

THE FREEMASON.

The Organ of the Craft, a Weekly Record of Progress in

FREEMASONRY, LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND ART.

Reports of the Grand Lodges are Published with the Special Sanction of

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND; THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF MAR AND KELLIE, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

VOL. XVI., No. 746.]

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1883.

[PRICE 3d.]

CONTENTS.

LEADERS	315	Reviews	325
The Revised Book of Constitutions.....	316	Notes and Queries	325
Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.....	318	Stewards' Visit to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	326
Lodge of Benevolence.....	323	Grand Corner-Stone Ceremony at Bolton.....	326
Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks. and Bucks.....	323	Presentation to a Liverpool Musical Brother	327
Inauguration of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Oxfordshire	323	REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS—	
CORRESPONDENCE—		Craft Masonry	327
General Committee Election — Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.....	324	Instruction	330
A Mandate	325	Royal Arch.....	330
Order of Precedence	325	The Theatres.....	330
Prerogatives of Grand Lodge and of the M.W. Grand Master	325	Masonic and General Tidings.....	331
		Lodge Meetings for Next Week	332

THE annual Festival of the Boys' School took place on Wednesday last at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of Viscount HOLMESDALE, Provincial Grand Master for Kent. There were close upon 400 Stewards, and the returns of the Festival amounted to the most striking total of £22,444. We congratulate all concerned on the result, and especially Bro. BINCKES, and refer our readers to the details of the Stewards' list in another column.

A "SPECIAL Grand Lodge" is convened for Friday, the 29th inst., to consider the Book of Constitutions finally drafted by the Board of General Purposes, after dealing with the 800 provincial amendments, &c. We do not quite see, we confess, how such a meeting will satisfy the wishes of those who have special amendments to move, but presume that some "modus agendi" will be discovered, which will give satisfaction to all, those who wish to talk, those who aspire to change, those who seek to conserve, those who are anxious to relax. We will just make this one further observation, that the Book of Constitutions is of such essential, nay, vital, importance to the liberties of the Craft, the prestige of Grand Lodge, and the progress of Freemasonry, that we hope nothing will be done rashly or cursorily, so that this change now made will last for years to come. Whether the Board of General Purposes is the fittest body to submit such a revision to may be a matter of considerable question, even doubt; and we trust that no hasty objection to amendments or impatience of criticism may result in a compilation which will ignore some needful amendments and retain obvious incongruities, so that perhaps before long again, under less favourable circumstances, in a season of excitement or controversy, we may have to pass the Book of Constitutions again through the crucible of still more sweeping changes and still more vital alteration. We call attention to the Agenda Papers elsewhere.

THE question of the Table of Precedence, as will be seen by some letters in our issue last week, creates much interest, and opens out many complicated questions. We have never concealed our humble opinion that the proposal was hasty in inception, crude in development, and more than dubious in policy, or constitutional law. Subsequent consideration has convinced us that our original views were sound and correct. The more we look into the matter, we are convinced alike historically and legally, that any such claim of prerogative and inherent power to alter the Table of Precedence without the sanction of Grand Lodge is untenable, and that Grand Lodge alone has the power to do so. We are assured on no mean authority that the relative rank of the President of the Board of General Purposes was actually settled in Grand Lodge, just as that of the more recent new Grand officers, and we therefore hope that we shall hear before long one of two facts, either that the proposal to alter the Table of Precedence is given up, or that it is submitted to Grand Lodge.

As regards District Grand Masters we are inclined to think for various reasons that it would be very advisable to insert a provision in the new Book of Constitutions that in presiding over Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Masters take the precedence of District Grand Masters. This alteration, we believe, would meet the views of all who have looked into the question, and would be alike a proper and constitutional rearrangement, and in no sense unfair to our District Grand Masters.

WE cannot help feeling somewhat anxious about the arrangements for the rebuilding of Freemasons' Hall. We think it must strike all, that the proposal to convert the Board of General Purposes into a Building Committee was both unsound and unscientific, and certain not to give satisfaction to the Craft, or educe a satisfactory result. There are many questions of delicacy and difficulty sure to arise, which will require thorough "experts" to deal with and decide. It is useless to attempt to persuade the Craft or Grand Lodge that any mere question of personal confidence or official infallibility can be permitted to stand in the way of the wants and convenience of our great Order. What we want, and we say it advisedly, is a good working Building Committee, composed of business men, scientific men, reasonable men, those who are perfectly aware of what building expenditure entails, and what the Craft itself desiderates and expects. We fear that unless some method is devised of arresting the present deadlock, and improving the present

hasty and admittedly unsatisfactory arrangement, many before long will be the complaints of those of us all who have the interests of English Freemasonry at least, and are anxious that these great building operations should not degenerate into a blunder or a "fiasco," that in fact they should not vote a large sum for which the Craft at large will derive the minimum of convenience and comfort.

WE repeat and most deferentially that in the rearrangement of Freemasons' Hall provision should be made for a library, a museum, and a general waiting room. Considering the present position of our body, and its possible extension in the years before us, it seems to us that the time has surely come to readjust and reconsider the whole of the arrangements for official accommodation. Our "bureaux," to use a French word, are neither conveniently arranged nor sufficient for the work done, and we also venture to be of opinion that a convenient writing room and waiting room would be a great boon not only to provincial but even metropolitan Freemasons. A suggestion has been made that a Masonic Club should be started, and though we are clearly favourable in the abstract to any such proposal, and would gladly join in any such movement, we are also aware, and perhaps more so than our friendly correspondent, of the many difficulties which attend on the proposal and which surround the movement "ab initio" in the concrete. Still we think the effort ought to be made, and whether the club is to be part and parcel of Freemasons' Hall or whether it is to be a purely voluntary association, managed as clubs are for the most part, we repeat we think that the proposition is one which deserves consideration and encouragement. At any rate we invite remarks and suggestions on the subject, as we venture to believe that such an Institution, if well managed, and truly Masonic in arrangement and outcome, might be productive of much convenience and good for us all alike!

WE understand that at the last meeting of the United Grand Lodge Bro. the Duke of PORTLAND was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in the most masterly manner by Bro. the Earl of MILLTOWN, G.W., in the presence of Bro. W. W. BEACH, Provincial G.M. Hampshire; Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST, Provincial G.M. Dorsetshire; Bro. JOHN HAVERS, P.G.W., and other brethren, with several peers of the realm, including Bro. Lord ALCESTER. It is very satisfactory to note the large number of the old and young nobility who are now joining our good old Order,

"And who are not ashamed
To hear themselves named
With a Free and an Accepted Mason."

WE have received letters referring to a melancholy matter which has recently occurred at Monmouth; but concerning which, for various reasons, we think it better to exercise the Masonic virtues of reticence and reserve, as it lies, strictly speaking, outside our Masonic purview. Suffice it then to say that we deeply regret to be informed by a hasty and mistaken act of ministerial interference great pain has been inflicted on the sorrowing members of a bereaved family and great disrespect shown to many worthy members of our Order.

THE presentation of the prizes by the Stewards of the Boys' School will take place on Tuesday next, the 26th inst., when a goodly "programme" awaits the numerous friends and visitors of the School. May it be an "Alba Dies" to all.

OUR readers will note the passing away from amongst us of a once well-known, and active member of our Order, Bro. MATTHEW COOKE. Without reopening questions which have long been settled, or remembering matters which have long since been happily forgotten, sufficient for us it is that our brother has died a Freemason to the last, and an inmate of our admirable Institution at Croydon. Sickness and suffering, adversity and trials, constitute a claim for kindly consideration and fraternal remembrance. Bro. MATTHEW COOKE was a Masonic student of no mean order, and we shall ever gratefully associate with his name the "MATTHEW COOKE M.S." as the outcome of his patient industry, and as a witness of what under happier auspices he might have done for the benefit and advance of Masonic archaeology.

THE dreadful calamity at Sunderland will have appalled us all by its almost unspeakable and untellable horrors. The realization of the dreadful end of so many innocent children passing in a moment from life to death is enough to arrest the most indifferent and warn the most unheeding. Let us hope that it is not by any so-called development of hopeless and criminal "red tape," that happy-go-lucky indifference which marks public institutions and caterers for public popular entertainments in this country, that the lives of all these poor little children have been ruthlessly sacrificed. We are glad to hear that there is to be a Government enquiry.

THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

The following circular, and lists of amendments, have been issued:—

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
 "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., M.W. Grand Master.
 "W. Master.—Your attendance is requested, together with your Wardens and Past Masters, at a special Grand Lodge, to be holden at this place, on Friday, the 29th instant, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving and considering the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the amendments on the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions, referred to the Board by Grand Lodge at the quarterly communication of the 7th March last, for consideration and report. The Grand Lodge will be opened at four o'clock precisely. By command of the M.W. Grand Master.—Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.
 "Freemason's Hall, W.C., 19th June, 1883."

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IN GRAND LODGE.—Friday, 29th June, 1883.
 To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.
 Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Amendments to and suggestions on the proposed Revised Book of Constitutions.

The proposed emendations brought under the notice of the Board are upwards of 800 in number, and it has been found impossible to distinguish in all cases between those that are intended as merely suggestions and those that are proposed to be brought before Grand Lodge as amendments. The Board have therefore treated them all alike, and have given them their careful consideration. Many are of the same import, and some are even identical in phraseology; they have therefore been classed accordingly.

To print them in *extenso* would be attended, in the opinion of the Board, with unnecessary expense. It is, therefore, proposed to treat them in a classified and condensed form, under the heads of the respective rules to which they refer.

The Board are able to recommend to Grand Lodge the adoption of a large number of these suggestions. Some they do not recommend, and these are left to the discretion of Grand Lodge, in case the movers desire still to bring them forward.

Of the 308 Rules, 130 are untouched by any amendments, and these the Board consider may be treated as passed by Grand Lodge without further discussion. The other Rules will now be treated consecutively, and the following suggestions, recommended by the Board, are before Grand Lodge for adoption or otherwise.

3—1st and 2nd line, to omit 'The Pro-Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and,' other Officers and,' and in 8th line, 'other.'

5—7th line to omit 'in,' and to substitute 'has' for 'resides.'

6—The Table of Precedence is altered according to the recent order of the Grand Master. To add a foot note respecting the prefixes and abbreviations used before the names of the respective Grand Officers.

9—6th line, to insert 'such' before 'Lodge.' 8th line, insert 'English' before 'Lodge.' 12th line to substitute 'duly served' for 'filled,' and add 'such' before 'a Lodge.'

12—4th line, omit 'and hold.'

16—1st line, to add 'or resign' after 'die,' and 4th line, to substitute 'summon' for 'assemble.'

18—To be altered to agree with the new Table of Precedence.

27—To add 'the Pro-Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master' after 'Grand Master,' and omit, 'or his Deputy.'

30—6th line, to substitute 'elected annually in June by the Grand Lodge,' for 'appointed by the Grand Master.'

35—4th line, to substitute 'qualified' for 'members of the Grand Lodge,' and in last line to omit 'as such.'

36—3rd line, to read 'all building plans or works projected or undertaken.'

37—To omit 'in addition to his other duties has' and substitute 'shall have the arrangement and directions of all processions and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge and.'

43—To substitute 'eligible' for 'presented.'

50—4th line, to read 'which shall consist of the President of the Board of Benevolence, who, if present, shall act as Chairman, the Present and Past Grand Officers and the Master, &c.' 'and meet, &c.'

51—4th line, to substitute 'any' for 'some.'

52—8th line, to add after 'committee,' 'or by notice previously given or sent to the Grand Secretary.'

54—3rd line, to add after 'is,' 'scandalous, improper, irregular, or.'

57—6th line, to add after 'all,' 'Present and Past,' and after 'Officers,' 'Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Secretaries.'

60—To substitute 'eight' for 'six' throughout.

74—3rd line, to substitute 'Wardens' for 'Officers.'

76—6th line, to add after 'Grand Master,' 'Except in elections by ballot.' In 8th line, to substitute 'one hand' for 'one of his hands.' In 10th line to add after 'counted' 'the counting shall be conducted in the following manner,' and then to add the resolution passed in the Grand Lodge in June, 1882.

78—After this rule, to introduce 104 as 79 altered as follows: 'In Colonies and foreign parts the terms District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge are used to distinguish such officers and bodies from Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Lodges in England.'

80—In order to meet the many suggestions respecting the position of Past Masters in the Provinces to add after the first paragraph, 'Provincial and District Grand Lodges may enact by their By-laws that, in addition to the above Past Masters of Lodges out of the Province or District who have joined Lodges in the Province or District shall be Members of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge.'

81—5th line, to substitute 'whom he may think' for 'may be thought.' 9th line, substitute 'those' for 'that,' and to add at the end 'except that of summoning the Provincial or District Grand Lodge to meet for the purposes of his Installation.'

83 to 95—To alter the arrangement of these rules as follows: 90, 91, 92, 83, 84, 93, 95, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 94, to be 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95.

83—1st line, to substitute 'The Provincial or District Grand Master' for 'He.' To give power to appoint two Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers. To add before the last paragraph, 'In addition to the above a District Grand Master is empowered to appoint a President of the District Board of General Purposes, who shall rank next to the District Grand Registrar.' To add after the 1st line in the last paragraph, 'except the Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master.'

84—To substitute 'thirty' for 'forty.'

86—To substitute 'The Provincial or District Grand Master' for 'He.'

89—To substitute 'The Provincial or District Grand Master shall' for 'He is required by himself or his Deputy to.' To omit 'together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since his last return, and the fees due therein to the Grand Lodge.'

90—To read, 'To ensure the regular performance of the duties of his Office, and to, &c. . . . the Provincial or District Grand Master may appoint.'

92—To add 'and to be resident within the Province or District.'

93—1st line, to add 'other' after 'The,' and 'or District' after 'Provincial.'

96—In order to meet several suggestions respecting Past Provincial or District Grand Stewards, to substitute the following rule: 'Provincial or District Grand Stewards while in Office are members of their own Provincial or District Grand Lodges. They do not take any rank out of their Provinces or Districts, and when out of Office they are no longer members of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge unless otherwise qualified. They are, however, entitled to wear their clothing as Past Provincial or District Grand Stewards in all Masonic meetings.'

101—4th line, to substitute after 'province' 'the Provincial Grand Lodge' for 'they'; and 5th line, to omit 'their opinion.'

102—10th line, to add 'or part of a quarter.' 12th line, to add after 'initiated' 'or who has joined from a Lodge not holding under the Grand Lodge.' 13th line, to add 'other' after 'every.'

103—5th line, to add after 'at' 'the Annual Meeting of.'

105, 106, 107, 109—To add 'or Board' after 'Committee.'

115—To add before the last line 'not less than.'

119—7th line, to add after 'registered' 'master.'

120—2nd line, to substitute 'shall' for 'should.' 4th line, to omit 'Deputy and.' 6th line, to omit 'who shall choose some master of a Lodge to assist him.'

124—1st line to read 'Every Lodge in a Province or District.'

129—7th line, to add after 'one' 'regular.'

130—1st line, to substitute for 'at a stated period' 'on the day named in its By-laws for that purpose.' 4th line, to omit 'duly,' and add after 'served' for one year; and after 'of' 'Master or.' 5th line to add after 'Constitution,' 'The Ballot shall be declared in favour of the Member thus qualified who obtains the largest number of the votes of the Brethren present and voting.' 23rd line, to omit 'of the Lodge.'

136—2nd line, to add after 'appoint' 'and invest'; to substitute for 'except' 'and invest.' In the 5th line, to add after 'and' 'also.'

138—To substitute for 'Master' 'Proprietor or Manager.'

140—4th line, to add after 'Meeting' 'seven days' notice thereof in writing having been previously sent to the Brother complained of.'

141—8th and 9th line, to substitute for 'Election of Officers' 'Installation of Master,' and in order to meet many suggestions respecting Past Masters in Lodges to add in 11th line, after 'present' 'or if no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the senior Past Master who is a subscribing Member of the Lodge shall,' and in the 12th line, to add after 'Master' 'who is a Member.'

144—2nd line, to substitute 'any' for 'every.'

145—To add, 'The Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master when visiting Lodges in his Province or District, shall, in the absence of the Provincial or District Grand Master, rank for the time being as Provincial or District Grand Master, and take precedence accordingly.'

146—To substitute for 'he may think proper,' 'whenever he may think fit to do so.'

To follow 146—The Provincial or District Grand Master may send any of his Provincial or District Grand Officers to visit any Lodge in his Province or District whenever he may think fit to do so.'

148—2nd and 3rd line, to omit 'or recommended'; 10th line, to substitute for 'continuance' 'presence,' and 11th line for 'the' 'its,' and omit 'of the Lodge.'

153—3rd line, to substitute for 'conduct itself' 'be conducted.'

157—3rd line, to omit 'shall be given'; and to add after 'district' 'shall be submitted for approval'; and 5th line for 'or' to substitute 'and.'

160—5th line, to substitute for 'Master' 'Secretary for the approval of the Grand Master, being in the case of a Provincial or District Lodge sent through the Provincial or District Grand Master for his approval previously to transmission.' 5th line, to omit 'and'; to add after 'when' 'usually.' 9th line, to substitute for 'Master' 'Secretary.'

162—To add 'Such By-laws shall also specify the regular Meeting for the Election of the Master, Treasurer, and Tyler,' and also 'Should the Meeting of the Lodge fall on Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a Public Holiday, the Meeting may be held on the day before or the day after, at the discretion of the Master.'

165—8th and 9th lines, to omit 'to.'

168—5th line, to substitute for 'Master' 'Proprietor or Manager.'

169—9th line, to add 'ages,' to substitute for the latter part of the third paragraph 'with their Lodges and Masonic rank.'

170—1st line, to add after 'shall' 'keep a register for its members and.'

172—To add, 'but when the arrears are received, the contributions to the Grand Lodge shall be duly paid.'

173—To substitute the old rule (P. 73, A. 2), altering 'country' to 'Provincial or District,' and 'Master' to 'Secretary.'

175—12th line, to omit all after 'Grand Lodge.'

179—3rd line, to omit 'of a Lodge.'

180—Last line to substitute for 'particular' 'several.'

181—To add after 'name' 'age.'

182—4th line, to add 'age,' 14th line, to omit 'therefore.'

183—1st and 2nd line, to omit 'in any Lodge.'

186—11th line, to add after 'the' 'clearance.'

190—20th line, to omit 'be liable to.'

193—To substitute for 'pay' 'transmit.'

196—4th line to omit 'on the same day or.'

200—To omit all after 210, and add 'or a Certificate of all dues having been paid to enable him to join another Lodge for neither of which Certificates shall any charge be made.'

202—1st line, to omit 'presume to.' 6th line, to add 'or cause to be printed or published.' 17th line, to substitute for 'matter' 'such case of Masonic complaint.'

203—4th line to add after 'Theatre' 'public.' 8th line, to substitute for 'permission' 'a dispensation.'

206—1st line, to add after 'in' 'Lodge in.'

212—1st line, to add after 'against' 'Lodges or.'

218—To add after 'Warrant' 'Books and papers.'

219—To omit this rule.

221—5th line to add after 'Master,' 'and two Vice-Presidents to be elected,' and 9th line, to substitute for 'Board of Masters' 'General Committee.'

223—To substitute for 'Board of Masters' 'General Committee.'

After 223—To add a rule similar to 258.

225—To add after 'nominated' 'for re-election.'

230—4th line, to add after 'related' 'nor upon the petition of a Brother or Widow of a Brother who is or was.'

231—To add at commencement 'except as hereinafter provided'; and 4th line, to substitute for 'consideration' 'initiation or joining,' and in 10th line, for 'breaking or dislocating a limb' 'blindness or serious accident.'

232—Last line, to omit 'duly.'

237—3rd line, to substitute for 'two' 'five,' and to add at the end 'and while such child or children is or are under age.'

244—4th line, to substitute for 'and' 'or.'

256—6th line, to substitute for 'these' 'the.'

267—6th line, to add after 'of' 'receipts and.'

270—To substitute for 'It' 'The Board.'

276—2nd line, to add after 'Lodge' 'or.'

277—To substitute for this rule 'Any special matter referred to the Board by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge shall have precedence of any other business.'

287—To add after 'plumb' 'rule.'

288—To add after 1st paragraph 'Past Provincial or District Grand Master. The Compasses and Square only.'

292—To describe the Jewels of the Chaplain, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, and Stewards; add 'rule' to 'plumb.'

304—To add 'or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodges.'

306—2nd line, 3rd paragraph, to substitute for 'one and a-half inch' 'not more than two inches' 8th line, 4th paragraph, to add after 'one inch.' 6th paragraph, to add after 'Stewards' 'present and past,' and omit 'While in Office and in their own Provinces only.'

308—To add after 'Registration of a Mason' 'including Grand Lodge Certificate,' and in next lines to alter '£1 1s.' to '£1 7s. 6d.', '10s. 6d.' to '17s.' and '10s. 6d.' to '17s.'

To erase 'Grand Lodge Certificate £193 6s. 6d.' and to add in a line after 'include certificate' 'Duplicate Grand Lodge Certificate 6s. 6d.' In the third line below this, to add after 'another' 'English.'

To erase after 'Joining a Colonial or Foreign Lodge' 'under the same circumstances'; and in the last paragraph to substitute for 'any' 'a London or Provincial.'

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 31st May, 1883.

The Suggestions and Amendments comprised in the following summary are NOT recommended by the Board for adoption. They are, however, printed for the information of Grand Lodge:—

- 1—Two suggestions for an alteration of the words.
- 2—That Rule 6 follow Rule 2.
- 4—2nd line, to omit 'alone.'
- 9—6th line, to replace 'rank as a Past Master.' 10th line, after 'regain,' to add, 'the privileges of a Past Master until he has.'
- 11—To add 'at 5 o'clock in the afternoon;' to insert after 'London,' or some Provincial City or Town.
- 13—To insert, 'in London or some Provincial City or Town,' and 'Master' before 'Masons.'
- 15—To strike out the 3rd line.
- 18—To add, 'no Brother under an installed Master shall hold office in the Grand Lodge except the Organist and Tyler.'
- 26—7th line, after 'Grand Lodge' to add 'being or having been Master of a Lodge.'
- 33—To omit the Rule. 4th line, to add 'or Deputy Provincial Grand Master.'
- 40—To substitute 'thirty' for 'eighteen.'
- 41—To add, 'Certain Provincial Lodges to be red-apron Lodges,' and 'Grand Stewards must be installed Masters.'
- 46—To substitute 'submit' for 'transmit.'
- 47—8th line, to add 'for that year' and to erase 'in future.'
- 49—To add, 'Such Provincial or District Grand Officers, Past and Present, as are Members of the Grand Lodge, shall have set apart for them two cross benches below the dais.'
- 54—To add, 'memorial, petition, or other document,' and 'in the judgment of the General Committee.'
- 63—To add, 'a resolution of the Grand Lodge at one Quarterly Communication, if confirmed at the next ensuing meeting of Grand Lodge, becomes law.'
- 65—To omit this Rule.
- 72—To substitute 'may' for 'shall.'
- 76—Provision to be made for proxy voting.
- 79—7th line, to add 'or in such a remote part of the District as to render it impossible to communicate with him.'
- 80—To omit 'Provincial or District Grand Stewards of the year.'
- 81—In 5th line, to add 'who shall be acceptable to a majority of the Brethren of the Province.'
- 83—To read 'He shall appoint'; to add 'Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary' and 'Provincial Assistant Grand Tyler.' To give power to appoint to past rank.
- 86—1st line, to add 'either in person or by his deputy.' 5th line, 'until the next quarterly communication.'
- 91—To omit the latter part.
- 92—To add 'to serve 5 years to entitle him to past rank.'
- 93—2nd line, to add 'or in the immediately adjoining Province.'
- 94—To except in the latter part 'Past Provincial or District Grand Stewards.'
- To add 5th line, after 'however' 'entitled to rank as Grand Officers.'
- 95—To alter the qualification for appointment.
- 101—To add 'In case of any appeal, and until same be heard by the Grand Lodge, the judgment of the Provincial Grand Master shall be considered final.'
- 102—To give power to make extra charges. 12th line, to add 'or joined from a Lodge not in the Province.'
- 108—That District Lodges at great distances shall be represented by proxy. 1st line, to substitute 'may' for 'shall.'
- 111—4th line, to substitute 'must' for 'may.'
- 116—7th line, to add after 'belonged' 'together with their addresses.' 8th line, to add 'neighbouring' before 'regular.'
- 119—To add after [A B] 'who has served the office of Warden in a regular Lodge.'
- 120—5th line, to add after 'Deputy,' 'or by the Provincial or District Grand Master or his Deputy.' 'That the Master of a new Lodge in a District may be installed in the nearest Lodge in the District.' 'That the District Grand Master of South Africa may consecrate the Charter and instal in Cape Town.'
- 126—To substitute 'or suspended by direction of the Grand Master or the Provincial Grand Master' for 'by competent Masonic authority'; to add after 'withheld,' 'or suspended'; to omit 'so withheld.'
- 127—To add 'within the meaning of 204.'
- 128—To omit in 6th line 'also that.'
- 129—To use the terms 'indispensable Officers,' and 'supplementary Officers,' to add 'Superintendent of Works,' to add 'except as Treasurer,' 'or except by special dispensation,' or 'except in India or the Colonies.'
- 130—To allow Wardens under the Scotch constitution to be eligible. 'That the election may be postponed by dispensation.' 'That a Lodge may adjourn for the purpose of election.'
- 132—To omit 'within his own Lodge.'
- 134—To add 'Province' and 'Provincial' in last line.
- 136—That the Wardens need not be invested on the day of Installation. 'That the Senior Warden be elected.' 4th line, for 'day of election' to substitute 'meeting next after the audit.' 6th line, to add after 'and,' 'either of whom.' 3rd line, to add after 'Treasurer,' and the Tyler; and after 'Master,' in 5th line, 'The Tyler may at any time, &c.' To insert the N.B. in Old Book, P. 62, Art. 2.
- 138—To add 'nor shall he, under any circumstances, be permitted to speak, or vote upon the question of removing the Lodge from his house.'
- 139—7th line, to add after 'Grand Lodge' 'or a Provincial or District Grand Lodge.'
- 140—To commence 'Subject to an appeal to the Provincial or District Grand Master'; 7th line, to omit 'and to appoint another.'
- 141—That on the death or resignation of a Master a Lodge of Emergency may be called to elect another. 18th line, to add after 'conferred' 'by him,' and to strike out all that follows. To add 'If the Master be present no other Brother can occupy the chair, but the Master may call upon any Brother to stand at his left hand and confer any degree.'
- 142—1st and 8th line, to add 'or Prov. Grand Master.'
- 147—To substitute the old Rule, P. 67, A. 19.
- 148—To reinsert in 3rd line 'after due examination.' 'To permit the admission of shipwrecked Brethren who have lost their certificates, on taking the Tyler's O.B.'
- 149—To add 'or is known to be excluded from his Lodge.'
- 150—To make any of the further restrictions suggested. To strike out the Rule or provide a penalty.
- 151—To alter 'ten' to 'four.' To strike out the last line.
- 152—To alter 'ten' to 'four,' and 'Provincial' to 'Country.'
- 153—To restore Art. 1, P. 75.
- 156—To add after 'No' 'Permanent' or 'General.' 'That Lodges of Instruction should meet at the same house as the sanctioning Lodge.' To add 'but this rule is not intended to prevent a few brethren meeting occasionally for mutual instruction.'
- 158—That the Minutes of a Lodge of Instruction shall be read and confirmed at the meetings of the sanctioning Lodge.

160—To restore the old Rule. 13th line, to substitute 'written' for 'printed.'

161—MS. By-laws to be signed. 2nd line, to add after 'Lodge' 'and a copy of the Book of Constitutions.'

163—That a reference should be made to the adjournment of Lodges. To add, 4th line, after 'Junior Warden' 'or in his absence by Past Master of the Lodge.' To add 'Except the passing and raising of any candidate entitled to be passed or raised.'

164—3rd line, to add 'within the same town or place.' To erase 'from one house to another.'

166—3rd line, to add 'from one town to another in the same province.' To omit in 5th and 6th lines 'Grand Master and the.' To add 'if not obtained application may be made to the Grand Master.'

168—To omit in 6th line 'Have no lien thereon nor shall he.' To add 'or interest therein.'

169—To omit the 3rd paragraph. To omit the last paragraph. To add at the end 'or at a Lodge of Emergency convened specially for the purpose.' To add after 'confirmed' 'varied or rescinded.'

