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THE Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held its annual Festival under the presidency of Lord BROOKE, Provincial Grand Master for Essex, on Wednesday last. 285 Stewards brought up the goodly amount of £13,037 14s. We congratulate Bro. HENGES and all concerned on this most satisfactory result. London has supplied £6300 5s. and the provinces £6737 9s. The highest amount from a London Lodge is £264 12s., Bro. A McDOWALL; whilst the leading Provincial return, that of Essex, is £1000. There are one Provincial and four London lists yet to come. We think it right to mention that the highest individual Provincial return is that of Rev. J. MARSDEN, South Wales, Western Division, £262 10s.

BRO. BINCKES has secured the services of our eminent brother the Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR as Chairman for the Boys' School Festival. Lieut.-Col. Sir HENRY EDWARDS, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, is President of a numerous Board of Stewards. We hope that Bro. BINCKES may receive the warm support of the Craft, as after his anxious efforts and his mournful disappointment he so fully deserves.

THE annual gathering for the "Benevolent" Election is past again for 1884, and a large assembly of metropolitan and provincial brethren has filled for a few hours the great hall, and then separated to meet again 12 months hence for the same exciting process and the same excellent object. We confess that we are among those who like to see the hall filled with our brethren, the old familiar faces of past years, and to realize that the great end of their animated meeting is Charity. There can be no doubt that few benevolent organizations do so much real good and afford such effective help as our well managed Institution of benevolent and seasonable annuities for old age and decay. It is a very striking fact for Freemasons to remember and for the non-Masonic world to appreciate, that we are now granting annuities to destitute brethren and their widows, amounting to many thousands yearly. Indeed, each year witnesses a significant increase of the liberality of the Craft to make good the demands which only 12 months bring, and there is as yet no sign that our truly beneficent brotherhood is weary of well-doing. On the contrary, it would almost seem from what is going on in our midst as if we are destined to witness a yearly advance in charitable efforts and charitable results. One of the most striking features of our system of benevolent annuities for the aged and forlorn is to be found in this, that the annuities themselves are the result of careful calculations and humane common sense. They are neither lavish nor capricious in amount and distribution, but are, we venture to think, just what they ought to be, so as to prevent unreasonable and unworthy applications for their timely aid and sustenance. We were therefore rejoiced when our worthy Bro. CHARLES LACEY withdrew his motion to reduce the amount. He had a perfect right to raise the question, but as the intense preponderance of opinion alike in town and country was "to leave well alone," we are certain he exercised a wise discretion, and we owe him many thanks for saving us from a long and perhaps heated discussion. As we said before, our annuities are not too lavish, and we trust therefore we have heard the last for some time of any such well intentioned proposition, which if carried, we feel sure, would do serious harm to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and reduce it to the level of an inferior Friendly order. Those who know Bro. CHARLES LACEY are quite aware that his motives were excellent, and feel that his desire is natural and laudable to extend the number of annuitants. But this can best be done by increasing our support to the parent Institution, and to this end let us devote our efforts in 1884 and for 1885.

THE Benevolent Elections of last Friday were very severe, the Widows especially so, the highest Widow polling 2237, and the lowest of 31 (let us note this) 1103. The highest Male candidate polled 2163 and the lowest 681.

As usual many voting papers were lost through the carelessness of voters, among the widows, fewer than usual. Some fill up their voting papers for more votes than the paper covers, some do not sign the voting paper at all, some do not apportion their votes to any candidates, and for those and other similar childish reasons many voting papers are lost every election. One curious fact remains, that a large number of subscribers never use their voting papers and old voting papers of this and the other Institutions are sent in, as if to proclaim that some subscribers to our Institutions never open their voting papers, or throw them away when received into the waste paper basket. Such is Masonic life.

LET all those who cavil at or anathematize Freemasons ponder, over the one fact that the first two Festivals of our much maligned Order in 1884 have produced £27,000. Of what other earthly society can it be said at this hour that it is doing so much and so well for Charity?

WE call attention elsewhere gladly to a mark of distinction conferred by our Royal and Illustrious Brother His Majesty the KING OF SWEDEN on our esteemed and valued Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. R. P. BENT. We shall all rejoice to note that he has been so distinguished by the august head of another jurisdiction, and trust that he may have many years of health and happiness to bear his "blushing honours thick upon him."

WE are immensely amused with a statement in the *Australian Freemason*, either made by or for the Grand Lodge of Italy, that it is "the oldest Grand Lodge in Europe." What such an assertion means in 1884 we cannot even presume to guess, or how our confrère at the Antipodes could have admitted such a childish and foolish "par" into his usually carefully edited paper.

A QUESTION is asked in the same paper, which appears to us, as the great JOHNSON liked to say, "mighty absurd." It is this: Can a person be initiated with a "cork leg"? The editor of the *Australian Freemason*, or of some other paper, coolly replies, "Our answer is, unquestionably no." We say, on the contrary, "certainly yes." The old law as regards "limbs" was made no doubt by the Free Guilds, at a time when serfs were cruelly treated. Then no doubt none could be received but free men or the sons of free men and "unmutilated," for it may be a question whether the man freed from a state of vassalage by manumission or servitude was eligible. His son undoubtedly was, but it is more than doubtful whether he was himself. Whatever may have been the custom of the Guilds, or even later years, the English Grand Lodge now only makes this "sine qua non," that the candidate is a "Freeman and of full age,—21 years." We remember a question years ago whether a man with a wooden leg could be made a Mason, and it was given in favour of wood. We can have no hesitation in pronouncing in favour of the more artistic form of cork. It is the internal not the external qualifications of the man with which Freemasonry properly ought most to concern itself.

WE have received the *Victorian Masonic Journal* of April 2nd, by which it appears that not only has the appointment of Sir W. CLARKE as District Grand Master been deeply appreciated by our loyal brethren at Melbourne, but that the formation of the illegal Victorian Grand Lodge is likely ere long to be only a "vision of the past." Three thousand brethren attended to attest their loyalty and to support the English Masonic Constitution, and we rejoice to note and to chronicle in the *Freemason* that our reliance on the steadfast loyalty of our Victorian brethren was not announced in vain. The whole proceedings were very striking, and we wish all true Masonic progress and prosperity to the District Grand Lodge of Victoria.

WE regret to see the suggestion of a brother, in the same journal, under the Irish Constitution and of high rank, to begin as it were a fresh agitation for a Grand Lodge of Australia. Surely this playing at making Grand Lodges is very childish and inopportune.

WE understand from the best authority that the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria is a failure, that it has no real support in the colony and may soon be expected to collapse. Peace to its Manes!

## SWEDISH FREEMASONRY.

V.W. Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C. both of the Craft and of the Mark, is well known to be also of high standing in the Grand Lodge of Sweden, in which country he resided for some time as English Chaplain at Gothenburg. When he resigned that post a few years ago, he held the Ninth Degree of the Swedish system, which has but 10 degrees in all. No one can have the Tenth Degree unless appointed to it by the King, who is Grand Master of the Order. Our rev. brother recently received notice of his being "nominated" by his Majesty to the honours of the Tenth Degree, and he went over to Sweden on purpose to receive them. They were conferred upon him by the King himself in the grand Masonic Temple in Stockholm on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Bent is the first and only Englishman—except our own Grand Master, the Prince of Wales—who has ever attained such high rank in Swedish Masonry. Bro. Bent was the bearer of a handsomely-bound copy of the "Chronological Record of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63; with a series of Addresses on German Freemasonry; by V.W. Bro. Dr. Wendt, G. Sec. for Ger. Cor.," for presentation to the King; and we understand that his Majesty was graciously pleased to accept this book as a present from the author of the "Addresses," who had been presented to him when he was in England. We may mention that in the first "Address" there is a very high compliment paid by the Crown Prince of Germany to the "most gracious and wise Master of the Order of the Ninth Province, the King of Sweden and Norway," and that the second "Address" contains a descriptive list of the ten degrees of the Swedish system.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. F. Davison, G.D., took the chair of the Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; and a number of other brethren.

The General Committee of Management was first held, at which the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge of the 4th June was submitted. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed grants recommended at the April meeting to the amount of £235. The new list contained the names of 38 petitioners. During a sitting of more than four hours, 33 of the petitioners were relieved with a total sum of £1075. This was made up of two grants of £150 each (£300); one of £100 (£100); one of £75 (£75); six of £50 each (£300); one of £40 (£40); one of £35 (£35); five of £30 each (£150); one of £25 (£25); five of £20 each (£100); one of £15 (£15); seven of £10 each (£70); and five of £5 each (£25).

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

## ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The Ninety-sixth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Essex, presided. There were some 400 brethren present, besides a large company of ladies, amongst the brethren present being

Bros. R. J. Finnemore, D.G.M. Natal; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Horace Brooks Marshall, G. Treas.; Col. J. Creaton, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; D.G.M. Essex, President of Board of Stewards; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. Letchworth, G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Robt. Grey, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Griffiths Smith, G.A.D.C.; John Messent, P.G.S.B.; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Jas. H. Matthias, G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Burdett-Coutts, W.M. 2030, Treasurer of Board of Stewards; C. Hammerton, Chairman of Board of Stewards; R. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec. Essex; Alderman Savory, Herbert Dicketts, J. Falkner, Fredk. Binckes, Sec. R.M. Boys' School; Jas. Terry, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. of the Institution; Rev. Dr. Morris, LL.D., Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire; A. Lucking, Richard Clowes, W.M. 650, Prov. G.S.W. Essex; R. Vassar Vassar-Smith, Prov. G.J.W. Gloucestershire; Henry C. Caseley, 114, P.P.G.W. Suffolk; Rev. F. B. Shepperd, P.M. 1533, P.P.G.W. Essex; W. H. B. Tomlinson, J.P., P.M. 154, P.P.G.W. W. Yorks; Rev. J. Marsden, P.P.G. Chap. S. Wales (W. Div.); D. P. Cama, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Vice-Pres.; A. McDowall, I.P.M. 1962, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; Clement Tudway, P.M. 592, P.P.G.D.C. Gloucestershire; W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G.D.C. W. Yorks; Robert Herdridge, F.R.G.S., P.G. Stwd., Vice-Pres.; James R. Cassell, P.M. 46, P.G. Stwd.; W. Cunningham, Glen, 197, P.G. Stwd.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M. 1494, P.G. Stwd., Vice-Patron; John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Vice-Pres.; E. C. Mather, Vice-Patron; E. G. Harwood, Mayor of Bolton; and Samuel Bland, High Sheriff of Gloucester.

After the cloth had been removed the usual toasts were proposed.

The CHAIRMAN in giving the toast of "The Queen, the Most Gracious Patroness of this Institution," said it was needless for him to dilate at length on that toast. In no place had her Majesty a more affectionate reception than in the heart of every Freemason in the country. The Queen had made herself beloved during a long and prosperous reign by those personal qualities, both private and public, which should endear her to the nation. When they all had to regret the loss of one of the beloved Freemasons (the Duke of Albany) the heart of every Freemason in the country went forth in the deepest sympathy with her Majesty the Queen.

In giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," the CHAIRMAN said after alluding to his Royal Highness's admirable discharge of his Masonic duties that he had lately suffered, with the rest of the Masonic body, a great loss in the death of the late lamented Duke of Albany. It was naturally a painful subject to allude to and particularly so to himself (Lord Brooke) for his earliest recollections of Freemasonry were connected with the Duke of Albany, in whose presence he had the honour of being initiated in an Oxford Lodge, and he also had the honour, as many of the Essex brethren could testify, of being installed as Provincial Grand Master of Essex by his Royal Highness. It was a great pleasure to his Royal Highness to go down amongst the brethren of Essex, and he had requested him (Lord Brooke) on many occasions to assure the brethren of Essex of his great pleasure at the cordial reception extended to him by them. With regard to the Princess of Wales, she had made herself beloved throughout the kingdom by her charming manner and every attribute which became a high-born lady. From the moment she set her foot on English ground she found a warm corner in the heart of every Freemason.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., said in reply that if any of the brethren present had had the privilege and pleasure that he had at Peterboro' of seeing Lord Carnarvon perform the ceremony there on behalf of the Prince of Wales, he was sure that they would say that his lordship was an ornament to Freemasonry. There was a scene far superior to the present at the meeting at the Girls' School on Monday last, when they not only saw the results of Freemasonry in the glorious and beautiful assemblage of children, but also heard from the lips of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts words of such eloquence and wisdom as he ventured to say had seldom been heard in any Masonic assembly.

Bro. FINNEMORE, Dist. G.M. of Natal, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," said although he had been but a short time in England, he had seen sufficient to know that this toast was well worthy of the brethren's favourable reception. From what his lordship had said he could see that a melancholy interest attached to his installation as Prov. Grand Master for Essex, by the late Duke of Albany. The death of His Royal Highness was deeply deplored by all, and one of the last injunctions impressed upon him (Bro. Finnemore) before leaving Natal, was to convey the heartiest expressions of the regret and sympathy of the Natal brethren to the brethren here. He wished to say how much he appreciated the kind sympathy he had received from the brethren here, and how pleased he was to see so distinguished a gathering that evening. He would like to say many other things, but time was short, and while thanking the brethren very much for their reception of himself, he would propose "The Health of the Chairman, Lord Brooke."

The CHAIRMAN in reply said that many as the occasions were on which he had a kindly Masonic welcome he had never had a more cordial one than he had that evening. He thanked the brethren of Essex for the kind manner in which they had supported him, and his Deputy, Bro. Philbrick. This was only one of their many acts of kind feeling and friendship towards him which they were always ready to shew him. He felt that the result of the evening would be a great pecuniary success and it would be greatly due to the efforts of the brethren of his province.

