Chaplain, &c. The principal business of the Lodge was to consider the following proposition, of which notice had been given by Bro. R. Wylie P.G.D. :—"that one hundred guineas be voted from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." In submitting the proposal Bro. Wylie said the Institution had attained its Centenary. The Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Lathom would have presided over the Festival in London in the absence of the Prince of Wales, but the duties of the M.W.G.M. had enabled him to take that position. At the same time the Earl of Lathom was evincing such an amount of interest in the event that he had consented to act as Chairman of the Stewards. It would not become the Provincial Grand Lodge to meet that day without expressing their unanimous approval of the interest taken by the Grand Master in the Centenary by giving something towards the Institution. In voting the hundred guineas the Province would have the benefit of getting double votes in sending candidates to the Institution, and under the circumstances he regretted that the amount was not two hundred instead of one hundred guineas. However, if any brother felt inclined to move the former sum as an amendment he would be pleased to support it. Bro. J. Holding P.P.G.R., in seconding the motion, said it must be remembered that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was started one hundred years ago, when it was not thought very necessary to give girls the education they now-a-days receive. In this age of progress girls were taking situations which were not dreamt of in days gone by, and it was necessary that they should be educated accordingly. When they saw such an Institution seeking for funds with which to enlarge its sphere of usefulness, it was their duty to make strenuous efforts to assist. He would have been glad to second the proposal had it been for two hundred instead of one hundred guineas. Bro. J. F. Newell (ex-Mayor of Bootle) moved as an amendment that the sum of two hundred guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Beswick-Royds seconded, and upon the amendment being put it was carried by a large majority. On the proposition of Bro. R. Martin P.P.G.T., it was decided to alter one of the bye-laws of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution to enable the annual meeting to be held on a stated day instead of waiting for the Provincial Grand Lodge yearly meeting. The Provincial Grand Lodge then adjourned for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the annexe to Holy Trinity Church. The north-east corner of the site of the proposed new structure having been reached, the acting P.G.M. delivered the opening address explanatory of the principles and objects of the Order, and afterwards called upon the Prov. G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. F. J. Whalley) to offer up prayer. The Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. W. Goodacre) then read the inscription on the plate, as follows :—

"This foundation stone was laid by the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., acting as Provincial Grand Master, 30th May 1888. Holy Trinity Church, South Shore. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Tiler."

The stone having been laid in regular form, the acting Provincial Grand Master concluded by trusting that prosperity and gladness and good-will might prevail amongst those who would assemble within the building to the honour of the Most High until time should be no more. The architect (Bro. Freeman) advancing, presented the plans of the building to the acting P.G. Master, who, in entrusting them to his keeping, desired him to proceed with the work without loss of time. The hymn beginning "O Lord of Hosts, whose glory fills the bounds of the eternal hills," followed with full band accompaniment, and the Masonic part of the ceremony was brought to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BRISTOL.

THE foundation of the Queen's statue, provided by the citizens' committee as the Bristol memorial of her Majesty's jubilee, was laid on Friday, the 1st inst., and the statue will be unveiled on Coronation Day, by Prince Albert Victor. A site was found at the eastern extremity of College Green, by removing to the centre of the Green the copy of the Ancient High Cross which had stood there since 8th August 1850, being then founded by the Freemasons of Bristol Province with the ornate and dignified ritual which was repeated 20 years ago last April on laying the foundation of the Cathedral North-West tower, and again in connection with the loyal ceremony on Friday. The Freemasons assembled at their hall in Park-street, the brethren joining the procession being Bros. W. A. F. Powell P.G.D. Eng. D.P.G.M., A. Deedes P.S.G.W., J. R. Shorland Prov. J.G.W., the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson Prov. G.C., Col. S. E. Taylor P.G. St.B. Eng. Prov. G. Treas., J. R. Bamble P.A.G.D.C. Eng. Prov. G. Reg., Pierrepoint Harris P.P.S.G.W. Prov. G. Sec., A. W. Powell Prov. S.G.D., R. H. G. F. Lambert Prov. J.G.D., W. H. Cowlin Prov. G. Sup. W., E. B. Colthurst Prov. G.D.C., J. G. Cook Prov. G.A.D.C., E. H. Stock Prov. G.S.B., W. Galpin Prov. G. St.B., W. Mitchell Prov. G. St.B., J. W. Lawson Prov. G.O., H. Harford Prov. G.P., J. Stoate and J. Webber Prov. G. Tylers, H. A. Woodward and W. Proctor Prov. G. Sts., also Rev. J. A. Lloyd G.C. Eng., S. G. Homfray P.A.G.D.C. Eng. D.P.G.M. Mon., W. Pickford P.G.S.B. Eng., and a large number of Past Officers and visitors. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, being unavoidably absent, his place was taken by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. A. F. Powell Past Grand Deacon of England. The D.P.G.M. and others who had to figure in the ceremony having taken up positions near the stone, the Mayor said he had the honour of asking the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in his official capacity to lay that foundation stone of a statue to her Majesty Queen Victoria. He felt sure they would all rejoice that this was in every sense of the word a jubilee memorial to their most gracious Queen, who had reigned over them not only long but well, and the great aim of that long and glorious reign had been nothing but the welfare, health, happiness, and prosperity of the whole of her dominions. Although this was a jubilee stone, consequently recording a long reign, might her Majesty still reign for many years with that glorious example which she had set before the whole world. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, having accepted the invitation, said it was their custom and duty on all occasions of public ceremonies to ask the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on the proceedings. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. H. Wilkinson, offered the following prayer :—

"Almighty Father, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we yield to Thee most humble and hearty thanks for Thy goodness in permitting us to take part in his work. Pour Thy blessing upon it and grant that that which is begun to-day may be brought to a happy end. Heartily also do we praise Thee for having so long preserved upon the throne of this realm our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and for having bestowed upon her many heavenly graces requisite for her high calling. Grant that her statue, soon to be set up in this place, may serve to kindle in us more and more a spirit of Godly loyalty, and may awaken in us and our posterity a desire to follow after all that is noble and virtuous in her example. Grant that she may yet for many years be spared to rule over her people; and that we may be found pure and just lovers of peace and of true godliness. Finally, may we all finish our work here below, with Thy approbation and be received at last with all Thy blessed saints departed this life into Thy heavenly temple there to enjoy light and glory for evermore."

The brethren gave the usual response, "So mote it be." The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Pierrepont Harris, deposited an earthenware plate, bearing the indelible record of the event, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. S. E. Taylor, deposited in the cavity a phial containing local newspapers and coins of Her Majesty's reign. These were all new jubilee coins of last year's date, from a sovereign down to a farthing. Cement having been laid on the lower stone, the upper one was laid down upon it to the accompaniment of impressive music. The D.P.G.M. having proved the stone with rule, level, and square, struck it three times with a mallet, declaring that the Craftsmen had prepared it true and trusty, labouring skilfully, and that the stone was well and truly laid, after which the trumpeters sounded a flourish. The cornucopia containing corn, and the vessels of wine and oil having been handed to the D.P.G.M., he poured their contents upon the stone as emblems of abundance, joy and gladness, and peace and unanimity. Bro. W. S. Paul, architect, on behalf of the sculptor, presented a plan of the work to the P.D.G.M., who returned it with the usual charge to proceed to the completion of the work. Another flourish having been sounded, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master delivered the following oration:

"We are lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligation to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the great Architect of the Universe. That we have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of men, secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never been found out; but the secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God and man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and to defend us against all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day to lay the foundation stone of the statue of our most gracious Sovereign, Queen and Empress, to commemorate the jubilee of her most happy reign, and may the Sacred Architect of the Universe be with her now and for evermore."

This concluded the ceremony, and the D.P.G.M. having taken leave of the Mayor, the Masonic procession returned to the Hall.

The Provincial Grand Lodge afterwards gave a sumptuous collation at the Royal Hotel. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided. In proposing the first toast, he expressed deep regret that the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Limerick, was prevented by circumstances over which he had no control from being present to perform the ceremony which fell to his lot, as Deputy, to perform. He himself had not been physically in a condition to perform the ceremony as he would, having been for a fortnight past in the hands of his medical practitioner, with a serious attack of sciatica. But the Mayor having very kindly requested the Freemasons to take charge of this ceremony, he could not allow it to pass without making the attempt. He proposed the Queen, the Patroness of our Order. Other toasts followed.