170—2nd line, to add after 'Grand Secretary' 'and Provincial Grand Secretary.' 3rd line, to add 'Treasurer or.' To define the status of an honorary member.

172—To add after 'contributing' 'to Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge,' and after 'arrear' 'according to its By-laws.' To add after arrear 'twelve months.' 'That after two years the name be omitted from the return.'

174—To name the officers to audit the accounts.

175—4th line, to add 'or Provincial or District Grand Lodge.' 5th line to add 'to the Grand Secretary.'

176—To alter 'immediately' to 'within one month.' To add 'a like return shall at the same time be sent to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary, as the case may be.' To add 'and shall be signed by the Master and Secretary.'

177—5th line, to omit 'Past Masters.' 6th line, after 'not' to add 'subject to Art. 175.'

179—4th line, to add 'or Brother ruling the Lodge.'

180—That certain enquiries respecting candidates form part of this Rule.

181—That a specified time for issuing the summons shall be enforced in this Rule. To add 'except as hereinafter provided in cases of emergency.'

182—7th line, to add 'but it shall not be considered a proper case of emergency unless the candidate be non-resident or about to leave the district.' 10th line, to omit 'either,' and in 11th and 12th lines, 'or in a summons for a Lodge of Emergency.'

183—To define whether blind, deaf, or maimed persons may be initiated.

184—To state whether the candidate has been proposed in any other Lodge. To insert 'unless exempted by dispensation.'

185—To omit in fifth line, 'military,' and add '2nd class petty officers in the navy, or a corporal in the army.'

186—3rd line, to omit 'at a regular meeting.' To add 'any Lodge failing to make enquiry about a proposed joining member shall be liable for the arrears to his former Lodge.' 'That Past Masters joining shall rank as Past Masters of the Lodge.' In 15th line, to add 'for one whole year.' In 18th line, to add 'Provincial or District Grand Secretary.'

187—To fix a time which must elapse before a re-proposition. In 6th line, to substitute 'shall' or 'must' for 'may.' To add 'no third ballot shall be taken.' To add 'a second ballot may be taken if a brother states that he has black-balled by mistake.'

188—To restore the old rule, with the addition of 'on or before the day.'

189—To introduce a rule respecting the conferring of degrees on a number of candidates together. To introduce a rule for the admission of Honorary Members to be returned as such to Grand Lodge.

190—To alter the charge to £5 5s. od., inclusive of registration, to £6 6s. od. inclusive to £3 3s. od. exclusive. That a minimum amount of subscription shall be fixed. In 7th line, to add 'after being accepted.' To add 'A serving Brother joining another Lodge to pay the same fees as he would have to pay if joining the Lodge in which he was initiated.' To add 'that he must have ceased being a serving Brother for two years.' In 35th line, to substitute 'five' for 'four.'

191—To add 'or joining.'

195—That certificates be signed in open Lodge, or in the presence of the Master, &c.

199—That report of tramps be sent to the Grand Secretary by Provincial Grand Secretaries.

201—In 8th line, to add 'any Masonic Fund.'

202—In 3rd line, to add 'Except in a Masonic Newspaper, authorised, &c.'

203—To commence 'Except at Masonic dinners.' To omit 'Funerals.' To make it clear that no Funeral with Masonic rites shall take place.

206—In 3rd line, to add 'twice' before 'formally.' In 5th line, to add 'temporary' before 'Exclusion.'

207—In 2nd line, to add 'Either permanently or for a stated period.' After 7th line, 'arrears of subscription shall be considered a complaint.'

209—To add 'no member in arrear shall be allowed to join another Lodge until arrears are paid.' To add 'that a Lodge failing to make enquiries shall pay arrears or be fined.'

210—That a rule respecting resignations in accordance with recent decisions be introduced. In 4th line, to add 'clearance' before 'Certificate.' 'That notices be given to other Lodges respecting Brethren in arrear.' 'That a Brother resigning should pay his proportion of the Lodge debts. In 2nd line, to strike out all after 'excluded' and add 'such resignation, or exclusion, and the reason thereof, be recorded on the minutes, and the Brother be entitled to have a copy.'

215—To add 'or Provincial Grand Master' and 'or Provincial Grand Secretary.'

216—To substitute 'seven' for 'three.'

220—That 'Lodge' be substituted for 'Board,' and that consequent alterations be made in Rule 223.

227—To substitute 'conditions' for 'formalities.'

233—In 3rd line, to omit 'through the Lodge in which he was initiated.'

238, 234, 235—To substitute 'five' for 'four.'

235—Relief to be given to a wife or child of a living Brother.

238, 240—To alter 'two' to 'five' or 'four.'

240—That petitions from the Provinces be sent to Provincial Grand Secretaries to report. In 7th line, to omit 'contributing.'

241—In 15th line, to add 'and other members of the same Lodge do.'

252—An alteration in the words with the same sense.

260—To substitute 'transact' for 'proceed to.'

285—To make exceptions for Foreign Visitors.

286—To omit 'or be consistent with.' To add 'under the control of.'

288—To omit 'only.'

289, 290—To substitute 'Elliptical' for 'oval.'

289—To substitute 'may' for 'shall.'

293—All presentation Jewels shall be gold or gilt.

297—In 7th line, to add after 'Lodge' 'those below the rank of Provincial or District Grand Deacons,' and omit 'they.' To substitute 'under' for 'over.'

303—To substitute 'a silver chain,' or 'a silver chain of authorised pattern,' for 'silver chain.'

304—To add 'at a Board of Installed Members, or when visiting other Lodges.' To add 'or when visiting other Lodges in their official capacity.'

306—8th paragraph to omit 'only.'

307—A fee of £3 3s. from a Deputy Provincial Grand Master. To make the quarterage in London and the Provinces the same.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The 85th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday. The large gathering of brethren and ladies who then assembled together for the support of the Institution was presided over by Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent, who has always been a warm supporter of the Masonic charities. The Grand Saloons and Summer Dining Rooms situate in the Railway Corridor, leading to the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Station, were reserved for the Festival. Covers were laid for 690; the tables being arranged in six divisions—viz., Nos. 1 to 11 and the dais tables in the Grand Saloon, Nos. 12 to 17 in the balcony, Nos. 18 to 21 in the ante-room, Nos. 22 to 25 in the corridor, while five others, lettered A to E, were placed in the Terrace Dining Room. At the dais table, supporting his Lordship, were Bros. Col. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M. Jersey (on his right), and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary (on his left), J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Horace Brooks Marshall, Col. James Peters, G. Swd. Br.; Chas. Hammerton, Frederick Davison, B. J. Thompson, Captain Richardson, T. H. Devonshire, G.J.D.; J. S. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M. Kent; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Bearer; E. D. Davy, Dr. Ramsay, Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap; F. Adlard, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Lovegrove, and others.

The following were present as special Stewards:

Bros. Richard Barham, 144; Charles Belton, 165; Capt. H. A. Bennett, E. Lancashire; Robert Berridge (Unattached); Edgar Bowyer, 1964; Thomas W. C. Bush (Unattached); George Cooper, Mark Degree; Thomas Cubitt, Mark Degree; Charles Dearing, 1632; C. P. Drawbridge, Kent; R. Durnell, Kent; G. P. Festa, 1900; J. H. Jewell, Kent; George Kenning (Unattached); Charles S. Lane, Durham; Jos. David Langton, 1673; Henry Mason, Kent; J. L. Mather, Com. D. Club; C. F. Matier (Unattached); P. McCarthy, 1076; Dr. George Mickley, R.A.C. 63; T. Hastings Miller (Unattached); J. Salmon (Unattached); W. F. Smithson, W. Yorkshire; C. E. Soppet, 1627; F. R. Spaul, N. Wales and Shropshire; J. H. Thompson, 1471; R. J. Taylor, 1922.

In rising to propose the first toast after dinner the Chairman said it would be needless to say that the first toast on this occasion was the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and it was not usual he thought in any assembly to give any reasons for observing that toast. Freemasons had several reasons at heart, but on that occasion, perhaps, they had more than usual, inasmuch as Her Majesty was patron of their Institution, and inasmuch as Her Majesty had that day entered upon the 47th year of her reign. He was sure that Masons in time to come would look back with grateful recollection to the reign of Queen Victoria.

In proposing the next toast the noble chairman said that the next to ast on the paper was the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master and President of the Institution. He thought they all felt a deep debt of gratitude to the Prince of Wales, inasmuch as with all the calls upon him he still found time to promote the cause of Masonry, and he had never been known to fail when he could promote the cause which he had at heart. And this they knew, that notwithstanding the multitudinous calls upon his time he did his best for the good of Freemasonry. In conversation with his royal highness the previous evening, the chairman said he mentioned that he was going to preside to day at this festival, and His Royal Highness had begged him to say to this meeting that he felt very gratified that the Institution had been so well supported, and that the principle of charity had been so admirably exemplified on the occasion.

The CHAIRMAN then said that after drinking the health of the M.W. Grand Master of the Order, the next toast was to the health of those who were his lieutenants in the Craft—"The Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; and the Provincial Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers." To each in their respective offices in Grand Lodge or in their respective provinces, what he had said of his Royal Highness would apply more or less. Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, but especially Lord Carnarvon, had very much to take up their time; but they devoted much of what they could spare to promote the cause of Freemasonry, which they had done in the most efficient way. Of the rest of the Grand Officers, being of that noble body himself, modestly forbade him to speak, but he asked the company to couple with that toast the name of Col. de Carteret, the R.W. Grand Master of Jersey, who sat upon his right, and Col. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, who was seated on his left. These two officers had done credit to their offices, and fully justified their appointment by the Prince of Wales.

Col. MALET DE CARTERET, in acknowledging the compliment, said he regretted that it devolved upon him to return thanks for this toast because he could hardly speak in public. He would only say that he felt most grateful for the manner in which the toast had been proposed by their Chairman, and for the way in which it had been received by the company. With regard to Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, the Chairman had said all that was necessary. With regard to the Provincial Grand Masters and the Present and Past Grand Officers, he could only say that they, one and all, endeavoured to discharge their duties, and to justify the choice of officers to rule the provinces made by the Prince of Wales. They did their best, and would continue to do their best.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said that he would confine himself to thanking his lordship for the flattering comments he as Chairman had been pleased to make upon him. He in common with the other Grand Officers felt great interest in this Institution, and would be sorry to delay for one moment the announcements to be made with respect to it.

Col. DE CARTERET said it devolved upon him to propose one of the toasts of the evening, namely, "That of their noble Chairman." He regretted that he did not possess eloquence, or he could dilate for a considerable time upon his lordship's excellences. He (Col. Carteret) fancied that a great many fellow countrymen could say very much more than he could. From his earliest youth Lord Holmesdale had served the State, the country, and Freemasonry. At a very early age after attaining his majority he was in Parliament, and within a year or two after he became the Grand Master of the great and noble province he represents. He must be proud of the very good meeting, the very large assemblage of Masons over which he was presiding, and he must be proud of the fact that this would be the largest amount of money ever brought forward to any Masonic charity. He would ask the ladies and gentlemen present to drink to the very good health of Lord Holmesdale.

LORD HOLMESDALE said he could only say that he was extremely

obliged to them all, as he was to Col. Carteret, for the kind manner in which the toast had been received, and for the kind words in which it had been proposed. He certainly had had the good fortune to lead a tolerably active life, and he thought it was incumbent upon those whom the Grand Master had appointed in the Craft to show that they were not unmindful of the Grand Master's or Provincial Grand Masters' good opinion of them, but should justify their opinion of them; and he should be very happy indeed to do all in his power while occupying the chair to promote the happiness of an auspicious occasion like the present. He had, he said, now disposed of the preceding toasts with as much brevity as he thought consistent with the respect due to the subjects of them; but as the toast he was about to propose was the toast of the evening, perhaps they would allow him to devote a little longer time to it. He thought that to those who in past years had taken interest in the success of that institution nothing was more striking than the enormous sums which had lately been collected for it. Bro. Havers had told him that, in former times, £800, brought up by eight or ten stewards, was thought an uncommonly good sum. He (the Chairman) could not pretend to carry his recollections so far back as that; but he remembered when he took the chair at the Festival of the Boys' School, twenty-one years ago, the unprecedented subscription of £3780 was brought up, and that they all congratulated themselves upon such an enormous amount being brought up to the funds of the Charity, and he recollected that Bro. Binckes then prophesied that even £10,000 might be collected. But they all answered, "Bro. Binckes, thou art beside thyself; too much zeal for Freemasonry hath made thee mad." They would not believe that such a sum as £10,000 could be collected. Without attempting to anticipate—I should be cruel to do it—without attempting to anticipate the satisfaction which the Secretary would have in reading out the list of subscriptions, the Chairman said he was not breaking any confidence in saying that they had collected more than twice the prophesied amount. There had been some who had thought that the making a special collection for the Preparatory School would damage the Boys' School; but he begged to assure those that the main fund devoted to the Boys' School had not been deteriorated, but benefited. But then ladies and gentlemen would naturally say, "if you are so rich what in the world are you going to do with all the money?" Well, he was sorry to say that as their funds had augmented, so invariably had the claims upon the Institution grown greater and greater. And here he thought it not out of place to say that it did seem to him in some cases those claims were such as ought to be looked at with some amount of suspicion. No institution was perfect, but he thought with those who took an interest in the Fund of Benevolence and Masonic Institutions, there was no doubt that there were certain lodges which sent up a great many claimants either to the Fund of Benevolence or to the Masonic Institutions, and he must say from the way in which the members of the Craft were sometimes increased, that Masters if they believed that a candidate was put up for their lodge who thought rather more of the large sums annually given away by Freemasons than the principles of the institution, that they should rather point out to the aspirant for membership that what he required was a thrift society rather than that which we belonged to. Masonry never was meant to be a gigantic benefit society. We Masons should find ample room and scope enough within our own borders. It was perfectly right when unforeseen misfortune took one of our number, whether by the death of the breadwinner or by the chances and changes of this mortal life, to which we were all of us subject, it was well that we should be able to come forward and tender them the right hand of fellowship, not empty, to provide some decent comfort and support to old Masons during their remaining years, taking charge of their sons and daughters, and maybe their relatives, and fitting them to fight the battle of life by taking the charge of their maintenance off the hands of their relations, giving them a thoroughly sound education. These were ample and noble objects for the funds of the Craft. He would not speak now of the other Masonic Institutions, but confine himself to that in whose honour they had met that day. He thought that they need not be afraid of the success which had attended the Institution. If they would look at the report they would find that many years ago Masons began in fear and trembling by educating five boys; but from time to time they increased the number of those boys; but many years rolled over before they built an institution of their own, and even as late as 1850 it was thought a task beyond the Masonic Fraternity to build a school for themselves. They had built a Boys' School—they hoped to build a Preparatory School—and in that school they gave education to 213 children of brother Masons who had not been fortunate. If they wished to know how sound the education was he would point to the report where they would find that of the boys sent up for the local examinations of the different colleges 18 had passed, 12 in honours, the other six being content with a pass. If that did not speak for the soundness of the education given in that school nothing would, but if there were any doubt as to the working of the school, he could only say that the prizes would be given away on that day week and he was sure that it would be a pleasure to the Secretary and the boys themselves, if their friends would go down and see the distribution. He was sure nothing encouraged those boys more than that those who took an interest in bringing in subscriptions should take an interest in the school that their subscriptions be kept up. His lordship added that he thought he had said enough to commend the toast he was about to propose to the favourable notice of the company. It was "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys" with which he would couple the name of the Treasurer of the school of Bro. Plucknett, a Mason who was well known by name if not personally. He was a gentleman who had taken a great interest in this Institution, and was very active amongst our large public institutions.

W. Bro. GEORGE PLUCKNETT said he thanked the Chairman for having associated his name with the prosperity of the Institution, in which he had always taken a very great interest. The Institution was immensely indebted to Lord Holmesdale for taking the chair on this occasion. It was a gratifying circumstance that, being assembled on the 47th anniversary of the accession of the present Queen, the patron of the Institution, they might look forward to the announcement of the largest donation they had ever received. The amount made him feel so astonished and delighted that he was not able to express the gratification he felt at the result. He believed it was the largest subscription that had ever been received by any charitable institution in England, and that was saying a great deal. He said this, knowing something of the subject—knowing that nearly four millions were given to charities in London every year. He remembered Bro. Harker, the toast-master, telling him that he had kept a memorandum of the subscriptions given at dinners at which he had been toast-master in one year, and the sum amounted to a million-and-a-half sterling. The amounts

to-night would be given to them by Bro. Binckes. He would tell them with a stronger voice and with more energy, but not with more happiness. He would tell them with pride and with the enthusiasm that was in his nature the local totals of the subscription list. Bro. Plucknett said he remembered having called at the office a day or two after the last Festival at Brighton, and to his great surprise he saw hanging up in the office the list of Stewards for to-day. That was 12 months ago, and there had been Bro. Binckes working from that time to this when he was waiting to tell them the result with which they would be delighted. That result had been consequent in part upon the interest taken by the ladies whom he (Bro. Plucknett) desired to thank heartily for their support and for attending there that night. He need not add that the large amount that had been contributed that night would be expended in the way in which they desired that they should be spent. He thanked them for the cordial and hearty reception they had given to this toast.

Bro. FREDK. BINCKES, Secretary of the Institution, said that it was just possible that he might have to intrude upon their time to an extent somewhat longer than might be welcome, but he assured them he would not occupy one moment idly, or more than was necessary to communicate to them the information he had to supply on this auspicious occasion, and give them the details of the result of this auspicious assembly, and congratulate the noble lord who presided there to-night, and the numerous band of brothers, who had contributed to the success. He would ask them to be patient with him if they fancied that he occupied their time for one moment more than he ought. With reference to the substantial pecuniary result of the exertions of the 128 London stewards who had given their services. Among the lodges which had collected £100 and upwards were: 59, 901, 1383, 1538, 1585, 1641, 1657, 1671, 1719, 1743, 1900, 1964. The highest amount realised by one lodge was £200. Lodge, 1538 (Bro. Robertson). They then had the Stewardship only instituted during the last three years of a body which was very intimately associated with the Boys' School—the Dinner Club. Bro. J. L. Mather represented that, a brother whom he might be allowed to remind them had been returned at the top of the poll for the Board of General Purposes, that Stewardship brought in £200. Bro. Binckes then read the following list of results: Coming to the Province of Kent, he said that it was not because the R.W. Provincial Grand Master was present that he wished to say that he had spent some of the happiest moments in his Masonic career within that province. And he wished to add that in 1862, at the first festival after he was honoured with the Secretaryship, he was placed under a deep obligation to Lord Holmesdale (who stepped into the breach when the chairman of the day was prevented from attending), when the results of the festival were a collection of £3682. Twenty-one years since that date they were honoured by his lordship accepting the presidency, and the result of the collection in the province was a sum of £2000, which included the qualification of the noble lord and that of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes. (Cheers.) As regards East Lancashire, time would not permit him to express the deep debt of gratitude he owed to his friends in East Lancashire. With 40 Stewards that province had contributed £2100. (Cheers.) West Lancashire, with nine Stewards, which had already contributed enormous sums to the Masonic Charities, now brought £292; Rutland, £405; Middlesex, £141; Norfolk, £126. And now he came to mention a province with wonder and admiration. Some few years ago it was his pleasant duty to visit the province of Northumberland, but the Prov. Grand Secretary—in whose presence he was now speaking—Bro. Benjamin Thompson, did not concur in his views at the time. Time, however, worked wonders. The words "pervert" and "convert" were bandied about in various senses, and he (Bro. Binckes) did not care whether Bro. Thompson was a pervert to his own theory or a convert to his, but he had at a recent visit given Bro. Binckes his name as a Steward, and came forward to-day with a total of £1230. (Applause.) The province was presided over by one of the best friends of the Institution—the Right Hon. Earl Percy. With regard to West Yorkshire, Bro. Binckes said that in days gone by there was not one province with which he was more intimately associated. Nothing had altered their support of the Institution, and with forty-one Stewards they brought £1500. Having concluded reading the list, Bro. Binckes said that he thought the total would be received, he would not say with surprise, but with infinite satisfaction. The results of the metropolitan lists amounted to £6526, to which had to be added "unattacked," £750, giving a total of £7273. (Applause.) Before he gave the provincial total he might be allowed to say a word. He had some years since instituted what had been termed a crusade in the provinces to tell the provincial brethren at personal visits all about this Institution, and this, he believed was the only means at that time that they had of being made acquainted with what was being done by the Institution. The results of the crusade were most satisfactory; but he (Bro. Binckes), when he was ridiculed for prophesying the collection of £10,000 in a single year, had no thought that he should live to announce such a sum as that which he had now to announce. In making this announcement he had no desire to take the credit to himself; his desire always was to throw all the glory of the achievement on the number of good friends scattered all over the country who, by his or some undefined agency, had been induced to come forward. The total of the contributions from the Provinces was £15,171. That, added to the Metropolitan amount of £7,273, made a grand total of £22,444. (Applause.) That enabled him to congratulate his Lordship on being President at the most successful festival ever held, either in Masonry or outside Masonry. The result he was rejoiced to tell the noble lord—with eleven lists to come in—was £22,444. (Prolonged cheers.) Bro. Binckes again rose and said, that he was informed that he had omitted to read the contribution from Suffolk; if that was so, he begged to add that, with four Stewards, Suffolk had contributed £265. (Applause.)

Bro. MATIER: I will ask you to give three cheers for the prosperity of the Institution. (Three very hearty enthusiastic cheers were given by the company.)

Bro. BINCKES: I find I have been guilty of another omission—that of Somerset—from which province we have 100 guineas contributed from the Royal Cumberland Lodge on the occasion of their completing an existence of 150 years.

The noble CHAIRMAN then rose and said that he thought after the announcement they had just heard they would be enabled to go with considerable spirit through the rest of the toasts. The next toast was "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and Members of the Committee," whose services were amply repaid by the success of the Institution to which they had contributed. The members of the Committee really did the work; they had with the Secretary to look after the well-being of the boys and meet them here to-day with the report they had brought up. He was sure

that those present would not like them to go away without having their efforts acknowledged. (The Chairman said that he had a pretty strong voice, but it would not over-power the voices of 50 ladies at the door; and he was sorry that in these days of women's rights their voices had become shriller than ever.) He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Montagu, who had been a consistent supporter of the Order.

Bro. MONTAGU said he thanked them for the handsome way in which they had responded to this toast. Nothing could give him greater pleasure than asking money to help our great charities to bring up such a sum as would enable the Committee of that School to educate more boys, and put them forward in the world—all the children of distressed brethren who might want assistance; and he thought that in time they would be able to give that assistance to all who required it.

Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G. Chap., said he had the pleasure to propose the next toast. It devolved upon him to ask those present to respond to the toast of "Success to the other Masonic Charities," "The Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls," and "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." It was usual in proposing this toast to connect with it the name of the Secretary of the Institution whose Festival came next in order of date. He therefore would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Terry, but he could not sit down without congratulating them upon having such a subscription as had never been announced before. The other Institutions was equally deserving of support, viz., the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, whose prosperity he asked them to drink to, and he would couple with he toast the name of Bro. Terry, who was the most benevolent old man he knew.

Bro. TERRY, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, rose to respond to the toast which had been so kindly and very generously proposed by his esteemed friend Bro. Martyn, Dep. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk, to whom the two Institutions were deeply indebted for the compliment paid by having this toast proposed by Bro. Martyn. He could not but say that there were points in one's life which would never be forgotten, and he ventured to say that in their Masonic life the year 1883 and the festival of the Boys' School would always be known as the Holmesdale year. There was the best feeling existing between the Secretaries of the three Institutions, and there were now two sincere hearts in the Secretaries of the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution who could and did most sincerely congratulate their colleague on the magnificent success which had attended this festival. Bro. Martyn had said that he hoped that success would attend the work of the other Institution, though the inducement for persons to subscribe to the Boys' School was open to the 31st December, and then as Secretary to the poor Old Men and Women he (Bro. Terry) would have to make his appeal. He would have only seven weeks to the following February in which to appeal to the Craft at large for support. He would however remind them that the old men never could be girls and the old ladies never could be boys, but that both girls and boys might come to be old men and women and he trusted that the Craft—so large-hearted and generous and warmly-disposed to them all—would never let the other Institutions suffer in consequence of the magnificent success of the Boys' School.

COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said they had had such a magnificent result of the festival, and had been looking to the results of the work, but he thought that they should look to the second page of their programme, which contained a list of about 40 persons under the presidency of Bro. Starkie, who had been devoting the whole of their time and energy with results which they had seen. Therefore he thought they would agree with him that all honour was due to those brethren who had co-operated with Bro. Binckes in producing this result. He thought they could do no less than thank those 40 good brethren for their labours, and although it would not be fair to work a willing horse to death, yet he thought they would agree with him in hoping that, when the festival of the Boys' School came round again Bro. Binckes might be supported by a body as good as the present body was. He concluded by proposing the health of the Board of Stewards, coupled with the name of Bro. Eastes, Dep. G.M. for the Province of Kent.

Bro. EASTES thanked the Chairman and also Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke and the company generally for the compliment that had been paid to the Board of Stewards. They all took a deep interest in the success of the Boys' School, and were proud to be associated with such a gathering as the present festival, which had achieved such a grand result.

Bro. GODSON said that he had been unexpectedly called upon to propose the last toast, and he could only say with regard to the ladies that without them this festival would not have been anything like the success which it had been in a pecuniary point of view. Since the beginning of this year the brethren of his profession had had great doubts of

the future because they did not know how the ladies stood under the new Act. Not only will the ladies stand well to the front in themselves, but when they wanted to get a little more forward they had the greatest pleasure of putting other people behind them. What the ladies had done they would continue to do, and his Bro. Terry would be happy to receive at the hands of the ladies any amount of subscriptions that they were kind enough to collect for him; and if any lady felt anxious to do better than she had already done, he would suggest that she should become a vice-patron of the charity.

Bro. BOWYER briefly returned thanks on behalf of the ladies.

The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Geo. T. Carter, assisted by Miss José Sherrington, Madame Florence Winn, Bros. John Hodges, Fred Cozens, and Lawler. Bro. G. F. Smith presided at the piano.

The favor worn by the Stewards contained the arms of the Chairman, Viscount Holmesdale—three tilting javelins on a shield, surmounted by a Viscount's coronet, and having a scroll at the bottom bearing the name of the Institution. The jewel was suspended by a crimson ribbon, on which was attached the White Horse of Kent with the motto "Invicta." Bro. George Kenning was the manufacturer.



The following list of the subscriptions and donations announced at the Festival has been kindly furnished to us by Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Institution; but the reader must accept it subject to such corrections and additions as are inevitable in the circumstances. Moreover, as many of the Provincial lists are incomplete, we give only the totals as approximately ascertained for each Province. The complete lists, with the names of Stewards, will appear next week.

LONDON.