The CHAIRMAN in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," said the object was of course one which was uppermost in the minds of the brethren on that occasion. They had all he trusted in various ways been striving to do to the best of their ability all they could to promote the success of the Institution of which he was speaking. It had usually been the custom for those who were about to take the chair to attend the meeting previously held for the purpose of giving away the prizes to the girls; but another engagement prevented his doing so. The thanks of all the brethren were, however, due to the excellent lady, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who on Monday went to Battersea Rise and distributed the prizes to the girls who had won them at this Institution. It was only one of the many acts of kindness which that eminent lady had performed during her exceedingly able career, a career which had been of so much benefit not only to the City of London, but to the whole country. If he might be allowed without troubling the brethren too much, he would read an extract from a letter which the Baroness had written to Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, in which she said: "I am glad to have again an opportunity of thanking the Committee for the personal pleasure of Monday, which will not be effaced readily from my memory. I saw the signs of very important and very useful national work and example which you are carrying out at the Masonic Girls' School." These sentiments of the baroness, so admirably expressed, he was sure were shared in by every one in that room. They had most of them probably attended there on a similar occasion before, and therefore he would not detain them at great length in describing the various merits of the Institution; but he would like, first of all, to recall their memories to the fact that the Institution was founded in 1788, and that during the course of the School since its establishment 1350 girls had been educated, maintained, and clothed within it from the age of 8 to the age of 16. They received a sound English education, and were most worthily and excellently prepared for the various duties which might fall to their lot in future life. Although he thought it was right they should be brought fully up to the refinements of education, still, for the position of those girls who attended the School, he thought it was necessary that they should be fitted so far as possible for the life which was before them. If they would allow him to say also, he thought that there was further testimony to the excellence of the school in the fact that 19 girls went up to the University examination and they all passed successfully, nine others with honours. There was also another important fact that the teachers of the school were every one of them, with the exception of the head mistress, girls who had been educated in the Institution. It appeared to him to be a most excellent practice, because naturally having been there a great portion of their lives they must know better than any other person what the requirements of the Institution were and would be able to impress on those who went there the great advantages which they themselves had obtained. Most heartily he wished prosperity to the school, a prosperity which he thought was assured from the fact that at this moment there were 239 girls enjoying the benefits of the Institution. He was aware that the cause of the Institution had been advocated by many much more able men than he. The brethren had seen in that chair illustrious men, men who had made their mark in the country, as well as members of the Royal Family. He therefore felt that it was an honour to preside on that occasion, and he could only trust most heartily that this occasion might be one of pecuniary success to the School, and that when the Secretary announced the figures they might be proud of what had been done. He thought the brethren would like to know that the next festival of the Boys' School will be presided over by the Lord Mayor, a most popular man, who, notwithstanding his many engagements, had been able to find time to take the chair of the Boys' School on the 28th June. For himself he wished the Institution every success on that occasion. He pointed to this to show what Freemasonry could do. When they were asked by the uninitiated what was the use of Freemasonry, he thought they might point to the manner in which its great Institutions had been so admirably sustained for many years.

Col. CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Institution, responded, and thanked Lord Brooke for taking the chair that evening.

Bro. HEDGES, the Secretary, then read the list of subscriptions.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Sister Institutions," and said he could not but thank the Stewards, and, first of all, those of his own province—which was not a rich province—for the very kind, hearty, and cordial manner in which they had worked to support him on this occasion. It must be gratifying to all the Stewards who had put their shoulders to the wheel in bringing up £13,000. Every one knew the times were hard; but he sincerely trusted they would be better for every one. It was a fine thing to feel that the great Charitable Institutions of the country, whenever there was

or was not distress in the country, were most thoroughly supported. He felt sure that these efforts of benevolence would have their reward in renewed prosperity.

Bro. BINCKES replied on behalf of the Boys' School, the Festival of which would take place at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, June 28th. He strongly appealed for support on that occasion.

Bro. TERRY also replied for the Benevolent Institution.

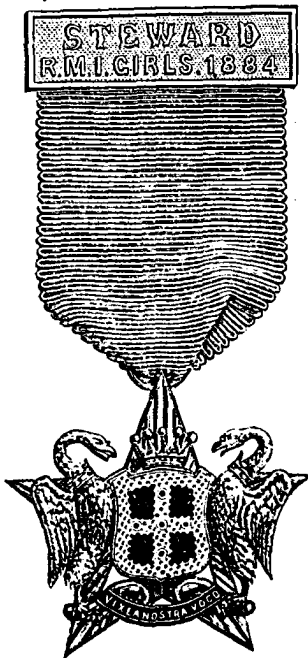
Bro. PHILBRICK, O.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Essex replied for "The Stewards," which was the next toast. Notwithstanding the depression in the agricultural interest and the recent earthquake, Essex had been able to make, as public school boys would say, "the cock" score of the evening.

Bro. BURDETT-COUTTS proposed "The Ladies," and informed the brethren of the pleasure which the Baroness felt on Monday in distributing the prizes at the Girls' School. Her ladyship thought it the most perfect educational establishment which she had ever seen. The brethren knew full well that by their training, by the advantages they enjoyed, by the whole tone which pervaded the Institution, the girls might live to become what all valued so much and never could value too much, the pure, the gentle, the noble, the honest, the truthful, the useful women of England.

Bro. CHAS. HAMMERTON returned thanks.

The Chairman and brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where a beautiful vocal and instrumental concert was given under the direction of Madame Zimeri, the artistes being Miss Marian McKenzie, Mr. Hirwen Jones, Bro. Gilbert Campbell, Mr. Charles Oberthur (Harp), Miss Maria Norton (Pianoforte), with Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., at the Pianoforte.

The favor worn on the occasion was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and was much admired. It consisted of the arms of the Chairman, Lord Brooke, mounted on a five-pointed star.



## STEWARDS' LISTS.

LONDON.		£	s.	d.
Grand Stewards Lodge—Bro.				
R. P. Spice	...	15	15	0
Lodge.				
1 Bro. A. F. Youle...	...	14	14	0
2 " G. A. Ames	...	67	0	0
Chapter.				
2 Comp. E. Letchworth	...	47	15	0
Lodge.				
4 Bro. H. P. Hughes, jun.	...	15	15	0
5 " E. J. Paine	...	52	10	0
6 " Lord Cremorne	...	21	0	0
7 " A. Hill	...	7	7	0
8 " S. G. Glanville	...	17	17	0
10 " Rev. T. Maude	...	33	12	0
11 " A. J. Probyn	...	33	12	6
14 " W. B. Liddiard	...	26	5	0
18 & 263 Bro. R. C. Sudlow	...	68	5	0
21 Bro. A. Hill	...	44	2	0
25 " A. W. Stead	...	36	15	0
26 " E. Milner	...	39	18	0
28 " E. M. Money	...	45	3	0
29 " J. H. Bott	...	15	9	6
33 " E. B. Saunders	...	56	14	0
40 " J. R. Cassell	...	80	17	0
91 " T. A. Logan	...	28	7	0
95 " H. Ruff	...	32	11	0
99 " Chester Cheston, jun.	...	85	1	0
140 " C. E. Spark	...	32	8	0
143 " Rev. J. Hawes	...	79	5	6
162 " W. Holmes	...	...	...	...
165 " (see Surrey)	...	...	...	...
172 " H. R. Cope	...	21	0	0
173 " F. D. Vine	...	74	11	0
177 " W. M. Foxcroft	...	66	14	0
185 " F. Croaker	...	46	17	0
186 " T. E. Tallent	...	10	10	0
192 " H. A. Pratt	...	...	...	...
193 " B. Lemere	...	26	5	0
194 " S. J. Weston	...	53	18	6
197 " W. C. Glen	...	12	12	0
198 " J. C. Carr	...	25	0	0
211 " W. Radcliffe	...	70	8	6
222 " G. C. Finnis	...	65	2	0
Chapter.				
255 Comp. D. P. Cant	...	59	17	0
Lodge.				
259 Bro. Robert Grey	...	131	5	0
263 " R. C. Sudlow	...	11	11	0
435 " J. J. Brown	...	28	7	0
511 " George Read	...	32	11	0
548 " H. Carman	...	137	11	0
657 " F. A. Warner	...	19	3	0
720 " J. R. Garrow	...	22	10	0
733 " S. R. Walker	...	42	0	0
742 " Henry V. Cox	...	45	13	6
813 " L. C. Haslip	...	21	0	0
Chapter.				
820 Comp. C. Hubbard	...	113	8	0
Lodge.				
822 Bro. J. C. Partridge	...	...	...	...
907 " S. H. P. Moore	...	30	19	6
975 " M. Graham	...	10	10	0
1150 " T. H. Gardiner	...	38	17	0
1155 " F. Morgan	...	110	0	0
1196 " E. Liebmann	...	89	5	0
1257 " G. T. N. Farman	...	71	8	0
1259 " J. Charlton	...	105	0	0
1298 " Geo. Bigley	...	55	13	0
1319 " C. Wellard	...	24	3	0
1329 " B. R. Bryant	...	50	0	0
Chapter.				
1339 Comp. H. E. Francis	...	31	10	0

LONDON.		£	s.	d.
Lodge.				
1365 Bro. A. McMillan	...	23	0	0
1381 " H. M. Appleton	...	41	8	6
1383 " R. Stuart Lane	...	108	3	0
1397 " C. W. C. Webb	...	44	2	0
1593 " G. W. Armstrong	...	63	19	0
Chapter.				
1604 Comp. G. Boulton	...	172	3	6
Lodge.				
1608 Bro. H. J. Turner	...	110	5	0
1613 " J. Corke	...	50	0	0
1614 " George Colman	...	153	5	0
1615 " Col. C. Wolsey-Cox	...	26	5	0
1622 " W. Clauson-Thue	...	31	10	0
1623 " H. J. Lardner	...	38	17	0
1635 " J. Edmeston	...	60	0	0
1642 " Samuel Smout	...	176	8	0
Chapter.				
1657 Comp. J. Derby Allcroft	...	131	5	0
1669 Bro. Thomas Edmonston	...	40	0	0
1671 " Henry Warden	...	200	11	0
1679 " H. John	...	40	4	0
1681 " W. Honeyball	...	78	15	0
1704 " W. H. Crosier	...	44	2	0
1716 " W. J. Rundell	...	48	6	0
1724 " P. F. Walker	...	23	2	0
1768 " F. R. Spaul	...	8	8	0
1790 " H. M. Hobbs	...	221	0	6
1804 " G. A. Haynes	...	17	17	0
1820 " Rev. R. F. Hosken	...	39	18	0
1827 " T. Davies Sewell	...	10	10	0
1839 " A. Stokes	...	18	2	0
1900 " F. R. W. Hedges	...	94	10	0
1900 " G. P. Festa	...	115	0	0
1924 " Wilmer Hollingworth	...	264	12	0
1962 " A. McDowall	...	109	4	0
1964 " William Bellingham	...	17	17	0
1974 " H. S. Andrews	...	84	0	0
1986 " Col. M. Ramsay	...	69	15	0
2012 " George Gardner	...	157	5	0
2030 " W. Burdett-Coutts	...	56	0	0
2032 " B. E. Blasby	...	31	10	0
Rose Croix Chapter.				
10 Bro. W. G. Lemon	...	31	10	0
UNATTACHED.				
Bro. R. Berridge	...	36	15	0
" E. Bowyer	...	52	10	0
" Col. J. Creaton	...	21	0	0
" W. J. Crutch	...	10	10	0
" J. A. Farnfield	...	21	0	0
" R. T. Fennell	...	37	16	0
" C. Hammerton	...	120	0	0
" P. de L. Long	...	10	10	0
" E. C. Mather	...	10	10	0
" J. H. Matthews	...	53	11	0
" J. Mason	...	10	10	0
" Hastings Miller	...	10	10	0
" Col. J. Peters	...	53	11	0
" F. Richardson	...	10	10	0
" J. A. Rucker	...	22	1	0
" Alderman Savory	...	21	0	0
" Griffiths Smith	...	12	12	0
" Rev. A. F. A. Woodford	...	21	0	0
" James Stevens	...	42	0	0
Lodge. BERKS AND BUCKS.				
945 Bro. George Saxby	...	25	15	6
1770 " John Thickens	...	14	14	0
CHESHIRE.				
537 Bro. C. J. Clover	...	21	0	0
979 " Thomas E. Gibson	...	20	0	0
1045 " Capt. A. H. Gillyod	...	20	0	0