We are pleased to learn that the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. George Everett P.M. 177 are so far appreciated that it is intended to propose him for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the time comes to nominate brethren for that high dignity. We are sure he will be supported by a large number of Craftsmen, and we should be very pleased to see him returned at the head of the poll, if not on the next occasion at least at no distant date. Our principal fear on his behalf at the present time is that next year the honour will properly belong to a Provincial brother, that is, if the system of turn and turn about between London and the Provinces, which was originally proposed, is to be adhered to.

At a meeting of the Electric Lodge, on the 26th ult., held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Bro. Thomas Barlow was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. James Hookey was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel on his retirement from the chair.

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AN esteemed friend, in the person of Bro. George Parker Brockbank, died suddenly on the 2d instant. We are sure the news of his death has, and will cause great regret throughout the length and breadth of the country, in all parts of which he was known and universally respected. A touching tribute to his memory was made at the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge by Bro. Frederick Biuckes, a report of which appears elsewhere. We regret that pressure on our space prevents our saying more at present.

BRO. GEORGE ROWLAND.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., the funeral of the late Bro. George Rowland took place at Barton Cemetery. Deceased was initiated in the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, about seven years ago. He was appointed S.D. in 1886, which he resigned on account of ill health, having been a great sufferer for many years. The first part of the service was at St. Luke's Church, the vicar, the Rev. W. S. Boyle, officiating, and the concluding portion was carried out at the Cemetery by the Rev. Lionel Ward. The Members of the two Torquay Lodges, St. John's and Jordon, wore sprigs of acacia, which they afterwards threw in the grave.

The regular monthly meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer presided, and owing to its being the day appointed for the election of the House and Audit Committees for the ensuing year, the attendance was an unusually full one. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, scrutineers were appointed for the elections of the House and Audit Committees. Bro. J. A. Farnfield having been proposed as Chairman for the purpose of the scrutiny, seven petitions were considered, six of them being accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list for the October election, while the remaining one was deferred. Two applicants for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and the Secretary announced the receipt from Grand Lodge of £1,000, being the second moiety of the grant made last year in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. The poll showed that the remaining 11 members of last year's House Committee, together with Bro. John Wordsworth in place of the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer, were elected by an overwhelming majority of votes, the opposition poll reaching 39, while the numbers for the individual members of the old Committee ranged from 179 to 171. The old Audit Committee was also re-elected by a majority almost as great, the numbers for individual members ranging from 173 to 160, while the outside candidate polled 37. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

A new serial story, entitled "The Beaufoots of Beatrice Gardens," by L. T. Meade, will be commenced in the July part of "The Quiver."

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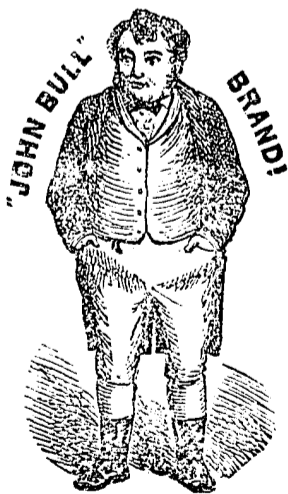
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Two Brethren are at present recipients from the Annuity Fund,
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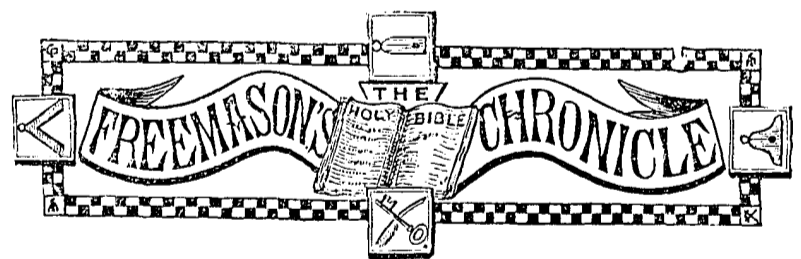
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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wed-
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Master, presiding. Col. Sackville West acted as Senior Warden, and
Lord John Taylour Junior Warden. The Grand Secretary, Colonel
Shadwell II. Clerke, reported the presentation to the Princess of
Wales of the Silver Wedding gift made by Grand Lodge, and Her
Royal Highness's acceptance and acknowledgment of the gift and
accompanying address. He also reported the presentation of
the address voted by Grand Lodge to the Crown Prince (now
Emperor) of Germany, by the Prince of Wales, at Berlin, and the
Emperor's reply. The latter was as follows:—

"To the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England,
His Royal Highness the Brother Albert Edward, Prince of Wales,
London.

Illustrious Prince and Most Worshipful and beloved Grand
Master and Brother,—I have with deep emotion and with grateful
brotherly feeling received the intimation of the sympathy which
your Royal Highness expressed on behalf of the United Grand
Lodge of England, and am convinced of your sincere interest in the
demise of my beloved father, the glorious Emperor William, who was
in the whole world praised alike as Ruler and as Freemason. Under
his most noble protectorate Freemasonry has properly preserved the

appellation of the 'Royal Art.' Pure and elevated in mind, in word, in deed, and inspiring the brethren who imitate him on the road to wisdom, beauty, and strength, he remained till his entrance into the Eternal East a beaming pattern for all brethren Freemasons, who, although scattered through the whole world, are united in the Royal Art. I accept with fraternal thanks, and in the hope of their being fulfilled, the kind wishes which your Royal Highness and your Grand Lodge express for me. Like the deceased Emperor William, I shall not fail to bestow in the future as hitherto my sincere interest in Freemasonry.

Dated Charlottenberg, 31st March 1888.

FREDERICK I. and R."

The Earl of Carnarvon then said he had a communication to make to the brethren from the Prince of Wales, and should conclude with a distinct proposal. It was now some twenty years since His Royal Highness, their Grand Master, was initiated in Freemasonry, and it would be in the recollection of many in that hall that that initiation took place in the Kingdom of Sweden and Norway. It was conducted in part by his present Majesty, King Oscar II., and in part by King Oscar, his predecessor. It so happened that that Sovereign, King Oscar II., was at this moment an honoured and a welcome guest in this country, and it had seemed to their illustrious Grand Master that no occasion could be more fitted for reciprocating the kindly office which, twenty years ago, was performed by that illustrious Sovereign. It was the hope of His Royal Highness that the Brethren would that evening in that most full and crowded Grand Lodge, agree to confer upon his illustrious Brother His Majesty Oscar the Second, King of Sweden and Norway, the rank of Past Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Sweden, the rank of Past Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of England. He would only add this one remark, that whilst in many countries of Europe Masonry was looked upon sometimes with doubt, sometimes with suspicion, in Sweden it had enjoyed the full sunshine and sanction of Royal favour, and that the King of Sweden and Norway and the Masons of Sweden and Norway had been friends. He thought Masons owed a debt for the initiation, twenty years ago, of their illustrious Grand Master, and he was sure they had it in their power that night to discharge that debt in a most graceful fashion. He then proposed that the rank of Past Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England be conferred upon the illustrious Brother His Majesty Oscar the Second, King of Sweden and Norway. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and carried unanimously. Scrutineers of votes for the election of members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board were chosen and obligated, and having collected the balloting papers, retired to count up the votes. The following were declared elected as members of the Board of General Purposes:—Worshipful Masters Bros. Belton, Walls, Scnrrah, Room, Holah, Clever, and Monteuuis; Past Masters Bros. Edward Terry, Dawson, Miller, Cumberland, Read, Pocock, and Pritchard. The following were declared elected members of the Colonial Board:—Bros. Brett, Lieut.-Col. Haldane, Walls, Cumberland, Escott, Col. Gadsden, and Ronmieu. The Earl of Carnarvon then said: Brethren, I have a further communication to make to you by the permission of the Grand Master, and it relates to two out of the three great Australasian self-governed free Colonies. What I shall have to say refers first of all to South Australia; secondly, to New South Wales. It will be in the recollection of most whom I now address that a short time since at the desire of a large majority of Masons under the English Constitution in South Australia, an independent Grand Lodge was accorded to them. That Grand Lodge I had the pleasure of meeting a few months ago when I was on the other side of the world. I had the satisfaction of seeing with my own eyes and hearing with my own ears how well Masonry was prospering in the great Colony of South Australia, and I must also add under the guidance of that most able and loyal subject Chief Justice Way, the Chief Justice of the Colony. Good work in a Masonic point of view is, I think, being carried on there; and though the Grand Lodge of South Australia now enjoys entire self-government and independence, I rejoice to think that there has been no wavering whatever of affection, and the old Masonic loyalty to the mother Craft here at home. And perhaps one of the best illustrations of that is to be found in the request which has unanimously been preferred by the Grand Lodge of South Australia to our Illustrious Grand Master that he would be pleased to accept the office of Grand Patron. Brethren, the Grand Master has carefully considered that request, and it is my duty to announce to you to-night that he has been graciously pleased to accede to the request, and become a Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. I think it is possible—I might even say probable, though I wish to state this simply on my own personal notion—that some public request may before long be made to His Royal Highness that he should consent in some way to undertake the duty of discharging in certain very limited cases the decision of certain appeals. It is a great request to make; it will be a great privilege, in my point of view, to accord. I would not now pre-judge questions by one single word, though I felt that it would be interesting to Grand Lodge that I should state as much as I have said. I would only say that if such a request should come, I am certain that it will be considered by His Royal Highness our Grand Master with the most favourable disposition, at all events towards the wishes of those who make it. Brethren, I pass now to the second subject on which you, as a Grand Lodge, will ultimately have to be consulted, and in which you are distinctly concerned. It is, perhaps, within the knowledge of many in this hall that for some time past there has hardly been that amount of Masonic unity in the great Colony of New South Wales which we could all desire, for a constituted body has sprung into existence—a powerful body both numerically and from personal position—and that body subsists side by side with the District Grand Lodge under the English Constitution. All true lovers of Freemasonry have deplored that state of things, but till lately there has seemed to be no satisfactory solution