Lodge.	£	s.	d.	Lodge.	£	s.	d.
Grand Stewards, Bro. Webster Glynes ...	26	5	0	1155 Bro. G. Burney ...	5	5	0
1 Grand Masters ...	10	10	0	1159 " H. H. Room ...	27	16	6
1 Bro. Ralph Gooding ...	26	5	0	1260 " John H. Southwood ...	92	18	0
1 " J. G. L. Hemmerde ...	26	5	0	1278 " Albert Jones ...	40	18	6
2 " G. A. Ames ...	52	10	0	1288 " J. Pigot ...	10	10	0
3 " F. McDougall ...	12	12	0	1288 " Thos. Goode ...	58	18	0
4 " Rev. C. W. Weldon ...	10	10	0	1298 " Geo. E. Bean ...	29	8	0
4 " C. B. Cousens ...	18	18	0	1339 " C. Hammerton ...	52	10	0
6 " A. E. Craven ...	21	0	0	1365 " Charles Steel ...	72	9	0
7 " J. W. Brunning ...	22	1	0	1381 " W. P. Webb ...	143	17	0
8 " Joseph Russell ...	19	19	0	1383 " Hon. Col. W. L. P. Trench ...	120	15	0
9 " S. Vallentine ...	23	12	6	1471 " Horace J. Thompson ...	83	9	6
14 " Edgar Figgess ...	13	13	0	1538 " T. J. Robertson ...	200	0	0
18 " W. R. Freeman ...	52	10	0	1540 " Henry Faija ...	25	0	0
18 " Capt. C. Probyn ...	31	10	0	1541 " W. W. Snelling ...	73	10	0
19 " W. M. Bywater ...	37	6	0	1559 " T. Grummaut ...	75	12	0
21 " R. C. Grant ...	39	18	0	1585 " F. H. Smith ...	108	3	0
22 " G. M. Vane ...	25	0	0	1602 " C. Dearing ...	38	6	6
23 " Jermyn Boyd ...	21	0	0	1604 " Capt. F. Butterworth ...	64	1	0
26 " R. Beaumont ...	17	17	0	1622 " T. W. Clauson ...	68	5	0
27 " C. J. Cuthbertson ...	72	19	6	1641 " S. H. Goldschmidt ...	100	0	0
29 " H. W. Hunt ...	32	11	0	1657 " George Kenning ...	105	0	0
33 " A. C. Tanqueray ...	37	16	0	1671 " H. H. Wells ...	116	11	0
46 " G. Drysdale ...	50	8	0	1687 " E. L. P. Valeriani ...	48	15	0
55 " J. Johnston, jun. ...	61	19	0	1693 " J. H. Hawkins ...	24	3	0
59 " H. W. Homann ...	151	4	0	1694 " R. Bird ...	21	10	6
60 " Alfred Layton ...	21	0	0	1702 " C. Hawksley ...	63	0	0
65 " G. Schadler ...	110	0	0	1704 " T. Wells Thorpe ...	49	7	0
73 " T. Palmer ...	27	6	0	1719 " F. Davies ...	150	3	0
91 " T. Logan ...	29	8	0	1724 " R. A. Bayford ...	21	0	0
99 " E. Caffin ...	40	0	0	1743 " Louis A. Lewis ...	115	15	0
140 " G. Brown ...	63	11	0	1745 " James Strugnell ...	63	0	0
141 " W. E. Whadcoat ...	32	11	6	1766 " Jno. Roberts ...	36	15	0
144 " R. Barham ...	26	5	0	1820 " Thos. Trollope ...	43	1	0
165 " C. Belton ...	42	0	0	1839 " G. F. Smith, jun. ...	31	10	0
171 " Joseph Clever ...	52	10	0	1891 " F. E. Pocock ...	15	15	0
172 " R. D. Hilton ...	38	6	6	1900 " G. P. Festa ...	112	10	0
173 " F. Foxley ...	122	17	0	1922 " Robt. J. Taylor ...	28	7	0
174 " C. H. Webb ...	79	5	6	1928 " Herbert Wright ...	29	8	0
179 " W. Hopelkirk ...	96	12	0	1949 " H. B. Marshall ...	105	0	0
180 " C. Josiah Wade ...	68	5	0	1964 " Edgar Bowyer ...	100	0	0
181 " Alfred Layton ...	15	15	0	ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.			
183 " H. C. Archer ...	57	15	0	63 Comp. Dr. Geo. Mickley ...	36	15	0
185 " A. E. Staley ...	60	2	0	813 " H. J. Gabb ...	50	8	0
186 " W. Mann ...	70	7	0	1766 " E. J. Rose ...	10	10	0
186 " T. K. Tallent ...	10	10	0	COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.			
192 " J. G. Chillingworth ...	26	15	6	Bro. J. L. Mather ...	200	0	0
194 " T. G. Smith ...	55	0	0	UNATTACHED.			
201 " Thos. Wallis ...	24	6	0	Bro. Robt. Berridge ...	63	0	0
205 " C. F. Hogard ...	68	10	0	" F. Binckes ...	10	10	0
206 " S. Gamman ...	50	0	0	" T. W. C. Bush ...	37	16	0
211 " W. W. Morgan ...	81	7	6	" Thomas Cull ...	100	16	0
259 " Dr. F. W. Ramsay ...	85	1	0	" E. B. Harding ...	10	10	0
435 " W. H. Hooper ...	52	10	0	" Aeneas J. McIntyre ...	52	10	0
334 " J. Lancaster ...	26	5	0	" C. F. Matier ...	115	10	0
569 " S. J. Stohwasser ...	111	11	0	" Carter Millbourne ...	52	10	0
657 " W. Maple ...	34	13	0	" T. Hastings Miller ...	42	0	0
715 " E. W. Richardson ...	12	12	0	" J. M. P. Montagu ...	63	0	0
753 " H. Slyman ...	32	10	0	" Rev. R. Morris ...	10	10	0
754 " E. G. Lewis ...	71	8	0	" J. Salmon ...	15	15	0
766 " A. Le Grand ...	52	10	0	" C. E. Soppet ...	21	0	0
822 " Ernest Trower ...	74	11	0	" J. Stanley ...	52	10	0
871 " E. Good ...	47	5	0	" A. Torkington ...	105	0	0
901 " J. Hughes ...	100	6	0	" A. Williams ...	15	15	0
917 " F. Lovell Keays ...	10	10	0	" Rev. A. F. A. Woodford ...	21	0	0
969 " W. H. Cotton ...	42	10	6				
1076 " Patrick McCarthy ...	126	0	0				

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS ...	£178	14	6	NORFOLK ...	£26	5	0
CHESHIRE ...	164	17	0	NORTHUMBERLAND ...	1222	13	0
CORNWALL ...	128	7	0	OXFORDSHIRE ...	73	17	0
CUMBERLAND AND WEST-MORLAND ...	1000	0	0	SOMERSETSHIRE ...	357	10	6
DERBYSHIRE ...	238	17	0	STAFFORDSHIRE ...	460	9	0
DEVONSHIRE ...	317	6	0	SUFFOLK ...	265	13	0
DORSETSHIRE ...	79	16	0	SURREY ...	68	15	0
DURHAM ...	115	10	0	SUSSEX ...	364	17	0
ESSEX ...	158	11	0	WARWICKSHIRE ...	215	5	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE ...	586	2	0	WILTSHIRE ...	135	9	0
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT ...	374	4	6	WORCESTERSHIRE ...	328	6	0
HEREFORDSHIRE ...	53	11	0	YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST) ...	879	1	0
HERTFORDSHIRE ...	105	0	0	YORKSHIRE (WEST) ...	1500	0	0
KENT ...	1990	0	6	NORTH WALES AND SALOP ...	10	10	0
LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION) ...	2100	0	0	SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION) ...	230	0	0
LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION) ...	292	5	6	SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION) ...	350	0	0
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND ...	405	0	0	JERSEY ...	210	0	0
MIDDLESEX ...	141	17	6	FOREIGN STATIONS ...	74	0	0
				MARK MASTER'S DEGREE ...	218	8	0

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

Having given full particulars of the Festival and the figures so far as it was possible and subject to the proviso we have prefixed, we purpose entering somewhat minutely into the returns, so that our readers may be in a position to appreciate more clearly the magnitude of the success which it was Bro. Binckes's good fortune to be in a position to announce. The total, as already stated, was £22,444, and of this magnificent sum—"big" figures, be it remembered, justify "big" adjectives—more by nearly £1000 was received from the Provinces alone than has been received at any previous Masonic Festival. The total result exceeds the highest ever yet announced at any anniversary, whether non-Masonic or Masonic by over £5,000. In these circumstances it is no wonder that the figures above given should have excited almost as much astonishment as enthusiasm. Be it now, however, our agreeable task to analyse the returns so that the lodges and brethren both in London and the provinces may be able to single out the different performances in which they have a special interest.

Having made these remarks by way of preface, let us devote some space to a consideration of the part played at the Festival by

LONDON.

The number of Stewards is greater than we have known it before, but of the 143 whose names appear in the list there are 22 of them unattached. Of the remaining 121, one, Bro. J. L. Mather, represents the Committee Dinner Club, while five are Stewards for as many chapters, of whom three, Comps. Hogard, Cama, and Hawkins' act for lodges likewise. This leaves us a balance of 115 Stewards who have acted on behalf of 110 lodges, five of the latter having sent up two Stewards each. From these figures it appears that the lodges in the metropolitan district have had an average representation at this Festival, namely, 110 out of 322 lodges, or rather more than one-third. It has been more than once remarked that London rarely exerts itself to the extent that might be expected of it, and also that, while many lodges make a point of sending up Stewards to every Festival that is held, without distinction of institution, there is even a greater number which stay away with unerring regularity. There is doubtless something more than a mere grain of truth in the statement, and yet a close examination of the returns will show that London cuts a more respectable figure than is at first sight apparent. Of the 322 lodges that meet within its borders there are, in addition to the 110 which contributed to Wednesday's festival, no less than 107 which have sent Stewards to one or both of the earlier Festivals during the current year, so that, as a matter of fact, two-thirds of the London lodges have done something for one or more of our Institutions in 1883. Of these two-thirds, 30 have been represented at all three anniversaries, 36 at two out of the three, and 151 at one only. The remaining 105 lodges have done nothing, though many among them will be found to have contributed in previous years, and many others are as yet too young to have been able to make much of a figure.

The aggregate of London contributions is represented by the very handsome total of £7273, the following being the more considerable items, namely: Bros. T. J. Robertson, of St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538, and J. L. Mather, acting as Steward for the Committee Dinner Club, whose lists, amounting each to £200, share between them the honours of first place. Next come and almost, as it were, treading on each other's heels, Bro. H. W. Homann, Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, with £151 4s.; and F. Davies, of Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, with £150 3s.; Bro. W. P. Webb, of Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, being close up with £143 17s. We then have a group of lists, to wit, those of Bro. F. Foxley, of Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, for £122 17s.; Bro. Patrick McCarthy, of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, for £120 15s.; Bro. Hon. Col. W. L. P. Trench, Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, £118 15s.; Bro. H. H. Wells, Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, £116 11s.; and Bro. Louis A. Leins, Perseverance Lodge, No. 1743, and Bro. C. F. Matier, unattached, each for £115 10s. Bro. G. P. Festa, of Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, follows with £112 10s.; this being his third Stewardship during the present year, his lists to the Benevolent and Girls' School making with his present return but little short of £420. Bro. S. J. Stohwasser, W.M. of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, has worthily upheld its repute with a list of £111 11s., and the same may be said of Bro. G. Schadler, who holds a like position in Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, and whose list is a round £110. Bro. F. H. Smith, W.M. of Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, without any intention of playing upon words, may be said to have commemorated both his Stewardship and his Mastership with a goodly list of £108 3s. The remaining three-figure lists are those of Bros. A. Torkington, unattached; H. B. Marshall, W.M. Brixton Lodge, No. 1949; and George Kenning, P.M. and Treasurer Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, who figure each for £105; Bro. T. Cull, unattached, whose list is £100 16s.; Bro. J. Hughes, W.M. of City of London Lodge, No. 901, £100 6s., and Bros. E. Bowyer, G. Std. Br., W.M. of Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, and S. H. Goldschmidt, P.M. Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, each of whom figures for £100.

We must now give our attention to

THE PROVINCES.

Which, if they do not muster amongst them an unprecedented number of representatives, make in one sense a far more imposing display than they have done before. A glance at the lists of later years will show that, as a rule, about three-fourths of the provinces have sent up Stewards, but in respect of Wednesday's Festival, we cannot call to mind a single occasion on which the provincial representation has been extended over so large an area. Thirty-five out of the 41 provinces are entered in the returns we publish elsewhere in our columns, the absentees being Bristol, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Monmouthshire, Norths. and Hunts., and Nottinghamshire, the number of lodges in these provinces amounting to 64. But Bristol raised in round figures £217, Norths. and Hunts. £221, and Nottinghamshire £190 for the Benevolent Institution in February, while Cambridgeshire contributed £128 and Monmouthshire £236 to the Girls' School in May. Thus Lincolnshire is the only province which has been conspicuous by its absence from all three festivals in the present year. Another feature is worthy of a passing comment. Kent, as the Chairman's province, would naturally have a strong muster of brethren acting on its behalf, but East Lancashire and West Yorkshire are quite as formidable in point of numbers, the three provinces reckoning amongst them 119 out of the 244 Provincial Stewards, or as nearly as possible one-half. On the occasions when the Chairman of the day has hailed from one of the Lancashire Divisions or from West Yorkshire, he has been loyally backed up by his province, but other provinces do not often appear to have put forth any unusual degree of strength. Possibly the double votes for contributions to the Preparatory School Building Fund will account for this. But, whatever the cause, Lord Holmesdale and his distinguished coadjutors, Bros. Lieut.-Col. Starkie and Sir Henry Edwards, have every reason to be satisfied, or rather gratified, at the liberal support they have received from their several provinces. However, let us proceed to give particulars respecting each provincial district. Taking them in alphabetical order, the first that presents itself is

BERKS AND BUCKS.

It has a very popular chief in R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., a zealous Deputy in Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., and an indefatigable Secretary in Bro. Robert Bradley, of Reading, who on this occasion appears to have acted as Steward for the whole province, while four of the twenty-one lodges which constitute it were directly represented by as many brethren. With an executive so capable, it is not surprising that Berks and Bucks should be almost as regular in its attendance at our Anniversary Festivals as the latter are in their occurrence. Last year it gave nearly £620 among the three Institutions. This year it has already contributed close on £110 to the Benevolent Institution, and upwards of £183 to the Girls' School. Its total on Wednesday reached £178 14s. 6d., making, in round figures, for 1883, £472.

CHESHIRE.

With a muster roll of 39 lodges, though it has a Masonic Educational Institution of its own, is variably prepared with a contribution more or less substantial. Two lodges, Nos. 428 and 721, did duty for it in February; three, namely, Nos. 89, 1289, and 1565, in May; and now five others, Nos. 104, 321, 537, 758, and 979, by the hands of eight Stewards, have subscribed amongst them £164 17s. Thus one fourth of the lodges belonging to this province have figured at one or other of this year's Anniversary Festivals.

For the third time this year

CORNWALL

Which has twenty-eight lodges has entered an appearance in the subscription list, Bro. Bake having acted on each occasion as the representative of No. 1151, while in May, Bro. Capt. Colvill who was Steward of the One and All Lodge, No. 331, on Wednesday, acted at the Girls' School Festival in May last for the whole province. Between them they have raised £128 7s., making a total for 1883 of £243 10s. In previous years, under the auspices of such worthy brethren as Bro. W. J. Hugan, the province has contributed liberally.

Passing by a rapid transition from the extreme south-west to the extreme north-west of England we are introduced to Bro. G. J. McKay, the genial Prov. Grand Secretary of

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

Who, not for the first time even in this year of grace 1883, has taken upon himself to act on behalf of his hospitable province and its 20 lodges. Almost invariably, when he has accepted this responsibility, he has been found equal to the occasion, and Lord Bective, Prov. G.M., must be more than a little gratified with the result in the present instance. A total of £1000, in the circumstances of the province, which can boast of no great industrial centre, is splendidly satisfactory.

There are also a score of lodges all told on the roll of

DERBYSHIRE.

Which, in 1882, raised a fraction over £690 for our three Institutions, and was represented at the Festivals both of February and May last. Bro. Jas. B. Coulson, appears to have acted as representative of the province of which he is Grand Senior Warden, and Bros. J. R. Cain, W. L. Ball, and G. Day were Stewards for Nos. 353, 802, and 1324 respectively. The total resulting from their joint efforts is £238 17s., giving for the whole year £359 4s.

After this brief sojourn in the Midlands we direct our steps once again to the South West, and find ourselves in the delightful county which as it is washed by two seas—the Bristol and English channels—is appropriately famous for its two C's—to wit, its cream and cider.

DEVONSHIRE.

Is a strong province and a liberal one, and its 50 lodges could hardly have put their hands on a worthier or more zealous representative than Bro. J. E. Curteis, a P.P.G.S.W., whose efforts, we are satisfied, have been most ably seconded by Bro. Lane, No. 1402, Steward for the third time this year on Wednesday, and Bros. Rev. P. Williams, No. 112, and J. Simpson, No. 1254. The sum total so far, is £317 6s., which added to former contributions during the current year, amounting to £277 14s., reaches to £595 for 1883 as against £565 in 1882.

Turning eastward we come to the contiguous province of

DORSETSHIRE.

With its compact array of thirteen lodges, and find ourselves again under the agreeable necessity of expressing our satisfaction at the work that has been done. It will surprise no one to be told that with such bright Masonic lights as Bros. Montague J. Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M.; J. M. P. Montagu, Past D.P.G.M. and Prov. G. Superintendent; and R. N. Howard, Prov. G. Secretary, this province invariably acquits itself well on these occasions. At the Festival just passed its joint representatives, Bros. Howard and W. Douglas Dugdale, handed in together £79 16s., and this in addition to contributions at the February and May festivals. It must also be a source of satisfaction to the province that, though Bro. Montagu's services have not been at its disposal in this instance, his name and list will be found among those of the unattached Stewards of the London district.

Once again we travel northward to the province that is ruled over by the Marquis of Londonderry, who presided at the Boys' School Festival in 1881. Of the thirty lodges on the roll of

DURHAM.

Two, No. 764, a Hartlepool Lodge, and No. 1379, of Darlington, were represented by Bros. C. S. Lane, who was also a Steward for the Benevolent in February, and C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., who likewise does duty for Norfolk, of which he is Prov. G. Registrar. Between them they handed in subscriptions amounting to £115 10s., thus raising the total for the year to £265 3s. 6d. Last year it gave over £412, and in 1881 close on £1024.

A few hours' journey by rail and we find ourselves in

ESSEX.

One of the several counties washed by the river Thames. Like the rest of the home counties, it rarely misses the opportunity of being present at these festivals, and on this occasion two of its twenty lodges sent up Stewards, namely, Bros. J. Child, W.M. of No. 453, and R. Clowes, W.M. of 650. Their lists together amount to £158 11s. In February it contributed to the Benevolent by the hands of five Stewards over £235, and in May to the Girls' School, per three Stewards, £97. Last year it gave close on £354 among the three Institutions.

Westward Ho is the direction we are next bound for, to

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Which, with its fourteen lodges, raised last year no less a sum than £548 for the two Schools and the Benevolent, and in 1881, £1547, the Girls' School receiving £1000, while the remainder was very fairly apportioned between the Benevolent and the Boys'. This year it had already subscribed nearly £250, all of which save a modest 35 guineas found its way into the coffers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when on Wednesday its sixteen stewards, including the D.P.G. Master, Bro. J. Brook-Smith, had the satisfaction of handing over to Bro. Binckes the capital sum of £586 2s., a contribution which has doubtless made glad the heart of the Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P. Two returns, one of which is the D.P.G.M.'s, have yet to be received.

The transition from the Province governed by this respected chief to that of his equally respected cousin, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., is a most appropriate one.

HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Having regard to its performance at the Girls' Festival in May, when its chief occupied the chair and the Province with its twenty stewards raised the very handsome amount of, in round figures, £1,307, might fairly have been excused had it absented itself on Wednesday. But three brethren

acting on behalf of two of its 39 lodges, manfully came forward and helped to swell the general total by what, under the circumstances, may certainly be described as the excellent contribution of £374 4s. 6d., more especially when it is borne in mind that in February it contributed only a few shillings less than £150 to the Benevolent Institution. One list has apparently yet to come.

We welcome the appearance of the little Province of

HEREFORDSHIRE

The more heartily, because it has been so frequently an absentee. On this occasion the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. John Buckle, of Lodge No. 751, has done good service to the four lodges which constitute the province by handing in a list of £35 11s.

The next province we come to,

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Though it has but a round dozen of lodges, is a constant and liberal supporter of all three Institutions. Five lodges and the chapter attached to one of them figured at the last Benevolent Festival, and gave amongst them upwards of £233. In May four of its lodges raised over £158 for the Girls' School. On this occasion four lodges and a chapter together subscribed £105, making altogether for the current year upwards of £496. In 1882 it raised but very little short of £1050, more than half of which was subscribed towards the Benevolent Institution.

A short stage hence, and we find ourselves in the Chairman's Province of

KENT.

Whose contributions are as generous as they are regular. That a province which can boast of some half-hundred lodges should make a point of subscribing annually to all three of our Charities is, we may almost say, a matter of course. But the fulfilment of a duty is none the less to be commended because it is a duty. Last year, with a somewhat smaller complement of lodges, it distributed £976 among the three Institutions, the Boys' School share of which was about one-fourth, while the remaining three-fourths were pretty equally divided between the Benevolent and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. In February it commenced the annual course of contributions by sending up four Stewards acting for as many lodges, the aggregate of three out of the four lists amounting to over £148. In May five of its lodges, represented by six Stewards, raised amongst them in round figures £228. On Wednesday, with Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., acting presumably for the province, or, at all events, for those of its lodges which were unrepresented, and 36 other Stewards acting for 30 lodges, with four representing a Rose Croix and three Royal Arch chapters, the Boys' School was benefited to the extent of £1990, the D.P.G.M.'s list alone amounting to £542! Three out of the 30 lodges just referred to were only consecrated last year. Need we say how intensely pleased every one must be, and Lord Holmesdale especially, at the generous support thus loyally accorded to the Chairman of the day.

A longish trip across country in a north-westerly direction brings us to the great commercial and manufacturing county of Lancashire, one part of which, under the designation of

LANCASHIRE—EASTERN DIVISION.

Is under the benign rule of R.W. Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. Numerally this is our strongest Province, its muster-roll showing no less than 93 lodges. As a matter of course, also, it is a liberal and consistent supporter of our three Charities. When, some four years since, its Prov. Grand Master presided at the festival of the Benevolent Institution, the aggregate of its subscriptions exceeded £3500, and now, under the auspices of the same grand chief, backed up by Bro. R. Hopwood Hutchinson, P.G.M. Royal Order of Scotland for Lancashire and Cheshire, with thirty-eight other Stewards acting for twenty-six lodges and the R. A. Chapters attached to two of them, it has raised a total of £2,100. Very gloriously done, indeed, East Lancashire!

The contiguous Province of

LANCASHIRE—WESTERN DIVISION.

Though it presents a far less formidable array of Stewards on this occasion, has nevertheless acquitted itself right loyally at those festivals over which its Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, has presided, and habitually figures at each succeeding anniversary among the Provinces. It stands next in order of numerical strength to Lancashire East. This year it followed up its contribution of £234 to the Benevolent Fund in February by £244 to the Girls' in May, and now it is entered on the list for £292 5s. 6d., making for the current year a total of over £771. Last year it distributed among the Three Charities a fraction short of £690; and, like its eastern neighbour, it has a Masonic Educational Institution of its own, which is doing very efficient service in helping forward the children of deceased and indigent brethren.

It is hardly necessary for us to point out that this is not the hunting season either in

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

Or elsewhere, but the congenial pursuit of hunting up subscriptions for charitable purposes is proper to all seasons, and our readers may rest assured that, albeit these counties constitute a small province with only ten lodges on its roll, the claims upon its support of our several Institutions are most liberally met. According to that useful little publication, the "Freemason's Calendar and Directory for Leicestershire and Rutland" for 1883, compiled by Bro. Sam. S. Partridge, Grand Secretary of the province, its contributions to the three Charities during the six years ending December, 1882, amounted to close on £1600, and in February, with our respected Bro. W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M. and Prov. G. Superintendent, for its representative, it gave 35 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. On Wednesday this was supplemented by a splendid £405 from the youngest lodge in the province, the Albert Edward, No. 1560, Leicester, per Bro. Capt. J. G. F. Richardson, Past P.G.S.B. Last year the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School received from it, the former £152 15s., and the latter £89 5s., or together £242.

Again in the course of our itinerary we are under the necessity of transporting ourselves to the borders of Old Father Thames in order to pursue our analytical labours in the proposed order of sequence. But this time it is

MIDDLESEX.

The Masonic domain of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the number and variety of whose titles to our respect might fairly justify his adoption of the proud device "Nulli Secundus," which demands our attention. Three of the 32 lodges on the roll of this province and the chapter attached to a fourth contribute, by the hands of five worthy brethren, the sum of £141 17s. 6d. which, added to £356 8s. 6d., contributed to the Benevolent Fund, and £117 13s. 6d. to the Girls' School, raises the total for this year to £616 1s. 6d. In 1882 the three Institutions received amongst them, in almost equal proportions, the sum of £1212.

Pass we next to what, in the days of the Saxon Heptarchy, constituted the northern part of the kingdom of the East Angles, the important agricultural county of

NORFOLK,

Whose Provincial Grand Master, Lord Suffield, had the honour of being initiated by his Royal Highness the Grand Master in person a few years since. Two lodges, No. 85, of Harleston, and No. 807, one of the six that meet in Norwich, have worthily upheld the fame of the province and its complement of 16 lodges, the amount of Bro. Drury D. C. Hill's list for the former being £26 5s., while the return from the latter is not yet to hand. In February it gave a modest 30 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, and last year was represented at all three festivals, its total slightly exceeding £200, of which the Girls' School received the larger half.

Turning to the extreme North of England, we find that

NORTHUMBERLAND

Has had the good fortune to be represented by its zealous and indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. B. J. Thompson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. For reasons which concern us not, the Boys' School finds especial favour with this province, and amongst them on the present occasion its 21 lodges have contributed £1222 13s., a most acceptable amount, for which the School executive must, indeed, be very grateful. In 1880 it raised for the same Institution only a little short of £640.

With the calendar for our guide, it becomes expedient that we should break our journey southward for the purpose of paying a flying visit to the Province of

NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE,

Whose eight and twenty lodges pay a willing obedience to R.W. Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., the senior of our Prov. Grand Masters, who has had charge of this part of England and the principality of Wales for upwards of 30 years. The number of its Stewards on Wednesday was three, acting for two lodges, the most conspicuous of them being Bro. Spaul, the Prov. Grand Secretary. Up to the time of going to press, however, only one list had been returned for £10 10s. In 1882 it raised £537, of which over £352 found its way into the coffers of the Girls' School.

In the years that have elapsed since Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, was installed Provincial Grand Master of

OXFORDSHIRE,

That province has taken an active part in all our anniversary celebrations. This is not surprising, when we remember that in 1880 His Royal Highness took the chair at the Girls' School Festival, and that, but for an unfortunate attack of illness, he would have occupied the same position at the Benevolent Festival of 1877. This example our Oxfordshire brethren have been quick to follow, and of its 11 lodges, three—the Alfred, No. 340; Apollo University, No. 357; and Churchill, No. 478, all of Oxford city—contributed £73 17s. on Wednesday. In February it gave £100 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and over £85 to the Girls' School in May. In 1882 it raised a total for the three Institutions of nearly £305.

Directing our steps towards the south-west we reach in due course the province which has for its ruler the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England. This, it is needless to say, is

SOMERSETSHIRE,

Which, with two out of its 24 lodges represented by Bros. T. Payne Ashley, and F. Elworthy respectively, figures in Wednesday's list for £357 10s. 6d. It sent up Stewards for moderate amounts both in February and May, and in previous years has seldom missed the opportunity of contributing to one or more of our central charities.

The provinces into which the southern half of Wales is divided are next in order in the calendar and in those circumstances must be dealt with next in this analysis.

SOUTH WALES—EASTERN DIVISION,

With sixteen lodges had an efficient representative on Wednesday in the person of Bro. Thomas Thomas, Prov. G. Reg., and a P.M. of lodge No. 1323, of Swansea, whose list amounted to £230. In May last the province by its representative, Bro. John Budge, of No. 855, Aberavon, contributed over £217, while last year it raised £200 for the Girls' School and over £374 for the Boys'.

Its immediate neighbour

SOUTH WALES—WESTERN DIVISION,

Has only nine lodges on its roll, but Bro. Aaron Stone, a P.P.G. Warden, who acted on its behalf, gave in a list of £350. In 1882, when Col. Lloyd-Phillips, P.G.M., gave his services as Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, the total of its subscriptions and donations amounted to £360 and a fraction.

Turning eastward, we make our way into

STAFFORDSHIRE,

With a complement of 26 lodges. The occasions on which it has been absent from the lists are few and far between. Last year for instance it figured for £616 and upwards, of which the Schools between them engrossed all but 25 guineas. This year it commenced operations by subscribing £57 15s., to the Benevolent. This it followed up in May with a total of £272 for the Girls, and on Wednesday three of the six brethren who took charge of its interests gave in lists amounting in the aggregate to £460 9s. Comment is needless.

Continuing our peregrinations in an easterly direction we find ourselves for the second time in East Anglia, but in the southern part of the old Saxon kingdom; in other words, in

SUFFOLK,

Which had already given over £166 to the Benevolent and £136 to the Girls', when on Wednesday two of four Stewards, acting for as many lodges, handed in lists amounting to £265 13s. in the aggregate. Considering the province has only 21 lodges, a total of £568 for a single year cannot be too highly commended. But the figures do not surprise us, when we remember that Lord Waveney is P.G.M., and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M., and Prov. Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Degree.