CORNWALL.		£	s.	d.
Bro. Controller S. G. Bake	...	12	12	0
DERBYSHIRE.				
506 Bro. T. E. Yeomans	...	73	10	0
625 " Samuel Robinson	...	42	0	0
731 " J. Bland	...	89	10	0
802 " W. L. Ball	...	10	10	0
884 " J. M. McLeod	...	53	11	0
1179 " J. E. Whitehead	...	21	0	0
1235 " J. Stanley	...	66	3	0
Chapter.				
112 Comp. H. W. Madeley	...	38	17	0
Lodge.				
164 Bro. Rev. R. T. Thornton	...	15	15	0
1402 " G. J. Pepprell	...	10	10	0
DURHAM.				
Province, Bro. Thos. Bradley	...	120	0	0
ESSEX.				
51 Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C.	...	1000	0	0
160 " Henry Harper	...	...	...	...
214 " F. W. Imbert-Terry	...	...	...	...
276 " Arthur Mead	...	...	...	...
453 " John Glass	...	...	...	...
650, 997, Bro. Richd. Clowes	...	...	...	...
1000 Bro. W. G. Brighten	...	...	...	...
1280 " Joseph Bell	...	...	...	...
1312 " Col. W. N. Tufnell	...	...	...	...
1343 " H. C. Borradaile	...	...	...	...
1437 " A. J. Manning	...	...	...	...
1457 " J. P. Austen	...	...	...	...
1543 " F. J. Snell	...	...	...	...
1543 " Rev. F. B. Shepherd	...	...	...	...
1799 " R. J. Patten	...	...	...	...
2005 " W. Herbage	...	...	...	...
2006 " D. S. Baynes	...	...	...	...
" A. Lucking	...	...	...	...
" R. D. Poppleton	...	...	...	...
" George Cooper	...	...	...	...
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.				
52 Bro. Frederick Ticehurst	...	5	5	0
Chapter.				
82 Comp. W. R. Porcher	...	34	13	0
Lodge.				
246 Bro. T. E. Gandy	...	36	15	0
246 " John Balcumb	...	10	10	0
493 " Alfred Woodward	...	78	15	0
493 " Samuel Bland	...	...	...	...
493 " Henry Hunt	...	...	...	...
592 " C. Tudway	...	89	5	0
702 " H. S. Stephens	...	14	14	0
761 " H. John Small	...	48	6	0
839 " John Weston	...	36	15	0
1005 " W. T. Byett	...	47	5	0
" R. V. Vassar-Smith	...	15	15	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				
Lodge.				
35 Bro. Asher Barfield	...	16	16	0
309 " Edward Goldsmith	...	21	0	0
394 " J. D. Barford	...	89	5	0
804 " William Dart	...	54	18	6
1069 " R. J. Rastrick	...	63	0	0
1373 " H. Ingles Davis	...	50	8	0
HERTS.				
869, 1298, Bro. Geo. S. Digley	...	55	13	0
KENT.				
538 Bro. John Eldridge	...	42	0	0
709, 1965, Bro. S. W. Shaw	...	47	5	0
784 Bro. Benjamin Wood	...	44	0	0
1223 " Charles E. Birch	...	15	0	0
1223 " W. Sparrowhawk	...	5	5	0
1314 " Henry V. Bond	...	124	18	6
1314 " Edward Harvey	...	169	1	0
1414 " Rev. T. S. Curteis	...	38	9	0
1965 " S. W. Shaw	...	75	12	0
LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION).				
44 Bro. J. Rait Beard	...	52	10	0
146 " J. F. Skelton	...	10	10	0
317 " W. J. Cunliffe	...	94	10	0
317 " James Wilson	...	...	...	...
317 " W. Edwards	...	...	...	...
346 " William Lamb	...	21	0	0
815 " Major H. L. Rocca	...	21	0	0
1009 " G. W. Wilson	...	64	1	0
1723 " Nathaniel Nicholson	...	15	15	0
1723 " E. G. Harwood	...	21	0	0
1723 " John Barratt	...	10	10	0
1723 " J. W. Taylor	...	10	10	0
1723 " Matthew Fielding	...	10	10	0
1723 " Miles Settle	...	10	10	0
1793 " Morris Rosenthal	...	15	15	0
1993 " J. Edward Iliff	...	7	7	0
LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION).				
703 Bro. J. W. Mycock	...	21	0	0
730 " Thomas Forrester	...	20	0	0
823 " William Brassey	...	10	10	0
1182 " John Williams	...	36	15	0
1313 " P. Murray Hunter	...	47	5	0
1375 " A. G. Collins	...	28	7	0
1384 " W. J. Thomson	...	36	15	0
1387 " Thomas Schofield	...	5	5	0
1476 " Henry Gardner	...	26	5	0
1505 " Peter Thomas	...	36	15	0
1505 " H. H. Smith	...	36	15	0
1505 " Robert Foote	...	10	10	0

## SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

		£	s.	d.
Berks and Bucks	...	67	15	6
Cheshire	...	55	14	0
Cornwall	...	12	12	0
Derbyshire	...	356	4	0
Devonshire	...	65	2	0
Durham	...	120	0	0
Essex	...	1000	0	0
Gloucestershire	...	417	18	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	...	295	7	6
Herts	...	55	13	0
Kent	...	561	10	6
Lancashire (Eastern Division)	...	365	8	0
Lancashire (Western Division)	...	316	2	0
Middlesex	...	354	0	6
North Wales and Salop	...	70	7	0
Oxfordshire	...	61	12	0
Somersetshire	...	71	8	0
South Wales (Eastern Division)	...	160	0	0
South Wales (Western Division)	...	262	10	0



GENERAL SUMMARY.					
LONDON	...	...	...	...	£6300 5 0
PROVINCES	...	...	...	...	£6737 9 0
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	£13,037 14 0

## ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

It is not improbable that some of our readers will be agreeably surprised at the character of the announcement which it was Bro. Hedges' good fortune to make on Wednesday evening, when due honour having been paid to the toast of "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," it devolved upon him to read out the list of subscriptions and donations made on the occasion of the Ninety-sixth Anniversary Festival of this the oldest of our Masonic Charities. But if Bro. Hedges, following in this respect in the footsteps of Bro. Terry at the last Benevolent Festival, was later than usual in obtaining the services of some influential brother as Chairman, and if, like Bro. Terry, he has had not a few disappointments to encounter in bringing together a strong and zealous Board of Stewards, he has precisely similar reasons for congratulating himself and all interested in the success of this particular Festival, that the aggregate returns, being in excess of what had been anticipated, make some amends to him for his early difficulties and disappointments. The result, as he stated it, is £13,087 with 5 lists still, or rather at the time, outstanding, so that we shall probably not be estimating the probable total at too high a figure, if we set it down as little, if anything short of £13,250. We candidly confess we did not anticipate so satisfactory a result, and we believe we are right in suggesting that Bro. Hedges was not more hopeful than ourselves. In these circumstances, it largely increases the pleasure we experience in congratulating Lord Brooke, M.P., the Chairman, the Province of Essex—which so generously supported him, the Board of Stewards as a whole, and its honorary Secretary, Bro. Hedges in particular, on the success they severally and conjointly worked so hard to achieve. An excess of something like £2500 over and above the sum of last year's contributions is a matter to be proud of, and our readers, like ourselves, must be loyally grateful to all who had a hand in bringing about the most recent of our Festival triumphs. However, we have said enough on this point elsewhere. Our present purpose is to examine the Returns carefully, pointing out to what lodges and provinces belongs the chief portion of the credit due for the achievement, and explaining, as far as possible, why other lodges and provinces have been, as the saying is, conspicuous by their absence.

We have so recently and, at the same time, so earnestly drawn attention to the eccentricities of these Festival Lists that it is hardly worth while repeating ourselves on this occasion. We shall, in all probability, have to wait till the Greek Calends to account satisfactorily for the almost invariable presence of some lodges at these anniversary celebrations, while others are as invariably unrepresented. It will probably, therefore, suffice if we state that the Returns now under consideration offer no exceptional features. The number of Stewards is not large beyond precedent, yet on the other hand it is very far from being below the average. The same proportion of the lodges in the London district is represented by about the same average number of Stewards, and if the number of absentee provinces is slightly in excess of what it usually is, those which took part in the celebration sent up a somewhat stronger body of representatives. However, in these respects, there is nothing that need be made the subject of more than a passing comment, though, as regards the totals contributed by London and the Provinces respectively, it is noteworthy, perhaps, that the two are so nearly level. In February last, London sent up nearly £2200 more than the Provinces, while at the Boys' Festival in June last, the Provinces contributed about double what London did. On Wednesday from £400 to £4500 represents the difference between the two sections of the Craft. Having said this much generally, we feel we may venture to start on our analytical journey, the first stage of which is

## LONDON,

the total of whose contributions is £6300 5s., while the representatives on the Board of Stewards mustered 116, of whom 98 did duty for 95 lodges, six Royal Arch Chapters, and a Rose Croix Chapter, the Unattached—brethren who collect for their own hand—being 18 all told. Of the lists which make up the London total, the heaviest are sent up by junior lodges, the place of honour being taken by the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, which, by the hands of its Steward, Bro. McDonald, has raised the very handsome sum of £264 12s. This lodge was only warranted in 1882, so that it has not lost much time in signalling its steadfast adherence to the principles of Freemasonry. A somewhat older, and yet a sufficiently youthful, lodge, the happily-named Old England, No. 1790, of 1878 creation, stands second on the list, Bro. H. M. Hobbs, who acted as Steward for it, figuring with a total of £221 os. 6d., the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, being third, with £200 11s., compiled by Bro. Henry Warden. The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, for which Bro. Samuel Smout acted as Steward, comes next with £176 8s., while the Wanderers Chapter, No. 1604, per Comp. G. Boulton, is only slightly behind, the total of its list being £172 3s. 6d. Then follows one of our youngest lodges—the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030—which was only consecrated the other day, and made its début as a participant in these gatherings on Wednesday, when its worthy and Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, took up a list of £157 10s. It is difficult to imagine a more successful first appearance for a lodge which as yet counts its existence only by weeks. The Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, per Bro. G. Coleman, is entered for the capital sum of £153 5s., and the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, per Bro. H. Carman, for £137 11s., the next place being jointly occupied by that very distinguished lodge, the Prince of Wales, No. 259, and the Aldersgate Chapter, the sum of £131 5s. being contributed by each; Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., having acted as Steward for the former, while Comp. J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, acted in a like capacity for the latter. Bro. C. Hammerton, unattached, is entered for the round sum of £120, and then, in the order in which they are presented, we have the Wickham Lodge, No. 1924, per Bro. Wilmer Hollingworth, with £115; Lily of Richmond Chapter, No. 820, per Comp. C. Hubbard, with £113 8s.; Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, per Bro. F. Morgan, and Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, per Bro. H. J. Turner, with £110 5s.; the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, per Bro. W. Bellingham, with £109 4s.; the Friends-in-Council, No. 1383, per Bro. R. Stuart Lane, £108 3s.; and the Duke of Edinburgh, No. 1259, with a level 100 guineas (£105) per Bro. J. Charlton. It will be as well to mention that of the foregoing lodges, Nos. 1383, 1671, and 1964, were among the three-figure lists at the Benevolent Festival in

February, and that of the Boys' School in June last; No. 1614 sent up a three-figure list in February last; No. 259 has been represented at each of the last three Festivals; while No. 1155 sent up a Steward for the Boys' in June last; and No. 1790 for the Benevolent in February. If we add that several of the other represented lodges, such as the Montague Guest Lodge, with Bro. Hedges, W.M., and Bro. Festa, I.P.M., as conjoint Stewards, figure for substantial amounts, we shall have completed our survey of the London portion of the returns. Passing to

## THE PROVINCES,

We note a slight falling off in the number of those that have sent up Stewards as compared with the Festival in February and a considerable diminution in this respect when compared with that of June last year. The last named, however, must be excepted when comparisons are sought to be established, as unusual attractions were offered, and if we do this we shall find that any difference there may be in favour of or against the Provinces in this respect is hardly appreciable. However, if there is, as we have said, a slight falling off in the number of Provinces represented, there is a substantial increase in the amount raised, the 29 Provinces which contributed to the Benevolent in February sending up amongst them, in round figures, £6098, while the 28 who figured on Wednesday together gave upwards of £6737. There is also a stronger muster of Provincial Stewards, there being 168 on this occasion as against 140 in February, but the average per Steward is lower, the Yorkshire representatives being relatively to the sum subscribed by the Province more numerous than they were at the last Benevolent Festival. However, there is no doubt the Provinces, so far as they appear, have done their work extremely well, and though we expect there will be some districts unrepresented from time to time, we confess we should gladly see a change in the conduct of some of those which are absent from these returns. Our readers, of course, are aware there are 41 provinces, and three districts which are without provincial organisation. All the latter and 13 out of the former were absentees from Wednesday's Fête, the absence in some few instances being the rule, while in the majority we rejoice to say it is the exception. We understand well enough why the Isle of Man with its three lodges, being so far removed from the headquarters of Freemasonry, should never be represented by a Steward, and why the Channel Islands, five lodges, which raised over £218 for the Benevolent Institution in February last, and which by the way is not unfrequently mixed up with Jersey, is not represented in this list, but we are seriously disturbed about the efficacy of Masonic principles in Bedfordshire, when we note that its five lodges are, almost as a matter of course, unrepresented at these important gatherings. Can nothing be done to arouse them to a sense of their duty towards our Charities? As regards the 13 absentee provinces, they are—taking them in alphabetical order—Bristol with its eight lodges, which, however, raised over £293 for Bro. Terry in February, and £217 at the corresponding Festival of the previous year; Cambridgeshire (4 lodges), its most recent performance having been a contribution of £128 to the Girls' School in May of last year; Cumberland and Westmorland (20 lodges), which may reasonably look for a fair amount of breathing time, seeing it raised 1000 guineas (£1050) for the Boys' School in June last; Dorsetshire (13 lodges), whose contributions at former Festivals have been oftentimes more considerable than its strength justified us in expecting; Herefordshire (4 lodges), which, though it was included in the Boys' list last June, would appear to be returning to its old state of carelessness; Leicestershire and Rutland (10 lodges), which did splendidly both in February and June last, its contribution to the Benevolent at the former Festival being £350, and to our Boys at the latter £405; Lincolnshire (21 lodges), which has done nothing whatever at the last five Festivals; Norfolk (16 lodges), which figured at the Benevolent and Boys' Festivals last year, and raised somewhat more than £200 for the three Institutions in 1882; Northumberland (21 lodges), which is apparently having a rest after its highly successful exertions for the Boys' School in 1883, when it raised £1222; Nottinghamshire (14 lodges), whose presence in Bro. Terry's list in February for close on £143 we noticed at the time; and Jersey (7 lodges), which, having regard to its position, is very far from being an illiberal supporter of our Institutions. These absent provinces muster all told some 151 lodges, the occasional or more frequent presence of some of which would be heartily welcomed by the whole body of English Craftsmen, but especially by the Secretaries of our Institutions. Of the represented provinces we come first of all to

## BERKS AND BUCKS

with a total of 21 lodges, 11 of them being situated in Berks, and the remaining 10 in Bucks. Last year it raised £472, and in 1882 not far short of £620 for our Institutions, its support being pretty impartially distributed amongst the three. In February last it made an excellent start for the current year with a total of over £233; but on Wednesday it was represented by two Stewards, whose contributions amount to £67 15s. 6d.

## CHESHIRE

musters 39 lodges, and the lists of the three Stewards doing duty for the province amount together to £55 14s., which would be looked upon as a somewhat scanty contribution, were it not that Cheshire takes very good care of its poor brethren, their widows, and offspring. The Masonic Educational Institute belonging to this province is one of the best managed and most liberal of the local charitable organisations with which we are acquainted, and by the assistance it renders to the brethren or families of brethren on the spot, materially assists in relieving the central Charities of a portion of the pressure upon their resources. In February it raised £126 for Bro. Terry, and in June last over £173 for Bro. Binckes.

Bro. Bake's list, as the solitary Steward acting on behalf of

## CORNWALL,

is a small one—only twelve guineas—but he has served as Steward, sometimes alone, sometimes in conjunction with other brethren at every one of the last five Festivals, and though his totals are not heavy, he has given the benefit of his services on each occasion and we trust may yet have many more opportunities of helping to sustain our Charities. Cornwall musters on its roll some 29 lodges.