for it. It has been a peculiar condition of affairs, for whilst on one hand there has been this strong desire for self-government on the part of a large and powerful body in the Colony, on the other hand there has been also great affection for the Mother Craft in England, and for all concerned in English Masonry; and lastly, there has been a universal desire to find in the present Governor of New South Wales, my noble friend and Brother Lord Carrington, who is there among all classes, whether Masons or any other persons, a man of extraordinary popularity—a solution of the difficulty. I said there has been a desire on the part of all to find in Lord Carrington the common meeting-place, so to say, of all desires. His Royal Highness our Grand Master, who has for some time past been cognisant of, and taken a deep interest in, the Masonic affairs of New South Wales, has recently, by appointing Lord Carrington District Grand Master of New South Wales, largely facilitated a friendly and satisfactory solution of this matter. That appointment when I was in the Colony was only partially known; but so far as it was known it commanded the most cordial and hearty concurrence. Brethren, there have been negotiations, friendly and unofficial, which have now been carried on for several weeks, and even months. I am not yet in a position to announce anything definite, or to ask this Grand Lodge to ratify any conclusions that may be arrived at in the Colony; all I can say now is this—that I am convinced whenever the question comes before this Grand Lodge in its proper form it will be accepted and considered in the most friendly spirit. Brethren, from one end of that great continent of Australia to the other I was the fortunate witness of the great work of Masonry. Nowhere in the world, I think I may say, has Masonry during a limited space of time achieved more; nowhere is it doing better or more wholesome work. I have seen it uniting various classes and interests together; I have seen it composing differences and soothing animosities; I have seen it discharging a great duty which it knows so well how to discharge here in England, and of which it has been for so many years the foremost champion, for the support of law and order, and of hearty loyalty to the throne; and I may say indeed that throughout the length and breadth of that great continent of Australia Masonry has formed no exception whatever to this general rule. Brethren, you will see that I ask for no concurrence, but that I have felt—as did our illustrious Grand Master—that this was a fitting and a proper time at which I should lay before you matters which very likely are to come before you, and which, unless I greatly mistake the feelings of this Grand Lodge, will be received in the most friendly and most fraternal spirit. The Earl of Carnarvon announced that the Grand Master had appointed—and he was sure with very great satisfaction to Grand Lodge—Bro. Fenn as President of the Board of General Purposes. On the motion of Bro. Charles Belton, Bro. John Smith was unanimously re-elected Grand Lodge Auditor. The following brethren were declared elected members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution:—Bros. Cottebrune, Cotter, Dawson, Dilley, Major Darrant, Fish, Kempton, Tattershall, Tickle, and Dixon. The recommendations of grants by the Board of Benevolence were, on the motion of Bro. James Brett, confirmed. The report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Bro. Fenn read the formal complaint and the documents referred to in the report, and said he was not instructed to make any remark or proposition. Bro. Tracy said he only wished to say that in making his complaint he was not actuated by any feeling of hostility to Bro. Barfield, but merely by pure Masonic feeling in the interest of the Order, whose honour every Mason must feel concerned for. After a short discussion, in which it was said that Bro. Barfield wished to make a statement, the Earl of Carnarvon said that as yet he would beg to observe there was no proposition before Grand Lodge. The mere fact had been stated, as it was the duty of the President of the Board of General Purposes to state it, and it remained now to be seen whether, in conformity with the courtesy which always prevailed in such a body as Grand Lodge, they should hear anything from Bro. Barfield. He would therefore suggest to him if he thought fit to make any statement he should do so, and he (Lord Carnarvon) was sure it would be received in the calmest and most friendly spirit. Brother Barfield, who was received with such applause as to testify that he had the sympathy of the majority of those present, said that in answer to the complaint against him, he had to urge that during the 42 years of his Masonic career, he could, without fear of contradiction, state that he had always endeavoured to maintain the honour, dignity, and privileges of Grand Lodge and the credit and reputation of the Craft, and this was the first charge of un-Masonic conduct that had ever been brought against him. The Board had received the complaint alluded to, and in their discretion, as no doubt was within their power, they had considered it their duty to bring the matter under the notice of Grand Lodge. It was not for him to question the ruling of that body. He accepted as a loyal Mason their decision without demur. It was Grand Lodge he had to satisfy if he possibly could that he had never even intended to commit any Masonic irregularity, and he most solemnly and unhesitatingly declared that he did not employ any gentleman to solicit votes on his behalf, nor did he employ any gentleman to distribute printed invitations to luncheon at the Holborn Restaurant to those who were willing to support his election. But what he did was this. Shortly before the election, and while he was confined to his bed-room with inflammation of the sciatic nerve, he sent to several of his Masonic friends in the country and to Sudbury, where he was born, to Ipswich, and many other places a short printed biography of himself and an invitation to lunch with him on the day of election. These were placed in a parcel with stamped envelopes ready to be sent to Bro. Bennett to address and post for him. This Bro. Bennett he had known a great many years, and although he had not seen him for some time, he thought he had better send his letters to him in a parcel for him to address to the Past Masters and those whose addresses he (Bro. Barfield) did not know. An old friend from Ipswich called upon him while confined to his room, and he very cordially took the letters, and they were directed and posted by