As with Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, so with

SURREY,

Considering how greatly it distinguished itself at the Benevolent Festival this year, when its Prov. Grand Master, Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., presided, and the province supported him with a total of over £905, it would have been quite excusable had it allowed itself a brief respite from this branch of Masonic work. But in May it supplemented its grand effort of February by contributing close on £110 to the Girls' School funds, and on Wednesday Bros. F. A. Manning and S. P. Catterson made up between them £68 15s. the Arnold Lodge, No. 1982, of East Molesey, which was only consecrated towards the close of last year, having sent up a Steward to all three festivals,

Bro. Catterson having acted in this capacity at those of the two Schools. It redounds greatly to the credit of the province and its twenty-six lodges, that it should have raised upwards of £1083 in a single year; and there is still the list of W. R. Grove, S.D. of No. 1872, to be returned.

It needs not that we should make any *détour* in order to reach the province of

SUSSEX,

Which has greatly distinguished by the regularity and liberality of its contribution to all our Charities. What it did for the Boys' School in 1881, when for the first time—that we are aware of—in the history of Masonic festivals, its anniversary was held at Brighton instead of within the metropolitan area, is still fresh in the memory of our readers. Last year, too, it raised close on £920, of which some £578 were assigned to the Girls. In February it contributed £210 to the Benevolent, and in May over £363 to the Girls. Its total of £364 17s. on Wednesday is, in these circumstances, all the more worthy of commendation.

Our task is approaching completion, but our perambulations are as intricate as ever. Having visited the land of the South Saxons with its breezy downs and bold headlands, we make straightway for the land of hardware.

WARWICKSHIRE

With a distinguished chief in Lord Leigh, the term of whose P.G. Master-ship is only a few months shorter than that of Sir W. Wynn, has 30 lodges which owe him allegiance and pay it to his lordship with right hearty goodwill, as was shown on a comparatively recent occasion when he presided at a Boys' School Festival and they contributed a round £2000. Last year it gave the Girls' over £810, which, with the £188 received by the Boys' School made, in round figures, £1000. This year it has contented itself with modest contributions to the Benevolent and Girls' School with the object apparently of making a better appearance on this occasion. But whatever the object, the 19 Stewards, with Bro. Boddington at their head for the province, and the rest doing duty for lodges Nos. 74, Birmingham; 284, Warwick; and 395, Leamington, and Nos. 739, 938, 1474, and 1551, all of Birmingham, have thus far sent in £215 5s., while there are several lists which do not appear to have been received in time for the festival.

The contrast, at least numerically, between the province we have just visited and

WILTSHIRE

Is great, but the zeal, thanks to such excellent Masons as Lord Methuen, P.G.M.; Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., &c., is as conspicuous. There are but 10 lodges, yet in 1882 it distributed over £300 among our Institutions. In February it raised by the hands of Bro. Dep. Sur. Ringer over £50 for the Benevolent Institution, and now, with Bro. J. Sparks as Steward for Lodge No. 1271, it contributes £135 9s.

The change from Wilts to

WORCESTERSHIRE

offers no special feature. We leave behind us a province with 10 lodges to enter one with 11, but in both there is the same hearty goodwill towards our Institutions and the same desire to illustrate the virtue of charity by the generosity with which the claims of those Institutions on the Craft are met. Again, in 1882, Worcestershire, like Wilts, gave over £300 among our Charities, the amount in that instance being £387, and this year it has benefited the Benevolent to the extent of £219—in round figures—the Girls' School with £217, and the Boys' School on Wednesday with £328 6s., making a total for the year of £764 6s. Here again comment is needless.

The penultimate stage of our journey through England and Wales brings us to the Province of

N. AND E. YORKSHIRE,

York, the capital city of which, is intimately associated with the legendary history of the Craft, while the old time immemorial lodge, now, and for very many years past, defunct, which met within its walls bore the proud title of "the Grand Lodge of All England," in contradistinction from that which met in London, and was known only as "the Grand Lodge of England." Then this province has the good fortune to be ruled by a brother—the Earl of Zetland—who bears a title that has been a household word in Masonry for over half a century. Bearing in mind also that it enjoys the further good fortune of numbering among its members several brethren of distinction and zeal, such as Bros. J. Pearson Bell, D.P.G.M., T. B. Whythead, J. S. Cumberland, and others, it will cause no surprise among our readers that the province sent up a dozen Stewards, of whom Bro. Cumberland appears to have had charge of the unrepresented lodges, while the remaining eleven acted as Stewards for eight of its eight-and-twenty lodges. These together raised £879 16s., which, added to the minor contributions in February and May last make a total for the year of £925 4s. 6d. Last year it contributed £645, of which £500 went to the Girls' School.

The last in the long array of provinces represented is that of

WEST YORKSHIRE,

With its 66 lodges. As regards numerical strength, it holds the third rank among the provincial sub-divisions of England, but its support of our Institutions is even more than commensurate with its rank. On this occasion it has sent up an array of 41 Stewards, of whom 37 represent 17 of its lodges, while the general interests of the province appear to have been taken in hand by Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.G.M., and his worthy Deputy, Bro. T. W. Tew, G.S.D. The efforts of these representatives are shown by the total they have placed to the credit of the School, namely, £1500. In order to complete the work done by West Yorkshire during the current year, we must add to this £450 raised in February and £400 in May, making in all £2350. Last year the total was in excess of £1635. Indeed, in the last nine years it has raised for our Charities £18,622. To praise these returns would be as useless as the proverbial attempt to gild refined gold.

It remains for us to speak of

JERSEY,

Whose fame could not have been in better hands than those of Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, its Prov. Grand Master. Its presence at this festival is the more welcome, because from its remoteness it can hardly be said to stand on the same level as regards the charities with the provinces in England. Nevertheless, it has figured on several similar occasions, and on Wednesday Col. de Carteret handed in £210, a very excellent amount, coming as it did from a province with only six lodges on its roll.

OTHER CONTRIBUTORIES.

These are five other Stewards, two of whom hail from foreign stations, while three acted on behalf of the Mark Master's Degree. The former two, Bros. A. M. Broadley and H. de Tatham, M.D., sent in £63 10s., and £10 10s. respectively; while the Mark Stewards, Bros. F. Davison, G.T., I. Cubitt, P.G.S.O., and George Cooper, G.S.D., made up a total of £218 8s.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. Charles Atkins, Junior Vice-President, took Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., occupied the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. H. G. Buss, Assist. Grand Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Henry Garrod, J. H. Matthews, E. F. Storr, Charles Dairy, Frank Richardson, William Stephens, A.G.P.; H. W. Hemsworth, P.M. 1197; Elias Standin, W.M. 1360; E. W. Devereux, P.M. and Sec. 1423; M. J. Wrangham, P.M. 619; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; Charles John Perceval, P.M. 1607; Hy. M. Harris, P.M. and W.M. 205; George Read, P.M. 811; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1074; George A. Littlewood, P.M. 780; William Ball, W.M. 45; Robt. P. Notley, P.M. 256; A. J. Vanderlyn, P.M. 1991; Thos. Edmonston, P.M. 1658; J. H. Taylor, W.M. 1767; Stephen Crane, W.M. 933; G. H. Gilham, P.M. 1632; Courtenay Wynne, W.M. 25; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The PRESIDENT announced that eleven letters had been received thanking the brethren for grants made at the last meeting.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations of grants to the amount of £265 made at the May meeting, and afterwards proceeded with the new list. This contained the large number of 40 cases. One of these was deferred through the non-attendance of the visitor. The rest were relieved with a total of £885. This was composed of one grant of £100 (£100), two grants of £50 each (£100), two of £40 each (£80), five of £30 each (£150), six of £25 each (£150), seven of £20 each (£140), four of £15 each (£60), nine of £10 each (£90), and three of £5 each (£15).

The lodge sat four hours and a half.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS. AND BUCKS.

On Monday last there was an unusually large gathering of the Masonic fraternity in the royal borough of Windsor on the occasion of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks. and Bucks, which is held alternately in the principal towns of the two counties. The excellent attendance may be accounted for by the fact that two flourishing lodges exist in this neighbourhood, viz., the Etonian Lodge and the Windsor Castle Lodge, and also that Windsor is more readily accessible from different points of the province than most places at which these annual gatherings take place.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock in the large room of the Albert Institute in Sheet-street, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., with whom was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain, and a good number of Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past.

The names of the lodges in the province being called over by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Bradley, it was found that the whole of them were represented. The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers' names were then called, and the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held on the 19th June, 1882, were ordered to be printed and circulated throughout the province.

A letter was read from the Comptroller to the household of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, expressing the thanks of H.R.H. for the invitation to visit the Provincial Grand Lodge, and regretting that prior engagements prevented his attendance. The Prov. Grand Secretary also read letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. General Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary and others, regretting their inability to be present. The balance sheet read showed a balance in hand of £211 9s. 8d. The Secretary further reported that the lodges of the province were in a financially satisfactory condition; there were 165 Past Masters and 824 ordinary members.

Bro. BRADLEY, the P.G. Sec., next presented the charity account, and it was agreed on the proposal of Bro. Sir DANIEL GOOCH, P.G.M., seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, D.P.G.M., that the following sums be disbursed towards supporting the three great Masonic Charities out of the Charity Fund, the subscribing lodges only obtaining grants, viz., Etonian, £10 10s.; Union, £5 5s.; Hope, £5 5s.; Buckingham, £10 10s.; Windsor Castle, £10 10s.; Scientific, £10 10s.; Abbey, £5 5s.; Greyfriars, £10 10s.; S. S. Peter and Paul, £5 5s.; Wycombe, £5 5s.; Ellington, £10 10s.; Watling Street, £5 5s.; Vale of White Horse, £5 5s.; Herschel, £5 5s.; and Grenville, £5 5s.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER in adverting to the reports read by the Prov. Grand Secretary said they were quite as satisfactory as they could have wished, and spoke for themselves of the progress made in the province during the year.

On the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. the Rev. R. P. BENT, Past Grand Chap., the sum of £5 5s. was voted towards the fund for the relief of brethren who had suffered from the disastrous fire in Jamaica.

Bro. CHARLES STEPHENS was then re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and having thanked the brethren for the honour done him, spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to discharge his duties.

Bro. W. H. Belcher, of the Lodge of Hope, Newbury, was next invested by the Prov. Grand Master with the Provincial Charity jewel, in recognition of his having served the office of Steward at the Charity Institutions' Festivals, after which the Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year as under:

Bro. R. G. Barton	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. H. Bull, 1639	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. A. Fearon, 1566	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. F. G. Kiddle, 1787	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Stephens, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major Cooper King, 1899	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Bradley, 414	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" F. J. Ferguson, 414	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" R. Dowsett, 1101	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. J. Coates, 1410	...	...	Prov. G.D.Cs.
" W. Biggs	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" S. G. Hunt, 574	...	...
" C. A. Barrett, 945	...	...

" Capt. Trollope, 1887	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. C. B. Tirbutt, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. C. Knight, 948	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
Bros. C. H. Hunt, 1501; Ruckley, 1501; S. Wheeler, jun., 414; C. W. Seymour, 771; Volckman, 209; and Arnold, 209	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. W. Hemmings	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Master having stated that the next Prov. Grand Lodge, at which the newly-appointed officers would officiate, would be held at High Wycombe, and the usual lodge business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet was provided in good style, the menu being of an unusually first-class character. Bros. Ashby and Turner very kindly furnished a choice collection of flowers for the decoration of the tables and hall. The Prov. Grand Master took the chair.

The Toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been proposed and honoured.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers of England, present and past," associated with it the names of Bros. the Rev. J. Hills, and J. S. Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplains of England.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, in reply, bore testimony to the value of Freemasonry, confidently recommending it, and referring to it as a source of great comfort and satisfaction. He hoped to be able to promote it in every way to the end of his earthly pilgrimage.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF also returned thanks and on concluding proposed "The Health of the Right Worshipful, the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch." As the mouthpiece of every Mason in the province he (Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg) offered Sir Daniel their very best thanks for the ability with which he had presided over the province for so lengthened a period, to the great advantage of Masonry in this part of the country. (Applause.) Pleased as they always were to have Sir Daniel among them, they felt it to be a special pleasure to meet him near his own home, and where he was so well known, and so highly respected both as a man and as a Mason. (Applause.) It was a matter of gratification to them to know that they never had a Prov. Grand Lodge which was better attended than that one at Windsor, where every detail was so well carried out, and where too, they numbered among their residents the members of the Royal Family and their esteemed Prov. G.M. (Applause.)

The Prov. G. MASTER was heartily cheered as he rose to respond to Bro. Brownrigg; for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, he tendered his thanks. He further thanked the brethren for the cordial reception given him on all occasions of this kind. The progressive character of Masonry in this province was a source of great satisfaction to him. He was also thankful that there was nothing occurring about which any anxiety need be felt, all the lodges in province working prosperously and harmoniously. (Applause.) Their numbers were, he was pleased to find, increasing; still they did not so much desire to see a large increase of membership, as to see only such men admitted into the lodges as would reflect credit upon the Craft. (Applause.) To impress that point upon the lodges had always been his endeavour, and that principle had he was glad to say been very well carried out. (Applause.) The large attendance of brethren was gratifying to him, and he regretted that his house was not nearer to Windsor, so that he could have received them there. (Applause.) In conclusion the P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," speaking of his great zeal and ability in furthering the interests of Masonry. With the toast he associated "The Health of the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters and Past Grand Officers of the Province." (Applause.)

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER responded in suitable terms, concluding by proposing "The Visiting Brethren," associating with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. Collins, of Antigua.

Bro. the Rev. Collins responded, thanking them for the cordial reception they had given him. (Applause.) For 21 years he had been a Mason, and although he was 4000 miles from home he could assure those present that the Masons of Antigua were as true, as enthusiastic, and as good Masons as any to be found in England. (Applause.) He was able to testify to the good Masonry had done in that part of the world, and he was glad to find it extending so rapidly throughout the world. (Applause.)

The "Masonic Charities" was then proposed by the CHAIRMAN, who spoke of their duty towards the three great Masonic Charities. He hoped the province would never be behind hand in assisting them. (Applause.) With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.W. Northamptonshire and Hunts, the energetic Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. (Applause.)

Bro. JAMES TERRY, who replied at some length, said that the toast of the Masonic Charities, so well proposed by the worthy Prov. G.M., required but very few words from him in response. The numerous attendance of the Berks and Bucks brethren at the festivals of the Charity Institutions clearly proved they were fully alive to their duties in the cause of charity. He approved of the charity scheme adopted in this province, being he considered advantageous both to the lodges and to the Charities. He remarked that it was many years since the Berks and Bucks province had not been represented at the Charity Festivals. The festivals held this year were, he was pleased to say, highly successful. The first held in February on behalf of the Benevolent Institution yielded a total of £13,300. Eight or ten years ago, when Sir Daniel took the chair, only £2,800 was realised, but this year the subscription as he stated amounted to £13,000. (Applause.) Only two or three months afterwards the sum of £10,500 was announced at the Festival of the Girls' School — (applause) — and it was believed that at the festival to be held on Wednesday for the Boys' School all previous efforts would be eclipsed, it being stated that a sum of between £20,000 and £21,000 would be announced as having been subscribed. (Applause.) If so, that would show a grand total of £43,000 brought in on three evenings for the support of their three Institutions, a result that did great credit to the Stewards at the respective festivals. If the result on Wednesday was as they anticipated, they would see established at once a preparatory school in connection with the existing Boys' School, and instead of being able to elect but a small proportion of the applicants, they hoped to be able to place the whole number

within the walls of the Institution immediately. (Applause.) He hoped that the same unanimity, good feeling, and efforts in the cause of charity which had prevailed in the province for many years past would continue to distinguish it for a very long time to come. (Cheers.)

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Senior and Junior Wardens and the Prov. Grand Officers" appointed that day was then proposed by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, who bore testimony personally to the Masonic ability and energy shown by the brethren appointed to the Wardens' chairs. (Cheers.)

The brethren named having responded, The CHAIRMAN proposed "The W.M. and Officers of the Etonian Lodge and Windsor Castle Lodge," speaking in terms of praise of the arrangements and magnificent hospitality. (Applause.)

Bros. Dick Radclyffe (W.M. Etonian) and J. Goddard (W.M. Windsor Castle) returned thanks, the former speaking in praise of the floral decorations of Bros. Ashby and Turner.

The healths of the P.G. Treasurer (Bro. Stephens) and the P.G. Secretary (Bro. R. Bradley) was proposed by the P.G.M., the toast being honoured with a special "fire."

The brethren named responded in suitable terms. The "Provincial Grand Stewards" and the Tyler's toasts were suitably proposed, bringing the list to a very successful completion.

The musical arrangements, under Bro. Summer's direction, were admirable, and it should also be remarked that the reception accorded to the Prov. Grand Lodge by the officers and brethren of the Etonian and Windsor Castle Lodges was all that could be desired.

INAUGURATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, the 12th inst., the first meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter of this province was held. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany having been selected by the Grand Z. as the first Superintendent, advantage was taken of the visit of H.R.H. to Oxford to formally install and invest the officers designate of the province. The ceremony took place at the University Masonic Hall, where the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened shortly before one o'clock by E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., as Z.; E. Comp. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.N., as H.; E. Comp. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.S., as J.; and E. Comp. Frank Richardson, P.G.S., acting as D.C.

The following companions, in addition to those above mentioned, were also present: E. Comps. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.S., President Board of General Purposes; the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.S.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; G. Elms, 340; J. T. Mkins, J. 340, Z. 945; E. L. Shepherd, P.Z. 945 and 340; H. D'Almaine, P.Z. 340 and 945, P. Prov. P.S. Berks and Bucks; W. Ballard, P.Z. 945 and 340; T. Randall, 340; E. Purcot, J. T. Morland, P.Z. 340 and 945, P. Prov. G.S.N. Berks and Bucks; E. G. Bruton, P.Z. 340; S. J. Biker, H. 945; R. E. Baynes, 357; W. S. Loder, 357; J. H. Jukes, M.E.Z. 357, P.Z. 120, P. Prov. G.Z. Hereford; F. W. Ansell, P.Z. 340; A. F. Rose, 340; C. T. Hawkins, P.Z. 340; Rev. L. Coleman, 32, 181, Penn., U.S.A.; H. Elliott, 357; H. Eldred, 340; A. Rowley, 340; H. R. C. Smith, P.Z.; H. H. Kiach, R. T. Hodge, J. Potts, 340; H. G. W. Drinkwater, 340; J. A. Acock, 340; G. W. Dominy, 340; Rev. F. H. Penny, 357; E. Horne, 340; T. Eley, S.N. 340; A. Winkfield, P.G. Sec.; C. L. Norris, 357; W. Seeley, 340; H. Plumbridge, 340; J. A. Lloyd, J. 357; A. S. Hurford, P.Z. 340; R. Bird, P.Z. 357; T. E. Withington, 357; W. G. Emberlin, 350; W. Thompson, 340; J. Bué, 357; E. L. Hawkins, H. 357; Rev. M. Pope, 357; J. Payne, D.C.L. 1399; H. Robbins, 340, S.N. 1399; S. P. Spiers, P.Z. 340; H. N. Lawrence, 340; G. T. Prior, P.Z. 340; James Jenkin, M.E.Z. 340; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.Z. 340 and 357, P.G.P.S.; G. Fitzwilliam, A. R. Badcock, G. H. Osmond, J. R. B. Prior, C. R. Peake, 340; W. Rowbottom, 353 and 340; W. H. White, 340; F. R. Hall, H. 340; W. R. Bowden, 340; H. O. Wakeman, 357; C. Park, C. W. Park, 340; S. Fisher, 340; W. L. Morgan, 340 and 478; G. Norwood, P.G. Janitor; W. Biggs, Janitor 340; and others.

Upon the arrival of His Royal Highness a deputation of the following companions were nominated to receive him: Comps. H. A. Picard, P.G.S.; R. Bird, P.A.G.S.; E. G. Bruton, 340; C. T. Hawkins, 340; H. D'Almaine, 340; and S. P. Spiers, 340; and after the patent had been read he was duly obligated and installed in a most impressive manner by the G.S.E. His Royal Highness then nominated E. Comp. Reginald Bird, M.A., to be the Prov. G.H., and E. Comp. the Rev. H. A. Picard, M.A., to be the 1st J., and they were also duly obligated and installed by the G.S.E.

After the Grand Superintendent and the other Principals had been proclaimed by the D.C., and saluted by all the companions present, His Royal Highness appointed and duly invested the remaining officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. Emberlin	...	...	Prov. Treas.
" A. Winkfield	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Bruton	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. O. Wakeham	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" S. P. Spiers	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" W. Thompson	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" W. L. Morgan	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. R. Cooper Smith	...	...	Prov. G.Swd. Br.
" J. T. T. Bué	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Rev. R. W. M. Pope	...	...	Prov. G.D. Cers.
" Harrigon	...	...	Prov. G.S.
" G. Norwood	...	...	Prov. G. Jan.

After the ordinary business of the chapter had been transacted, the P.G. Chapter was duly closed by H.R.H. The Grand Officers were afterwards entertained at lunch by E. Comp. Reginald Bird, in his rooms at Magdalene College, and in the evening attended the Masonic ball which was held at the new Examination Rooms, and was kept up to a late hour in the morning, the Duke and Duchess of Albany and a number of distinguished guests, to the number of 600, attending it.

The Metropolitan Board of Works have decided upon obtaining a translation of the regulations of the Municipal Council of St. Petersburg relative to the construction and maintenance of Russian theatres.

SURREY.—PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

THE R.W. BRO. GEN. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B., PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

will be held at the
OATLANDS PARK HOTEL, WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY,

On Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1883,
at 1.30 p.m. precisely.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

By command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, JUN., P.M.,
P.P.G.R., Prov. Grand Sec.

61, Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E.,
June 9th, 1883.

THE BANQUET will take place at 4 o'clock. For Tickets apply to the W. Bro. Dr. G. B. BRODIE, P.M., P.P.S.G. W. Surrey, 3, Chesterfield-street, Mayfair, W., enclosing 15s.

Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Ticket will be issued after June 23rd.

A SERMON will be preached by the P.G. Chaplain at St. Mary's Church, Oatlands, at 2.45 p.m. Brethren not to appear in Masonic Costume at Divine service.

Down Trains from Waterloo, 12.15 and 1.35; Up Trains from Woking, 11.47 (changing at Weybridge); 12.23; Walton 12.29.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

R.W. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.,
Provincial Grand Master.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Will be held in the

NEW ROOMS, MITRE HOTEL, HAMPTON COURT,

On Saturday, June 30th, at 2.30 precisely.

By command of the Prov. G. Master.

H. C. LEVANDER, P.G.D.,

June 6th, 1883.

Prov. Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE M.W. BRO. THE REV. CANON G. R. PORTAL,
PROVINCIAL GRAND M. MASTER.

THE R.W. BRO. W. HICKMAN (P.G.J.W. OF ENG.),
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND M. MASTER.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of this Province will assemble at the

GEORGE-STREET HALL, SANDOWN, ISLE OF WIGHT,

At Four o'clock p.m.,

On Monday, the 2nd day of July, 1883,

For the transaction of Provincial business.

The BANQUET will take place at 5 p.m. precisely. The Tickets will be 7s. 6d. each, including a pint of wine. The attendance of Visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

By command of the M.W. Grand Mark Master,

GEO. J. TILLING, P.M. 63,

Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

Southampton, 11th June, 1883.

N.B.—The William Hickman Lodge will be constituted at St. George's Hall, Sandown, immediately before the holding of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The Ceremony will commence at Three o'clock precisely.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A MEETING

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE & CHAPTER OF LONDON

will be held early in July, under the Presidency of
V.W. CO. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.M.

Candidates for the Degree are requested to communicate at once with the P.G. Sec.,

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON,
28, Golden-square, W.

A Brother having recently failed in business, earnestly seeks EMPLOYMENT as confidential Clerk, Agent, Traveller, &c., age 50, very active, persevering, and sober. Also for his son, aged 19, who assisted in the business, and is now desirous of going to sea in the mercantile service. Apply to H. C., 8, Carthusian-street, E.C.

A LADY desires re-engagement as a BOOK-KEEPER, or would take the Management of a branch business; understands Stationery, Fancy, &c. Age 35.—G.E.D., 70, Overstone-road, Hammersmith, W.

WAREHOUSE LAD Wanted at GEORGE KENNING'S, 1195, 196, and 197, Aldersgate-street, E.C.

SCOTLAND.

BY THE WEST COAST ROYAL MAIL ROUTE.

LONDON & NORTH-WESTERN AND CALEDONIAN RAILWAYS.

The SUMMER SERVICE of PASSENGER TRAINS from LONDON to SCOTLAND will be in operation from June 18th to October 31st.

	WEEK DAYS.					
	A	B	A	B	A	B
London (Euston a.m.)	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Station dep.	5 15	7 15	10 0	11 0	8 0	8 50
Edinburgh arr.	4 30	5 50	7 50	9 45	6 45	6 55
Glasgow .	4 45	6 0	8 0	10 0	6 40	6 55
Greenock .	5 52	7 15	9 5	11 42	7 50	7 50
Oban .	9 43	—	—	4 35	12 15	12 15
Perth .	6 50	—	9 35	11 40	8 5	8 15
Dundee .	7 30	—	10 30	12 50	9 0	9 0

Aberdeen . 10 10 — — 3 20 11 40 2 15

Inverness . — — — — 8 0 1 30 6 25

The HIGHLAND EXPRESS (8.0 p.m.) will leave Euston every night (Saturdays excepted), and be due at Greenock in time to enable passengers to join the steamers to the Western Coast of Scotland. It will also arrive at Perth in time to enable passengers to breakfast there before proceeding northwards.

From the 16th July to the 10th August (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) an additional express train will leave Euston Station at 7.30 p.m. for Edinburgh, Glasgow, and all parts of Scotland. This train will convey special parties, horses, and carriages.

A does not run to Oban or Dundee on Sunday mornings. B does not run beyond Edinburgh and Glasgow on Sunday mornings.

Day saloons fitted with lavatory accommodation are attached to the 10.0 a.m. down express train from Euston to Edinburgh and Glasgow, &c., without extra charge.

IMPROVED SLEEPING SALOONS, accompanied by an attendant, are run on the night trains between London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Stranraer, and Perth. Extra charge, 5s. for each berth.

CALLANDER AND OBAN LINE.

The line to Oban affords the quickest and most comfortable route to the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

For particulars of up train service from Scotland to London, see the Companies' time bills.

G. FINDLAY, General Manager,
L. & N. W. Railway.

J. THOMPSON, General Manager,
Caledonian Railway.

June, 1883.

BRITISH EQUITABLE ASSURANCE COMPANY, 4, Queen-street-place, London, E.C.

Capital—A Quarter of a Million Sterling.
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT, MAY, 1883.

NEW BUSINESS.

2070 Policies issued for £400,375
New Premium Income £11,986

BUSINESS IN FORCE.

26,099 Policies, Assuring £4,825,317

REVENUE OF THE YEAR.

Premiums £140,809
Interest, &c. £35,131

ACCUMULATED FUND.

Laid by in the year £69,772

Accumulated Fund on 31st January, 1883 (equal to 73 per cent. of the net premiums received upon policies in force) £873,102

Average Reversionary Bonus for 27 years about 14 per cent. per annum.

MUTUAL ASSURANCE WITHOUT MUTUAL LIABILITY.

SPECULATION & INVESTMENT

IN STOCKS AND SHARES

WITH A MINIMUM RISK

TO operate on the Stock Exchange

profitably or, in other words, increase one's capital, limited though it be, may suggest itself as not very easy of accomplishment. Quick perception, however, tempered with experience and a true knowledge of the influences in force, will, in many cases, render the process comparatively simple. To purchase a stock or security of any description might not always prove judicious and safe, even were the position and prospects in the particular case the most sound and promising, because an immediate improvement, or, indeed, the maintenance of the prevalent market value would be improbable, if not impossible, so long as the account remained a weak one, or one showing a heavy preponderance of weak operations for the rise. In like manner a stock might be intrinsically worth little or absolutely nothing, but from the fact of it having been largely over-sold the price remains apparently firm.

EXPLANATORY BOOK sent post free on application.

READ OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

WEEKLY and MONTHLY REPORT sent regularly to clients.

SPECULATIVE ACCOUNTS opened on the most favourable terms.

W. GUTTERIDGE AND CO., STOCK AND SHARE BROKERS, 7, DRAPERS'-GARDENS, THROGMORTON-STREET, LONDON, E.C.

A GOOD PLAN.

£10 and upwards judiciously invested in Options on Stocks and Shares often give handsome profits in a few days. Full details in Explanatory Book gratis and post free.—Address GEORGE EVANS and Co., Stockbrokers, Gresham House, Old Broad-street, London, E.C. Best and safest plan ever devised.