## DERBYSHIRE

with its full score of lodges, has done capitally, the aggregate of its seven Stewards' list being just a fraction over £356, or within a few pounds of the total it raised for all three Charities in 1883. In 1882 it distributed in round figures, £690 among them. This is the first appearance during the current year of the province which since 1858 has had the Marquis of Hartington for its Provincial Grand Master.

There are 29 lodges in the Province of

## DURHAM

for which a single Steward has done duty, the total of his list being exactly £120, or rather less than it raised for the Benevolent in February. Last year it raised, in round figures, £265; in 1882 £412; and in 1881 £1024.

The next stage in our progress brings us to the Chairman's Province of ESSEX,

which, though it musters some 22 lodges on its roll, must not be ranked among our more influential provinces. But Essex, if it cannot justly claim a place in the front rank in respect of numerical strength, is second to none in the will to do its duty, and it has fully realised the hope to which we gave expression when we reviewed the Returns of the Benevolent Festival in February last. In one point it seems we were over-sanguine in our anticipations—the whole of the 22 lodges have not sent up representatives, but the array of Stewards is, nevertheless, a strong one, and they are to be congratulated on having won the place of honour as head of the contributing provinces, the total of its subscriptions reaching the very handsome sum of £1000. This would have been a highly creditable performance in the best of times; but Essex a short time ago was the scene of a violent earthquake, such as is rarely experienced in these latitudes, and a very considerable destruction of property in Colchester and elsewhere was the consequence. Thus the value of the contribution is enhanced by the unfortunate circumstances amid which it was raised, and it speaks for the Masonic loyalty of the province that, in spite of its own misfortunes at home, it should have made it possible to disburse so much treasure abroad. Then it must not be forgotten that, at the opening Festival of the year, when its chief had not been applied to, much less entertained the proposal, to preside at the Girls' Anniversary, Essex signified its appreciation of the good work that is being done yearly by contributing within a fraction of £400 to the Benevolent Funds, while in 1883 and 1882—to say nothing of previous years—it gave to the central Charities £499 and £354 respectively. That, with a popular chief like Lord Brooke to govern it, and so accomplished and hard-working a Mason as Bro. Philbrick, the new Grand Registrar, to aid him by his great experience as D.P.G.M., Essex should show itself resolved on surpassing on this occasion its past achievements was to be expected; but the will and energy must have been great indeed which accomplished so much in the face of such inauspicious circumstances as the recent earthquake and the destruction of property it involved.

We have more than once remarked with pleasure upon the laudable efforts made by

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

and its 14 lodges in behalf of our Charities, and the Festival of Wednesday affords another capital illustration of the success which invariably attends those efforts. We described in our analysis of the last Festival Returns how this province raised in 1881 the sum of £1547; in 1882, £548; and in 1883, close on £852, or in the three years specified some £2958. On the same occasion it became our duty to point out that, determined not to rest contented with what had been done during these years, it raised something like £81 for the Benevolent Institution in February last, a sum perhaps inconsiderable of itself, but to be appreciated after the previous amounts. On this occasion, 13 Stewards, one being unattached, and the other 12 representing 8 of its 14 lodges and a chapter, raised amongst them £417 18s., a good round sum, and one that must have proved very welcome to Bro. Hedges.

## HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT,

with its 40 lodges, is a strong province, and what is of greater moment still in relation to these festive gatherings, its presence in the list with a liberal sum set down against it may be looked upon as a certainty, though as a matter of course the amount it will contribute will vary with the circumstances attending each successive Festival. For instance, last year when Bro. Beach, its P.G. Master, occupied the chair at the Girls' Festival, it raised over £1300, but notwithstanding this great effort, it followed up its beneficent work by handing over £375 to the Boys' School in June last and inaugurated the present festive season by raising over £373 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February. On Wednesday its six Stewards placed £295 7s. 6d. to the credit of the Girls, thus increasing its total for the current year up to the present time to over £670.

## HERTFORDSHIRE

is numerically not a strong province, there being only 12 lodges on its roll, while its principal efforts seem to be made on behalf of the Old Men and Women. But it does not forget to do a good turn for the other Charities, and on Wednesday Bro. Hedges' list was swelled to the extent of £55 13s., the outcome of Bro. Bigley's exertions as Steward for one of the Herts lodges, there being another amount standing to his credit in the London list as Steward of lodge No. 1298. In 1883 it distributed among the three Institutions only a little short of £500, and in 1882 nearly 1000 guineas represented its share of Festival work.

It will be remembered that at the most successful Festival ever held in connection with one of our Masonic Charities—that on behalf of the Boys' School last year—

## KENT,

with its 49 lodges took the lead with a fraction over £2316, the result of its efforts for the whole year being, in round figures, £2700. In February five of its lodges raised amongst them £271 8s., and now nine Stewards, acting on behalf of 10 or about one-fifth of its lodges, have enriched the Girls' School by pouring into its treasury £561 10s. 6d. Much of the good that is done by this province is due to its admirably-organised arrangements for Charity purposes. But though this will explain the regularity of its appearance in our Festival Returns, it will not account for the magnitude of its contributions. This is the result of energy and goodwill actively abetting a system which has been tried during a long course of years and always found to work admirably. Nor must we quite overlook the effect of the strong personal influence exercised by its P.G.M. Lord Holmesdale, whose active interest in the doings of the lodges under his charge is too well known to need more than a passing reference.

The Province that next claims our attention is that of

## LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION),

which as regards the number of lodges on its rolls—93—is the premier Province of England. Of these, nine lodges or less than one in every ten were represented at Wednesday's gathering, the brethren acting in the capacity of Stewards being 16 in number, and their joint efforts resulting in a total of £365 8s., which added to the £624 7s. 6d. raised in February last for the Benevolent Institution brings us already well within measurable distance

of £1000 for the current year of grace. At Bro. Binckes's festival last June it figured for £2100, in fact, it may always be reckoned to give an appreciable sum, notwithstanding it has a flourishing Educational Institute of its own, to which it contributes very liberally.

Its more immediate neighbour

## LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION),

has 81 lodges and is second, therefore, on the roll of Grand Lodge in respect of numerical strength. Like the Eastern Division, it has its own charitable organisation, the help rendered by which to local poor and distressed brethren or their families is most creditable. On Wednesday 12 Stewards doing duty for 10 lodges amassed a total of £316 2s., while in February it helped Bro. Terry to the extent of £246 5s., and last year distributed some £813 among the three central Charities. It will, perhaps, be suggested that these are not large amounts for so strong a province, but whenever there is some special purpose to be effected, there we shall find West Lancashire fulfilling its duty right loyally. Indeed, what else could be expected from a province which has so kind and influential a leader as the Earl of Lathom to preside over its destinies?

Our attention is next directed to the home county of

## MIDDLESEX,

Which belongs to the same class of regular contributors as its more immediate neighbours Kent, Surrey, and Essex, and those more remotely situated, such as the Lancashires, Hants and the Isle of Wight, and others. It has 32 lodges and a popular chief in the person of Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M., and it is generally to be found, as on this occasion, with a good round sum entered against it. Thus on Wednesday nine Stewards, representing eight lodges and a chapter, put their shoulders to the wheel, and together amassed a fraction more than £354. In February seven of its lodges made up a total of over £213, the sum of its performances last year being about £616, of which the Benevolent received £356, the Boys' School £142, and the Girls' School, £118.

## NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

Has 28 lodges on its roll, and is occasionally represented at our Anniversary gatherings, the total of its two Stewards' lists on Wednesday being somewhat in excess of £70. Last year it did not acquit itself in a manner worthy of its strength, but in 1882 it did good service to the extent of £537, of which £352 fell to the share of the Girls' Charity.

It may be taken for granted that

## OXFORDSHIRE,

knowing from the summer of last year that it had been the intention of its Provincial Grand Master, the late lamented Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, to have presided at the Boys' Festival next month, had prepared itself to support his Royal Highness to the fullest extent of its power, and consequently that such assistance as it might be able to render the other Institutions would be somewhat limited. We hinted as much when we were analysing the Returns for the Benevolent Festival in February, when the amount contributed by this province was slightly in excess of £90. On Wednesday three of its ten lodges sent up Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists reached the sum of £61 12s. We may assume, therefore, that though alas! its illustrious chief is no more, the old intention remains and that, though it cannot support its P.G. Master, it will show respect for his memory by contributing freely of its substance at the Boys' School Festival.

## SOMERSETSHIRE

with its 24 lodges did so splendidly in February, when its respected D.P. G.M., Bro. Else, P.G.D., took up a list of £505, that it might well have been excused had it figured among the absentees on this occasion. However, one brother took upon himself to represent it, and a useful contribution of £71 8s. is the result of his efforts. In June last it raised £357 for "Our Boys," so that at the last three Anniversary Festivals it has contributed somewhat over £933.

We cannot say what was the amount of the list sent up by Bro. J. R. Harris, of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff, when he offered his services as a Steward on behalf of

## SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION)

in February. But on this occasion the interests of the whole province were in the hands of a single Steward, and the amount of the subscriptions raised by him is £160. Both last year and the year before the two Schools received from it a liberal measure of support.

Its near neighbour

## SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION),

with a roll of ten lodges, and one brother officiating as Steward, makes a very good show, the sum of his subscription list being £262 10s. It was an absentee from the Benevolent Festival in February, but, in June of last year, it figured like the Eastern Division for a good round sum. Bro. Aaron Stone's list amounting to £359, while Bro. Thomas Thomas for South Wales East, took up £230.

## STAFFORDSHIRE

with 26 lodges on its roll, had the services of two Stewards on Wednesday, each being in charge of the province and a subordinate lodge. Their joint efforts ensured the receipt by Bro. Hedges of nearly £181, which is about £30 in excess of what it gave the Benevolent in February. In 1883 it raised £790, of which £460 found its way into the Boys' School Treasury, and in 1882 its subscriptions reached £616, the bulk being handed over to the Schools. Thus since the beginning of the latter year, this worthy Province of Staffordshire has distributed among our central Charities, in round figures, £1740. Well done, land of the Potteries!

The three Stewards doing duty for the province and two of the 21 lodges in

## SUFFOLK

Have good reason to be satisfied with the support they have received, the total of their lists reaching £247 16s. In February last it raised rather more than £222, and for Bro. Binckes in June over £265, the sum of last year's contributions to the three Institutions being £568. This branch of our East Anglian brethren loyally support the Charities under the auspices of its chief, Lord Waveney, and his indefatigable Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn.

## SURREY

On this occasion figures for a modest £89 5s., four of its 26 lodges being represented by as many Stewards, but in February it assisted Bro. Terry

to the extent of £250, while in February 1883, it greatly distinguished itself with a total £905, its P.G.M., Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., being the Chairman of the day.

There has been of recent years a considerable display of energy exhibited by the lodges in

#### SUSSEX,

and on Wednesday its two Stewards between them handed him the very respectable total of £237 6s. In February a Brighton lodge did duty for the province, the amount of his list being a level 60 guineas (£63). Last year it contributed not far short of £950, namely, £210 to the Benevolent; £363 to the Girls; and £375 to the Boys. In 1882 the Girls found the chief favour with our South Saxon brethren, while in 1881 it was the sister Institution which had the principal amount of support. One thing is clear—that our Sussex friends are bent on achieving a reputation for consistent support of our Charities, and with such a chief as Sir W. W. Burrell it is pretty certain they will succeed.

#### WARWICKSHIRE

has not given us a full measure of its strength since 1882, when it raised £810 for the Girls' School, its greatest effort previously having been a total of £2000, when Lord Leigh, P.G.M., presided as Chairman of the Boys' School Festival in 1876—if we remember rightly. It gave to the Benevolent in February £120, while in June, 1883, Bro. Binckes's total was swelled by certainly £252, if not more, some of the lists not having been returned at the time our analysis received its final corrections. On Wednesday its two Stewards between them raised £90 6s.

The 10 lodges of

#### WILTSHIRE,

with a single Steward acting on behalf of the whole province, is entered for £85 11s. 6d., its total in February being £157 10s., and in June last £135 9s. These are comfortable amounts for a compact little province like this, and Wilts has good reason to be satisfied with what it has done and goes on doing for our Charities.

A round £105 stands against the names of the three Stewards for

#### WORCESTERSHIRE,

who would seem to have acted together, only one of them—Bro. Consterdine-Chadwick—being set down as a lodge representative. In February it raised for the Benevolent a few shillings less than £120, while in 1883 the sum of its contributions was £764, which, having regard to the fact of there being only 11 lodges on the roll of the province, is worthy of all praise.

It remains for us only to note the two Yorkshires, the Province of

#### NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE,

with three Stewards acting for three of its 28 lodges, figuring in Bro. Hedges's Returns for £131 10s., its total for the Benevolent in February being slightly under £50. But it must be borne in mind that at the Boys' Festival in June last it raised £873, Bro. Cumberland's list alone being close on £542. The recent activity shown in this province must be singularly gratifying to all who take an interest in Freemasonry.

We come lastly to

#### WEST YORKSHIRE,

which with its 66 lodges stands third among the provinces as regards numerical strength, while as regards the amount of its contributions it stands unquestionably first. On Wednesday with a roll of 37 Stewards it gladdened the heart of Bro. Hedges with a round £900, which raises its total for the current year so far to over £1252. In June last it gave £1500 to the Boys' School, its contributions to our three Charities since the commencement of 1875 being over £19,874. We dare not mar the effect of this picture by adding a single word more of comment.

### STEWARDS' VISIT TO THE INSTITUTION.—DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

On Monday last, upon the occasion of the Stewards' annual visit to the Institution, which is usually made prior to the holding of the Festival, the prizes were distributed by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The attendance was very considerable, the large Hall being filled to overflowing, even the Gallery being inconveniently crowded. The effect of the children forming a living circle around the Hall (in some parts two and three deep), was very pleasing, the visitors occupying the remainder of the space, the pupils thus surrounding their patrons, and on the entry of Lady Burdett-Coutts, all rose and gave that distinguished philanthropist a most enthusiastic greeting. The girls looked the picture of happiness and contentment, their healthy appearance calling forth, in frequent instances, and in audible terms, the admiration of many visitors.