him for him (Bro. Barfield). This was no doubt the gentleman of Ipswich who was not a Mason and who was alluded to in the complaint. To this extent, he was, no doubt, his (Bro. Barfield's) agent, and thus far he felt responsible for his actions. If he was wrong in sending his Masonic biography to his friends, and an invitation to some slight hospitality after travelling so many miles, he only regretted the steps that were taken, being perfectly unaware that canvassing was not allowed, and that it was improper to invite country friends to partake of refreshment after their journey to London. He understood also that exception was taken to the form of his letter, in which he said he should be pleased to meet his country friends and supporters—that he thereby intended to include strangers as well as friends. That was not so. What he meant to convey was this, that his friends who were supporting him were welcome. He never issued those notes broadcast among those who supported him and whom he did not personally know. If that had been done it was not by his order or sanction, or even with his knowledge; and it was a fact that no London Mason was present at that luncheon and only one brother from Ipswich that he could ascertain. Those of his friends who were there came from Liverpool, Birmingham, Pontefract, Bedford, Colchester, Hampshire, and the Isle of Wight. Those from the Isle of Wight were forced to stay in London all night; surely they required refreshment when they arrived. The records of his Masonic career would, he trusted, bear testimony to the fact that if he had erred his fault was an error of judgment rather than wilful misconduct on his part. His 33 Stewardships to the Charities showed the active part he had taken in the concerns of the Order, while his rank in the Craft and in his Province showed the work he had done in Masonry. With these recommendations, his own statements and qualifications, he trusted the brethren would believe him when he declared that he had no intention of acting otherwise than in a straightforward, honourable, and Masonic manner in his candidature for the high and important office to which the brethren had elected him. With these remarks he left himself in the hands of Grand Lodge. Bro. Z. J. McIntyre, Q.C., P.G. Warden, followed with the proposition "that this Grand Lodge passes a vote that it is undesirable and un-Masonic to invite brethren to any entertainment whatever at the time that the person giving the entertainment is a candidate for an elective office in Grand Lodge." Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D., seconded the resolution, and after some remarks from Bro. G. P. Britton, Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. and the Earl of Carnarvon, it was put and carried unanimously. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, the usual £70 was voted for providing coals to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, during the winter season. On the motion of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., the appeal by Bro. Francis W. Hollar, W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, was dismissed, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday, at the Holborn Restaurant, London. The M.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Pro Grand Master, presided. The Marquis of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master, occupied his position at the right of the Pro Grand Master, and amongst the G. Officers present were Lord John H. Taylor P.G.W. as S.W., H. C. Okeover J.W., R. E. Baynes M.O., Colonel Addison Potter P.G.W. as S.O., Revs. W. Valentine and J. N. Palmer Chaplains, Frank Richardson Registrar, Rev. Canon Portal P.G.M. President of the General Board, Fred. Binckes P.G.W. Sec., R. Newhouse G.D., J. Barker Inspector of Works, R. Berridge P.G.M.O. D.C., James Terry A.D.C., Edwin Baldwin and C. F. Hogard Standard Bearers, E. J. Crowe, Mus. Doc., Org., C. F. Matier P.G.W. Asst. Sec., W. Vincent P.G.I.G. as I.G., E. J. Mills A.I.G., &c.

After Grand Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last Half-yearly Communication read and confirmed, Bro. Binckes Grand Sec. read a communication from the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., giving to brethren in the Colonies Grand Rank in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The report of the General Board was next received as follows:—

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

During the six months ending 31st March last, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 781; total number registered, 24,060. Warrants for new Lodges, 5, viz:—

- No. 335, King Solomon, London,
- „ 336, Adar, Sussex.
- „ 337, St. Oswald, Lincolnshire.
- „ 338, Victoria, Barbadoes.
- „ 339, Cowra, New South Wales.

Royal Ark Mariners certificates, 119; total number registered, 2,475. Warrant for new Lodge, viz.: F. R. Sewell, attached to Fletcher Lodge, No. 213.

At the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 6th December 1887, it was proposed by Most Worshipful Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and carried unanimously, "That a congratulatory address to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales on the auspicious occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary—the Silver Wedding of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, should be presented in a suitable silver casket."

It having been referred to the General Board, with full powers for carrying out the necessary arrangements, they have to inform Grand Lodge that the address, in accordance with the resolution, was presented to Her Royal Highness on the 19th March.

The address, most artistic and delicate in execution on vellum by Bro. C. H. Driver, F.R.I.B.A., and Past Grand Inspector of Works, was enclosed in a silver casket of elegant shape, richly decorated in Queen Anne's style with Marquise diamonds in relief.

each corner, and a wreath of briar-rose in repoussé work in the four panels at the sides. The initials of the Princess of Wales and the dates of 1863 and 1888 are raised on the lid, and the coats-of-arms in coloured enamel of Grand Lodge, of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales; of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Pro Grand Master; and of the Marquis of Hertford, the Deputy Grand Master, are placed in the centre of the four principal panels.

Her Royal Highness was graciously pleased to accept the address.

The Jamestown Lodge, No. 370, St. Helena, having informed the Board that the dispensation to instal Bro. A. S. Brady as W.M. did not arrive in time for the meeting fixed by the bye-laws for installation, and that the W.M. elect was consequently installed at the next regular meeting. As he will therefore serve the office of W.M. for 10 months only, as it would be most inconvenient to alter the bye-laws, the Board recommend Grand Lodge to confirm Bro. Brady in the rank and privileges of P.M., notwithstanding the absence of qualification by serving short of 12 months.

They recommend that a grant of £10 10s be made from the General Fund of Grand Lodge towards a special fund which is being raised for the benefit of Bro. Thos. Poore, whose distinguished services in Lodges of Instruction in the Mark degree fully merit, in their opinion, this recognition from Grand Lodge.

The Board acknowledge, with thanks, copies of Proceedings of Grand Chapters of Indiana, Canada, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Scotland.

The twentieth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on the 25th July, and R.W. Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master, has most kindly consented to preside. It is confidently hoped that the exertions of the Board of Stewards and the liberality of the Members of the Order will enable the General Board to maintain and even increase the usefulness of this most deserving Charity, which up to the present has been able to accept every candidate without incurring the expense and anxiety of a contested election.

The Board announce that the sum of £2207 4s 9d was received on behalf of the Benevolent Festival of 1887, and that, after payment of the necessary expenses,

£705 has been paid to Benevolent Fund
 £705 „ „ Educational Fund
 £704 4s 9d „ „ Annuity Fund

and that they have ordered the investment of £200 on behalf of the Annuity Fund, making the total invested Funds as follow:—

General Fund	-	-	-	£2400	0	0
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	2000	0	0
Educational Fund	-	-	-	2200	0	0
Annuity Fund	-	-	-	2700	0	0

Appended are the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the half-year ending 31st March 1888.

DR.	GENERAL FUND.			£	s	d
To Balance 30th September 1887	-	-	-	457	10	7
„ Half-year's Receipts	-	-	-	1133	0	0
„ Interest on Investment	-	-	-	55	12	0
				1646	2	7

CR.						
By Expenditure	-	-	-	974	0	3
„ Balance	-	-	-	672	2	4
				1646	2	7

DR.	BENEVOLENT FUND.					
To Balance 30th September 1887	-	-	-	127	10	0
„ Transferred from Festival Fund	-	-	-	205	0	0
„ Interest on Investments	-	-	-	40	9	3
				372	19	3

CR.						
By Grants in Relief	-	-	-	134	0	0
„ Balance	-	-	-	238	19	3
				372	19	3

DR.	EDUCATION FUND.					
To Balance 30th September 1887	-	-	-	125	3	4
„ Transferred from Festival Fund	-	-	-	205	0	0
„ Interest on Investments	-	-	-	49	2	8
				379	6	0

CR.						
By Education Fees	-	-	-	125	3	5
„ Grants for Clothing	-	-	-	120	0	0
„ Balance	-	-	-	134	2	7
				379	6	0

DR.	ANNUITY FUND.					
To Balance 30th September 1887	-	-	-	81	5	3
„ Transferred from Festival Fund	-	-	-	204	2	8
„ Interest on Investments	-	-	-	48	15	5
				334	3	4

CR.						
By Annuities	-	-	-	23	6	8
„ Investment	-	-	-	205	15	0
„ Balance	-	-	-	105	1	8
				334	3	4

Dr.		BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL ACCOUNT.	
To Balance 30th September 1887	-	-	248 11 9
„ Half-year's receipts	-	-	477 7 0
			725 18 9

Cr.			
By Transfer to Benevolent Fund	-	-	205 0 0
„ Ditto. Annuity Fund	-	-	204 2 3
„ Ditto. Education Fund	-	-	205 0 0
„ Expenditure	-	-	63 3 6
„ Balance (Account Festival, 1888)	-	-	48 13 0
			725 18 9

Audited and approved this 9th day of May 1888.

(Signed) CHARLES EDWARD SOPPET, P.G.O., Auditor.