MASONIC PHOTOGRAPHS.

INTERIOR OF GRAND LODGE, AFTER THE FIRE, 4th May.

Two VIEWS, Photographed May, 1883.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Two VIEWS, Photographed June, 1883.

THE ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Two VIEWS, Photographed June, 1883.

THE ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Two VIEWS, Photographed June, 1883.

Size, 12 in. x 10 in., Price 4s. each; Small size, 1s. Delivered Post Free to any part of the World on receipt of stamps or P.O.O. made payable to George Kenning.

Photographed by

BROS. BEDFORD LEMERE & Co.,
147, STRAND.

Published by G. KENNING, 16, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

WINE SHIPPERS and DISTILLERS.—A Mark and R.A. Brother is open to represent a good and well-known firm, London or Country, or would accept Agencies; age 32; married; highest references; security.—"Veritas," care office of Freemason Great Queen-street, W.C.

ELECTRICITY.—A quantity of Electrical and Scientific APPARATUS to be disposed of. Suitable for Institutions, Schools, Private Gentlemen, or for Presentation. Full particulars on application, by letter addressed to S. G., at the office of the Freemason, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

To Correspondents.

The following have been received but stand over until next week for want of space:

Correspondence: National College of Music.
Lodge Report: Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643.
Consecration of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, at Maldon.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Citizen," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Die Bauhütte," "The Court Circular," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The American Freemason," "Boletín Oficial del Gr. Or. de España," "The Voice of Masonry," "Keystone," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

GENERAL COMMITTEE ELECTION—ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to Bro. C. Atkins, I did not question his fitness, but his want of attention to the business he had been elected to perform, which any duly qualified brother can ascertain for himself by a reference to the attendance book for the General and Finance Committees of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. To his nominator—the W.M. of No. 27—I tender my apology for any misstatement I may have made; my authority is the list of subscribers, and W.M. has only himself to please whether he hides his light under a bushel or sets it up as an example for the members of his lodge and others to follow, but he cannot be surprised if such mistakes should occur. At the same time I utterly repudiate Bro. Atkins's term "insult," for there can be none where none is intended. I was perfectly aware of the proud position Bro. A. held in June last, as I, knowing his ability and fitness, gave him my vote and obtained what I could besides for him, and yet I still maintain that if he attended to the duties of that office as little as he did to those of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he showed very little appreciation of the honour the Craft had done him in placing him there, and that he should not have been kept in it. I also knew that he was chosen a V.P. of the Lodge of Benevolence as a mark of his fitness and his constant attendance there. Again, I was not at all surprised at the position he held on the election of committee, knowing what an universal favourite he is. I have another objection, which not only applies to him, but to many other worthy brethren. There are many labourers in our Order able, willing, and desirous of being employed; but when the same brother holds not only an analogous office in the three Institutions, but even two or three more besides, he is excluding others who have an equal right in every way to fill one of those places; there are not many of them, but the candidates for them are numerous.

Again, Bro. Atkins "had he been less anxious to discharge his duties," &c., "you would not have heard from 'P.M.'" I can only say his *anxiety* was not shown in the committees of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to which he was elected; had he done so you certainly would not have been troubled with this communication.—
Yours fraternally, P.M.

A MANDATE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

What is a "Mandate," a word I have often heard made use of lately in respect of the question of the Table of Precedence raised by Bro. Sandeman, P. Dist. G.M., in last Grand Lodge?

Mandate no doubt comes from the Latin "Mandatum," and means a command, but what is it in respect of Freemasonry? Never having heard of it before, I really cannot presume even to guess. I gather from Bro. Sandeman's remarks that he has not seen it, and I therefore ask you—can you or any of your readers help me in the matter? Has anyone seen it? CURIOUS.

[In the Agenda Paper the word used is "Order." We fancy this is what our correspondent alludes to. Mandate is an unknown word to us. It has, we are aware, been freely, probably wrongly, used lately.—Ed. F.M.]

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to return to the charge on the above subject if you can find space for a few words from me. The matter is one of very great importance, and I sincerely trust that it will not be allowed to drop.

My object in now addressing you is to offer some criticisms on the Grand Registrar's address in Grand Lodge on the 6th inst. in reply to the remarks of Bro. Sandeman as to the power of any authority other than the Grand Lodge itself to modify the order of precedence of members of Grand Lodge.

The arguments of the Grand Registrar may briefly be stated to have been:—

1. That the only question before Grand Lodge was whether the proceedings had been faithfully recorded.
2. That it is "without doubt" within the power of the Grand Master to appoint officers in Grand Lodge with such rank as he pleases.
3. That the order of precedence is not a constitutional law; and,
4. That the Grand Master is the fountain of honour.

I submit that the reasoning of the Grand Registrar is faulty in every one of the above points.

As to the first, a reference to the proceedings of the 1st March, 1882, will show that on the motion of Bro. Philbrick a part of the minutes, *although admitted to be faithfully recorded*, was not confirmed. Other instances may be cited. I therefore infer that had Bro. Sandeman, on the 6th inst., proposed a non-confirmation of minutes, he would have been in order; and further that the Grand Registrar may blow hot or cold on the same question as to whether a faithfully recorded minute must be confirmed or may be declared not confirmed, as may suit the desires of himself and other executive officers of Grand Lodge.

As to the second, the repeated cries of "No, no," would seem to indicate that the Grand Registrar was not justified in the assertion that it was *without doubt* within the power of the Grand Master to alter the order of precedence. I, for one, deny the power, and I believe that a very large number of Freemasons are of a similar opinion. It is laid down in the constitutional law of the Craft that the Grand Master may appoint any brother of eminence or ability to such rank in Grand Lodge as he pleases, and the Grand Lodge has a similar power, but this can hardly be stretched into giving the Grand Master a power to alter, at will, the general order of precedence as laid down in the "Regulations for the government of the Craft." The Queen may confer social dignity upon an individual, but it would scarcely be competent for the Queen to place, say, Barons above Earls, or otherwise to alter the general order of state precedence.

As to the third, I contend that the order of precedence is clearly a constitutional law, forming a part of the Constitutions as they now stand, and consequently that Grand Lodge only can alter it. This fact was evidently in the minds of the brethren who have drawn up the revised Constitutions, from the more decided position there given to the rule.

As to the fourth point, as the Grand Master is elected by the Grand Lodge, I submit that the Grand Lodge is the real fountain of honour. I desire very seriously to impress upon all who take an active interest in Freemasonry, first, that the point at issue is too important to be suffered to drop; secondly, that the revision of the Constitutions should be most carefully watched by every member of Grand Lodge, nay, by every member of the Craft, in order that no new laws may be introduced which may in any way tend to cripple the powers or privileges of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master in Masonry should rule over us as a constitutional sovereign, amenable, like the rest of us, to the laws of our Order. To give to him anything like despotic power would not only involve a surrender of right, but a possible surrender not into the hands of the ruler, but into those of his confidential advisers. We may not always have a Prince of Wales as our Grand Master, and a

weak ruler at our head *might* fall into the hands of a few favourites, who would not always use their powers to the best advantage of the Craft at large.—I am, yours fraternally,
DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

June 19th.

PREROGATIVES OF GRAND LODGE AND OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It would appear from the manner in which at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge the objection of the R.W. P. Dist. G.M. for China to the recent alteration of the table of precedence of Grand Lodge Officers was met by the Grand Registrar, that a most important question relating to prerogatives is about to be fought out between the "purple" and the "blue." Unless the discussion which will assuredly ensue on motions to be made is conducted in a fair and impartial spirit on both sides (alas, that there should be "sides" in Masonry), it is certain that much heart-burning, and possible that schism, may be the result. The question of prescriptive and inalienable rights cannot in this instance be debated without reference to the present illustrious occupant of the throne of the representative of The R.S., but it ought to be generally understood that the very utmost loyalty to the person may be entertained conjointly with a conviction that the privileges and powers of the office should be clearly defined. As matters now stand the genial warmth of a devoted loyalty is exposed to influences which might materially lower its temperature, and that through no fault in thought or action of the distinguished ruler of the English Craft. In view of the remarks which fell from our highly respected Pro Grand Master in reference to my observations at the last Quarterly Communication, I would say that I have always, and do still, disclaim personality in my endeavours to express my sentiments on subjects of public importance, and, however much my probably too excited delivery in speech may be misconstrued, I entertain a deep, though not servile, veneration for lawfully constituted authority. That such veneration should however be perfect it is necessary that no self-imposed blindness to palpable defects in motives or actions should be permitted to interpose.

So much by way of introduction of my subject. I propose to submit, through your pages, if permitted, several points relating to the prerogatives of the Grand Lodge and of its Grand Master for the consideration of the brethren interested in the question which has arisen. And inasmuch as the Grand Lodge is the primary body from which all Masonic authority emanates, precedence in argument must be given to it.

What, then, are the prerogatives of Grand Lodge as set forth by the ancient Constitutions of the Order?

First—"The Grand Lodge alone has the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the ancient landmarks of the Order be preserved." (Cons., page 24, section 16). Grand Lodge alone. That is, "the general representation of all private lodges on record, together with the Grand Stewards of the year and the Present and Past Grand Officers, and the Grand Master at their head," each and every member of which collective body possesses equal rights in general assembly in deliberating upon and "deciding all matters relative to the Craft." This, then, is the *supreme* prerogative of Grand Lodge which all alike have not only to uphold, but, without any distinction whatsoever, to observe. Has this prerogative been recognised and maintained as it should have been? There is a law extant, created in 1869-70, under the terms of the eighth section of the then and still existing regulations for the government of Grand Lodge, which has been neither altered, repealed, nor abrogated, but which has been persistently obstructed and yet remains inoperative. It may be here remarked that no reference appears to be made in the draft of the proposed revision of the Constitutions to this "landmark," which has hitherto been presumed to be authoritative in respect of Grand Lodge resolutions; and that, unless care be taken not to lose sight of so important an elision, this necessary provision may be altogether set aside.

Second—The Grand Lodge, equally with the Grand Master, can constitute brethren, under certain qualifications, members of its body, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

Third—The election of the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer annually.

Fourth—The appointment of the Board of General Purposes (in part) and of all committees. In reference to this prerogative, it may not be altogether out of place to ask whether or not the Grand Lodge was consulted in respect of the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions, a work of such magnitude and great importance that rather merited the appointment of a special committee than the spontaneous, however praiseworthy, action of the Board of General Purposes, whose special business is defined in the regulations of the Order, and does not extend to the initiatory introduction of new matters of debate?

All other minor prerogatives of Grand Lodge which are referred to in the present Book of Constitutions may be considered as embodied in the *supreme* prerogative first above mentioned.

We have now to consider the prerogatives of the M.W. Grand Master, which, in so far as they are expressed by the Constitutions of the Order, appear to be:

First—The appointment of the Grand Officers for the year, excepting only the Grand Treasurer. In respect of the exercise of this prerogative, there is not any regulation which either provides for, or prohibits, the appointment of any one Grand Officer for a longer period than one year, and there is no record that the practice of continuing the same brethren in office for successive years is other than a modern arrangement. As to the advisability of such continued reappointments opinions may differ; but there are not wanting many members of Grand Lodge who consider that every Grand Officer, except those of the Grand Secretary and his assistant, should be open year by year to brethren equally qualified with the present holders thereof for the discharge of duties appertaining to the respective dignities. It is only in the case of the Grand Secretary that provision is made for continued service, by the express regulation that after being "appointed by the Grand Master he shall continue without reappointment during the pleasure of Grand Lodge." And provision is made for Past Grand

rank being accorded to other Grand Officers on retirement after (presumably) one year's service. Whilst, however, the Constitutions of the Order remain as they are, and as they are likely to remain, unless the promoters of the proposed revision are stirred to further efforts, it may well be considered that the M.W. Grand Master's prerogative in this respect is full and indefeasible.

Second—The appointment of brethren of eminence to represent him in sister grand lodges, and the constitution of distinguished personages as members of the Grand Lodge of England.

Third—The authority to preside over the meetings of any lodge.

Fourth—The power to summons any lodge or brother to attend him, and produce warrant, papers, and certificates; but the power to expel any member from the Order is expressly reserved to the Grand Lodge.

Fifth—The appointment of Provincial and District Grand Masters.

Sixth—The power to grant dispensations in certain cases.

Seventh—The nomination of the President and ten members of the Board of General Purposes.

The foregoing are the only prerogatives expressly reserved to the M.W.G.M. by the Constitutions, and neither directly nor by implication is there any alienation from the Grand Lodge of its "inherent power" to decide and determine *all other matters* relating to the Craft. No power whatever is delegated whereby the order of precedence in rank, "declared and pronounced" in 1813, can be disturbed; nor can the prerogative of the M.W. G.M. be justly advanced against the enactment, alteration, repeal, or abrogation by the Grand Lodge of any of its rules and regulations.

There has been much of late connected with the proceedings of Grand Lodge which has caused great dissatisfaction (I speak for others as well as myself), and it has become, one might almost say, absolutely necessary that the Craft generally should ascertain on what principles of abstract justice they are ruled. There are none amongst us, I should hope, so obtuse as to suppose that late occurrences have been the result of the uninfluenced action of our royal chief; but there are not a few who directly attribute them to most unwise counsel on the part of those who are, by virtue of their offices, his immediate advisers.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
JAMES STEVENS. P.M. 1216, P.Z.

Clapham, June 18th.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1882.

This is a very interesting "resumé" of a useful society and of the charitable efforts in the good Province of Staffordshire. We wish, however, that that distinguished province would give up the "drawing" of, and payment for, life memberships, &c. We never have liked this same questionable method, according to our view, of recruiting the finances of our great Charitable Institutions. It has always gone against the grain with us to record such results or epitomize such proceedings. It seems to us a sort of lowering of the great principle of charitable donation for charity's sake. It appears to us "infra dig," and a sort of amiable way of proving our own liberality and energy at other people's expense. We cannot approve of the system, either in its abstract idea or its concrete outcome. And sure we are of this, that many have traded on this plan, and as a "puff" system, and have reaped Kudos and advantages which the steady subscription of many years has failed to give to more modest, retiring, and truly charitable Masons. The age is an age of flummery and pretence, of "tall talk," and public professions of this or that, "much cry and little wool," and we are always sorry to see Freemasons following a noisy crowd, or swelling the "broad and popular way," remembering as we do the great difficulty there always is, in discriminating between outside show and inward verity, the sanctimonious theory and the absolute truth. We therefore beg to urge upon our Staffordshire brethren the need of adhering to the good old adage "ne sutor ultra crepidam," and of devoting their funds and their energies to local claims for educational help and personal assistance.



1987 THE MASONIC HYMN.

This ancient Masonic song, so called by Mr. Dixon in his volume of the "Percy Society," is said by him to be "very ancient." If any brother has a copy on a "broadside" or in a black letter ballad, he will oblige me by informing the editor of the *Freemason*. If the song be really older than 1700, as it seems to be, it opens out many most important questions, as it points to archaic hermeticism and Christian Freemasonry distinctly. It begins, as some will know, "Come all you Freemasons that dwell round the globe, &c." BOOKWORM.

199J ROYAL LANCASHIRE LODGE, COLNE, No. 116.

In reply to Bro. J. Ramsden Riley I find that Bro. James Shackleton, whose death was referred to in the minutes of 1782, was one of the 31 members who signed the minute, mentioned in my last communication, dated 27th March, 1760, two years before the present warrant was granted. I intend paying another visit to Colne in a few days for the purpose of searching through their old books and papers more minutely, when I hope to bring to light some further information. Can either Bro. Hughton or Bro. Riley give us information as to the brother named in the following minute of this lodge. "May 4th, 1786.—Opened the Entered Apprentice Lodge . . . was visited by our brother, the noted Doctor Gabriel Sedra, an Italian." MANCUNION.

STEWARDS' VISIT TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The visit to the Institution of the Stewards for the year took place on Tuesday last. For many years past this Stewards' visit to Croydon has been made a sort of gala day for the inmates of the institution and their friends. The invitations of the Committee to the friends of the institution are on these occasions eagerly accepted, and there is always a large and cheerful party to meet the Stewards and their friends when they go to visit the residents, and see and hear for themselves how efficiently the benevolent wishes of the subscribers are carried out by the Committee and the managers, in the manner in which the resident annuitants have the necessities and as far as possible the comforts of life provided for them in their old age. At a little after one o'clock on Tuesday a considerable party left London from the Cannon-street Station, several saloon second class carriages having been provided through the attentive forethought of Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution. On arriving at the institution shortly before two o'clock these visitors found a considerable party already assembled in the grounds, and Bro. Terry busy in welcoming each individual upon arrival, while Bro. Mason was equally attentive to them in the reception room, and securing their autographs. The arrival of the party from Cannon-street was the signal for commencing luncheon, as Bro. Terry knew by experience that a second party would be ready for luncheon by the time the wants of the first had been satisfied.

Bro. C. J. Perceval was the Chairman of the day, and presided at the cross table, while Bro. Raynham Stewart and Bro. Cubitt took the ends of the side tables, Bro. Terry having nominally his seat at the end of the third, or centre table. Surely the duties of hospitality were never more efficiently performed. Bro. Terry, as has been said, had nominally his seat at the centre table, but he seemed ubiquitous, first seeing the ladies were properly seated, then returning to his seat and carving with the utmost dispatch and dexterity; anon he was up and down amongst the guests personally ascertaining that their wants were properly supplied. And the guests undoubtedly appreciated his attention and that of the chairman and vice-chairman, who, though they could not leave their seats, were constant in seeing that justice was done the very handsome and ample collation that had been provided. The guests considerably did not loiter, but as soon as they had lunched went off to stroll in the grounds, and to carry out the real object of their visit, namely, to call upon and chat with the residents. A good staff of waiters immediately restored order in the table arrangements, and a fresh party of guests came in and took the vacated seats, and were soon fully occupied.

When luncheon was concluded, Bro. PERCEVAL rose and said that in the name of the House Committee he begged to tender a hearty welcome to the Board of Stewards and their friends. He trusted that what these friends of the Institution saw that day would be impressed upon their minds, and carried away in their hearts, to bear fruit in the future. He begged to assure them that the residents were never so happy as when they had visitors to see them, not only on days like the present, but on the ordinary days of everyday life. He begged those before him to have a look at the whole arrangements of the Institution—there were many things to be seen—and to carry away the result to their friends in the provinces, and he was sure that the consequence of so doing would be the increased welfare of the Institution. He would call upon Bro. Terry to give for their information a short "resumé" of what had taken place in the last few years.

Bro. TERRY said that the Chairman had called upon him very unexpectedly to give a summary of what had been done; but as he ought not to be behind hand in responding to the call he would just give a short account of what the Institution was in bygone times and what it was now. Some 15, 16, or 17 years ago, that room in which they were assembled was merely a barn; the residents were located in their apartments in a very different style to what they were now; the funds of the Institution were nothing like they now were. Fifteen or 16 years ago there were 120 annuitants in all; now the annuitants upon the funds were 345 in number. Then they paid £2700 in annuities, whereas now the annuities amounted to £12,600. At that time the men, according to their age, received from £16 to £26 a year, and the widows from £15 to £25. The males now received £40 a year, and the widows £32. At that time the residents scarcely knew each other; but now, through the kindness of the committee, they were granted the use of that room in which to meet each other once or twice a week to play a sociable game at cards, or to have a little music and social intercourse, and the consequence was that a kindly feeling had been promoted, and they were now like members of one family. And, in addition to that, they had now the pleasure of seeing a company of friends assemble there every year. At one time the Stewards did not know that there was a building, never knew it, never saw it, never heard anything of it. Now all that was altered, and with very beneficial results. Then they thought great things of getting £3400; now they were not content with less than five figures as the outcome of the Stewards' exertions. The more it was visited the better for the Institution. Ladies were of a very practical turn of mind, and they wanted to know what their husbands did when they retired from their company on certain nights to attend their lodges. Well, when the ladies came down there they could see something of what their husbands did when they deprived themselves of their wives' delightful company. At this last election they had an enormous number of candidates, but were only able to elect 29, and the remainder have to wait another year before they can stand the chance of election. The Institution had only a certain sum to give, and the more they obtained the more annuities they could grant. That was not like an educational institution, which with increasing funds required increased accommodation; but he could say that if the brethren gave the Institution another £1000 that £1000 should be distributed in additional annuities. No further expenditure for buildings was required. He had no doubt that they would witness before they left the building the gratitude of the residents for all that the brethren had done for them. He hoped the result of their visit would be a pleasant one, and if they would come again on any day to make an inspection, they would it all times be heartily welcome. There was an adage which said that annuitants never died.

In proof of that he would give them an instance of one of their candidates who came from Richmond, in Yorkshire, and who it was found had not been a subscribing member to a lodge a sufficient number of years to make him eligible. He was then 80 years of age, and he then went and joined a lodge and paid two and-a-half year's subscription to make up the necessary term; then at the age of 82 he stood one election and was unsuccessful, he stood another and was unsuccessful again, but according to a bye-law in the case of a candidate of over 80 years of age the committee had power to place him on the fund without further election. The committee availed themselves of this power and placed him on the fund at 84 years of age. Well, he had the advantage of receiving that annuity for 18 years afterwards, and died within six weeks of being 102 years old. That showed that if brethren did come down in life so as to come on the fund the wheels of life ran very easily even if they did run slowly in the Institution. There were people who had been in the Institution seven and twenty years. The Warden, Bro. Norris, was made a Mason in 1812, and was 93 last January; he was in possession of all his faculties, but he was probably on the eve of dissolution; he had been an annuitant for six or seven and twenty years. There was one old gentleman, resident at Jersey, who was 95, who, when it was a fine day, was able to take a four or five mile walk. The annuitants had little to do but eke out existence by gentle stages. Bro. Terry said that he hoped that the visitors would go and see the Girls' School at Clapham Junction and then to Wood Green to the Boys' School, the festival of which was to be held on Wednesday, when he believed such a sum would be announced as would astonish the Masonic world—he believed it was likely to be between £21,000 and £22,000. He mentioned that as a practical hint as to what might also be done for the Masonic Benevolent Institution.

"Bro. Terry's Health" was subsequently proposed by Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART in a highly complimentary speech, to which Bro. TERRY made a suitable reply.

The decorations of the hall, it may be added, were in very good taste and greatly enhanced the elegant appearance of that spacious room. The band of the Boys' School were in attendance and played some very nice selections of music, and won well deserved praises from all present.

Amongst the brethren and their friends present we noticed Albert Escott, Mrs. Escott, and friends; T. F. Lloyd, H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D., and Mrs. Frances, Capt. Godson Godson, J. Dixon, J. G. Fisher, S. H. Moore, Edgar Bowyer and Mrs. Bowyer, C. J. Perceval, K. F. Ould, J. I. Austin, W. Hancock, F. C. Frye, W. B. Lethbridge, H. L. Anderson, Herbert Davy, Thomas Cubitt and Mrs. Culmer, Dr. Seddon, J. Marsh, E. W. Baker and Mrs. Baker, E. F. Storr and Mrs. Storr, Mrs. Ball, K. Jackson, G. Lambert, E. H. Minns, G. L. Moore, J. Soper, I. B. Linscott, A. Woodliffe, A. B. Fox, J. Shipley, A. H. Hickman, T. M. Humphries, J. H. Smith, L. Jacous, Joseph Smith, J. E. Fells, J. H. Clare, W. M. Cowell, H. Doubleday, B. Kauffmann, J. Hemming, A. Meyers, John Maclean, I. M. Greenwood, J. Noble, G. Bugler, W. Bishop, J. Spooner, J. Featherstone, C. Pulman and Mrs. Pulman, F. J. Baker, C. S. Lane and Mrs. Lane, John Lane and Mrs. John Lane, T. Gurney, H. Glenn, A. Posner, J. Roberts, J. Finch, J. Driscoll, T. Thurston, W. J. Lowdon, J. Salmon, C. Smith, J. S. Fraser, E. M. Money, C. Breeden, R. A. Fraser, Adolphus Clark, and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

GRAND CORNER-STONE CEREMONY AT BOLTON.

An imposing Masonic ceremony—of which we gave a short notice in our last, the more extended and corrected report which follows being omitted for want of space—took place on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Tonge Moor, Bolton. Sixty years have passed since an event of a like nature took place in Bolton, the occasion then being the laying the corner-stone of Holy Trinity Church with full Masonic honours in June, 1823. The event we now record was the laying the corner-stone of the new church of St. Augustine's by Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire.

The new church is designed to meet the spiritual wants of the large outlying district of Tonge Moor, which originally formed a part of the Old Bolton Rectory estate, but was assigned to St. James's, Brightmet, on the formation of that parish in 1855. A Sunday school was kept together and lay services conducted for 16 years, from 1855 to 1871. In the latter year, owing to the exertions of Frank Hardcastle, Esq., and the co-operation of the late Rev. Lewis Porter, vicar of Brightmet, the schoolroom was adapted for divine service and licensed, and had continued up to the present time the sole place of worship. The Rev. J. W. Cundey, M.A., was appointed to the charge of Tonge Moor in March, 1871, and was succeeded by the Rev. J. Stuart White in October, 1879. The promoters of the present scheme for the erection of the church were Miss C. Hardcastle, of Firwood, and her brother, Mr. Frank Hardcastle. The former promised £1000 and the latter £500 towards the building of a church, the design being first to have a church consecrated and the parish separated, trusting that then the Ecclesiastical Commissioners will endow the living with the private funds at their disposal. In the meantime Miss Hardcastle guaranteed £300 for the clergyman's stipend, and this and other handsome offers were supplemented by the offer of £500 from Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, and other large sums amounting to £3500. On the resignation of the Rev. R. S. White in October, 1881, the Rev. F. E. Thomas, M.A., with the sanction of the Rev. A. Stephens, vicar of the mother parish, was offered and accepted the charge of the district. After some delay the surviving trustees, Col. Starkie, F. Hardcastle, Esq., R. Winder, Esq., W. Hampson, Esq., Herbert Cross, Esq., and G. Green, Esq., obtained the sanction of the Charity Commissioners to grant a site for the church, and also for the vicarage out of the school land, and the church site was accordingly conveyed over to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners at the commencement of 1883. Arrangements for the commencement of the new church were at once proceeded with, Bro. R. K. Freeman, F.R.I.B.A., was appointed architect, Messrs. Wood and Son, of Bootle, are the contractors, and the cost is estimated at £2300. The first sod was cut on February 22nd, 1883, by Miss Hardcastle, and the work has proceeded rapidly since that initial step. It is expected that the church will be ready for consecration about Christmas.