The selections of music were varied, generally attractive and well executed, several of the youthful musicians evidently enjoying that part of the programme as much as the audience. The three girls who recited received prizes for elocution, and the faultless manner in which they acquitted themselves proved how much they deserved such a distinction. A French recitation was also given by a prize winner, and heartily applauded. The eighteen performers who took part in a toy symphony did exceedingly well, and kept their countenances in "due form," notwithstanding that the humorous character of the entertainment was such as to visibly affect many of the amused listeners.

The prizes were kindly, we may say affectionately, presented to the recipients by Lady Burdett-Coutts, who also shook hands most pleasantly with several of them, evidently to the great gratification of the scholars.

Bro. Colonel Creaton announced the names of the pupils to be honoured, and Bro. Frank Richardson placed the prizes in the hands of the Baroness for presentation. We regret the space at our disposal will not allow us to give the full list of recipients. The three principal prizes, however, were awarded as follows: To Susanna Mary Norrish, the Proficiency Gold Medal annually presented by Bro. Wm. Paas, with £5 added by Bro. William Winn; to Clara Kingcombe, the Silver Good Conduct Medal given by the Institution, with £5 added by Bro. Winn; and to Mary Anne Johnson, £5 presented by Bro. Winn for proficiency in Music.

On the conclusion of the prize distribution, the Baroness BURDETT-COUTTS said: A request has been made to me to say a few words on the present occasion. It is a request with which I feel bound to comply, and which in one sense is a simple pleasure, inasmuch as it enables me to testify the gratification of myself and the friends who have accompanied me a all we have seen and heard in this Institution; but the day is wearing on and I feel I ought to be brief. It is very difficult to compress into a few words all I should like to say, together with the thoughts passing through my mind even as I speak, yet one point is paramount, and that is congratulation, and I will therefore first offer those congratulations to myself on being present to-day. It was with pleasure I accepted the proposal kindly conveyed to me to distribute your prizes, but it is with enhanced pleasure that I now thank the managers of this School for the privilege of taking part in its annual examination. It is always a delight to be associated in the remembrance of the young with those bright days which—like that of to-day—will become to them cherished memories, but besides this it is a gratification to me to be connected in ever so slight a degree with those who as managers and teachers carry on the work of this great School, a work of education wisely conceived and brilliantly carried out—in every detail perfect; but this, while it is a source of satisfaction, is scarcely a subject for surprise in the work of a Masonic School. I would, secondly, warmly congratulate the scholars on their success both individually and collectively, and above and beyond this on their position as scholars and children of this Institution. Tenderly, yet judiciously trained for their own welfare in life, they are also trained for the welfare of others in whatever station of life they may hereafter occupy,—possibly to remain as teachers (just as I understand is the case now) under the roof which sheltered them; or, as carrying about the seed of good sound work to whiten the harvest of humanity. They will never forget that to them through their education is entrusted the power to implant on the minds and hearts of those with whom in after life they may become connected, those precepts and those habits which inculcating virtue renders life under every variety of condition, noble, useful, and therefore happy. And now, thirdly, I have my heartfelt congratulations to offer to all those engaged in the direction and guidance of this School, to its managers, and to its teachers in every department—not only my own personal congratulations, but as all are more or less concerned in the question of educational work, and deeply interested and anxiously observant of its action upon national character—I venture to congratulate you on behalf of an outside public, for I may fairly claim to be its representative to-day, being myself only linked to your body through your courtesy for a few moments. We, therefore, congratulate and thank you for the blessings you are conferring on the country through the girls you are here training. They inherit no ignoble heritage, and you are preparing them to carry on in the future the noble line of English women of whom the country has so much reason to be proud; for though we have inherited a great deal from our forefathers—men useful and good—whose great names are handed down to us from generation to generation, men who carried out wherever they went the fervent desire to make this country honoured and respected; but side by side with these throughout our English history have been its women. If we feel pride in our forefathers—if they have been true and good, so have our foremothers (if I may thus coin the term). They have given to us, they have trained, the sons, the husbands of the past, and their grandmothers were those who with their grandfathers watched over the honour of the nation in its domestic life. From generation to generation the women of England have carried out in the fullest manner all that gives dignity and comfort to life. The names of many are household words, and will never be forgotten—Lady Jane Grey, Rachel Lady Russell, Mrs. Fry, the devoted wife who effected her husband's escape from prison under the eyes of his jailers, and many more will doubtless suggest themselves as I speak, and be remembered as types of our mothers and grandmothers, but in the past as in our present the names of quiet heroines remain unknown till that day when the name of each will be written on the white stone of scripture. Then, as now, and as—let us fervently hope they will do in the future—these earnest quiet heroines carried to their graves the great work of life, and left a precious inheritance to their children—the example of a pure, honest, truthful, loving nature. If the higher education—which is at present rather the cant word for female education gives to those who come after us, women equal to the past it will do all any can wish to see effected. In reference to the discussion upon education which constantly presses itself on public attention, much difference of opinion must exist, and to all really thoughtful it must cause anxiety; but there seems to be one unquestionable duty for all,—some may approve, some may disapprove the tendencies of modern education—but every one should strive as is done in this Institution to direct it beneficially, collecting (as the bee does from even poisonous flowers) all that is useful for the needs of the present, cultivating the disposition as well as the intellect, and preserving to our girlhood and womanhood.

A heart within whose sacred cell  
The peaceful virtues loved to dwell;  
Affection warm, and faith sincere,  
And soft humanity were there.

Colonel CREATON proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Burdett-Coutts for her attendance. Never had they so large a meeting before; the present great success being entirely due to her ladyship having consented to distribute the prizes.

The vote, of course, was carried by acclamation, and the Baroness appeared highly gratified with the hearty reception accorded her.

Tea and coffee having been served, calisthenics and marching exercises concluded a very full and interesting programme.

Amongst those present we noticed

Lady Tenterden; Mrs. Gordon; Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; Col. J. Creaton, P.G. Treas.; W. Burdett-Coutts, W.M. 2030; Edward Letchworth, G.D.; Col. James Peters, P.G. Swd. Br.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Lord Justice Fitzgibbon; Col. Somerville H. Burney, P.G.D.; Sir John B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; John D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas.; Horace B. Marshall, C.C., G. Treas.; F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary to the Institution; Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorks; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, G. Std. Br.; and others.



## PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES WILLING, JUN.

A large and influential meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 13th inst., for the purpose of presenting to Bro. James Willing, jun., a testimonial to mark the estimation in which he is held by the Masonic body and other public and private friends. Bro. J. R. Stacey, of the *Morning Advertiser* occupied the chair as President of the Testimonial Committee, and he was supported on the right by Bro. Willing, and on the left by Bro. Stiles, Hon. Sec. of the fund. A large number of Masonic and other friends were present, including many members of the theatrical profession, amongst whom we noticed the following: Bros. A. Leon (Spiers and Pond), E. Swanborough (Strand Theatre), J. H. Bennett (*Standard*), W. T. Madge (*Globe*), Dumphy (*Morning Post*), W. G. Thane (*Standard*), Du Val, of Egyptian Hall renown; W. Harris, C. J. Scales, J. H. Batty, J. T. Buston, C. J. Taylor, Willis, Dawson, Capt. Hobson, J. N. Hare (General Omnibus Company), C. Hudson, Dr. Dunn, W. W. Knight, James Terry (Sec. of the Masonic Benevolent Institution), W. W. Morgan, E. C. Massey, and many others.

The toast of "Her Majesty the Queen" was proposed and coupled on this occasion with that of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. None of the loyalty and heartiness which always accompanies the toast of the Queen was lost by its being connected with her illustrious son, and it was received with the greatest fervour.

Bro. STACEY then rose and said that he believed all present were aware that the object with which they had met that evening was to do some little honour by showing some little evidence of regard for the esteemed brother whom they had known for so many years. He remembered with pride his introduction to Bro. Willing, 15 or 16 years ago, in the work of Masonry. Bro. Willing made astonishing progress and left competitors behind in Masonry as he did in other undertakings. His compeers found that before they could attain his position in one lodge, he was founder of several lodges, many chapters, and Steward many times to the Masonic Charities. In all the offices of Freemasonry Bro. Willing had done good suit and service; he had done everything as a good and true Mason to further the cause of Masonry in every way. Therefore it was the wish of his friends to try to do him honour as a good Freemason and as a citizen of the world. They could look back on his career during the last 14 or 15 years and recall his steady and increasing success. But, however successful he had been, Bro. Willing was always known as a most energetic citizen, a genial friend, and an honourable and just man of business. For the rest, a few of Bro. Willing's friends had consulted together as to the way in which they could mark their esteem, and it was no sooner known that the movement was initiated than friends from all directions pressed forward and asked to have the privilege of assisting in the work. Turning to the guest of the evening, Bro. Stacey said: My dear Bro. Willing, we beg most sincerely that you will be pleased to receive from us this token of our esteem and regard for you. May you live long to enjoy it, and when in the course of time you have fulfilled your earthly career, may it be handed down and remain as an heirloom in your family. We trust that you will live very many years to look upon and use these tokens of the regard of your friends, and that when, in God's time, your earthly life shall end you may leave this to remind your successors that, as a loving husband, an excellent father, and most sincere friend you were loved by your contemporaries, and that they may read upon this bauble that you were held in high esteem by your fellow citizens and brethren in the Craft.

The CHAIRMAN then called upon Bro. Stiles, the Hon. Secretary, to read the inscription on the central piece of plate, which was as follows:

"J.W.—M.A.P.W.—This dessert service was presented to James Willing, jun., W.M. 1877, P.M. and Treasurer 1877 and 1878, P.Z. and Treasurer 1877, &c., &c., by numerous Masonic and other friends, in appreciation of his zealous services to Freemasonry, his many kindly acts, and in token of their respect and esteem. May 1884."

Bro. WILLING said: Mr. President, gentlemen, and brethren,—I feel inclined to say brethren altogether on the present occasion,—I do not remember ever to have risen on an occasion when I wanted so much to say something to the purpose, or when I felt less able to give expression to my thoughts. When any person has been for many years before the public, as I have been, and sees his many friends putting aside their business avocations and the various serious pursuits they have in life to come together to do him honour, as you have come here to do me honour to-day, it must be a source of the greatest gratification to him, and he must know that such an occasion can only come to him once in his life. I appreciate the assembly of gentlemen here this evening more than any testimonial, however great its value, that you have given me. Mr. Stacey has alluded to many things this evening—first of all to what I have been able to do in connection with Freemasonry. I have always done my best, because I believe in the tenets of the Craft; and a labour that a man delights in becomes a pleasure. As for as a citizen of the world, I may say that my success I have in a great measure to thank the President for. He was constantly telling me of the importance of the business, and I can assure you that the kindness of his disposition, his placing himself always at my disposal, helped my success greatly, and I do not think that any man could secure such a success as attended me as a young man unless he had a good friend at his back ready to help him at all times. Mr. President and gentlemen, for this splendid testimonial which you have been kind enough to give me, I thank you. I know that you have desired that my wife and family should participate in the recognition you have kindly made me, on account of the absence from home that Masonry entails. In their name, as well as for myself, I thank you, but I can assure you that, as far as I am concerned, if any incidental pleasure can be given to the husband and father, the wife and children look upon it with added pleasure. I have never seen a handsomer service than you have given me, and it will remain with me as long as I live, and afterwards will be handed down to my children as a memento that at one time in life, at all events, I was held in good esteem. Whatever I may have done in the past, in the future my earnest and hearty services will be at your disposal, and I shall look back to this hour as one of the proudest of my life.

Several other toasts were subsequently proposed and honoured, the principal speakers being Dr. Dunn, Bros. Terry, Hudson, Stiles, Swanborough, Harris, &c. Among others the healths of Bro. Willing, sen., who was absent

from indisposition, and of Bro. Douglass, of the Standard Theatre, who was specially engaged at the theatre that evening, were proposed. The value of the presentation of plate is about 300 guineas.

## PRESENTATION TO R.W. BRO. COL. RAMSAY, PAST DISTRICT GRAND MASTER PUNJAB.

A highly interesting ceremony in connection with the regular meeting of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, gave considerable éclat to the general business of the evening, more particularly that a majority of members and the numerous visitors alike had no prior knowledge of what was to take place. The W.M., Bro. Chas. Henry Phillips, opened the lodge, supported by the following officers: Bros. Walter Hopekirk, I.P.M.; H. M. Williams, S.W.; Henry Stokes, J.W.; John Hammond, P.M.; P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Rev. J. Wilton Haffenden, Chap.; J. W. Hartley, S.D.; H. Hooper, J.D.; and G. W. Knight, I.G. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Fuller, F. Wootton, W. H. O'Reilly, N. R. Mackinnon, D. Baird, C. Longhurst, W. Moodey, R. Neilans, G. R. Langley, S. S. Young, J. Forster, and others. The visitors were Bros. George Davies, P.M., P.D.G. Sec. Punjab; R. Mathews, P.M., Prov. G.J.D. Gloucester; Jas. Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426, &c.; W. H. Williams, P.M. 104; A. J. Bellis, I.P.M. 1901; James Harting, P.M. and Treas. 30; W. E. Davey, S.W. 1512; S. Richardson, J.W. 183; J. A. Danks, 1669; F. Baxter, 1216; G. H. W. Tear, 72; and W. Vilven, 1056. The R.W. Bro. Col. Ramsay, who is a member of this lodge, occupied a position of honour on the left of the W.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting and of a lodge of emergency held for the passing of five brethren were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Longhurst was raised to the Third Degree, and Messrs. Samuel Scott Young and B. Foster were initiated into the Order. The highly impressive manner in which the W.M., Bro. Phillips, conducted the respective ceremonies, with a most unusual correctness of ritual and perfection of detail, was worthy of and received expressions of praise from all present, and his Wardens and Deacons also performed their part of the work in a most satisfactory manner. The Honor Oak is but a young lodge, but there appears to be an amount of earnestness amongst its members which bids fair to make it a most honourable addition to the Craft. If so much is done so well in the "green leaf," what may not fairly be expected from it in the "dry?" We could wish, however, that the practice of "resuming" the lodge from higher to lower degrees without closing the M.M. and F.C. lodges during the evening was avoided, for it certainly is not correct Masonry. With this remark alone, we do not hesitate to say that "work" on this occasion was worthy of imitation by all our lodges. A notice of motion to raise the joining fee was not in order, and the consideration of the subject was deferred. The Audit Committee's report was received. A sum of 10 guineas was voted to the list of Bro. Ramsay, who was about to represent the lodge as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Institution for Girls. Reference was made to the intention of the lodge to form a Masonic Benevolent Association, and announcement was given of the intended opening of the Honor Oak Lodge of Instruction on the 19th inst., under the auspices of W. Bro. James Terry, who had undertaken to perform the ceremonies of consecration and installation on the occasion. With this the ordinary business of the lodge terminated, and the W.M. then in brief terms introduced formally to the lodge the V.W. Bro. Geo. Davies, P.D.G. Sec. Punjab, for whom he claimed their attention.