On the motion of Bro. Frank Richardson, seconded by Bro. Alfred Williams the report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, and the other recommendations in the report were adopted. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then declared to be duly proposed, seconded, elected and installed as M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Letchworth was elected Grand Treasurer. Lord Egerton of Tatton announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to appoint him as M.W. Pro G. Master, and the Marquis of Hertford as R.W. Deputy G.M., and these noble Brethren were duly proclaimed and saluted. The following were then invested as the other Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. Earl of Euston	-	-	S.W.
Alan de Tatton Egerton	-	-	J.W.
Charles Henry Driver	-	-	M.O.
Lieut.-General C. W. Rauldolph	-	-	S.O.
Ralph Clutton	-	-	J.O.
Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, M.A.	-	}	Chaplains
Rev. John Augustus Lloyd, M.A.	-		
Edward Letchworth	-	-	Treasurer
Frank Richardson	-	-	Registrar
Rev. Canon Portal, M.A.	-	-	President General Board
Frederick Binckes	-	-	Secretary
Philip A. Scratchley	-	}	Senior Deacons
Captain C. H. Garnett	-		
Reginald Young	-	}	Junior Deacons
George Norman	-		
Rowland Plumb	-	-	Inspector of Works
R. Berridge	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
John Ramsey	-	}	Assistant D.C.
Francis Newman	-		
Lieut.-Col. G. H. J. Haldane	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. T. Briggs	-	}	Standard Bearers
Frederick Graves	-		
William S. Hoyte	-	-	Organist
Charles F. Matier	-	-	Assistant Secretary
John Kenyon	-	-	I.G.
R. J. Voisey	-	-	Assistant I.G.

The following are the Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. W. Klugenstein, W. H. Stanger, A. C. Banke, Geo. Allen, Wyndham Hart, T. R. Recknell, W. S. Holdsworth, James Gardiner, E. G. Harwood, G. Miller, C. Coupland, F. Levick, Dr. W. H. Kempster, and Leopold G. G. Robinson.

Bro. Binckes rose and said that on behalf of Bro. Harwood of Bolton, one of the Grand Stewards, he had to express that brother's great regret for his inability to be present to be invested, and he thought the Grand Master and brethren would bear with him when he mentioned the distressing circumstances under which Bro. Harwood was absent. The announcement he had to make would come no doubt rather suddenly on many of the brethren: it was that the funeral was taking place that day of one of the best, oldest, and most active Masons in Lancashire, a brother who was a very distinguished member of the Mark Degree, and who, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, took a very prominent part, as a member of the Mark Degree under the Supreme jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in uniting that Grand Lodge with the English Mark Grand Lodge. The brother he referred to was their dear lamented friend and brother George Parker Brockbank, who died very suddenly indeed under exceedingly distressing circumstances only last Saturday. Many of the brethren present would, but for this meeting, have been very glad to show their respect and love for Brother Brockbank by attending his funeral, and as far as they could testify to his worth. Had it not been that a motion of condolence would come with better grace from his Lordship, Lord Egerton of Tatton, he (Bro. Binckes) would have proposed such a vote, expressing the sense of the loss Grand Lodge had sustained in the death of a Past Deacon of East Lancashire in the Craft, and Past Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Craft Lodge of England; Vice-President of all the Masonic Institutions, and as energetic a member in the working of the Order as it could boast of, and whose loss would be felt wherever the influence of the Craft was known. Those were words which came from him (Bro. Binckes) entirely unprepared and unprepared, but they were not the less sincere, and he should be very sorry if the Grand Lodge were to separate without expressing its sense of the almost irreparable loss the brethren had sustained by the death of one of the best friends and hardest workers the Order had ever known. Lord Egerton of Tatton said he should be glad to accept the suggestion made by the Grand Secretary, and he should ask the Grand Lodge to pass a vote of condolence with the family of Bro. Brockbank. Canon Portal seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Lord Egerton of Tatton announced that the M.W.G.M. had appointed Canon Portal President of the General Board, and Bros. Alfred Williams, Frederick Davison, George Cooper, Chas. H. Driver, James Moon, and Thomas Obit, members. The brethren nominated for election were Bro. Dr. George Mickle, the Rev.

Hayman Cummings, John E. Dawson, R. Loveland Loveland, and A. F. Galsom M.P. None others being nominated those brethren were declared elected. Letters of apology and regret for non-attendance were announced from several brethren, and the Grand Lodge was closed, a banquet being subsequently held.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

AMITY LODGE, No. 171.

THIS Lodge met at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday last, the 5th inst., when the installation of Bro. H. Dipple was most efficiently performed by Bro. J. Van Essen, the retiring W.M. The newly installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. W. Frigont S.W., A. W. Frigont J.W., J. Clever Treas., J. W. Clever Secretary, Ham S.D., Carter J.D., Wheeler Brown I.G., Perkins, R.A. Mus., D.C. and Organist. At the banquet which followed, the W.M. (Bro. H. Dipple) presided, and the regular toasts were duly honoured, the musical arrangements being most efficiently carried out under the direction of Bro. F. Perkins.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 750.

AT the Masonic Hall, Whitecliff, Cleckheaton, on Wednesday evening, the 30th ult., the brethren entertained at dinner the Rev. R. Crookall, on the occasion of his leaving the town to take up his residence at Chester-le-Street. During the Lodge meeting the Worshipful Master (Bro. Robert Naylor), on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, presented Bro. Crookall with a handsome Masonic jewel, enclosed in a beautiful box, with the inscription:

“Presented to Worshipful Brother Crookall, by the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Friendship Lodge, as a token of their brotherly affection and best wishes for his success. 30th May 1888.” Bro. Crookall suitably responded.

MEDWAY LODGE, No. 1678.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the annual installation meeting was held. Bro. D. Cornfoot was installed as W.M. by Bro G. D. Warner, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Stidolph S.W., Duuk J.W., Shaw Treasurer, Preston Secretary, Wadmore S.D., Tyler J.D., Millidge I.G., Jackson D.C., and Burslene Organist. Bro. Mouekton was chosen as the charity representative. The customary banquet followed at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Tanbridge, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

ST. MARY'S LODGE, No. 1763.

THE annual installation and festival took place on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Tlame, when for the second time Bro. W. Robert Sutton was placed in the chair with full Masonic honours. The W.M., Bro. H. Fielding, duly opened the Lodge according to ancient custom. The installation ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. M. H. Humphreys. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, viz., Bros. H. Fielding I.P.M., G. Briars S.W., Tanner J.W., Rowland Treas., Snel Sec., Mears S.D., Bond J.D., Webster I.G., Payne Tyler. The installing Master having delivered his charges to the Officers, pointing out to them their duties and privileges, the Lodge was closed in due form and order. The brethren then repaired to the Spread Eagle Hotel, where a *récherché* dinner was provided by Bro. W. Lidington. The Worshipful Master presided, and amongst those present were Bros. H. Birch, M. H. Humphreys, the Officers, and other brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, special note being made of the fact that it was the Queen's birthday.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE members of this Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Wednesday afternoon, 6th inst., to witness the installation of their Master for the ensuing year. Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, the W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. F. T. Ridpath S.W., John Kilvington J.W., W. Foulsham P.M., G. S. Horsnail, Fredk. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey, R. G. Fleming J.D., S. Clarke I.G., Daniel P.M., J. Buckley, J. Clarke, J. S. Mortimer, P. Budd, J. Chamberlain, Dr. J. Klein, J. P. Gordon, C. Waite, W. J. Tuppin, E. C. Symons, W. R. Griffin, S. Potter, Hy. Cox, J. J. Stockwood, Hy. Sherry, and the following visitors:—Bros. W. Pio P.P.S.D. P.M., W. Burn, Ransome P.M., Pasand P.M., A. Vedun, R. Hughes, W. T. Pink, W. W. Lee, J. S. Rice, P. W. Leaver, E. C. Leaver, C. E. Lloyd, F. Knight, G. Milton, and Orlan Cooper. Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report passed. Mr. Felix Kenton Rayner was regularly proposed and approved, and subsequently initiated by the W.M. Bro. Francis Timothy Ridpath had been elected W.M., but he being already Master of the George Price Lodge, No. 2003, a dispensation had to be secured from the Grand Master to enable him to assume this chair. Having expressed his assent to the usual questions, Bro. Ridpath was duly installed by Bro. H. M. Hobbs, the ceremony being rendered in a truly impressive manner. The service was considerably enhanced by the musical accompaniments by Bro. P. Cambridge, who presided at the organ. The brethren saluted the new Master according to ancient custom, Bro. Daniel acting as D.C. The following Officers were then appointed and duly invested:—Bros. John Kilvington S.W., R. G. Fleming J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, G. S. Horsnail Secretary, S. Clarke S.D., P. Budd J.D., E. C. Symons I.G., J. P. Gordon D.C., C. Tarry and J. Chamberlain Stewards, W. van Tyler. The labours of the evening having terminated, the brethren adjourned to an upper chamber, where the banquet was served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having