Tonge Moor on Saturday was alive with visitors from Bolton and elsewhere, and the inhabitants had done their best to give the *clat* to the occasion by a profuse display of flags and banners, nearly every house having some kind of streamer adding its quota to the general gaiety. The clergy in attendance, all robed in white surplices, assembled at the Parsonage. The Sunday school teachers, scholars, and choir assembled in the school yard, the church committee, firemen and others in the large schoolroom and the brethren in the infant school. First came the Bradshaw Brass Band, next the members of the Firwood Fire Brigade. The next in order were the working masons employed on the building, followed by the teachers and scholars to the number of 300. The choir in surplices, the church committee, the clergy followed, and the Masonic brethren to the number of about 200, attired in Craft clothing with insignia of office, brought up the rear. Among the more prominent brethren we noticed, in addition to the Prov. Grand Master, Bros. George Mellor, D.P.G.M.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D., W.M. 37; Richard Duxbury, W.M. 146; John Isherwood, W.M. 221; Wm. Crankshaw, W.M. 348; R. Latham, W.M. 1723; James Newton, P.P.S.G.D., and Hon. Sec. to the Masonic Committee; Thomas Mason, Prov. S.G.W.; Charles Haywood, Prov. J.G.W.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.W.; Thomas Glaister, P.P.G.W.; Edmund Ashworth, P.P.G.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. W. Chaytor, P.P.G. Chap.; John Rigby, Prov. G. Treas.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; Samuel Isherwood, P.P.G. Treas.; J. A. Foyster, Prov. G. Reg.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; John J. Meakin, Prov. S.G.D.; Charles E. Austin, Prov. S.G.D.; James Jaffrey, Prov. J.G.D.; W. Slater, P.P.G.D.; George Ferguson, Prov. G. S. of W.; Samuel Crowther, P.P.G. S. of W.; S. Porritt, Prov. G.D. of C.; John Roberts, Prov. G. Dep. D. of C.; Andrew Milne, Prov. G.A. D. of C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; Robt. Whittaker, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; J. W. Salmon, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; B. J. Gosling, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. Nicholson, P. Prov. G. Swd. Br.; F. W. Pacey, Mus. Bac., P. Prov. G. Org. Berks and Bucks; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Org.; Henry Greenwood, P. Prov. G. Purst.; I. Mitchell, Prov. G. Tyler; John Booth, S.W. 37; R. K. Freeman, P.M. 37 (the architect for the new church); R. Pennington, L.L.B., P.M. 37; J. Mills, P.M. 37; Dr. N. Y. Martin, P.M. 1814; J. W. Poyntz, S.D. 37; J. Hardcastle, J.D. 37; W. H. Lomax, I.G. 37; J. Naylor, 37; R. Nightingale, 37. H. Broughton, S.W. 146; J. F. Skelton, J.W. 146; J. Wild, P.M. 146; J. Morris, P.M. 146; W. Cooper, P.M. 146; J. Dooley, P.M. 146; G. Taylor, P.M. 146; J. Holt, H. Tongue, J. Haslam, W. Carter, T. Nightingale, J. Galloway, E. Hird, D. Constantine, W. Heywood, J. Kostron, J. G. Carter, J. T. Vose, all of 146; E. Melrose, S.W. 221; P. Bradburn, J.W. 221; J. Heywood, P.M. 221; J. L. Aldred, P.M. 221; H. Stead, P.M. 221; W. Wadson, P.M. 221; T. S. Sugden, W. F. Chambers, J. F. Elliston, H. Briscoe, R. F. Chirnside, all of 221; J. Partington, J.W. 348; J. Alcock, P.M. 348; T. Raby, P.M. 348; T. Higson, P.M. 348; I. A. Greenhalgh, P.M. 348; S. Barrett, P.M. 348; J. B. Taylor, P.M. 348; J. Wolstenholme, P.M. 348; R. H. Phillips, W. Chadwick, G. Walker, B. Topp, W. Greenwood, G. W. Dyson, A. Jones, J. Wood, J. Hamer, J. Eckersley, C. Buckley, W. Scholes, W. Green, all of 348; J. Barrett, S.W. 1723; E. G. Harwood (Mayor of Bolton), J.W. 1723; N. Nicholson, P.M. 1723; J. H. Greenhalgh, P.M. 1723; J. Richardson, P.M. 1723; J. M. Rutter, P.M. 1723; W. Blain, P.M. 1723; J. Priestley, T. Morris, J. B. Goulourn, J. W. Forbes, T. B. Tong, J. Bromley, all of 1723; E. A. Evans, J.W. 42; R. L. McMillan, 163; T. Peake, 678; W. Coope, 350; and others.

The procession was marshalled by the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, the Deputy Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., and the Assistant Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, to whom valuable assistance was rendered by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P. Prov. G.D. of C., who had charge of the arrangements at the site of the New Church also. The route taken was up Tonge Moor-road, round by Castle-hill to Firwood, and as the processionists wended their way they presented a most animated and picturesque appearance, the large banner of the school carried in front and the Masonic banners serving to heighten the effect. The Bible was carried on a cushion by the following, who are all sons of Masons, and who each wore their college caps: Percy C. Taylor, George Bently, Herbert Pacey, and Edwin Newton. On reaching Firwood a halt was made and the brethren deployed on to the lawn, where they were received by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and the principal Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge; the Rev. Canon Powell, Vicar of Bolton and Rural Dean; Frank Hardcastle, Esq. Charles Hargreaves, Esq., of Redthorpe; W. Hampson, Esq.; and Bros. G. E. Hulton and James M'Laren, and a numerous company of friends. The officers and past officers assembled to meet the processionists on the lawn included Bros. G. Mellor, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Thos. Mason, Prov. G.S.W.; Chas. Heywood, Prov. G. J.W.; Edwd. Ashworth, P.P.G.W.; Thos. Glaister, P.P.G.W.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; G. P. Brockbank, W.M. 37, P.P.G.S.D.; James Newton, P.P.G.S.D., Hon. Sec. to the Masonic Committee; Wm. Slater, P.P. G.S.D.; E. G. Harwood, J.W. 1723, Mayor of Bolton; and R. K. Freeman, P.M. 37 (the architect), who had been entertained to luncheon by Frank Hardcastle, Esq., at Firwood.

Previous to the procession continuing its course, an effective group of the brethren was formed on the lawn and very successful photographs taken by Mr. John Taylor, 14, Moncrieffe-street. At the stone five platforms were erected for the convenience of the brethren and visitors, amongst whom were a large number of ladies. The ceremony then commenced, and was in strict accord with the ritual of the Craft. The stone bore the initials "A.M.D.G., A.D. 1883." At the commencement of the proceedings, the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" was sung by the assembled multitude. Bro. F. W. Pacey, P. Prov. G. Org. Berks and Bucks (clad in his robes as Mus. Bac.), presiding at the harmonium and conducting the musical portion of the proceedings. A flourish of trumpets followed, and the Rev. F. E. Thomas, M.A., the curate-in-charge, read an account of the undertaking, the facts of which we have given above, and then handed the bottle to be enclosed in the cavity to the Rev. A. Stephens, Vicar of Brightmet, who, in accepting it said that judging from what he saw around him, as well as from the plans both at home and in the Royal Academy, London, he believed they would have a very pretty church, a very becoming daughter of the extremely pretty mother church at Brightmet.

(Applause.) He trusted there would be a happy combination of beauty and utility, and he meant that in the highest sense. They ought to be especially grateful in these days for every means of promoting God's kingdom, and he must fervently thanked God for that earnest of a new church. He hoped and prayed that St. Augustine's Church, Tonge Moor, might prove a great blessing to all the people in that neighbourhood. He wished the curate-in-charge, the Rev. F. E. Thomas, every happiness and success. The rev. gentleman then announced that the bottle which he had pleasure in handing to the Treasurer contained copies of the three local weekly papers, the *Church Guardian*, the *Freemason*, a small plan of the church, the sketch published in the *Architect*, a history of the movement, and a few copper coins. Miss C. Hardcastle of Firwood, then handed the trowel to Bro. Colonel le Gendre N. Starkie, requesting him to formally lay the stone. The trowel was silver-gilt, bearing the crest of Colonel Starkie and Masonic emblems, with a suitable inscription.

Col. Starkie then briefly addressed the assembly. He said he desired it to be known that they were lawful Masons, true and honourable to the laws of their country. Although not themselves operative Masons, yet they had from time immemorial been associated with the erection of buildings to be raised for the benefit of mankind, the adornment of the world, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. They had amongst them, unseen from the eyes of men, secrets that might not be unveiled, and which no man had discovered. Those secrets were lawful and honourable, and neither repugnant to the laws of God nor the laws of men. They were entrusted to the Masons of ancient days, and they had been faithfully transferred to them, and it was their duty to convey them unimpaired to their latest posterity. Unless their Order had been honourable and their calling just it would not have lasted all those centuries, nor would they have had so many illustrious brethren in their Order ready to promote their laws and further their interests. They were assembled there that day to assist in the erection of a church for the worship of the Most High. He prayed God that He might prosper it as it seemed good to Him. It was the duty of all Masons when engaged in any undertaking to invoke the blessing of the great Architect of the Universe, and he therefore asked them to join their Chaplain in prayer.

The Chaplain then offered prayer, after which the Masonic Ode "Prosper the Art" was sung by the surpliced choir.

The bottle was then inserted in the cavity by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the Prov. Grand Secretary placed on the top of it a brass plate bearing the following inscription:—"This corner-stone was laid with Masonic formalities by Lieut.-Col. le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, 9th June, A.L. 5883, A.D. 1883." The Prov. Grand Master then laid the cement with a handsome silver gilt trowel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Lieut.-Col. le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, on the occasion of his laying the corner-stone of St. Augustine's Church, Tonge Moor, 9th June, 1883,"—which had been presented to him by Miss C. Hardcastle. The stone was then lowered and tested with the plummet, level, and square, by the Prov. Grand Officers and duly declared to be "properly formed and shaped." This portion of the ceremony was exceedingly curious and interesting, and though the heat was very great and the crush tremendous the crowd watched every movement with avidity.

FRANK HARDCASTLE, Esq., who held in his hand a handsome mallet formed of bog oak and bearing a similar inscription to the trowel on a circular plate of silver gilt, then addressed Bro. Col. Starkie, saying: "Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, we have witnessed the solemn and imposing ceremony with which you have laid this stone with feelings of very great interest and gratitude. But though this stone is fashioned with all the skill your noble Craft can boast of; though you have joined it to its fellows with cement which will hold it in its place in an unyielding grip; though you are about to bless it with corn, with wine, and with oil, yet it still remains for you, sir, to test this stone whether it be a sound one. As with this stone, so it is with man. What avails it though he be chiselled in beauty's form, though he be joined to wife or brethren with the cement of affection, though he be anointed with the oil of opulence, though he be filled with the wine and the corn of plenty, what avails it all, I say, if he himself be a castaway? It is, therefore, for the purpose of testing this stone that I now hand you this mallet, and in doing so, I would remind you, sir, that we are told it is made of bog oak, dug from the foundation of this church some four or five feet below the surface of the spot where we now stand. Geologists tell us that for peat to form to such a depth as that would take something like 2000 years. This carries the mind back to the dim vista of the past. Perchance this very oak flourished on this spot where we now stand at the time when our Saviour preached and taught by the shore of the Sea of Galilee or the banks of the Jordan. As He died, so this oak died. As He was buried, so this oak was buried. As He rose again, so this oak rises again to perform its little part in the erection of this monument to the honour and glory, the height and majesty, of its great Co-temporary. Take, then, this mallet, sir, and test the stone that it be an honest one.

When the cheers hailing Mr. Hardcastle's address had died away, the Prov. Grand Master administered three raps to the stone, saying as he did so—"In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Ghost I lay this stone, and may the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the corner-stone with every success and blessing." Then came the following brief prayer: "May the Almighty Architect and Ruler of the Universe shower down His choicest blessings upon the inhabitants of this district, and grant them a full supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy."

The Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, Bro. G. Ferguson, having handed the plans of the building to the Prov. Grand Master, and the latter having returned them to the architect, the stone was blessed with corn, with wine, and with oil, contained in silver cups, during which the Chaplain repeated the following appropriate words: "There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth." "And for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of wine for a sweet savour unto the Lord." "And thou shalt

make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil. And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith and the ark of the testimony." An appropriate anthem was then sung and a prayer offered by the Rev. Canon Powell. After the hymn commencing "The Church's one Foundation" had been sung the "Te Deum" was joined in by all present, and the benediction having been pronounced, the National Anthem (Masonic version) was sung, and the proceedings terminated, the immense concourse of spectators slowly filing away.

The brethren proceeded back to the Infant School, where they were briefly thanked for their attendance by the Prov. GRAND MASTER, who said he had always thought well of the spirit of Freemasonry existing in Bolton; but from what he had seen that day he was convinced that such a spirit could not be equalled nor surpassed by any town in England. It was indeed extremely creditable to the Masonry of the town that so many of its representatives had turned out to take part in such a laudable work, and he heartily thanked them for what they had done.

The Prov. Grand Master then left the room through an avenue formed by the brethren. A cold collation was afterwards partaken of. The children were marched to a field lent by Mr. Fletcher, of Tonge, where they were bountifully regaled, and the elder scholars and teachers afterwards partook of tea in the schoolroom.

PRESENTATION TO A LIVERPOOL MUSICAL BROTHER.

On Friday afternoon, at the Philharmonic Hall, Bro. J. J. Monk, Organist of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, was the recipient of a well merited, altogether unexpected, and highly artistic testimonial. Bro. Monk has for many years been prominently and honourably identified with the cultivation of musical art in this city and district, having pursued a most successful system of musical tuition which has benefited many promising and talented pupils, and in connection with the examinations held under the banner of the Trinity College, London, he has for years fulfilled the duties of Honorary Local Secretary with so much tact, zeal, and admirable discretion as to render Liverpool by far the best centre of the well-known college in the country.

The active and successful labours of Bro. Monk as a professor of musical art were recognised on this occasion by a great number of ladies, former and present pupils, who were anxious to show their appreciation of artistic labour, which in their cases had been crowned with so much success. Quite unknown to Bro. Monk, these ladies had quietly organised a subscription for a testimonial to their instructor, and this took the shape of an exceedingly artistic illuminated address bearing warm testimony of admiration for the talent and many excellent qualities of the recipient. The Trinity College examinations had been proceeding for several days at the Philharmonic Hall under the able superintendence of Bro. Professor Humphrey J. Stark, Mus. Doc. Oxon., one of the P.M.s. of Trinity College Lodge, assisted by Bro. Monk, and the ladies charged with the organisation of the testimonial seized this opportunity of making the presentation. On this occasion it was clearly demonstrated that ladies can keep a secret, as the testimonial was really a pleasant surprise to Bro. Monk. The subscribers included the names of about 40 ladies, and fully half of that number assembled on Friday afternoon in one of the rooms of the Philharmonic Hall. The chair was taken by Major R. E. Stewart, who spoke in high terms of Bro. Monk's great ability as a professor of music.

Bro. HUMPHREY J. STARK, who made the presentation on behalf of the ladies, said it afforded him the greatest pleasure to be the means of conveying to Mr. Monk the very artistic address which had been subscribed for by his past and present pupils in token of their appreciation of his services in the cultivation of musical art. He (Bro. Stark) had had many opportunities of observing the manner in which Mr. Monk had performed the services as Honorary Local Secretary of Trinity College in that city, and he could say with all sincerity that there was no centre in England which was more successfully worked than that over which Mr. Monk had control. (Hear, hear.) Indeed, the centre was so well conducted that all the local secretaries thought it useless to endeavour to compete with Liverpool, thanks to the indefatigable exertions of Mr. Monk. His former and present pupils had also benefited by his practical labours, and the address was an evidence of the sincere esteem and admiration they felt for their old master. He trusted that Mr. Monk would be long spared to look upon the address as an evidence of esteem in view of faithfully performed work.

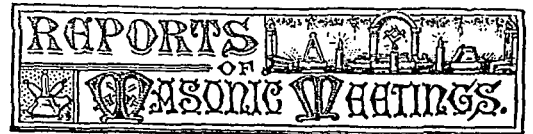
Bro. Professor Stark then read and presented the address, which conveyed the subscribers' appreciation of Bro. Monk's earnest and untiring efforts towards the improvement of musical art in the city, expressing a hope that he might be long spared to labour as successfully as he had done in the past. The address, the work of Mr. T. Eyres, Liverpool, was an elaborate specimen of the art of illuminating, remarkable for its originality of design and harmonious colouring. It displays original water colour drawings in the top corner of two figures representing "Music," in the lower right hand corner of other symbolical figures also illustrative of music and dancing, together with a happily conceived drawing of "Orpheus making glad the hearts of the beasts and birds by the power of music." These, together with a beautiful coloured drawing of the city arms, make the highly finished address unusually attractive.

Bro. MONK acknowledged the presentation in an exceedingly feeling speech, in the course of which he stated that the gift was altogether unexpected. He was therefore taken quite aback, and could not find words to express his thanks for the very splendid gift, which would be treasured by him so long as he lived. He could assure them it would be an incentive to him to strive even more earnestly in the cause of music in the future than he had done in the past.

The CHAIRMAN again expressed his appreciation of Bro. Monk's labours, and

Bro. J. B. MCKENZIE, in proposing a vote of thanks to Major Stewart for presiding, said that during a long series of years in connection with another profession, he had had frequent opportunities of witnessing the excellent results of Bro. Monk's musical work, which had borne very much valuable fruit. He had been most indefatigable in his exertions as Honorary Local Secretary of Trinity College, London, and it was largely owing to his influence and self-

sacrificing efforts that Liverpool now had the privilege of occupying the position of the premier centre of the college. Major STEWART acknowledged the compliment, and the pleasant proceedings terminated.



Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. The lodge was opened punctually at 7 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. C. McNamara, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. C. G. Watson, acting as I.P.M.; J. J. Clay, P.M., D. of C.; J. C. Moor, S.W.; J. R. Pattison, J.W.; R. Singleton, Sec.; J. Hewson, acting as S.D.; C. M. Wake, J.D.; J. J. Nasbet, I.G. There were present several members and the following visitors: Bros. Dr. Potts, P.M.; M. Frampton, P.M., and Hunter, 94; R. Kinmond, P.M.; J. Elwen, P.M. So; J. Eggleston, P.M.; Hewson, J.W.; Crisp, S.; Simpson, I.G. 949; J. Sedcole, J.W. 1119; Sims, Weston, and Thompson, 1342.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, there being only one candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. announced that in consequence of the time on hand he would proceed to give the candidate the lecture on the first tracing board, which was done with all its illustrations. Afterwards Bro. G. C. Watson, P.M., passed the candidate, Bro. Clifford, to the Degree of F.C.; after which the W.M. gave Bros. Clifford, E. Watson, and W. Birch, who had been raised at the previous meeting, the full lecture on the second tracing board. Some interesting discussion then took place respecting the forthcoming picnic to be held at Studley Royal on the 5th prox., and then the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

The brethren retired to the banqueting room, and there remembering their poor and afflicted brethren, £2 was voted to an aged Freemason who was in needy circumstances. Altogether an enjoyable evening was spent.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda's Lodge (No. 240).—On Monday night the usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. H. Thompson, W.M., assisted by the following brethren: Bros. G. S. Shotton, I.P.M.; J. T. Wilson, P.M., acting S.W.; G. Robson, J.W.; John Hinde, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Clarke, acting S.D.; A. E. Cowling, J.D.; T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D. of C., acting I.G.; and others.

The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Emmerson, who was declared unanimously elected, and was, along with Mr. David Dadswell, duly initiated into Masonry by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Thos. Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., and G. S. Shotton, I.P.M., who delivered the charge in a very effective manner. Bro. Geo. Robson, J.W., gave the working tools. Bros. Matthew Todd and John Dobbing were afterwards passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. J. Roddam, P.M., P.P.G.P. Bro. John Hinde, P.M., &c., explained the working tools with considerable expression. On the motion of Bro. J. Roddam, P.M., &c., and Bro. Thos. Coulson, P.M., &c., the sum of £5 was voted to the funds of the Ingham Infirmary and Dispensary and £1 1s. to the Indigent Sick Society.

The W.M., Bro. J. H. Thompson, was next appointed as representative of the lodge on the Charity Committee for the Province of Durham.

The Worshipful Master then rose and addressed the brethren. He was sure they would join with him in an expression of pleasure at seeing present that night Bro. J. H. Haggitt, an old member and recent officer of St. Hilda's Lodge, who, as most of the brethren were aware, had about two years ago to leave this country in search of health. Bro. Haggitt had been sojourning in Texas, and as they could all bear witness he had come among them again much restored to health. He congratulated Bro. Haggitt upon the beneficial change in his health, and while giving him a hearty fraternal greeting on his temporary return, expressed the hope that the improvement in his health would be enjoyed for many years.

Bro. Haggitt suitably responded, and expressed the great pleasure he had in once more joining his brethren, and in finding that his mother lodge continued to increase and prosper, and worked in all the old harmony. On all sides he had been received most fraternally.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and a pleasant evening was spent.

CROYDON.—Frederick Lodge of Unity (No. 452).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 105, High-street, on Tuesday last, when the lodge was opened by Bro. J. C. F. W. Rogers, W.M., and some formal business, including the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting and the reading of the report of a special Committee, was proceeded with; after which the following resolution was moved, seconded, and carried: "That the Committee's report be received and adopted and that the bye-laws as altered be referred to the R.W. the Prov. G.M. for his approval." The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. H. E. Frances, P.P.G. S.D., and Secretary of the lodge. The W.M. elect was Bro. Charles M. Ohren, son of Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C., the Treasurer of the lodge, who being duly presented was addressed by the Installing Master, and having thereafter given his assent to the ancient charges was, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, installed by Bro. Frances into the chair of K.S., and afterwards duly proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. Bro. Frances concluded the ceremony with the customary orations to the Master, the Wardens, and the lay brethren. The officers appointed or elected and invested for the ensuing year were: Bros. W. G. Batchelor, S.W.; David Sugg, J.W.; Magnus Ohren, P.G. Assist. D.C., Treas.; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; C. G. Scott, S.D.; W. Geo. Hunter, J.D.; D. R. Wise, I.G.; C. T. Speight,

Tyler; J. Steele, First Steward; and W. Auckland, Second Steward.

It was moved by Bro. Magnus Ohren, and being seconded, was put and carried: "That a Past Master's jewel of the value of three guineas be presented to Bro. J. C. F. W. Rogers on his leaving the chair, as a mark of respect from the members."

Bro. Rogers acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms.

Mr. William Batchelor, son of Bro. W. G. Batchelor, was approved of upon ballot as a candidate for initiation, and by the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Batchelor was accorded the privilege of performing the ceremony of initiating his son into the First Degree, which he did very carefully and impressively. It was stated that the initiate was about to go abroad, and was very desirous to become a member of the Craft before leaving England.

There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren of the lodge and their guests dined together in the lodge room, after which a number of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," were simply proposed by the W.M. in a very few words, and met with the usual loyal reception.

The next toast, the W.M. said, was that of the "M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarking that the Frederick Lodge was always honoured with the presence of one Grand Officer, the worthy Treasurer of the lodge, and he should therefore commend the toast to their notice, coupled with the name of Bro. Magnus Ohren.

Bro. Magnus Ohren said that he rose with pleasure to respond to that toast which must be envied by any man, and the position was one that must be worked for by any man who aspired to the honour. He could not say that there was any royal road to it, but he knew that a man must make some mark in Masonry to arrive at that point. Many of those present were entitled to sit in Grand Lodge, and no doubt had done so, and must have observed how many of the Grand Officers there were who filled such position. It was a great thing for them to know that there were always brethren willing and able to fill those positions, and the Grand Master never made a mistake when he called upon brethren to fill those posts. Some of the posts had been filled with great advantage to the Craft for years past. The Pro Grand Master always gave great satisfaction when he attended, because everyone felt that the work would be done in a manner worthy of a brother holding that high position. Bro. Ohren said he only felt sorry that the Grand Master was not more frequently among the brethren, but they could well understand how that was; they knew that the Prince of Wales when asked to preside at some great undertaking was able to choose his own time, and was generally punctual, but the meetings of Grand Lodge, at which they were so anxious to have him preside, fell on fixed dates, which almost inevitably clashed with some other appointment, so that we could not expect him to be there; that, Bro. Ohren said, he believed to be the reason why the Grand Master did not more frequently preside at Grand Lodge. Another reason was possibly that it had frequently been proved that the room in which Grand Lodge had been in the habit of meeting was not large enough. On the very last occasion when the prince was there he (Bro. Ohren), as Past G.D.C., was asked to assist, and he assured them that there were scores who went away who would not attempt to get into the hall to sign, and there were many others who stayed there for hours who had to go away after all. But now that the fire had occurred, though some people looked upon it as a great misfortune, which he would not deny, they would have an opportunity of building a hall fit to receive the members according to the growth of the Craft, and he had no doubt that when that hall was completed they would more frequently see the Grand Master among them.

In proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," the Worshipful Master said that the lodge was favoured by having several Prov. Grand Officers among its members; but he was sorry to say that only two were present on this occasion. He should couple the name of Bro. Jeffreys with this toast.

Bro. Jeffreys in reply said that he was sorry he was the only one left to reply to this toast of the Provincial Grand Officers. It was partly perhaps owing to the unfortunate illness of Bros. W. Sugg and J. W. Sugg. Since he had himself been a Prov. Grand Officer there had never before been so small an attendance of Prov. Grand Officers. Sometimes they had mustered 14. While on his legs he would take occasion to remind them that the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting would take place at Oatlands Park Hotel, Walton-on-Thames, on Thursday, the 28th inst., and he reminded them that if any of them desired grand office it was very necessary to attend Provincial Grand Lodge that they might bring themselves under the notice of the Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," at the same time wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master in reply said that he thanked the I.P.M. very heartily for all the kind expressions he had made use of in proposing his (the W.M.'s) health, and said that he should do his utmost to support the dignity of the chair during his year of office, and hoped to prove that their confidence had not been misplaced when they elected him their Master.

The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," said that he hoped that the initiate would follow in his father's footsteps, for if he took his father as his guide he would not go far wrong.

The initiate having briefly returned thanks, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors." He said they had not many visitors on this occasion, but they had five, viz., Bros. Carmen, Hunter, Dutton Morgan, and Massey. The brethren were very much indebted to Bro. Carmen for the music they now had, and he should couple his and Bro. Hunter's name with the toast.

Bros. Carmen and Dutton both acknowledged the compliment, expressing the pleasure they had felt in seeing Bro. Chas. M. Ohren installed, and the added pleasure of seeing their friend Bro. Batchelor initiated, and concluded by expressing their wishes that he might have a happy and successful year of office.

The W.M. said the next toast was "The Past Masters," and referring to Bro. Rogers said he had to thank him for the assistance he had rendered in carrying out the altera-

tions in the bye-laws. Of the wisdom of the alterations there could be no doubt.

Bro. Rogers returned thanks briefly in the name of himself and the other P.Ms. It was true he said that he had done no real work, being prevented by illness, but he hoped that the W.M. would take example not by him but by his predecessors.

The toasts to "The Installing Master," and "The S.W. and other Officers," were also proposed.

Bro. Ohren said that he had much pleasure in returning thanks for the toast which was usually put as the "Treasurer and Secretary," but on this occasion the W.M. had very properly put it as the Installing Master, and the Treasurer, Bro. Frances, was well known as a teacher of Freemasonry; he was one who had devoted a great part of his life to Masonry, and it was highly important to the Craft at large that there should be those who for the love of Freemasonry were willing to devote themselves to the task of spreading a knowledge of the ritual. There were many men who attended lodges of instruction who taught young Masons who were coming on and wanted to learn the duties of the chair. No brother could hope to be proficient in the duties of the chair unless he attended lodges of instruction, and unless there were men like Bro. Frances to teach it to them. On his own behalf Bro. Ohren said that looking back at an old book that lay on the table in the lodge room he found that he joined this lodge on the 2nd May, 1867—just 16 years ago—and he had not been in the lodge more than six months when he was found assisting in the secretarial duties, when he was entreated to become the Secretary, and for 15 years he had done the duties of Secretary to the lodge, he would say to the satisfaction of the brethren, because he had had many proofs of that throughout. Through the death of their old friend and brother Bro. Robins, Bro. Ohren said he thought he would give the lodge the opportunity of appointing Bro. Frances to the chair of Secretary, and knowing it was a duty Bro. Frances could perform, he had thought it well to resign that position; and he added that he hoped that for another 16 years the brethren might see Bro. Frances in the Secretary's chair. As regarded the Treasurership, he hoped that as long as he held that office he would be able to conduct the affairs of the lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren.

During the evening Bro. Magnus Ohren and his two sons, Bro. Carmen, and other brethren sang some delightful songs; indeed it is not often that a lodge is found to be so thoroughly musical and to possess so many well-trained voices.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. The W.M., Bro. J. Bland, presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Webster, S.W.; J. Copestick, J.W.; W. Whittaker, Treas.; Rev. Thos. Orrell, Chap.; Edgar Home, S.D.; A. Woodiwise, jun., J.D.; J. W. Brigg, Org.; James Maxey, I.G.; J. Walker and S. Taylor, Stewards; E. Holden, Tyler; G. T. Wright, P.M.; J. Smith, P.M.; J. C. Merry, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; A. Frazer, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; Dr. J. C. Wigg, H. Home, W. Forman, T. Jordan, J. Ascott, G. Sutherland, A. Tyler, F. Sale, and A. Moore; also the following visitors: Bros. W. L. Ball, I.P.M. 802; C. D. Hart, S.W. 1085; and Rev. E. C. Hipkin, 1031.

Lodge being opened the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for Mr. James Melrose, a candidate for Freemasonry, he being duly elected. Bro. F. Sale was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in ancient and solemn form, the whole of the work being performed by the W.M. in a manner which elicited great praise from the Past Masters and brethren. On the proposition of Bro. J. Brown, P.M., and which was seconded, the following alteration of bye-law was agreed to: "The fee for a joining member shall be three guineas, which shall include the subscription for the current year." Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., Chairman of the Prov. Charity Committee, then proposed that an additional sum of three guineas be voted from the lodge funds to be added to the two guineas usually subscribed by the lodge, and placed upon the list of Bro. W. H. Ball, I.P.M. 802, who is Steward for the Boys' School Festival. This was duly seconded and carried unanimously. A letter was read from the Secretary, Bro. W. Cooper, P.M., expressing regret at being unable to be present, also a telegram from the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Cay, who had wired remembrance to W.M. and brethren from St. Petersburg. Notice of motion was given by Bro. J. Brown, P.M., respecting the mode of voting Past Masters' jewels in future, and the W.M., P.Ms., and brethren then signed a petition to the Board of Benevolence for the purpose of obtaining a grant for the widow of a deceased brother.