Bro. DAVIES, who was cordially received by the brethren, said: Permit me, first, Worshipful Master, to tender to you fraternal greetings from the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, by whom I am deputed to present the following address to the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Ramsay, now a member of your lodge:

"District Grand Lodge of the Punjab.  
"To the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, Past R.W.D.G.M."

"R.W. Sir and Bro.—We, Colonel A. S. Stewart, R.W. D.G.M.; Col. G. B. Wolesley, Wor. D.D.G.M.; Colonel T. T. Boswell, C.B., Wor. S.G. Warden; Hy. Whymper, Wor. J.G. Warden, with the other worshipful brethren in District Grand Lodge assembled, with fraternal and hearty greeting do hereby tender you our great regret that the state of your health necessitates your removal from India and the resignation of the high office as head of the Ancient Order of Freemasons in this important province of India entrusted to you by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order. We beg hereby to express our sense of the great service you rendered to the cause of Freemasonry during the 10 years you ruled this district, from 1872 to 1882, during which time the number of lodges were increased from 11 to 19 and the membership from 296 to over 600, and the financial position of the D.G. Lodge established on a sound basis. During those years the beautiful Freemasons' Hall was made over to D.G. Lodge, suitably furnished and adorned, and the Punjab Masonic Institution attained a degree of prosperity never contemplated by its most ardent supporters. Its annual income increased from less than Rs.2000 to over Rs.8000; and in addition to all this you generated by your zeal and fraternal spirit the true principles of Masonry—"The Fatherhood of God" and "the Brotherhood of Man." In congratulating you on what you were able to do for Masonry in promoting the best interests of men you will be pleased to learn that the same spirit still prevails throughout the district, and that in truth it can be said we have peace within our walls and prosperity within our borders.

"Signed on behalf of the R.W.D.G.M., the Worshipful D.D.G.M., the Worshipful Grand Wardens, and the other worshipful brethren in District Grand Lodge assembled.  
"C. H. PHILLIPS, W.M. 1986, for Dist. Grand Lodge.  
"GEORGE DAVIES, Past Dist. Grand Sec.  
"London, May 14th, 1884."

Bro. Davies then proceeded to the following effect: "W. Sir,—Masonry being universal I am persuaded that a succinct synopsis of the labours of R.W. Bro. Col. Ramsay during the ten years he ruled the District of the Punjab will prove interesting and instructive to you all. When Bro. Ramsay was called to the charge of the Punjab the prospect of Masonry there was gloomy in the extreme, and the late W. Bro. Col. Baseri, whom he succeeded, seriously contemplated returning his warrant to England, and working under the rule of the District Grand

Lodge of Bengal. There were at that time only eleven lodges in the district, with 290 subscribing members, and two of the lodges were in abeyance. Grand Lodge was heavily in debt; had used up every penny of the Fund of Benevolence money; and although it had been in existence upwards of four years not a penny had been dispensed in charity, nor a single child brought on the Education Fund. When Bro. Ramsay made over the charge of the district, after ruling it nearly ten years, there existed nineteen strong lodges with over six hundred subscribing members, the District Grand Lodge being in possession of a magnificent hall of its own, beautifully furnished, having no debts of any kind, and a considerable sum to the good; in addition, the Fund of Benevolence had £400 to its credit, and had expended £1500 in charity. The Punjab Masonic Educational Fund, after educating thirty children, had a balance of £3000 invested in Government Securities, its income having increased from about £90 per annum to £1000 per annum, this income being derived from purely voluntary subscriptions, from members of the Order during his tenure of office. No ballot had ever been taken for children, as room was made for every applicant and no child was ever refused; nor was any application for relief made to the District Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence ever left unattended to. If you will permit me I will give one case to illustrate the many. A brother with a wife and large family was struck down by sun stroke; the doctor said that unless he was removed to the hills at once he must sink; his wife was absolutely without means; by that evening a sum of £120 had been raised and made over to the wife, a furnished house at Dalhousie provided for their reception, secured, and arrangements made to remit £15 a month for their subsistence until it was possible for him to return to the plains, which he did some six months afterwards, perfectly recovered. In this single instance will be found illustrated the spirit which characterised Bro. Ramsay's administration of the district. One more instance. A brother in the prime of life dying, left a widow and children quite unprovided for from no fault of his own; she, having the ability, was assisted to the extent of £400 in establishing a school in the Hills of India, the result being that she is now the head of a flourishing Institution. Bro. Ramsay's purpose was to help all needing help to help themselves. What I have stated refers to the Grand Lodge only, but this by no means represents the benefits which followed his administration, as each of the 19 lodges caught the spirit of the District Grand Master and vied with one another in promoting the best interests of their fellows. It was indeed ten years of noble work, and what was accomplished proves "how good a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Addressing Bro. Ramsay, Bro. Davies said: And now Right Worshipful Sir, I present to you in the name of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab their best and heartiest greetings and this address, which will indicate to you the feelings of respect and reverence which is entertained by them towards you; and may the G.A.O.T.U. prosper and bless you all the days of your life.

Bro. Davies's earnest and forcible speech was listened to with deep attention, and on the presentation of the beautifully illuminated parchment to its honoured recipient, a burst of well-merited applause betokened the satisfaction afforded to all present.

The R.W. Bro. Col. RAMSAY, with evident emotion which for a few moments could scarcely be controlled, said: W. Bro. Davies and W.M., I trust you will convey to the R.W. G.M., the D.G.M., and the brethren of the Punjab my heartfelt thanks for the address which they have so kindly forwarded to me. The 10 years that I ruled the district are 10 years full of pleasant memories, fruitful beyond expectation; but I have no desire to take the whole credit to myself, as no one is more sensible than I am how impossible it would be for any single man to bring about such results unaided. From the moment I assumed charge of the district brethren from all quarters tendered me their loyal support, and it is to me a delightful retrospect that I have never made an appeal for help in cases of need but that I received double what I asked for. With such a district to govern, the attainment of such results was easy; however skillfully the head may devise the hands are needed for its successful carrying out, and not only the hands, but each joint of the body must perform its allotted task, and this was done by the brethren of the district, one and all; and by no one was I more cordially assisted than by yourself, W. Sir, who was throughout all those years my D.G. Secretary. To me the pleasing memories of those 10 years will ever be dear, and I shall always reflect with satisfaction that I was the directing head of a district that educated, maintained, clothed, and started in life, in positions far above those occupied by their parents, 30 boys and girls, and that the claims of all "poor and distressed" were fully and cordially met. I trust I shall be permitted still to render some assistance to the cause of Masonry, which is dear to my heart. In conclusion, W. Sir, let me assure you it is an additional pleasure to me to receive this address in the body of a lodge which received me in so cordial and fraternal a manner as the Honor Oak has done, and I thank you for your kindness in allowing the presentation to take place within its walls.

Bro. Ramsay then resumed his seat, and Bro. WALTER HOPEKIRK, P.M., having expressed to Bro. Davies on behalf of the lodge the pleasure his address had afforded them, and congratulating its members that so highly honoured a brother as Col. Ramsay was enrolled amongst them, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the V.W. Bro. Davies, and that honorary membership of the lodge be offered for his acceptance.

This was carried by acclamation, and Bro. DAVIES, evidently taken by surprise, returned his warmest thanks for the compliment paid to him, taking occasion at the same time to extol the work of the lodge as he had seen and heard it carried out by the W.M. and his officers.

Bro. HOPEKIRK referred to the recent decease of Bro. Ambrose, one of the earliest initiates in the lodge, and a vote of condolence was passed to be conveyed to the widow, and this was supplemented by other practical and substantial assistance. All business being ended, and the business was such as all earnest Masons could but thoroughly enjoy, the lodge was closed.

Time was pressing on visitors from a distance, and the speeches after supper were laudably condensed. Several of the brethren assisted to keep up the harmony which had prevailed throughout the evening, and at last the brethren separated, gratified to the fullest extent with all that had transpired, and with music in their hearts vibrating to the chords of loyalty and charity which had been so frequently struck during the unique and interesting proceedings.

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## EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The Rt. Hon. the LORD MAYOR,  
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On SATURDAY, the 28th day of JUNE, 1884,AT THE  
CRYSTAL PALACE, SYDENHAM.Dinner Tickets—Ladies 15s., Gentlemen 21s., including  
Admission to the Palace.The services of brethren as Stewards are earnestly  
solicited.FREDERICK BINCKES, (P.G. Stwd.) V. Pat.,  
Secretary.  
6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
22nd May, 1884.

# GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

THE RT. HON. LORD HENNIKER, M.W.G.M.  
THE RT. HON. EARL OF KINTORE, R.W.D.G.M.,  
M.W. GRAND MASTER ELECT.

## INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

### THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNI- CATION

Of this Grand Lodge will be held at  
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET,  
LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, LONDON,On TUESDAY, the 3rd day of JUNE next,  
When and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present),  
W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of Private Lodges  
are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permis-  
sion, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be  
present.Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.  
By command of the M.W. Grand Master,  
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,  
Grand Secretary.N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock, at  
which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be  
15s. each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of  
meeting, and 17s. 6d. if taken out on that day, and it is re-  
quested that every brother intending to dine will forward his  
name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary,  
not later than Saturday, the 31st of May.Grand Lodge Office,  
8A, Red Lion-square, London, W.C.,  
24th May, 1884.

## FIELD LANE REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS.

THE 42nd ANNUAL MEETING

Will (D.V.) be held

On WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th,

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Chair to be taken at 6 o'clock by the

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H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Insti-  
tution held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the  
16th May, 1884, V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON,  
V. Patron, P.G. Treasurer, in the Chair. After the  
general business was disposed of the Governors and Sub-  
scribers proceeded to the election of 27 Male Annuitants  
from an approved list of 38 candidates, and 31 Female  
Annuitants from an approved list of 82 candidates, when  
the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

MALES.		Votes.
Bro. Jones, John Thos....	...	2168
" Gaskill, Joseph .....	...	1993
" Wilcox, Christopher .....	...	1953
" Wood, Hy....	...	1941
" Jackson, Thos. ....	...	1888
" Main, Wm. Hy. ....	...	1747
" Goodchild, Jas. ....	...	1647
" Richardson, Wm....	...	1517
" Kingsbury, John .....	...	1501
" Stahr, Christian G. C. ....	...	1479
" Ellis, Wm. ....	...	1433
" Towning, John L....	...	1419
" Gardner, Hannibal .....	...	1406
" Shaw, James .....	...	1406
" Fitzwater, Charles .....	...	1352
" Nuttall, John .....	...	1339
" Wilson, John .....	...	1328
" Wade, Andrew .....	...	1320
" Heigho, Daniel .....	...	1314
" Barter, Samuel M. ....	...	1260
" Burton, James .....	...	1245
" Hill, Wm. ....	...	1222
" Smith, Samuel .....	...	1123
" Reid, Alexander .....	...	1032
" Bradley, Samuel (deferred) .....	...	1017
" Greenhill, Samuel do. ....	...	784
" Bowler, Geo. K. R. do. ....	...	681

### WIDOWS.

Mrs. Haynes, Eliza .....	2237
" Bowen, Emma .....	2040
" Mardon, Sarah Anne .....	1913
" Wood, Annetta T. H. ....	1885
" Buckley, Caroline C. H. V. ....	1869
" Polkinghorne, Jane .....	1850
" Child, Elizabeth M. A. ....	1807
" Russell, Mary .....	1758
" Wakefield, Ann .....	1713
" Scurr, Agnes Sophia .....	1713
" Beattie, Ellen G. ....	1712
" Emmerson, Zelic .....	1700
" Stubington, Fanny .....	1660
" Pearson, Louisa .....	1643
" Thomas, Elizabeth Mary .....	1638
" Perridge, Rebecca .....	1637
" Chapple, Elizabeth .....	1592
" Jagar, Magdalen .....	1541
" Ellis, Elizabeth Furs .....	1520
" Atkinson, Nancy .....	1516
" Coates, Sarah .....	1506
" Croad, Susan .....	1502
" Highland, Eliza .....	1417
" Taylor, Maria .....	1399
" Hargreaves, Amelia .....	1384
" Allen, Eliza .....	1381
" Matthews, Mary .....	1375
" Ives, Jane Elizabeth .....	1256
" Crisp, Mary (deferred) .....	1169
" Potter, Ellen do. ....	1127
" Smith, Mary do. ....	1103

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried  
forward to the next election.Those marked (\*) are elected to fill vacancies occasioned  
by death since the voting papers were issued.The three lowest on the poll (both male and female) will  
be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies may occur.By order, JAMES TERRY, V.P.,  
May 16th, 1884. Secretary.

# ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—BRO. JAMES GOODCHILD

begs most respectfully to convey his heartfelt thanks to the  
Subscribers who, by their 1647 votes, so generously elected  
him an Annuitant on the funds of the above-named Insti-  
tution, and for which he shall ever feel sincerely grateful.

# ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—BRO. THOMAS JACKSON

begs most earnestly to offer his sincere thanks to the  
Brethren and Friends who have so kindly supported him in  
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## To Correspondents.

We are reluctantly compelled to hold over, owing to our extended report of the Festival of the Girls' School, the continuation of the history of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; the translation of the Pope's Encyclical letter; the sixth and final notice of vol. iii. of "Gould's History," and some editorial comments on recent Roman Catholic attacks on Freemasonry in France.