been honoured, Bro. Hobbs I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He said that Bro. Ridpath had long been associated with Masonic work, he had worked his way up through the various degrees to the great satisfaction of the Lodge and credit to himself. The W.M., in reply, said that he felt the great responsibility of being Master of two Lodges at one time, but advised the brethren not to follow his example. He felt proud at being elected W.M. of his mother Lodge, and would fill the chair to the best of his ability. The W.M. then gave the health of the I.P.M., for whom every member had the highest esteem and appreciation. Bro. Hobbs had taken an active interest in the Craft, and had filled numerous offices as well as being one of the founders of the George Price Lodge. He had also been a successful Steward to all the Masonic Charities. Ho (Bro. Ridpath) had now a pleasant duty to perform—that of presenting Bro. Hobbs with a P.M.'s jewel. He hoped it would be many years before he would cease to attend the meetings of this Lodge. The I.P.M., in reply, said that he had enjoyed a most pleasant year of office; he had been loyally supported by the Officers. He had the satisfaction of handing over the Lodge to his successor increased both numerically and financially. It was a great pleasure to be W.M. of one's mother Lodge; moreover, in this case, the members had treated him so kindly that he should never forget his year of office. Last year was the Jubilee year, and the Lodge had granted him a Jubilee jewel; now they presented him with a P.M.'s jewel, for which he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. The W.M. proposed the Visitors, to which Bro. Pile P.M. and Bro. Hughes responded. The health of the Initiate was then drunk, and responded to. The remaining toasts were the Past Masters, for whom Bros. Pascal and Ransome replied; the Treasurer and Secretary; and the Officers, the meeting closing at a late hour. An admirable selection of songs was given during the evening, under the direction of Bro. John Kilvington.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

AT a meeting held at the Hayshe Temple, Plymouth, on the 2nd inst., Bro. Goodman, who has filled the office of J.W. during the past twelve months, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. C. Phelps was re-elected as Treasurer, Bro. Kevern as the Representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Phillips as Tyler. Bro. C. Mutton was elected to succeed Bro. Kevern as Charity Steward, the latter having expressed a desire to relinquish that position in consequence of the pressure of other duties. The installation of the newly-elected W.M. will take place at the next meeting of the Lodge.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A MEETING of the General Committee of the above named institution was held recently in the Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, when five girls and four boys were elected to the educational fund, and one girl was placed on the combined fund of the charity. Several applications for advancement on behalf of children who had been on the foundation were considered. The resignation of Bro. Robert Martin, one of the Hon. Secretaries to the Institution, was read, and reluctantly accepted. It was agreed to appoint two Hon. Secretaries in Bro. Martin's place, to co-operate with the remaining joint Secretary, Bro. G. Broadbridge, and the names of Bros. Lieut. M'Nab, R.N., P.M. 249, and T. H. W. Walker P.M. 1675 were adopted.

THE WOOLWICH MASONIC TEMPLE.

ON the 1st instant, the memorial stone of the new Masonic Temple, being erected in Bull's-fields, Woolwich, was laid by Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, assisted by the P.G. Officers. A procession met his Lordship at the Arsenal station and escorted him to the site where the Temple is in course of construction, where Earl Amherst laid the stone, the Prov. Grand Master pouring on oil as an emblem of peace and consolation, wine as an emblem of joy and gladness, and corn as an emblem of plenty. The newest current coins with copies of papers were placed into a cavity beneath the stone, which was declared to be well and truly laid. The National Anthem was sung with much heartiness, after which luncheon was partaken of in the upper hall, which had been hurried on for the occasion. The afternoon was exceedingly fine. About 300 Masons in full regalia were present. Half the assembly were ladies. Two hundred sat down to luncheon. The silver trowel, and other Masonic tools used in the ceremony, were presented to his Lordship by Mr. Butter, Royal Arsenal. Mr. F. Tyler superintended the singing, and Mr. W. Wells the playing. The new building will cost £4,000, and consist of two large halls, 12 ante-rooms, a board room, kitchen and cellars. The halls will be used, one as the banqueting room, and the other as the Lodge room, and will seat 600 persons each.

Bro. W. C. Smith, being about to leave London permanently, the members of the Eclectic, Emblematic, Covent Garden, and Londesborough Lodges of Instruction, are endeavouring to present him with a suitable testimonial, as a recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor for many years past to their Lodges. The subscription list closes on the 18th June 1888, as the presentation will take place at the Criterion, on Friday, the 22nd, at 8 o'clock.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Royalty.—Messrs. Coleridge and Norman Forbes' version of Nathaniel Hawthorne's famous work, "The Scarlet Letter," was produced at this theatre last Monday, with every sign of success. The authors have done their work well until the last act, but here a grave and stupid blunder is made. For the sake of a happy ending they leave the original, and instead of Dimmesdale dying they cause Chillingworth to be killed by the mob. All this is very well for those who believe in being made happy at no matter what cost, but from an artistic point of view the piece is entirely spoiled by the ending. Such a mistake as this should be remedied at once; the piece is too good to be thus spoiled. Most of our readers will remember the story of "The Scarlet Letter." Hester Prynne, believing her husband to be dead, allows the Rev. Arthur Dimmesdale to be familiar with her, with a result that a child is born, for which Hester is placed in the pillory, and a scarlet letter put on her bosom, which she is to wear for ever. Hester's husband turns up in time to see her disgrace, and vows he will find the man who has wronged him. How Hester strives to keep this from him, but without avail, is clearly shown, and in the last act, when Dimmesdale has made up his mind to tell the truth the magistrates of the place come to his rescue, and accuse Chillingworth of being Hester's betrayer, with the result that the mob is so infuriated that they take the law into their own hands, and kill him, thus leaving all clear for Hester and Dimmesdale to marry. But for the one fault already spoken of the play is strong and well written; it is exceedingly well acted by the company. As Hester Prynne, Miss Calhoun displays marked improvement, indeed her performance is most artistic. Strong in emotional powers, Miss Calhoun scores in several passages and situations, while in others she is both loveable and kind. Mr. Forbes Robertson, as Dimmesdale, is also successful. He acts feelingly, and causes his audience to sympathise with him, notwithstanding he is a coward at heart. Mr. Norman Forbes was not altogether suited to the part of the hypocrite, Chillingworth. At times Mr. Forbes hit the right tone of the part, but at others he was all at sea. If he could be consistent he would score. Messrs. Elwood, A. Beaumont, and Mrs. Huntley all rendered good service, but the child of Hester as depicted by Miss Amy Arnott was very conventional. The piece is well staged, while now scenery has been painted for it by Messrs. Ryan and Hemsley.

Savoy.—The revival of Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's successful opera "The Mikado" duly took place on Thursday evening, before a most distinguished audience, including the Princess of Wales and her daughters. Produced in March 1885, "The Mikado" then had a most successful run, and judging from the way in which it was received on Thursday it will enjoy another long run. The enthusiasm that greeted Sir Arthur Sullivan on his taking his seat as conductor was great, but when the curtain rose the audience at once settled itself to enjoy the fun supplied by this amusing and tuneful opera. As each favourite made his or her appearance they were heartily greeted, while encore after encore was demanded and liberally responded to. Mr. George Grossmith and Mr. Ratland Barrington resume their old parts, and, needless to say, cause endless amusement both by their singing and eccentric antics. Miss Jessie Bond in her old part of Pitti-Sing, proved as vivacious as of old, while Mr. R. Temple and Miss Rosina Brandram as the Mikado and Katisha respectively proved to be in excellent voice. Of the new comers we may say that Mr. J. G. Robertson created a most emphatic success as Nanki-Poo, his sweet voice and lively manner being suited to the part. Miss Geraldine Ulmar, who succeeds Miss Leonora Braham as Yum-Yum was equally successful, her pretty voice telling to great advantage in the numerous duets and solos. All the other parts are well filled; Mr. R. Cummings as Pish-Tush, and Miss Sybil Grey as Peep-Bo scoring well. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the evening, and at the conclusion Sir Arthur Sullivan, Mr. W. S. Gilbert, and Mr. D'Oyley Carte were called on and complimented.