Lodge was then closed and shortly after the brethren assembled in the lower hall, where an excellent supper was provided by the esteemed and energetic caterer, Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. The W.M. presided and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bros. Whittaker, P.M., P.G.R., and G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., responding for Prov. Grand Lodge, the latter highly complimenting the W.M. for the manner in which the ceremony had been performed.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. C. Webster, S.W., and on responding the W.M. expressed his earnest desire to carry on the good work of the lodge in as able a manner as those who had preceded him. He also informed the brethren that at their next regular meeting he should not be able to be present, as business would call him to York during the royal show meeting, and that he hoped to be present when the Grand Master of England laid the foundation-stone there on July 18th.

Bro. A. Frazer, P.M., then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," assuring them of a cordial welcome whenever they could attend.

Bro. Rev. E. C. Hipkin, 1031, responded, thanking the W.M. and brethren for their kind reception of the toast, and expressing the pleasure his visit to the lodge had given him, especially praising the excellent working, comparing it favourably with the work he had seen in Birmingham, Bros. W. L. Hall, 253 and 432, also responded.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed by the W.M. and ably responded to by the oldest member of the lodge, Bro. John Smith, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.

The W.M. in proposing "The Officers" paid them a deserved compliment for the manner in which they assisted him with the ceremony.

To this Bros. J. W. Brigg, Org., and Rev. T. Orrell, P.G. Chap., suitably responded. The worthy purveyor, Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., was specially toasted and made

one of his usual earnestly practical speeches in response. The private members were also toasted in a speech by Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., Bros. T. Day and H. Home, responding. Some excellent songs were given by Bros. J. Maxey, J. W. Brigg, G. Sutherland, W. Forman, and G. T. Wright, and the 17th's toast closed a most pleasant gathering.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—The annual celebration of the Festival of St. John by the members of this lodge took place on Thursday afternoon, the 14th inst., at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, and the very numerous attendance clearly evinced the popularity of the lodge, the prosperity of the Craft at the north end, and the general approval by the brethren of the selection and election of the W.M. for the ensuing year. There were about 90 members and visitors present, amongst whom were nearly 30 W.Ms. and P.Ms. hailing from lodges in various parts of the city. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., the retiring W.M., who was supported by a full complement of officers and excellent representation of P.Ms. The principal members and visitors present were Bros. John F. Newell, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; Councillor J. W. McWean, P.M.; W. Donkin, I.P.M.; T. Fozzard, P.M.; T. McVean, P.M.; G. Sculthorpe, P.M.; R. R. Forshaw, P.M.; T. Hatton, I.P.M. 203; J. Hilton, P.M. 203; R. E. Milton, W.M. 1756; W. Grierson, P.M. 1756; W. P. Vines, W.M. 1570; C. E. Bryan, P.M. 1313; J. Foulkes, P.M. 1325; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W. 1609; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; and others.

After the transaction of some preliminary business, Bro. J. P. Bryan concluded his year's excellent services in the chair by installing Bro. Lewis Peake, his successor, as W.M., the whole ceremony being performed in an irrefragable manner and with great impressiveness. The W.M. subsequently invested the following as his officers for the coming year: Bros. J. P. Bryan, I.P.M.; J. B. Bunting, P.M., M.C.; J. J. Smith, S.W.; John Tunstall, J.W.; Alfred Willis, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); George Mitchell, Sec.; W. Addison, S.D.; C. Burchall, J.D.; Thomas McCreavey, I.G.; S. E. Davies, S.S.; W. Hill, J.S.; J. Solomon, A.S.; and W. Watson, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, Bryan's anthem, "Behold, how good," was sung with fine effect, and the business closed, after "Hearty good wishes" had been conveyed to Bro. Lewis Peake, W.M., from the representatives of about 20 lodges.

Dinner was subsequently served in the lower hall, and during the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Bryan, I.P.M. An enjoyable musical programme was given by Bros. D. J. Davies, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, O. J. Rowlands, R. N. Hobart, H. J. Nicholls, W. J. Burnett, T. Foulkes, S. E. Davies, W. Quayle, J. P. Bryan, and others.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—An emergency meeting of this thriving provincial lodge took place on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, the W.M., Bro. Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, 1184, presiding, supported by his officers: Bros. J. B. Sargent, I.P.M.; A. D. Womersley, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Lamborne, P.P.G.P., P.M., acting J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Treas.; C. R. Chandler, P.M., Sec.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Chap., acting S.D.; Jas. Richardson, J.D.; C. W. Till, I.G.; J. Fielding Org.; Leslie, Tyler; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., D.C.; C. Martin, G. Farley, R. M. Lambert, J. Fould, 40; Drucquer, R. Hughes, Walder, Jordan, Dr. Davison, H. Foster, and Henry Kimm, 40 (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. G. F. Wood, Sec. 40; F. Duke, 40; and J. Hunter, 40.

At the conclusion of the preliminary formalities, a ballot was taken for Mr. William Augustus Raper, proposed by Bro. Thorpe, P.M., seconded by Bro. Very Rev. Currie, with unanimous result. The next business on the summons was raising Bros. R. T. Davison and H. Foster, the impressive ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Duke. The candidate being in attendance, Bro. B. H. Thorpe, P.M., next occupied the chair, by the courtesy of the W.M., and initiated Mr. Raper into the mysteries of the Order in a faultless manner.

The W.M. then proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Chaplain, the very Rev. E. R. Currie, for his presentation to the lodge of a new set of collars, and ordered the same to be entered on the minutes.

All business being ended the W.M., Bro. Duke, invited the brethren to a collation at the George Hotel. On the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. the Very Rev. Currie in proposing "The Health of the W.M." spoke in most eulogistic terms of Bro. Duke and the assiduous attention he paid to all matters connected with the lodge.

The Worshipful Master suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The evening was enlivened by some good songs given by Bros. J. Hunter, R. Hughes, and C. W. Duke, bringing the evening to a pleasant close.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The regular monthly meeting of this very promising lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street West, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when many members and a large number of visitors, over 46, were present. The W.M., Bro. William Smith, P.M., Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, occupied the chair. The minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed, after which Bros. George Brown, Frank Graham, and John Wm. Robson were in due course passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by the W.M. Bro. Dixon Cowie explained the working tools. The lodge having been closed, several business matters of a routine character were transacted.

The brethren adjourned to the festive board, where a light repast was partaken of, the W.M. in the chair and the S.W. in the vice-chair. The W.M. proposed the first toast, "Her Majesty the Queen" which was enthusiastically received. Other toasts followed, amongst them being that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England," given by the W.M.

The visitors was responded to by Bro. Robt. Smaile, P.M. 541, P.P.S.G.W.

Bro. Wm. Cooper, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D., in very complimentary terms proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was heartily received by the brethren.

The Worshipful Master in response was glad to see that the lodge was progressing favourably and had every prospect of a successful year.

A good many of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, amongst whom were Bros. Ferry, Richardson, and Thos. Thompson.

The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Joshua Curry, P.P.G. Tyler, brought a very pleasant evening to an early close.

Amongst those present were Bros. William Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Works, W.M.; Wm. Cooper, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Dixon Cowie, S.W.; William Swan Armstrong, J.W.; Alderson Barker, P.M., Treasurer; Joseph Purvis, Sec.; John Donald Annan, P.M., M.C.; Alf. Simpson, acting S.D.; Thos. P. Bennett, J.D.; Jethro William Mathews, S.S., acting I.G.; Michael James Barkas, J.S.; G. McDonald, Frank Graham, John Wm. Robson, Joseph Davis, William Varty, Past Sec.; George Brown, John Taylor Schollar, Alex. Simpson, John Brown, P.S.W., and others. Visitors: Bros. R. Ferry, Org. 48; J. Patterson, 48; T. Richardson, 48; J. A. Young, 1664; John Page, P.M. 406, P.P.G.S.B.; Edmund Prentice, 1643, 1119, 48; John Wood, P.M. 48, and S.W. 1712; Thos. Thompson, J.S. 48; George Dunn, 48; R. W. Cummins, I.P.M. 1676; Arthur Scott, J.S. 1676; John Bell, S.D. 991; M. Watson, 48; Fred. S. Cowper, 406; Robert Smailes, P.M. 541, P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Mitchinson, S.S. 80; Geo. Waters, 24; John MacKay, S.W., W.M. elect 48; John Usher, P.M. 48; Thos. Dinning, J.W. 48; W. F. Carman, S.D. 48; J. A. G. Ross, S.S. 48, and others.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Bro. T. Holleyman, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent; G. Spinks, P.M.; W. Richey, P.M.; Rev. C. F. Reilly, Chap.; W. Louis, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M., and P.M. 913; G. Kenneday, S.W.; A. Saunders, J.W.; James Gee, Treas.; A. E. Fisher, Sec.; W. Moulds, S.D.; A. Rowley, J.D.; J. Purnell, I.G.; T. Preece, Org.; James Anderson, Stwd.; W. Maule, Assist. Stwd.; J. Sculley, S.W. 706; J. Warren, P.M. 700; J. H. Roberts, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; W. Rees, S.D. 913; W. Royals, P.M. 830; W. Akers, S.D. 13; S. Carey, 1817; W. Herd, 926; T. Southam, 832; A. Thewlis, 552; G. H. Atkinson, 594; P. J. Mulroy, 387 (I.C.); J. McInerney, 153; E. G. Good, 1789; R. Fowler, 389; J. Morris, 1100; G. H. Hill, 1436; C. Jolly, 913, (*Freemason*), and others.

After the passing of Bros. Draper and Green and the raising of Bro. Wright, Bro. G. Kenneday was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Gee, Treas., for the ensuing year. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Holleyman to mark the approbation of the brethren of his valuable services to the lodge during the past year. The installation will take place on the 13th July.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren partook of supper.

In proposing the toast of "Our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," the Worshipful Master congratulated the Mark Masons present on the advent amongst them of their Royal brother, who he felt sure had if possible attached even more firmly the bonds of Masonic affection to his person by taking the Mark Degree.

In responding for the "Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Weston said amongst them were eminent Masons whose names were landmarks in Masonry all over the "wide, wide world." He was exceedingly pleased to hear from the W.M. that Bro. Eastes, their esteemed D.G.M., would be present at the installation meeting. Bro. Eastes was a hard working Mason, and did his duty well by visiting the lodge periodically and reporting to the Grand Master their condition. He regretted the Prov. Grand Lodge was not to be held at Plumstead that year, because they thereby lost an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with their P.G.M., who always took great interest in military lodges. He would however preside at the next festival of the Boys' School, and he (Bro. Weston) would advise them to be there and see for themselves how arduously his lordship worked in the cause of Masonry, especially in that of the charities.

In responding to a very cordial reception of the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. Weston, the Worshipful Master said he must first thank the G.A.O.T.U. for giving him health and strength to go through his year's work, now drawn to a close, and the brethren next for their constant and kindly aid and support. He should never forget the many honours that had been conferred upon him as Master of this lodge, by not only the lodges of the neighbourhood but also Provincial and Grand Lodges, the latter especially when he went to represent charity cases. He had initiated 14 candidates during his year of office, not quite so many as one of his predecessors had, but yet a good average, and there had been 13 joining members, which was the largest number of the latter in any year of the lodge's existence, making a total of 27 new and good members added to the muster roll. The lodge was in a good financial position, thanks in a great measure to Bro. Welding, their I.P.M., and as to the charities he was pleased to say that they had that year done very well indeed; 25 guineas had been given to the charities, and he hoped to see the same sum voted every year now that they had paid off all liabilities and were flourishing both numerically and financially. The benevolent fund of the lodge had been well supported and the "broken column" had been handsomely attended to. He hoped he was not blowing his or their trumpet too much, but with £20 in their private benevolent fund he thought they were entitled to some credit. He would once again and for the last time as W.M. thank them most cordially and sincerely for their "Hearty good wishes" and the many kindnesses he had received at their hands during the 12 months he had presided over them.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," to which Bro. Louis responded, and related his experience of Masonry at Cape Coast Castle, India, Malta, Ashantee, and elsewhere.

To the toast of "The W.M. Elect" Bro. Kenneday responded, and spoke of the several times he had by the exigencies of the service been forced to begin his official Masonic life over again. In 1865 he was S.W. of the

Adams Lodge at Sheerness, and had to give that up and go away; but now he trusted to reach the chair, and could assure them that the traditions of the lodge should lose nothing of its lustre while under his rule and guidance, but that he should follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, especially those of their W.M.

The next toast was that of "The Honorary Members," coupled with the names of Bros. Penfold and Jolly.

Bro. Penfold in responding referred to the excellent feeling that existed between the Pattison and the United Military Lodges. In glowing terms he eulogised the work of the W.M., and could safely say that the lustre of the lodge had not been dimmed under his rule, nor could they expect otherwise, for to a military lodge the warrant was its colours, and a soldier never deserted his colours, or allowed them to become tarnished. Their W.M. was a prominent Mark Mason, and so was the coming W.M., Bro. Kenneday, and both were good earnest Masons in heart. He advocated the claims of Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes to their earnest regard, and hoped a large number of them would support his lordship at the coming Boys' School Festival.

Bro. Jolly also briefly responded.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Press." Special toasts were accorded to Bro. Gee, Treasurer, and Bro. Fisher, Secretary, and heartily received, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

HARROW STATION.—Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on the 10th inst., when there was a very good attendance of brethren, including a large number of distinguished visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Henry William Mayes, well supported by his officers. The formal business of confirming the minutes of the previous meeting and receiving the auditor's report having been gone through, Bro. John Evans Sheffield, of Buntingford Lodge No. 413, Irish Constitution, of Grosvenor-road, Highbury New Park, was upon ballot admitted as a joining member. Bro. Lacey was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony, in consequence of the indisposition of the W.M., being performed by Bro. Lee, P.M. and Secretary. The ballot was then taken for the admission as an initiate of Mr. William Richard Stephens, and was found to be unanimous. The candidate is a son of Bro. William Stephens, Assistant Grand Purs., who is an hon. member of the Citadel lodge with the rank of P.M. By the courtesy of the W.M. Bro. Stephens was accorded the privilege of initiating his son into Freemasonry, and having assumed the Master's chair performed the ceremony with that neatness and precision which are characteristic of Bro. Stephens's work; nor were the officers one whit behind the initiating Master in that respect, the ritual being followed with similar neatness and distinctness both by the Wardens and by Bro. Woodman, the J.D., who attended the candidate. At the conclusion of the initiation ceremony, the installing master, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, assumed the W.M.'s chair, and Bro. Theophilus Inman Bird, S.W., Prov. G.S.B., W.M. elect, was presented by the retiring W.M., Bro. Mayes. The Installing Master thereupon addressed first the lodge and then the Master elect, who, when he had given his assent to the ancient charges, was duly obligated. A Board of installed Masters was formed and Bro. Bird was formally installed into the chair of K.S., and duly saluted by the members of the board, and afterwards proclaimed to the lodge and saluted in the three degrees. The ceremony which was performed to perfection, was concluded by the Installing Master delivering the customary addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren respectively, and the newly-installed Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his officers, in doing which he had a kind and cordial word for each of the brethren promoted. The officers for the year are as follows: Bros. H. W. Mayes, I.P.M.; John Osborne, S.W.; Henry Gregory, J.W.; W. Hunan, Treas.; W. H. Lee, Sec.; Edwin Woodman, S.D.; John Weston, J.D.; Herbert Osborne, I.G.; Oscar John van Holtorp, D. of C.; Wm. Wright, Organist; H. W. Carter, Steward; James Gaskin, Asst. Steward; Very, Tyler.

Having invested his officers the W.M. rose and said that before closing the lodge he had a very pleasant duty to perform. At the previous meeting a P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Mayes for the admirable manner in which he had performed his duties in the lodge. It gave him much pleasure to present the jewel to Bro. Mayes, and in expressing the hope that he might live many years to wear it in the lodge and in other lodges which he might visit.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Bro. Mayes having briefly acknowledged the compliment, Bro. Lee, P.M. 975, Secretary, proposed that a vote of thanks to Bro. Raymond Thrupp, the D.P.G.M., for so kindly coming forward to install the W.M., should be passed and recorded on the minutes. This was seconded by the I.P.M.

Bro. Osborne, S.W., proposed to add to the motion "That the D.P.G.M. be elected an honorary member of the lodge."

Bro. Lee said that he had not presumed to include that in his motion, because he was under the impression that the D.P.G.M. had the right to visit every lodge in the province.

In putting the motion, which was carried unanimously to the vote, the Worshipful Master said he was sorry that he had not proposed this vote himself because he was under very great obligations to the D.P.G.M. for having performed the ceremony of installation and placed him in the chair.

The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said that it had given him very sincere pleasure to install Bro. Bird, who had been the first Middlesex brother who had given him the right hand of fellowship on the occasion of his being appointed D.P.G.M., and he also had great pleasure in accepting the honorary membership of the Citadel Lodge which was so prosperously developing itself.

Letters of regret from the Prov. G.M., Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Bro. Sir Charles Bright and others were then read by the Secretary, and the lodge was closed.

The visitors present included Bros. H. G. Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary; Wm. Stephens, Assist. Grand Purs.; James Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; John Mason, P. Prov. Grand Dir. of Cer.; R. L. Sindall, P.M. 1293, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hawes, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1645; H. Goodall, P.M. 784; Stephen A. Cooper, P.M. 1637; W. Lewis, 1695; Harry Rogers,

1567; C. N. Pochin, P.M. 1201; W. F. Poulton, W.M. 1602; S. J. Byng, P.M. 902; R. T. Fennell, W.M. 1803; B. H. Dillon, W.M. elect 1567; S. J. Ball, 1567; J. H. Cantle, P.M.; W. Dennison, W.M. 1541; J. Woodman, 813; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*). After the dinner at which the lodge subsequently entertained their guests a long list of loyal and Masonic toasts was disposed of.

The toasts "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master" were duly honoured after being briefly introduced by the W.M., who then said that the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." There were several Grand Officers present on this occasion, and he did not remember so large and distinguished a Board of Installed Masters to have been held in the province as had been held that day in the Citadel Lodge. He was therefore addressing a large number who had seen the work in Grand Lodge, and they must have noted the admirable manner in which the Pro Grand Master presided there, and the exceeding fairness of his observations. He would ask them to be understanding therefore to drink this toast, with which he would couple the name of Bro. Raymond Thrupp, their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Lodge of England. The manner in which Bro. Thrupp had carried out the ceremony of installation that day must have commended itself to every brother that was present, and he hoped that when the time came when he (the W.M.) would in his turn install his successor he might earn for himself as high a reputation for good work as Bro. Raymond Thrupp had earned that afternoon. He would also associate with the toast the name of Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary, and that of Bro. Stephens, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

Bro. Raymond Thrupp said the W.M. had coupled his name with a very comprehensive toast, but one, he was happy to know, that was always received well in every Masonic lodge, and deservedly so, he thought, for whether they held a passing office in Grand Lodge or office of a more permanent character, like Sir Albert Woods, the G.D.C., or Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, they had done so much to deserve the thanks of the Craft that when brethren met them on a social occasion they ought to be warmly welcomed. When they recollected what the Prince of Wales had done for Freemasonry—how since he had been Grand Master Masonry had increased by "leaps and bounds," how that lodges had increased to the number of 2000; and when they thought of the number of brethren there were throughout the province, they would perceive then how much was due to the Grand Officers. He (Bro. Thrupp) and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers endeavoured to do their duty, to obey the commands of their superiors, and carry on the work of Grand Lodge to the best of their ability. Before sitting down he would say a word of his own position in another capacity—that of Deputy Grand Master of the province—and of the junior lodge in the province, and he must congratulate the brethren on the favourable position the lodge stood in. There were many round him that evening who had made a name in Masonry, and he was pleased to see that they had recognised the position of the Citadel Lodge, and were determined to give them some work to show what the Citadel Lodge could do. He needed not to tell them that the progress of the lodge depended not only on good fellowship, but upon good work, from the W.M. to the I.G. That he had always tried to promote wherever he had been in the Province of Middlesex; and it was a great pleasure to him, as an old Mason, to find that they had it in that lodge. He hoped that he should never have to blame the lodges of the province; but, on the contrary, that he should have good occasion to praise them.

In proposing "The Health of the K.W. Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.," who was only prevented being there amongst them by an unavoidable circumstance, the W.M. said their Provincial Grand Master had intended to be present, but had been obliged to go down into the country to attend some railway meeting. Many however, then present had met their Prov. Grand Master in other places and would remember the admirable manner in which he consecrated the Citadel Lodge and the kind expressions he used on the occasion, prophesying for the lodge a successful future. He (the W.M.) could only say that in common with the other founders he was determined to make a mark for the Citadel Lodge in the Province of Middlesex, and make it, he was inclined to say, the premier lodge, but that he remembered that they were all brethren and that their only precedence was settled by their priority of consecration. He hoped to see the Citadel Lodge the equal and the peer of all the other lodges in the province. He had also to propose "The Health of the K.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp," who, had unfortunately been obliged to leave in order to meet a train, to take him to his home, and who therefore was unable to reply to the toast. They were however honoured by the presence of several Provincial Grand Officers, Bros. Buss, Stephens, Hawes, P.P.G. Chap.; Mason, P.P.G.D.C.; and Sindall, P.P.G. Sword Bearer. They were indeed pleased to welcome all those brother officers of the province to this the junior lodge in the province, and the brethren took it as a great honour that so many had favoured the lodge with their presence. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Hawes, Buss, and Stephens, and as he was informed that Bro. Hawes, as Chaplain, took precedence over all the others he would ask him to reply first.

Bro. Hawes said he had hoped that the brethren might have been spared the infliction of a speech from him, and considering that the time was rapidly approaching when they must all separate, he would confine himself to thanking the W.M. and brethren very heartily for having given the honour due to the Provincial Grand Officers by the toast that had just been drunk.

Bro. Buss said, as one of the founders of the Province of Middlesex, nothing could give him greater pleasure than to attend on this occasion and to see the junior lodge of the province extending its power and influence as it was doing. The Province of Middlesex was going on remarkably well, and he thought it was in a fair way of standing high in reputation among the Craft generally. He had very, very great pleasure in meeting them that evening, and on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers thanked them very much for the compliment paid them.

Bro. Stephens also responded. Under the peculiar circumstances of the day, when he had had the privilege of

initiating his son into Masonry, it was with especial pleasure that he responded to this toast. It was always pleasurable to attend that lodge, where he met brethren with whom he had been associated for many years. He trusted that the Citadel Lodge would always prosper, and that in the future it would always bear as good a reputation as it did at the present time.

The I.P.M., Bro. Mayes, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that the brethren looked forward with pleasure to the coming year. The W.M. had already got some work to do, and he hoped Bro. Bird would have a very considerable quantity, and more than he himself had during the past year. He (Bro. Mayes) owed sincere thanks to his officers, than whom no officers could be more efficient or more punctual, and he hoped they would support the present W.M. as they had supported his predecessor. He hoped they would all join with him in drinking health and happiness and a good year of office to the W.M.

Bro. Bird said he did not know how to express his gratitude for the kind words Bro. Mayes had used, and for the equally kind manner in which the brethren had received the toast. This much he would say, that during the time he had been an officer of the lodge they had done him the credit of saying that his heart was in his work, and as he had not missed one meeting of the lodge he thought he might promise regular attendance, and that he would do everything he could to make the lodge stand high, and as far as lay in his power would advance the interests of the lodge, of the province to which it belonged, of the brethren of the lodge, and of the Craft generally, the very best services he could render the brethren should have during his year of office. He relied upon the brethren supporting him in the same manner as they had supported Bro. Mayes in his year of office.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiate" the W.M. said that Past Masters were said to be the backbone of a lodge. They had only one P.M. present, Bro. Mayes, and no doubt he was a very good backbone, but the backbone was not much use without the sinew and the flesh, and these must be supplied by the introduction of initiates; they might have numerous joining members, all of the best possible quality, but nothing would make up to a lodge or to a Master whose heart was in his work for the lack of initiates. Initiates were the foundation stones, the other degrees being added stones until at last if they persevered the keystone perfected the Masonic structure. With this brief introduction he proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. W. R. Stephens."

Bro. Stephens, jun., having replied, the W.M. proceeded with the remaining toasts, which included "The Visitors," "The I.P.M.," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

During the evening the intervals between the speeches were enlivened by some very good music both vocal and instrumental, contributed by various brethren and by Bro. Wright, the lodge Organist.

INSTRUCTION.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A very interesting meeting was held at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The brethren of the lodge had invited Bro. G. H. Stevens to work the Fifteen Sections, and that brother having selected 15 trusty Craftsmen to assist him, the time was devoted to giving the brethren of the lodge an exposition of the beauties of the ritual of our grand old Order. The chair was taken about six p.m. by Bro. G. H. Stevens, J.W. 1623, 1382, and 898, who was supported by the following brethren, including among the numerous attendance some of the most prominent and able workers in the East End, and a strong muster of the members of the parent lodge to do honour to their visitors: Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, as S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820, and 1445, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, I.P.M.; C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607 and 174, S.D.; W. J. Musto, S.D. 1349, J.D.; W. Millington, P.M. 1382, I.G.; W. Delves, P.M. 1382, Preceptor; W. Carnaby, P.M. 1382, Treas.; S. G. Bonner, 1382, acting Secretary; W. Clark (host), Stwd.; G. T. Limn, P.M. 1382; C. Searell, P.M. 1382; W. Shays, P.M. 1382; G. B. Smith, W.M. 1382; W. Stapleton, S.W. 1382; W. Doring, J.W. 1382; J. T. K. Job, P.M. 1076; J. S. Fraser, W.M. 174; H. Cotter, P.M. 554; J. L. Anderson, J.W. 206; R. Hirst, 1421; C. H. Bardoulean, 1421; B. Stewart, W.S. 1278; D. Moss, S.D.; Dr. T. Loane, J.D. 1421; J. West, J.D. 933; J. Warskitt, 554; F. Robinson, S.W. 781; Raiker, Turton, Limn, jun., Pitt, Nye, Lowrie, Wray, Gale, Russell, C. Smith, McLeod, S. Hurdle, W. Marsh, Sec., and others.

The Sections were worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. J. Musto, S.D. 1349; Second, Bro. P. McCarthy, P.M. 1076; Third, Bro. Dr. T. Loane, J.D. 1421; Fourth, Bro. W. Richardson, 174; Fifth, Bro. B. Stewart, W.S. 1278; Sixth, Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607 and 174; and Seventh, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. J. West, J.D. 933; Second, Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275; Third, Bro. J. T. K. Job, P.M. 1076; Fourth, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445; and Fifth, Bro. J. H. Pringle, J.W. 781. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; Second, Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; and Third, Bro. J. Taylor, J.W. 554.

At the conclusion of the working, which was listened to with rapt attention throughout, Bro. Smith, W.M. 1382, expressed on behalf of the lodge the great indebtedness they felt to Bro. Stephens and the team of brethren whom he had brought down with him to give the Corinthian brethren so great and intellectual a treat. He could hardly have believed Masonry had connected with it such beautiful language explaining the meaning of the ceremonies, and it had been a source of great pleasure to hear the responses given by such capital working brethren as had honoured the Corinthian Lodge.

Other remarks from Bros. W. Delves, Preceptor; C. Searell, W. Millington, G. T. Limn, all Past Masters of the parent lodge; and Bro. Stapleton, its S.W.; embodied in practical form eulogy upon the W.M. for presiding so ably, and to the brethren for ably assisting him, all uniting in a wish to be afforded an opportunity of again hearing the Fifteen Sections worked in the lodge.

Formal votes were ordered to be endorsed upon the minutes, and Bros. Stephens, Musto, Myers, and Cundick were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and kindly promised to render any assistance in their power to the brethren of the Corinthian Lodge.

A large number of brethren were admitted to membership of the lodge, and the proceedings terminated in peace and harmony at a convenient hour for the visitors to catch the train to town. Bro. Stephens and his colleagues may be congratulated upon the great success of the entire proceedings, having realised the Masonic precept to be happy themselves and communicate happiness.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1498).

—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. Present: Bros. Crane, W.M.; Hildreth, S.W.; Twining, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; Hildreth, Sec.; Gray, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Hunt, I.G.; Forss, Preceptor, and several visitors. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Hunt, acting as candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The ceremony in the Second Degree was next rehearsed, Bro. Hunt again candidate. Bro. Forss then gave the lecture on the second tracing board, and afterwards, assisted by the brethren, worked the First Section of the Lecture. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Hildreth was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Royal Arch.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).