The following communications have been received, but are not inserted in this issue owing to want of space:—

CRAFT LODGES.—St. Hilda, 240; Affability, 317; Royal Alfred, 777; Williamson, 949; Aldershot Camp, 1331; Toxteth, 1356; Thames, 1892; Beaumont, 2025.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Westbourne, 733; Hyde Park, 1425; Earl of Lathom, 1922.

MARK LODGES.—Aldershot Military, 54; York, 334.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.—Grand Masters Council.

Consecration of the Hanover Chapter, 1777.

Annual Banquet of the Henley Lodge of Instruction.

Funeral of the late Bro. Frank Adlard at Louth.

### BOOKS RECEIVED, &c.

"The Immortal Schoolmaster," "The Guide to Nice," "The Debater," "Jewish Chronicle," "Gem," "Broad Arrow," "La Abeja," "Masonic World," "Keystone," "Freemasons' Repository," "Citizen," "Court Circular," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "Loomis' Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Tricentennial Journal," "El Taller," "A Los Masones Espanoles la Logia Provincial de Barcelona."



SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1884.

## 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.]

### PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of the 17th inst. you were good enough to suggest in a leaderette on the late ceremony at which the Pro Grand Master officiated that the Masons, as a body, should do something to show their sympathy with the Dean and Chapter in the serious disaster which has befallen our cathedral. I trust that you will keep the subject prominently before the Craft, and that Grand Lodge may be induced to give a grant out of their funds towards the restoration of a building so full of interest to the public in general, and to Masons in particular. I much regret to state that the amount collected on the day the stone was laid was far below the amount anticipated, and will not pay one-third of the expense to which the Committee were put in making the necessary arrangements. At the same time you will be glad to learn that the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts, which met on the 7th inst., voted 50 guineas to the Restoration Fund, and if other Prov. Grand Lodges could render a little assistance the cathedral authorities would be highly gratified.—Yours fraternally,

W. DIXEY, P.M., &c.,

May 19th.

Secretary 442.



THE HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF CHESHUNT GREAT HOUSE. By Bro. F. D. REES COPESTICK, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, P.M. and Treasurer of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869. London: George Kenning, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, W.C.

We have perused with much pleasure this singularly well-printed book, (though perhaps we say it as shouldn't) and this most interesting account of the remains of an old manor house, where the Gresham Lodge has, with great, rather singular good fortune, and through much Masonic kindness and consideration, found a very pleasant haven. Indeed, when many of our readers behold the agreeable representation of the banqueting hall of Cheshunt Great House, they will feel what a debt of gratitude the brethren of that excellent lodge owe to Bro. Chas. E. Mayo. It is truly a privilege to assemble in such a locale, to be associated with such "souvenirs," to be surrounded by such accessories. The Great Cardinal seems to have once lived at Cheshunt Great Hall, and his portrait itself still adorns the walls, with a large and enviable collection of those notable and historical personages who play such a part on the great stage of life, and so fill up the mighty roll and diptychs of humanity. We are not at all surprised to hear that since the Gresham first found itself not only in such comfortable quarters, but permitted graciously to assemble under such goodly auspices, they have truly found the munificent sympathy of a brother, not only the omen "melioris ævi" for themselves and their lodge life, but that there has been almost a revival, a striking progress in Masonic energy, vitality, and fellowship. Long may the Gresham Lodge enjoy the abnormal privileges thus offered them by a sympathetic brother, and may others be found to enable under similar circumstances our kindly and useful brotherhood thus to assemble in the midst of memories and associations so well qualified to gratify and develop the antiquarian, archaeological, and æsthetic taste of the Freemasonry of to-day, which tends so much to adorn and strengthen the efforts of contemporary Freemasonry, and to edify and gratify our thoughtful and "brighter" brethren in the active and energetic lodge life of the nineteenth century.

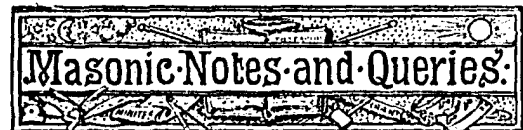
### STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

We have been favoured by Bro. T. M. Humphries with a copy of the report for the past year, the society being now in the thirteenth year of its existence. Full particulars

are afforded of the operations of the Institution, lists of subscribers arranged under lodges, and the names of the Stewards sent up by the province, the sums they raised, the total receipts of the three Institutions, and an analysis of the votes received locally for the use of the province. Since 1871 the London Charities have benefited to the extent of over £3000, and of late years the average has been about £370 per annum. The details given are ample and most satisfactory and the rules appear to provide for all possible contingencies. The annual subscription to the A. Fund is one guinea, and five shillings to the B. Fund, each successful member having to give a promise in writing to continue his subscription until the amount of his "Life Subscription" is paid. Such associations as these are doing a very good work by providing a medium for the reception of surplus guineas, with a frequent ballot for Life Subscriptions, the management expenses being literally nil. The "B. Fund" provides for the education locally of Staffordshire children, seven having thus been maintained in part during 1883.

### THE "MASONIC YEAR BOOK" FOR CAMBRIDGE-SHIRE FOR 1884.

is a great advance on its predecessor. Masonically and typographically its excellence is fully maintained. Save a single page for the calendar, the bulk has been reduced and the expense lessened by the omission of the diary portion. Bro. W. P. Spalding, the printer and publisher, has written a neat preface, in which graceful allusion is made to the services of the late Bro. Deighton, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, whose lamented decease on November 3rd, 1883, has filled the members of the province with heartfelt grief. The "Provincial Notes," by one of the members of No. 859, are most interesting, and are quite a distinctive and admirable feature of this year's issue. We should like, however, to have seen some acknowledgment of the sources from which he obtained the numerical information, as it is mainly based upon the works of Bros. Hughan and Gould. The first lodge was constituted in Cambridge A.D. 1749, according to the compiler, and the second of the series was formed in 1754, at London, which removed to Cambridge in 1762, and is now the Scientific Lodge, No. 88. There are other lodges also mentioned; but we must not in fairness say more now, as the handsome little calendar can be obtained for a trifle from the publisher.



### 341] FOURTH NOTICE.—GOULD'S "HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY."

As I took exception to one of the previous editorials relating to Bro. Gould's history, it gives me all the more pleasure now to express my warm approval generally of the fourth notice. Some few points about which we differ, are still unsettled, but on the value, importance, and texts of the various MSS. we are now, as heretofore, in complete accord. The editor of the *Freemason* is one of the oldest labourers in the field of Masonic research, and therefore has earned the right to speak almost authoritatively on the subject of the old MSS., Rolls, and Books. May I, however, point out that in his friendly and appreciative review of the history he has made an error in declaring that Bro. Gould wishes us "arbitrarily to take out 'Windsor' and put in 'York,' or vice versa." I feel certain that Bro. Woodford will correct this little oversight, as the "Windsor" legend refers to the initiation of Edwin, and the "York" to the holding of the annual assembly. W. J. HUGHAN.

### 342] HARLEIAN MS. 1942.

It has been pointed out to me in private correspondence that no matter how cogent my arguments ("Notes and Queries, No. 340") may be, they must fail to convince, because "any such system as a central authority controlling a net-work of lodges must have been, circa 1670, impossible out of London." I will first reply to this in general terms, that we are not concerned with the possibility or otherwise of the results deducible from hard facts, (such as the date of the MS.); if these results antagonise our preconceived ideas of possibilities, we must simply modify our views: in other words, if the facts point to a central authority, we must accept this conclusion, no matter how impossible it appears to us. To put a very strong case—we do not believe in the possibility of an original of Krause's MS.—but if such original really turned up (of course it never will, but still if it did), we should have to accept all its improbable consequences. Next I would point out that, given a country-side containing five or six lodges within a circle of say 50 to 100 miles in diameter, it is not impossible to infer a mutual understanding amongst these lodges of which all evidence, except the Harleian MS. 1942, has disappeared. Nor in this case need we imagine any permanent central authority, anything in the nature of perpetual grand officers, for this is not the impression conveyed to my mind by the New Articles. In order to reconcile these views I shall now attempt a very bold and hazardous experiment; that is, clothe these articles in such words as will do no violence to the original and yet present to others the sense I think they are intended to convey: (26) No person (of what degree soever) shall in future be made a Freemason unless at least five Freemasons shall meet together to form a lodge (we might perhaps call it a special lodge or lodge of emergency) for his admission. Of these five two must be actually working, operative Freemasons, and further, one of these two must be a Master Mason or a Warden (that is a Master's foreman, not a lodge Warden as we understand it), actually resident or working in the immediate neighbourhood where such lodge shall be held (*ergo*, the other three may be gentlemen-masons). (27) Requires no gloss. (28) That no person hereafter be acknowledged as a Freemason, nor admitted into any (stated) lodge meeting or assembly until he hath brought a certificate from the lodge, *i.e.*, assembly of at least five Freemasons which accepted him, stating the time (and possibly the circumstances under which this occurred), which certificate he is to hand to the Master of the lodge to which he seeks admission or perhaps membership; said Master to enter his name upon the roll of members, and to give an account of such act to the general yearly meeting of the brethren of that particular lodge, or perhaps even to the

## LONDON & NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

WHITSUNTIDE EXCURSIONS.  
CHEAP EXCURSIONS will be run from LONDON as under:—

	Friday Night May 30	Saturday, May 31.	Whit- Monday, June 2
From	A	B C D E F	
Euston Station ...	12.1	7.30 8.50 11.20 6.30	10.35
Broad-street ...	10.55	6.45 8.20 10.40	...
Kensington (Addison-rd.)	11.38	7. 58.42 11. 8	10.38
Victoria (L.B. & S.C. Ry.)	10.14	6.45 8.25 10.20	10.20

A—For Carlisle, Windermere, Kendal, Barrow, Whitehaven, Grange, Cockermouth, Morecambe, Lancaster, Carnforth, and the English Lake District. For three or six days.

B—For Abergavenny, Dowlais, Merthyr, Tredegar, Llandovery, Builth Road, Brecon, Swansea, Llandilo, Carmarthen, &c. For eight days.

C—For Holyhead, Bangor, Blaenau, Festiniog, Carnarvon, Conway, Llandudno, Llandudno Junction, Abergale and Pensarn, Corwen, Denbigh, Holywell, Rhyl, Ruthin, Birkenhead, Chester, Northwich, Blackburn, Blackpool (Talbot Road), Bolton, Preston, Southport, Wigan, Crewe, Nantwich, Whitechurch, Craven Arms, Hereford, Leominster, Ludlow, Llanidloes, Llanidrinod (Wells), Montgomery, Newtown, Minsterley, Oswestry, Welchpool, Newport (Salop), Shrewsbury, Wellington, Stafford, Macclesfield, Bollington, Marple (Rose Hill), Longport, Stoke, and Stone.

D—For Allerton, Ashton, Batley, Dewsbury, Ditton, Huddersfield, Bradford, Halifax, Leeds, LIVERPOOL, MANCHESTER, Oldham, Runcorn, Stalybridge, Stockport, Warrington, Widnes, Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Nottingham, Burton, Derby, Lichfield, Tamworth, Leicester, Nuneaton, Rugby, Coventry, Kenilworth, Leamington, BIRMINGHAM, Dudley, Dudley Port, South Staffordshire Stations, Stour Valley Stations, Walsall, Wednesbury, WOLVERHAMPTON.

E—DAY TRIP, BIRMINGHAM, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley, Wednesbury, Leamington, Kenilworth, and Coventry.

F—DAY TRIP to St. ALBANS. Athletic Sports, &c. For fares and full particulars as to times of return see bills, which can be obtained at any of the railway stations, the various Parcels Receiving Offices, and at Gaze's Tourist Office, 142, Strand. G. FINDLAY, General Manager. Euston Station, May, 1884.

yearly assembly of all the confederated lodges, if such existed. (29) Provides for the due enregistration of those already made Masons—that is, the law is retrospective. (30) (This may be read in two ways, thus): That for the future the said society (meaning each individual society or lodge) shall conform to the laws and regulations promulgated at a general assembly of the lodge, held once a year under the presidency of a Master and Wardens elected for the occasion; (or it may be preferably read thus): That for the future all the confederated lodges shall meet once a year, and then elect a Master and Wardens to preside over them on that particular occasion. The picture formed in my mind is this—that there were a few lodges meeting, as usual in guilds, say once a month under their annually elected Master, "the Master of that limit where such lodge was kept." That these lodges had come to a mutual understanding, by which they were to come together once a year under officers elected for that special occasion; but these were not Grand Officers in any sense, because their powers ceased to exist on the dispersal of the assembly. That one of the chief objects of this meeting was to give a public account of all fresh admissions—"to the end ye whole company and fellows may the better know each other." That for the making of a Mason it was not necessary to wait for a lodge meeting, but any five Freemasons might proceed to initiate provided two were Operatives and one a Master or Warden of that district. That these five had then to write a letter, "certificate," to the Master of the lodge which statedly met in that district stating what they had done, and that on presenting this, the new Mason might obtain membership of the lodge and enrollment in its books. Is there anything impossible in such an undertaking amongst contiguous lodges? Must there not have been much communication and understanding amongst the four old lodges before they met together in 1716? And when they met what did they do? Why, put the oldest Master Mason in the chair; made him president of all of them for that occasion only. And if four lodges could thus meet together in 1716, why not previously and elsewhere? Or even, what reason is there to think that the Harleian MS. does not apply to London? I do not say it does, I do not even think so; but it might! It will be seen that the acceptance of this MS. does not require us to alter our preconceived views of possibilities to any outrageous extent; we need not at once conclude that a Provincial Grand Lodge existed or that a Grand Master granted diplomas or certificates. But I say once more, that even if the MS. distinctly affirmed this highly improbable state of affairs in unequivocal terms (which it does not) and if at the same time its seventeenth century origin is undoubted, we should have no recourse but to modify our views of possibilities and accept it with all its consequences. Luckily it imposes no such difficult task upon us. G. WM. SPETH.