Strand.—Revivals of former successes have, of late, been frequent at some of the London theatres, and the goodly audiences attending "Blackberries," at the Strand Theatre, forges another link in the chain of successful revivals and still further evidences the popularity in which they are held. In resuming the character of Charlie Cott Miss Alice Atherton has indeed scored, and in our opinion, eclipsed her previous efforts in the part. Her various songs are delivered in splendid style, but special mention must be made of the Laughing Duet, in which she is joined by Mr. Edouin. This must be regarded as the success of the piece. It is encored nightly, and judging from the hurrahs and cheers that followed its repetition it seemed the audience were loth to be deprived of a second encore. Mr. Edouin is, of course, playing his old part of Uncle Jim, the Showman, and gives Miss Atherton splendid support. Altogether the two make the piece a thorough success. Mr. Warren's comedy "His Wives" is still going on well, and should hold a place in the Strand bill for a considerable time to come. Mr. Edouin as Boggis, the solicitor's clerk, is amusing everyone with his antics, and is the life and soul of the piece. Miss Huntley and Miss Vaughan are very successful in their parts, and this remark applies equally to Messrs. Warren and Chevalier.

Opera Comique.—The success that attended Mrs. Bernard Beere in "Masks and Faces" at the recent matinees was so great that it was decided to place the piece in the evening bill. This was done last Saturday evening, with the same caste that has supported Mrs. Beere on previous occasions. Of Mrs. Beere's performance as Pegg Woffington we cannot speak too highly. It is a most charming creation from beginning to end; the kind and tender-hearted Pegg is indeed ably portrayed. The last act is happily conceived, and artistically carried out. Admirable support was accorded by Mr. Henry

Neville as Triplet, albeit he missed several of his opportunities. M. Marius was painstaking as Sir Charles Pomander, while Mr. William Herbert displayed admirable judgment as Ernest Vane. Miss Kate Vaughan made a charming Mabel Vane. Mr. W. Farren jun. as Colley Cibber, and Miss Muriel Aubrey as Kitty Clive also did well. The gavotte, in the second act has been arranged by Mr. John D'Anban.

The Annual Dinner of the *Elocutionist* will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on the 11th instant, when a large gathering is anticipated.

PRESENTATION TO CHARLES STEWART.

A LARGE number of representative members of the Free-mason Fraternity assembled at the Masonic Hall, Arthur Square, Belfast, on the 31st ult., with the object of presenting Bro. Charles Stewart, Past Provincial Secretary of County Antrim, with a handsome testimonial, as a token of the appreciation of the members of the Craft in that Province of the many valuable services he has rendered to the Fraternity. The Chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Valentine, Provincial Deputy Grand Master of the County of Antrim, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. Alexander Tate, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Antrim. The Chairman in opening the proceedings, referred in the highest possible terms to the brother to whom they had on that occasion assembled to do honour. He adverted to the many excellent qualities which Brother Stewart possessed, to his zeal, ability, perseverance, and integrity, to the very many valuable services rendered by him, not only to the Craft in this Province, but elsewhere throughout the country, and concluded by congratulating Bro. Stewart on the well-merited approbation which he had succeeded in winning from his Masonic brethren, and wishing him every success in the new line of business upon which he had recently embarked. The Honorary Secretary, Bro. William Redfern Kelly, then read the address which was beautifully illuminated, the border being interspersed with numerous Masonic devices, representing the various important offices held by Bro. Stewart; and the reply to the address having been read, the Chairman presented to Bro. Stewart a very handsome piece of silver plate, a richly-engraved salver, upon which was laid a well-filled purse of sovereigns. The Chairman then in most felicitous terms, proposed the toast of "The Guest of the Occasion, Brother Charles Stewart," which was received with hearty applause, and was honoured with the customary Masonic salute. In a very feeling speech Bro. Stewart acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him, and concluded by expressing the hope that his connection with Freemasonry would only be severed when those ties which linked him to the world had ceased to exist. Bro. Alexander Tate having been called to the second chair, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, Bro. Thomas Valentine, which was suitably acknowledged, and this brought the proceedings to a close. The illuminated address, which as a work of art is very chaste, was executed by the firm of Messrs. McCaw, Stevenson and Orr, of Belfast.

ROCKHAMPTON CHAPTER, No. 205.

ONE of the most pleasant reunions that have taken place for a very considerable time in connection with the Masonic Order in Enniskillen has just been held in the Town Hall. It was the occasion of the installation of the Officers of the above Chapter, recently established in place of the two Chapters, 437 and 891, which formerly existed, the membership of both being now merged in 205. The Chapter was opened for the transaction of business at seven o'clock, and the officers having been duly installed and new members proposed, was closed with the prescribed ceremonies at eight o'clock, when the brethren repaired to the banqueting-room. After dinner, the usual loyal toasts having been drunk with great cordiality, and all the honours, Companion Terman, in responding to the toast of the Most Excellent King, said—There is a phrase with which we are all familiar, and which is frequently made use of by persons placed in circumstances similar to those under which I am now addressing you, and that is that it is the happiest or proudest moments of their lives. I will not go so far as to say that this is the proudest and happiest moment of my life, but I will say that I think this is a moment when we may all feel a pride and happiness at the combination of circumstances which have brought us together upon the present occasion. I have been a Mason for a goodly number of years, I have led a somewhat Masonic life, and I have during my career as a Freemason met with and seen a great many vicissitudes, both in connection with the Order itself and the members comprising it. On the present occasion I do confess I feel an amount of both pride and pleasure in presiding over this meeting. Dr. Terman then, in a most happy and eloquent manner, reviewed the history of Masonry in Fermanagh, and wound up a most able and appreciative speech by a touching reference to the memory of the late Rev. A. C. Maclatchey, Presbyterian minister of Enniskillen, a staunch and true Mason. A number of other toasts followed, and it was an advanced hour before the large company separated.

Our friends throughout the craft will, we are sure, regret to hear that our chief, Bro. W. W. Morgan, has been suffering from a severe attack of illness during the last few days. We are pleased to say he is now somewhat better, and we take this opportunity of expressing his thanks for the many kind inquiries which have reached us, and the sincere sympathy which has been accorded him from all parts of the country.

The following oration was delivered by the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson, Provincial Grand Chaplain of Bristol, at the consecration of the Powell Lodge, No. 2257, a report of which we gave last week.

Brethren,—I suppose that Benevolence, Charity, Hospitality, Loyalty, Morality and Philanthropy, may be regarded as the main watchwords of our Order. They are words often heard among us. And I think we may fairly claim that they are not mere empty sounds, but they represent grand principles of action; which the Craft endeavours more and more faithfully each year to carry out. Without flattery or undue exaltation of our own virtues we may point with pride to the performances of the past and to the energies of the present. Thousands of Boys and Girls owe to us, under God, the blessings of sound, useful and religious education, whereby they are trained to become honourable and industrious citizens of their country. Thousands of men and women, worn out with toil and care and poverty, whose lives have been saddened by the suffering which in one form or another comes to nearly all of us in our time, have received solace and relief at our hands in the evening of their days. We stand together, shoulder to shoulder,—ever ready to help one another, never refusing the hand of sympathy to a distressed and deserving Brother—never checking nor stinting the flowing fountain of benevolence—feeling it not only a Masonic duty, but a precious privilege, to fulfil the beneficent purposes of our Order.