—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., the following companions being present: Comps. W. H. Brand, Z.; F. Brasted, J.; Neville Green, P.Z., and S.E.; Henry F. Bing, S.N.; J. L. Payne, Pr. Soj.; W. Beasley, 1st Assist. Soj.; A. Clark, 2nd Assist. Soj.; R. A. Steel, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.Z.; T. C. Chapman, P.Z.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.E.; also Comps. A. J. Berry, S. Smither, A. Eldridge, Thomas Clark, J. H. Hoit, W. Simpson, M. L. Levey, J. H. Rich, L. V. Walker, J. Funston, and J. Andrews. Visitors: Comps. George E. East, J. 495; and Bircham Cooper, 1366.

The chapter having been duly opened by the Principals, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved; also the report of the Audit Committee, from which it appeared that the chapter was progressing very satisfactorily. A ballot was taken for a candidate, but as he could not attend his exaltation was deferred till October. A convocation of Installed Principals being then formed, Comp. W. H. Lee, who performed the various ceremonies in a most excellent manner, installed Comps. F. Brasted, as Z.; H. F. Bing, H.; and A. Clark, J. (the Z. and H. being by dispensation). The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers elected in April: Comps. Neville Green, P.Z., Scribe E.; W. Beasley, Scribe N.; and J. L. Payne, P. Soj.; who invested Comps. J. Funston and M. L. Levey as his two assistants, Comp. J. J. Marsh being again invested as Janitor.

The chapter was then closed and the companions sat down to an excellent dinner, after which the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured, Comp. H. G. Buss responding for the Grand Officers.

The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Health of the Past Principals" took the opportunity of presenting the P.Z. jewel to Comp. Brand for his services during the past year, allusion being made to the fact that all the P.Z.'s were then present.

HASTINGS.—Emulation Chapter (No. 40).

—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, 18th inst. Among those in attendance were: Comps. T. H. Cole, M.A., M.E.Z.; F. Rossiter, H.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, J.; J. B. Sargent, S.E.; Wm. Dawes, S.N.; Major Fredk. B. Cooper, P.S.; Foster, Janitor; Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.P.S., P.Z.; Charles W. Duke, Prov. G.S.B., P.Z.; P. Robinson, P.Z.; J. Ford, Jennings, B. Harrison, and others. After the chapter had been opened and the minutes of previous meeting in March confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. R. Hughes, M.M. Abbey Lodge, 1184, and he was declared unanimously elected, and will be exalted at the next convocation in September. The Installing Principal, Comp. T. Trollope, P.Z., then ascended the throne, and that zealous student of Masonic ritual duly installed the three newly-elected Principals into their respective positions, viz., Ex. Comp. F. Rossiter, M.E.Z.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, H.; William Dawes, J. The following officers were also invested: Comps. J. B. Sargent, S.E.; W. H. Russell, S.N.; Major Fredk. B. Cooper, P.S.; Foster, Janitor. The sum of £10 10s. was voted towards Comp. Trollope's list for the Boys' School. Propositions having been made the Chapter was closed. The companions then adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual R.A. and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening was passed.



"The Queen's Favourite," produced at the Olympic on the occasion of Mr. W. H. Vernon's benefit, is an acknowledged adaptation of Scribe's comedy, "Le Verre d'Eau." Why Mr. Sydney Grundy should have gone to a French author for the groundwork of a play founded on English history he knows best himself. The programme states that the comedy makes no pretension to historical accuracy. It is well this is allowed. Those who know the history of England between 1702 and 1714 will readily discern that "The Queen's Favourite" wanders very far from the truth. Having said this we must acknowledge the comedy Miss Ward has now put on the Olympic boards is one of the best pieces she has produced during her tenure of the house. It sparkles with interest and never flags. The plot is somewhat intricate and therefore difficult to describe, but the scenes are so full of deep interest and amusement that one cannot fail to come away pleased with the performance and performers. Mr. Grundy makes Queen Anne appear a much weaker woman than history teaches us to believe. From the comedy we can only liken her to a shuttlecock tossed about by the battle-doors of Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, and Viscount Bolingbroke. These two almost play a game of chess with their queen. Each strives his and her utmost to

checkmate the other. We have therefore intrigue upon intrigue. The duchess has the queen in hand, opens her letters and only lets her Majesty see those she chooses to. In fact the country and court are ruled by the Duchess and the Queen is a mere puppet. Then we have Mr. St. John hanging about the court, wanting to get into office and using any one and every means he can to obtain his desire. By the assassination of his cousin he becomes Viscount Bolingbroke. He obtains the queen's ear, and to further his own purposes gets a young lady, Abigail Hill, in the household as lady-in-waiting to the queen. Though a relative of hers, the duchess objects to this, and poisons the queen's mind against this young person; but Bolingbroke, however, prevails. As we have said, the story is not very simple, and is so wrapped up in intrigues that it would be a hard task to describe it at all clearly to our readers. Nevertheless, it is none the less interesting for all that. From the rise of the curtain in the first act to its fall after the fourth act there is not a moment in which one can feel the interest of the story is fading. To many it will be interesting from the insight it gives to court life, no doubt most of it faithfully depicted. There are several opportunities in the piece for the display of elocution. In the first act Mr. Vernon, who plays Bolingbroke, takes advantage of this with great effect. In his first speech the audience applaud his rhetoric loudly, his vigorously dashing manner contributing not a little to the success of the comedy, and evidently enjoying the satire with which his speeches abound. Miss Genéviève Ward is admirably suited to the part of Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, her cold, heartless rendering of the character is a practical illustration of one who could smile on murder. Of course, it will be understood we are speaking of Miss Ward professionally, and therefore we intend it as a compliment. The dramatic and scornful way she sustains this character indicates the peculiar powers she has at her command. The Abigail Hill of Miss Lucy Buckstone is perfection. This young lady, who has not been long before the world, bears a name revered by all playgoers, and one of which we have the pleasantest memories. The daughter of the celebrated actor now passed away, she seems to be sustaining the family name as a watchword in the profession; but to her undoubted talents and charming manners must be added the possession of a pretty face. We have watched Miss Lucy Buckstone on the London stage, and each time we see her we note some improvement, either in expression of speech or attitude. Mr. Tom Bindloss, who plays Ensign Masham (Abigail Hill's lover), makes an interesting part. Miss Kellogg, as Queen Anne, perfectly realises the queen as we know her from familiar portraits. She carries to one's mind the character of the vacillating queen. As "The Queen's Favourite" will only be played for a few weeks longer it should be seen at once, as all cannot fail to come away much gratified.

* * *

We are glad to say that the Folies Dramatiques in reopening its doors at last seems to have a chance of success. "Estrella," the new opera, is not to be mentioned in the same breath with the weak pieces hitherto brought out here. Both dialogue and music are good, the former being written by Walter Parke, one of the authors of "Manteaux Noirs," while the music is supplied by Luscombe Searell. To be brief, Estrella (Miss Constance Loseby) is in love with Lorenzo (Mr. Rising), but betrothed to the Count Pomposi (Mr. Aynsley Cooke), a rich man, who will pay all her father's debts if she marries him. For her parents' sake she sells herself, going through the ceremony of marriage before the Doge of Venice (Mr. Day); but Lorenzo has arranged that the count shall be carried off by brigands. Directly the ceremony is over the count is surrounded and shipped off. His wife, not at all disconsolate, and her parents take up their abode in his palace. Lorenzo sees her there, and they renew their old love; but the count escapes, and in the disguise of a Jew comes to the house and tells a tale how that the count is dead, and that he (the Jew) is his only friend, and was charged by him to find out his wife and tell her of his death, and to enter into her service. Now she learns the death of her husband, Estrella feels free to marry the man of her choice, and the ceremony is arranged for. The count cannot see his wife marry another man, and therefore he at this ceremony interferes. Throwing off his disguise, he proclaims himself the count. But the count is dead, say the others. The third act portrays a novel trial. It is not often that opera bouffe carries much interest into the third act. In "Estrella" the last act is the finest. Estrella assumes cap and gown and conducts her own side of the case and argues satisfactorily to the court that the count having given himself out as dead cannot be recognised as alive. Eventually the count agrees to give her up to Lorenzo and part of his wealth too. Brigetta (Miss Camille Dubois), companion to Estrella, has had her "eye" on the count for a long time and becomes his wife. From beginning to end this comic opera is entertaining. It is mounted in a most magnificent and complete style. There is a chorus of 50 young ladies, whose services however are not called for so frequently as is usual in opera music. Miss Loseby's singing is as only Miss Loseby can sing. We think the prettiest of her songs is a duet with Mr. Rising, an essay on kissing. On the night of our visit this was encored thrice. Miss Dubois also in the last act sings a charming song which is received and encored in a similar manner. Mr. Aynsley Cook we need scarcely say acquits himself as he always does with great éclat. His fine bass voice is well suited to this house. Mr. Rising is also excellent and has dropped to some degree his French accent he had when at the Comedy. Bro. Geo. Temple unfortunately has not a leading part, but what he has to do he does well and affords much amusement, as does Miss Sallie Turner, who respectively are the father and mother of Estrella. The opera is produced under the management of Bro. Fairlie, and we sincerely hope will be more successful than the former ventures at this house. The tide now appears to have turned; how long it will last we cannot predict, but we do know that there is not a more comfortable theatre in London than this last built. Bro. Emery is the genial acting manager, and is ably assisted by Bro. Jackson, whilst Bro. De Lange represents the proprietors of the opera, but we would like to see Bro. De Lange on the stage again. Many of our readers will remember how often they have been charmed with his songs in other pieces and at other houses. The choruses are for the most part very pretty. The comic part of the business is assigned to Mr. Day, the Doge of Venice, and the greatest laughter is produced in the last act where he presides as judge over the Court to hear the petition of Estrella.



We desire to call special attention to the athletic sports to take place at Wood Green, on Tuesday next, in connection with the Stewards' visit to the Boys' School. Some good prizes were announced, which can be considerably augmented by further contributions by the brethren. Subscriptions will be received and gratefully acknowledged by the head master, the Rev. Dr. Morris.

The State apartments of Windsor Castle are now closed till further notice.

Bro. James Judd, C.C., presided on the 14th inst., at the weekly meeting of the City of London Trademen's Club, held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street.

It was unanimously decided, at a large meeting at Coventry, to revive the "Lady Godiva" pageant on the August Bank holiday.

We are glad to report the convalescence of Bro. Alderman Nottage, who is now able to resume his civic and other duties.

The Duchess of Bedford has presented new colours to the Royal Bedfordshire regiment of Militia at Shorncliffe.

The Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, has adjourned to Wednesday, September 5th.

Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., presided on the 14th inst. at a special general meeting of the Great Western Railway Company, when several bills now before Parliament were approved.

Bro. A. T. Layton (of the firm of Waterlow Bros. and Layton, of 24, Birchin-lane), was on Saturday last, elected an Alderman of the recently incorporated borough of Croydon.

The name of the eldest son of the Prince of Wales has been entered on the books at Trinity College, Cambridge, where his Royal Highness will commence residence next October.

We have been requested to announce that the Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1498, meeting at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, has adjourned for the summer recess, and will resume its meetings on Monday, Sept. 3rd next.

It appears the late John Brown died without having made a will. In accordance with the law in cases of intestacy in Scotland, an inventory of his effects are officially recorded, and the total value of his personal estate declared to be £6800. It consists mostly of money lodged to his credit with his bankers.

The list of the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos was read on Saturday morning in the Senate house. The Senior Wrangler is Mr. George Ballard Matthews, of Calabria Lodge, Leominster, and son of the late George Matthews, Richards Castle, Ludlow. He was educated at Ludlow Grammar School.

Mr. Henry Fielding Dickens (the youngest son of the late eminent novelist Charles Dickens) has been appointed to the Recordship of Deal, vacant by the recent appointment of Mr. Biron, Q.C., as a metropolitan police magistrate. Mr. Dickens was called to the bar at the Inner Temple in 1873.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught visited the Royal Military College at Oxford on Saturday last. Her Royal Highness distributed the prizes to the cadets, and the duke delivered an address upon the importance of military schools. The duke also spoke at a luncheon subsequently held.

The Duke of Connaught has consented to present certificates to the successful pupils of the ambulance classes of the City District, in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association (including members of the City police and fire brigade) at the Guildhall on the afternoon of Saturday, the 30th inst. The Lord Mayor will preside.

The anniversary of the battle of Waterloo was celebrated at Wellington College on Saturday last, when the annual speech day was held. The proceedings took place in the large school, and there was a very large assemblage of parents and supporters of the college, when amongst the visitors were the Archbishop of Canterbury (Governor) and Mrs. Benson, Colonel Talbot (Governor), Bro. Colonel Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P. (Governor) and Lady Constance Stanley, the Countess Lathom, and others.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe entertained Prince George of Wales on Sunday last. The Prince had previously visited the Commander-in-Chief at Mount Wise. He has now left Plymouth in the Canada for the North American and West Indies station. Prince George has been ordered to do duty in the forward part of the ship, where he will be employed as an ordinary midshipman. He will mess in the gunroom with the other midshipmen, and no distinction will be made in his case and that of any other officer of the ship.

The five hundred autograph letters from the influential personages who constitute the Longfellow Memorial Committee, have been presented by Dr. W. C. Bennett, the Hon. Secretary, through Mr. Longfellow's publisher, Mr. H. C. Houghton, to the American Longfellow Memorial Committee, to be permanently deposited in some public institution in Boston, U.S., or its neighbourhood, for the inspection of any Americans who may desire to see the high esteem in which the poet was held by so many of the best minds of England.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—This Ointment affords the shortest, safest, and easiest path to soundness in all kinds of skin diseases, scrofulous affections, scorbutic maladies, ulcerations, eruptions, and inflammations. There is nothing deleterious in the composition of Holloway's Ointment; but, on the contrary, its ingredients possess the most soothing, purifying, and strengthening qualities, so that it can be used with perfect safety by persons of all ages. The delicate skin of infants is not irritated by its application, and it is equally adapted for subduing the tedious ulcerations attacking the aged. In all constitutional, chronic, and complex affections Holloway's Pills should be taken whilst his Ointment is being used, in order that all baneful matter may be expelled from the system.—[Advrt.]

The Archbishop of Canterbury has, it is stated, consented to become an honorary patron of the Shop Hours' Labour League.

The inaugural Fine Arts and Industrial Exhibition at Oldham is to be opened by Sir John Lubbock on the 25th of July.

One of the few survivors of the battle of Waterloo has just died at a village near Newbury at the age of 87. The veteran, Ambrose Millard, joined the Royal wagon train when 15 years of age.

The secretary of the Printers' Corporation has received a donation of 100 guineas from a member of the Court of Common Council, to be included on the subscription list for the Festival of the Corporation.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hants. and Isle of Wight will be held on Monday, the 2nd proximo, at the George-street Hall, Sandown, Isle of Wight, at four o'clock.

Her Majesty entered upon the forty-seventh year of her reign on Wednesday, having ascended the throne on the 20th June, 1837. Royal salutes were fired during the day in honour of the occasion.

The negotiations between the trustees of the British Museum and the Government for the purchase of the Stowe and appendix sections of the Ashburnham manuscripts have broken down. Government offered £70,000, but Lord Ashburnham demands £90,000.

Preparations are being made in Coburg and Rosenau for the reception of the Duke of Edinburgh and his family. On Monday next the Duke will be invested as a Knight of St. John, Prince Albert of Prussia acting for the first time as Grand Master of that Order on the occasion in question.

The date of the Prince and Princess of Wales's visit to Eastbourne for the purpose of opening the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital is fixed for Saturday, the 30th inst. After opening the hospital and inspecting several local improvements their Royal Highnesses will be entertained at luncheon in the Devonshire Park.

On Tuesday evening the Duke of Albany presided at the anniversary dinner of the Printer's Pension Corporation, held at Willis's Rooms. His Royal Highness, in tracing the history and enumerating the benefits of the Corporation, made an earnest appeal for continued support, which was responded to by a list of subscriptions amounting to about £1200.

Among the leading personages who have agreed to take part in the organisation of the Fancy Dress Quadrille at the Royal Caledonian Fancy Dress Ball at Willis's Rooms on the 25th inst., are the Duchess of Roxburghe, the Countess of Kintore, the Countess of Rosebery, Lady Dora Carnegie, Lady Garvagh, Lady Charles Beresford, Mrs. Arthur Paget, the Earl of Hopetoun, Lord Elcho, M.P., Lord Clifton, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, Bro. Lord Henry Vane-Tempest, Lord Lurgan, and others.

Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., P.G.W., is the subject of a lengthy biographical notice in the *Citizen* of Saturday last. Among the many honours showered on the head of the worthy alderman during his Mayoralty, his appointment by the M.W.G. Master, the Prince of Wales, as Grand Junior Warden was not the least noticeable, and we think it should have found a place in what otherwise appears to be a complete account of his honourable and successful career.

Mr. Mark H. Judge, A.R.I.B.A., has resigned his position of secretary and curator of the Parkes Museum. At a special meeting of the Council, Capt. Douglas Galton, C.B., in the chair, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "The Council learn with great regret that Mr. Judge is compelled by his professional engagements to retire from the position of secretary and curator of the Parkes Museum. In accepting Mr. Judge's resignation the Council desire to place on record their high appreciation of the services which he has rendered to the Museum."

Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, the Secretary of the Order of St. John, has received from the Foreign Office a communication that her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Constantinople has reported that the question of the grant of a site for the hospice had been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, the land apportioned being the same as selected by Sir Edmund Lechmere when at Jerusalem in March last. A concert was held in aid of the funds last week at Grosvenor House, under the patronage of the Prince and Princess of Wales and many other members of the Royal Family.

Mr. Arthur Stirling, the well-known actor husband of Mrs. Stirling (late Mrs. Charles Vyner), professor of elocution at the Royal College of Music, was on Friday the 15th inst., admitted to the freedom and livery of the Liners' Company by Bro. the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House. Mr. Stirling was introduced by Bro. C. W. Thomson, of Guildhall, who has also during the mastership of the Lord Mayor introduced Bro. Augustus Harris, the manager of Drury-lane Theatre; Mr. Wilson Barrett, "The Silver King"; Mr. Alfred Baker, of Baker and Sons, Queen Victoria-street, and other gentlemen.

In 1880 occurred the first of a series of remarkable and important events connected with the history of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, which was celebrated at a banquet given by the W.M., Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Warwickshire, to the members and several distinguished visitors. As this year witnesses the termination of these special gatherings, we understand Dr. Hopkins has again invited a number of brethren to another social reunion, the banquet being held on the 27th inst., which appropriately will not only celebrate the 150th anniversary of the lodge, but also the attainment by the worthy host of his 75th birthday, a jubilee and a half. We hope to give an account of this, the crowning event of the brilliant series, as we have done of all the others, and only wish it had fallen to our happy lot to participate in the unique gathering.

A delicious cooling drink is supplied in *Rose's Lime Juice Cordial*, with water or blended with spirits. It is highly medicinal, assisting digestion. Recommended by the *Lancet*. It is entirely free of alcohol. Purchasers should order *Rose's Cordial*. Wholesale Stores, 11, Curtain Road, London, and Leith, N.B.—[Advrt.]

Lady Monckton gave an evening party on Monday, which was largely and fashionably attended.

The Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage fête will be held at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, July 5th.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., P.G.W., was present at the levée held by the Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Queen, at St. James's Palace on Monday.

The British Museum was, according to the annual report just issued, last year visited by 767,402 persons.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, has purchased the picture "Sheikh Said in Cairo," by Carl Haag, now being exhibited, for 1000 guineas.

Dr. Colenso, Bishop of Natal, died on Tuesday last, after an illness which commenced only on the previous Sunday.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., is appointed travelling secretary of the National Society.

The William Hickman Mark Lodge (Sandown, Isle of Wight), will be constituted on the 2nd proximo, at three o'clock, prior to the provincial meeting of Mark Master Masons.

The anniversary festival of the Licensed Victuallers' School is to be celebrated at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next, under the presidency of Captain Henry Townshend, who will be supported by the Earl of Wemyss, Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and several members of Parliament.

Bros. the Duke of Portland, Capt. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., and Henry Irving have signified their willingness to become stewards of the festival dinner of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association to be held at Willis's Rooms to-day (Friday), when General Lord Wolseley will take the chair.

The following is a list of banquets held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, during the week ending 23rd inst.: Monday, 18th: United Law Clerks' Annual Festival; Asaph Chapter. Tuesday, 19th: Industry Chapter. Wednesday, 20th: Borough Jewish Schools. Thursday, 21st: Staff College Dinner; Linnean Club. Saturday, 23rd: Royal Dublin Fusiliers (late 103rd).

With regard to the employment of men of the Army Reserve and pensioners from the army for duty in the service of the parcels post, the War Office authorities have accorded their entire co-operation with Mr. Fawcett's suggestion, and the invitation to men of both classes will at once be issued by the distribution of posters to all post-offices in the United Kingdom and recruiting headquarters. The rate of pay proposed will be at the rate of from 16 to 18 shillings per week, in addition to their pension or reserved pay. The usual restrictions will be observed as to character.

On Thursday evening, the 14th inst., Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., delivered a lecture on the "Union Jack" at the Trafalgar Hotel, Leman-street, to a crowded meeting of sailors and others. After the lecture Captain Pim was presented with a magnificent gold-mounted malacca cane bearing his crest and inscription, in the name of the "Amalgamated British Seamen's Protection Society," as a small token of the esteem in which he is held by the British sailor for honorary services in connection with the said society. Captain Pim, who was much pleased and deeply moved by the unexpected gift, thanked the society in a few appropriate words, and the proceedings terminated.

The Prince of Wales has given Mr. Frank Holl a commission for his portrait. Mr. Holl is now the fashionable portrait-painter, running even Mr. Millais close. He is quite a young man, and may look to live to do memorable work. Mr. Millais still keeps the lead, his fame being of older growth and wider spread. He mentioned the other night at a friend's dinner-table that he has undertaken commissions which will take him three years to execute. This he considers sufficient for the day, and has temporarily closed his books. An American lady now in town offered him a blank cheque signed to undertake her portrait forthwith, so that she might carry it back to the States in the fall. But Mr. Millais declined this tempting offer, steadily going through his commissions in order of date.

A bazaar was opened at the Bridge House Hotel on Wednesday week last, by Bro. Sir George Elliott in aid of the debt of the venerable Southwark Chapel, which was built in 1808 to supersede John Wesley's Snow's-fields Chapel, which still stands in Crosby-row, Long-lane, and is used by the Welsh Presbyterian body at the present time. For many years the chapel had been burdened by a debt of £2,650; but since the appointment of the Rev. Forster Crozier as pastor very strenuous exertions have been made to reduce this amount, until only about £650 remained to be cleared off. This it is hoped to do by the bazaar, which was opened under very happy auspices. The stalls were elaborately fitted up, and after the formal opening some good business was done. The visitors included Alderman Sir W. McArthur, K.C.M.G., M.P., and Mrs. A. McArthur.

The annual picnic in connection with the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035, was held on Wednesday last, at Ellesmere, Salop. Permission was granted by Major Cust (agent to Earl Brownlow) to erect a marquee in Cremorne Gardens, on the borders of the lake, where the company dined and had tea. The privilege was also extended to the party of visiting Oakley Park and gardens, and the celebrated Ellesmere bowling-green (from the summit of which can be seen extensive and delightful views of the scenery of several counties) was likewise placed at the command of the "outers." A quadrille band was in attendance on the green in Cremorne Gardens. In the immediate neighbourhood of Ellesmere are to be found some of the most lovely walks and drives in England, and these were much patronised and greatly enjoyed.

"RUPTURES."—WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive circular, with testimonials and prices, to J. White and Co. (Limited) 228, Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often sell an imitation of our Moc-Main. J. White and Co. have not any agents.—[Advrt.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, June 30, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Euphrates, Mcther Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MONDAY, JUNE 25.

Mark Grand Masters, M.H., 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
K. T. Precept. D, Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.
" 128, Oxford and Cambridge University,
33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Room, St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chap., Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, 8.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton-ct.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-la.
" 1539, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1624, Eccleston, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st.,
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's
Park, at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End,
Fulham.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's H., Fleet-st.
Chap. 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
King 118, Northumberland, Mason's H. Tav., Basinghall-
street.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
Royal Arthur, Temperance Hotel, Wimbledon Hill Road
(close to the Station), at 7.30.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-ct., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent
Garden, W.C., 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime-
house, at 7.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Vic-
toria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
well, at 9.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd.,
Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, Cathedral H., St. Paul's-chyd

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-
road, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30.

(No Meetings.)

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN- CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, June 30, 1883.

MONDAY, JUNE 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.
" 1075, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 321, Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hotel, Prescott.
" 605, De Tabley, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., L'pool. Installation 8 a.m.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
William de la More Encampment, M.R., St. Helen's.
Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29.

Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.
SATURDAY, JUNE 30.
Lodge 1126, Oakwood, Dovestock Inn, Romelly.

The Society of Friends have repealed the pro-
hibition of the marriage of first cousins, which has been in
force in that body for nearly 200 years.

FURNITURE.

S. WEBB & Co.

Supply all Goods at strictly

WHOLESALE PRICES (Cash).

WEBB'S SYSTEM

OF PURCHASE by Instalments also affords special
advantages for FURNISHING. Full particulars,
with Guide, post free.

S. WEBB & Co., Manufacturers

And General House Furnishers,

11, 13, OXFORD STREET, W.

Established 1855.

S. YARDLEY & SONS,

(Established 1838.)

SHOP FRONT BUILDERS

SHOP FITTERS,

AND

Air-Tight Show Case Manufacturers.

WORKS—8, LOWER WOOD ST., EXMOUTH ST.,
STEAM FACTORY—COMMERCE ROAD, WOOD GREEN.

SHOW ROOMS—

25, Mount Pleasant, Clerkenwell.

Every description of Fittings manufactured for Jewellers,
Cutlers, Stationers, Offices, Drapers, Museums, Banks
Libraries, Outfitters and Hosiers, Fancy Trades, &c.
Plans and Estimates provided for Shop Fronts and internal
Fittings in Town or any part of the country.

S. YARDLEY & SONS

Respectfully solicit the patronage of Architects
and Surveyors,
whose instructions shall receive special and faithful attention.



2/6 Any Nib, Any Ink. 2/6
Cannot get out of Order. As reliable as lead pencil with
the permanence of pen and ink and without any of the
disadvantages of Stylograph Pens, which it supersedes
and renders obsolete. If not approved, money returned.
LETTS, LTD., London Bridge, and all Stationers.

Just published, price 1s., post free. Printed in good type,
on toned paper, with Diagrams.

"THE BIBLE IN STONE:"

OR,

THE GREAT PYRAMID THE FOUNDATION
OF FREEMASONRY.

THE SIGN—THE GREAT PYRAMID.

Description and Measures from "Life and Work," and
"Our Inheritance," etc., by

Professor PIAZZI SMYTH, F.R.S.E., F.R.A.S., Astronomer-
Royal for Scotland.

Its meaning as the Sign from the Bible,
By ROWLAND ALLAN BRANGWIN,
Dedicated to the Masonic Brotherhood.

London: W. H. GUEST, 29, Paternoster Row, E.C.

GRAND NATIONAL SONG, GOD BLESS OUR FAMILY ROYAL

WRITTEN AND COMPOSED BY

G. R. KING,

Author and Composer of "My own ador'd love," "The
Rowena Quadrilles," etc., etc., etc.

Price 2s. 6d. net.

LONDON: GEORGE KENNING, 16, GREAT QUEEN
STREET, W.C.

TELEPHONE NUMBER, 2604.

WEAK OR DEFECTIVE SIGHT.—SPEC-
TACLES scientifically adapted to remedy impaired vision
by Bro. ACKLAND, Surgeon, daily, at Horne and Thornthwaite's,
Opticians to the Queen, 416, Strand, London, W.C. Send six
stamps for "Ackland's Hints on Spectacles," which contains
valuable suggestions to sufferers from imperfect sight.

Twelfth Edition, post-free, 1s.

DR. WATTS on ASTHMA and
BRONCHITIS. A Treatise on the only Successful
Method of Curing these Diseases. By ROBERT G. WATTS,
M.D., F.R.S.L., F.C.S., &c., 5, Bulstrode-street,
Cavendish-square, London. London: C. Mitchell and Co.,
Red Lion cor't Fleet-street.