Outside the limits of our Brotherhood, too, it is our delight to participate in our corporate capacity—in schemes nobly devised for the good of our fellows. There is scarcely any limit to the variety of objects to which we are ready and glad to lend our support. And so we are found assisting, now at the erection of temples to the glory of T.G.A.O.T.U., now at the opening of hospitals for the relief of the sick and disabled, now at the establishment of life-boats, and now again at the setting up of statues, whereby the example of noble and virtuous men and women may be held up for imitation of future ages. In short, we are eager, by our presence and co-operation to emphasise our approval of *all* that conduces to the welfare of mankind. And all this is as it should be. Our position is fraught with peculiar advantages for dealing with the manifold topics that concern our common humanity. For, as Masons, we have no political, dogmatic, or other bias. We have no suspicions of one another's motives. We should, as you know well, deeply resent and disallow the abrasion among ourselves of any Brother's private prejudices or personal crotchets, and composed as we are of men of nearly all creeds and opinions, we necessarily learn to take a wide and philanthropic view of questions, and to consider the claims submitted to us on their sheer merits. Thus it is that we have been able to achieve results of no mean order; so that if Freemasonry were to die to-day, we could justifiably inscribe on her tombstone Wren's famous epitaph "Simulacrum quavis, circumspice." But, Brethren, there is another aspect of Masonry, to which I think I may not inappropriately invite your attention on this occasion. Hitherto I have spoken of Masons as a *body* of men. May we not dwell for a few moments on the influence that Masonry should exercise on the *individual*. This is a practical and utilitarian age, it is an age of personal scrutiny. And I am convinced that the power for good, possessed by our Order, is increased in proportion as it can be shown that not only is the main body sound, but that the atoms and individuals composing it will bear looking into. Let all men know that if we are Masons we are sure to act upon certain lines of conduct, those lines being laid down for us here. Of course I do not mean to suggest that we are to lay aside in the outer world all personal bias and individual proclivities. I could not mean that. I cordially detest a flabby and invertebrate character that has not the courage of its convictions. But let us import into public and private life the *principles* inculcated here, let there be strict integrity, chivalrous honour, sound morality and a love of fair play. When we argue debatable questions let us give due weight to our opponents' views; when we fight as I trust we shall be ready to do—let there be (if you will pardon the expression) no "hitting below the belt" and no bad blood afterwards. Depend upon it, individual character will carry not less weight, but more weight in the years that lie before us, when social problems of frightful magnitude may have to be faced and solved. May our Brethren ever be found to be public spirited, generous, and true; jealous for the honour of their country and for the purity of their homes; anxious to deserve the tongue of good report, not for the sake of mere human praise but for the honour of the Craft, and the glory of our great Master. Brethren, I have been led to dwell thus on the *individual* aspect of Masonry from the fact that we are met here to consecrate a Lodge that is to bear the name—the honoured and much-loved name—of an individual. It would be distasteful to him, and beyond my present province, if I were to launch out into praise of that individual Brother. But I may be pardoned if I express my conviction that the founders of the new Lodge could not have inscribed on their Banner a name better calculated to inspire them with the truest principles of the Craft. May the blessing of the Most High God rest upon the venerable possessor of that name, and upon the Lodge which to-day takes the responsibility of assuming it!

A new serial story entitled "The Youngest Miss Darrell," by John Strange Winter, author of "Bootles' Baby," &c., will be commenced in No. 216 of "Cassell's Saturday Journal," published on 13th June.

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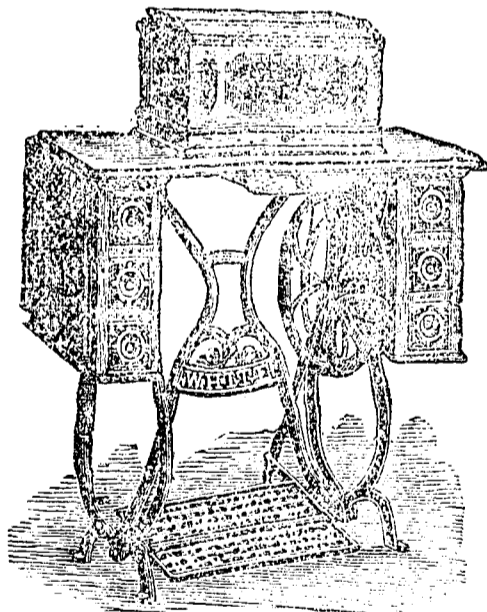
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LYCEUM.—At 8, THE AMBER HEART
 and **ROBERT MACAIRE.**

HAYMARKET.—At 8:40, THE POMPA
DOUR. At 8, A COMPROMISING CASE.

CRITERION.—At 8:15, WHY WOMEN
WEEP. At 8:45, DAVID GARRICK.

GAIETY.—At 8, THE TAMING OF THE
SHREW.

ADELPHI.—At 7:15, Farce. At 8, THE
BELLS OF HASLEMERE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 8, THE BEN-MY
CHREE.

SAVOY.—At 8:45, THE PIRATES OF PEN-
ZANCE. Preceded by MRS. JARRAMIE'S
GENIE.

TERRY'S.—At 8, THE REAL LITTLE
LORD FAUNTLEROY. At 7:55, LAW AND
PHYSIC. At 8:30, SWEET LAVENDER.

VAUDEVILLE.—8, JOSEPH'S SWEET
HEART.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7:35, WAR-
RANTED BURGLAR-PROOF. At 8:30,
DOROTHY.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, THE IRONMASTER.
OLYMPIC.—At 8:30, MR. BARNES OF
NEW YORK. At 7:45, THE AREA BELLE.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, MASKS AND
FACES.

GLOBE.—At 8:30, BOOTLES' BABY. At
7:45, Farce.

COMEDY.—At 9, THE ARABIAN NIGHTS.
At 8:10, SUNSET.

TOOLE'S.—At 7:45, A RED RAG At 8:30,
THE DON.

AVENUE.—At 8:15, THE OLD GUARD. At
7:30, A WARM RECEPTION.

STRAND.—At 8, HIS WIVES. At 10,
AIREY ANNIE.

STANDARD.—At 7:45, A WOMAN'S VEN-
GEANOE.

SURREY.—At 7:30, INTRIGUE. At 8:15,
THE STOWAWAY.

SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7:30, MY
SWEETHEART.

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days, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 3.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, THE
MYSTERY OF A HANSOM CAB; CON-
CERT. Open Daily—PANORAMA, Toboggan
slide, Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c.

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THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII; CON-
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LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS; VARIETY
ENTERTAINMENT; MEXICAN JOE;
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ITALIAN EXHIBITION.—Open daily
from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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Open Daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

ROYAL AQUARIUM.—Open at 12; close
11:30. Constant round of amusements.

ALHAMBRA.—Every evening at 8, Variety
entertainment, Two Grand Ballets, &c.

EMPIRE.—Every evening, at 8, Variety
entertainment, Two Grand Ballets, &c.

CANTERBURY.—Every evening at 7:30,
Grand Variety Company, &c.

LONDON PAVILION.—Every evening
at 8, Grand Variety Company.

PARAGON.—Every evening, at 7:30,
Variety Entertainment, &c.

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Models of Past and Present Celebrities.

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CARLISLE—Bush Hotel.
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It is generally expected the exceptional efforts which have been made throughout the Craft this year on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will have the effect of lessening the support given to this Institution. It is fervently hoped such may not prove to be the case, but rather, that the grand success which attended the Centenary Festival of the sister Institution will act as an incentive to Brethren to make special exertions on behalf of the Boys' School.

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M. P.

RIGHT WOR. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF DEVON,

HAS KINDLY CONSENTED TO PRESIDE AT

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888.

The Services of Brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

SPECIAL REASONS

in justification of a renewed Special Appeal for Support.

1.—The FUNDED PROPERTY is only	...	...	...	...	...	...	£17,000	0	0
while that of the									
R. M. I. for Girls is	...	...	...	...	...	...	£63,500	0	0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	£39,450	0	0
Do. —Widows' Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,075	0	0
							£65,525	0	0
2.—The SECURED ANNUAL INCOME is	...	...	...	...	...	...	£755	0	0
while that of the									
R. M. I. for Girls is	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2,211	0	0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,986	0	0
Do. —Widows' Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,548	0	0
							£3,534	0	0

- 3.—The efforts made to meet the increasing demands, by the extension of the number of Boys maintained and educated—from 72 in 1861 to 258 in 1887.
- 4.—At the last election (April 1888) **Fifteen** Candidates only out of Sixty-five could be elected.
- 5.—In the Preparatory School a further number of 20 Boys could be accommodated, did the condition of the Funds warrant such increase.
- 6.—The universally recognised importance of a sound system of discipline and education in formulating the habits and characters of the Citizens of the Future, especially in the cases of those under the care of this Institution, many of whom, in due course, will probably undertake the obligations of Freemasonry.

These constitute a strong plea. Several considerations in addition will suggest themselves to those who attentively watch the operations in the various organisations associated with the Order.

Communications are earnestly invited, addressed to

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), Secretary.

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