#### 343] THE HARLEIAN MS. 1942.

I have read carefully all Bro. Speth has said so well and clearly, and submit one or two "points" which seem to me to demand and deserve attention. When you look at the original MS., you see how different it is from Roberts's publication and even Anderson's. Had Roberts and Anderson either of them seen the actual MS. 1942? I am inclined to think not, as I said last week. The actual MS. is written in a very marked hand, which we may yet identify, but it has no sign of haste, erasure, or interpolation. Roberts's copy is entirely different. He professes to be printing from a MS., and he inserts that remarkable passage, "Additional Orders and Constitutions made and agreed upon at a General Assembly held at — on the eighth day of December, 1663." I think if this be a true rendering of the MS. copied from, we must come to three conclusions: (1), that Roberts saw another form; (2), that this form is either prepared for a meeting; or (3), that it represents certain local resolutions, whether of a lodge or general assembly matters nothing, and that Roberts could not read the name. As published by Spencer, in Roberts's form there is a *duplication* of the form of asseveration which is very peculiar. The limit as to the age is not in the Harleian, nor the "duplication," and Roberts does not interpolate the word "grand." In Roberts's form we find "new" does not occur, and these Additional Orders and Constitutions come after the Apprentice's Charge, not before as in the Harleian. Whence then these differences? They cannot be accidental, and they certainly are not trivial. Anderson uses quite another word, "Regulations," leaves out, as I remarked last week, in clause 5 the words "Society, Company," and uses simply the word Fraternity, and at the close of the clause he again substitutes "Society" for Company as in Roberts and Harleian. He interpolates "Grand," and the limitation, as in Roberts's, of age. I think it well to give clause 5 as it appears in each form, italicizing all words which do not appear or are omitted from the Harleian MS. Harleian: "That for the future the said Society, Company, and Fraternity of Freemasons shall be regulated and governed by one Master and Assembly and Wardens, as ye said Company shall think fit to chuse at every yearly General Assembly." Roberts, 1722: "That for the future the said Society and Fraternity of Freemasons shall be regulated and governed by one Master and as many Wardens as the said Company shall think fit to chuse at any yearly General assembly." Anderson, 1738: "That for the future the said Fraternity of Freemasons shall be regulated and governed by one Grand Master, and as many Wardens as the said Society shall think fit to appoint at every Annual General Assembly." Thus we note, that whereas Harleian says Society, Company, and Fraternity, Roberts only says Society and Fraternity, and Anderson only Fraternity, and that whereas at the close of clause 5 Harleian and Roberts say "Company," Anderson uses "Society." It seems to me that they never saw Harleian, but some other form of it. Is there anything in the date 1663, December 8th, or December 28th? and is it possible that the word "twenty" has been obliterated as before "eight," just as the locality is out? Roberts says "general assembly;" Anderson "general assembly and feast." May 29th, 1660, was the Restoration. Is it possible that we have in this date of 1663 the first meeting of the general or grand assembly after the Restoration? And is December a mistake for June? and were the meetings then triennial, the next meeting recorded by Anderson being June 24th, 1666? If the Freemasons held a great feast in 1663, it is just possible a record of it may yet be preserved in some of the papers and gazettes. The more I look at 1942 Harleian the more I think I see its reality, its value, and its importance. MASONIC STUDENT.

### ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Friday, the 16th inst., the annual elections to the annuities of this Institution took place, an unusually large number of brethren from both the metropolis and the provinces assembling to take part in the proceedings. The Freemasons' Tavern was, as usual, the scene of the struggle, as, owing to the large number of candidates who contest the comparatively short list of vacancies, these annual elections may now be fairly termed. As usual Bro. Colonel Creaton again acted as Chairman.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, the Secretary, having read the report, which we append below, it was unanimously adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The motion of which Bro. Charles Lacey had given notice, the purport of which was to reduce the amount of the annuities, was withdrawn, the unexpectedly large returns made at the last festival giving Bro. Lacey a favourable opening for the adoption of this course.

The poll was then open, the results of which will be seen in an announcement in another column.

Votes of thanks to Bro. Creaton and the Scrutineers, concluded the proceedings.

The report is as follows:

"The Committee of Management have much pleasure in submitting to the Governors and Subscribers a report of their proceedings during the past year:

"The Annual Festival was held by direction of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., the Grand Patron and President, on Tuesday, the 26th of February last. The Grand Treasurer, John Derby Allcroft, Esq., had very kindly undertaken to preside on the occasion, but unfortunately at the last moment he was prevented by illness from carrying out his intention, and his place was filled by Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.D. and President of the Board of General Purposes, who advocated with much ability and earnestness the claims of the Institution, which, coupled with the staunch exertions of a Board of Stewards composed of 300 brethren, produced the sum of £14,665 13s.—this being the largest amount ever contributed on a similar occasion in aid of its funds. To all concerned in bringing about a result so eminently gratifying the Committee respectfully tender their most grateful thanks.

"At the election in May, 1883, there were upon the funds of the Institution in all 332 annuitants, namely, 165 men and 167 widows, while to-day there are no less than 120 candidates, namely, 38 men and 82 widows, whose claims to be admitted into the Institution have been severally approved. With this lamentable fact before them, and the knowledge that only 22 vacancies—namely, 14 men and 8 widows—had occurred since the last election, the Committee decided at their meeting in February last upon increasing the number of annuitants still further by placing 10 additional widows upon the fund, thus raising the aggregate on the two funds to 342. Since then there have died five men and five widows, so that the numbers to be elected to-day on the respective funds would be 19 men and 23 widows. But having regard to the unprecedented success which attended the Festival held, as already described, in February, the Committee recommend to the Governors and Subscribers to elect five more men and five more widows, so that the full number now about to be elected will be 24 men and 28 widows, the aggregate number of annuitants being thus increased to 352, towards whose support the large annual sum of £12,624 must be provided. There are likewise 23 widows to each of whom is assigned during the first three years of her widowhood a moiety of her late husband's annuity; the sum annually required for this further expenditure is £460; and it is believed that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution stands almost, if not quite, alone in granting this boon without requiring these poor women to go through the trouble and anxiety of an election.

"The Committee in thus announcing their readiness to take upon themselves the responsibility of providing for this additional number of Annuitants, feel it to be their bounden duty to point out that the increased expenditure thus involved can only be met by a continuance on the part of the Craft of that generous support which they have so readily tendered in the past.

"The Committee take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Supreme Grand Chapter for its recent liberal donation of £500, and the United Grand Lodge for its renewed vote of £70, wherewith to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

"They are also desirous of conveying their most cordial thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, Hy. John Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their great kindness in ministering to the ailments and relieving the sufferings of those Annuitants who have been under the necessity of seeking medical advice and assistance.

"The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, and they trust that the gas which is now being laid on in every room, will have the effect of still further promoting the comfort and convenience of the residents.

"The Committee are naturally proud of the high position held by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution amongst similar Institutions in this country. They are convinced that the annual statement of accounts, here annexed, will be found to disclose a truly wise and economical administration of the funds of the Charity, and they appeal to the influential and important body of the Governors and Subscribers, as well as to the whole Craft of English Freemasonry, for a continuance of that full and unreserved confidence by which they have been heretofore sustained in the discharge of their somewhat arduous and most responsible duties.

"In conclusion, the Committee express an earnest hope that as their previous appeals for support have never yet been allowed to fall unheeded, so they may be justified in looking forward even to an increased measure of active sympathy from the brethren, and be thereby enabled to reduce still further the very large number of unsuccessful candidates. They are fully sensible of the pain which must be generally felt that, in spite of the great increase which is being made to-day on the responsibilities of the Institution, there are still so many whose necessities must continue unrelieved during at least a further period of 12 months, and they trust the mere mention of their anxiety to effect this object will ensure its realisation at an early period.

"Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expendi-

ture during the year ending the 31st March, 1884, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution:

"MALE FUND."	
Balance 31st March, 1883	3246 15 3
RECEIPTS.	
Donation from Grand Lodge	800 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter	100 0 0
Do. Lodges, Chapters, & Individuals	6051 6 0
Annual subscriptions	969 1 5
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	1117 15 8
Rent of Field	9 0 0
Cash withdrawn from Call	1250 0 0
Interest on Cash at Call	16 8 6

£13,560 6 10

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Annuitants	£6440 0 0
Salaries—Office	422 10 0
Collector—Commission	252 4 0
Messenger	5 0 0
Provincial, &c., Expenses	67 14 1
Medicine for Residents at Institution	12 10 0
Warden	20 0 0
Pension to late Gardener, & Gardener's Salary	54 12 0
Rates and Taxes	47 17 1
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied	141 18 5
Stationery, Printing, &c.	185 17 10
Advertisements	15 17 1
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	196 15 5
Petty Expenses	18 2 6
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	51 18 1
Hire of Hall on Day of Election	2 12 6
Rent, &c.—Office	45 0 0
Do. of Field	16 8 8
Purchase of Stock	1033 15 0
Votes of Thanks to Stewards	19 11 10
Placed at Call	1000 0 0
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	3 15 0
Bankers' Charges	2 11 7
Coals for Residents	35 0 0
Redemption of Tithes	7 10 3
Architect's Commission	5 13 0
Assistant in Office	9 9 0

Balance on this Fund, £3445 12s. 9d.] £10,114 14 1

"WIDOWS' FUND."	
Balance 31st March, 1883	3110 6 3
RECEIPTS.	
Donation from Grand Lodge	800 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter	50 0 0
Do. Lodges, Chapters, & Individuals	6072 1 0
Annual Subscriptions	1183 11 3
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	725 10 0
Rent of Field	9 0 0
Cash withdrawn from Call	750 0 0
Interest on cash at Call	9 17 0

£13,310 5 7

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Annuitants	£5629 0 0
Salaries—Office	422 10 0
Collector—Commission	256 3 0
Messenger	5 0 0
Provincial Expenses	67 14 1
Medicine for Residents at Institution	12 10 0
Matron	62 0 0
Gardener's Salary	28 12 0
Rates and Taxes	47 17 3
Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied	141 18 5
Stationery, Printing, &c.	185 17 10
Advertisements	15 17 1
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	201 19 5
Petty Expenses	18 8 6
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	51 18 1
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2 12 6
Rent, &c.—Office	45 0 0
Do. of Field	16 8 9
Purchase of Stock	1033 15 0
Placed at Call	1000 0 0
Votes of Thanks to Stewards	19 11 11
Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy	3 15 0
Bankers' Charges	2 11 6
Coals for Residents	35 0 0
Redemption of Tithes	7 10 3
Architect's Commission	5 13 0
Assistance in Office	9 9 0

Balance on this fund, £3981 3s.] £9329 2 11

"SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING."	
Balance 31st March, 1883	59 16 4
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	29 7 6

£89 3 10

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Repairs	15 17 3

Balance on this Fund £73 6 7

Total balance as per Auditors' report, £7500 2 4

"The permanent income of the Institution is as follows:

"MALE FUND."	
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	£800 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter	100 0 0
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	1117 15 8

£2017 15 8

"WIDOWS' FUND."	
Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	£800 0 0
Do. Grand Chapter	50 0 0
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	725 10 1

£1575 10 1

"SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING."	
Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds	£30 0 0

Total permanent income £3623 5 9

(Signed) "J. CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, Chairman.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 16th May, 1884."

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN MASON.

The regular meeting of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, was held at Feltham on the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. T. Duerdin Dutton, W.M. (who occupies the chair a second year), supported by Bros. T. J. Bird, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M. 1897, S.W.; J. Dixon, P.P.G. Purst. Middx., J.W.; and a numerous assembly of Past Masters and brethren of the lodge, together with a goodly array of visitors. The ordinary business consisted of the raising of Bro. Dutton and the initiation of Messrs. Claudius Stephenson, Francis Mitchell, and George Dockrell into the mysteries of the Craft, both ceremonies being rendered in such a manner as to reflect the highest credit upon the W.M. and to give entire satisfaction to the assembled brethren.

The I.P.M., Bro. W. H. GOODALL, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., then moved "That the W.M. be requested to present (at the banquet) to our esteemed founder, Past Master, and Secretary, Bro. John Mason, the gold watch and chain subscribed for by the members of the lodge to commemorate his silver wedding, and to evince the estimation and regard in which he is held by his brethren of the Elliot Lodge."

This was seconded by Bro. J. H. PEARSON, P.M. and Treasurer, and unanimously carried.

At the banquet, after the usual toasts the WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The Health of Bro. John Mason, P.M. and Secretary," said that it was with the greatest pleasure that he carried out the wishes of the brethren and presented the very handsome gold watch and chain to Bro. Mason on their behalf. The W.M. referred at great length to the important services Bro. Mason had rendered to the lodge; it was he who was the leading spirit among the founders of the lodge. He was its first Master, after that its Treasurer, and now for some years its able and efficient Secretary, ready and willing at all times to do anything and everything for the good of the lodge or of its individual members. He was sure it would be gratifying to Bro. Mason to know that his exertions had won for him the esteem and regard of the brethren, who would all join with him in congratulating Bro. Mason on having passed his silver wedding, and in prayers that he and Mrs. Mason would be spared to each other to celebrate a golden one. The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. MASON in responding said he felt deeply sensible of the kindness and brotherly love which prompted the W.M. and brethren to present to him so beautiful and valuable a token of their regard. Notwithstanding the kind remarks of the W.M. on his merits he felt his efforts had been overrated and the presentation was more due to the kindness of the brethren than to his deserts; still he remembered that a greater than the W.M. had said "Whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister;" and he had learned that day that it was by being their minister in the lodge, by serving them in whatever capacity his services could be of use to them, that he had the happiness of possessing their regard and in receiving at their hands so beautiful and so substantial a token of it. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for having so celebrated the 25th anniversary of his wedding with a wife whose unflinching love had cheered and sustained him through many trials, and who in common with himself would remember while life lasted the kindness of the brethren of the Elliot Lodge.

The watch has the monogram of Bro. Mason engraven on the outside and bears the following inscription inside the case: "Presented by members of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, to Bro. John Mason, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Middx., P.Z., and P.M. of the Elliot Lodge, as a small mark of the esteem in which he is held by them, and to celebrate his silver wedding. Christmas Day, 1883."

## CONSECRATION OF THE LEBANON MARK LODGE, No. 235, FOWEY.

This new lodge under the English Mark Degree was consecrated on Tuesday, at the Masonic Hall, Fowey. The ceremony was performed by the R.W. Bro. Sir Chas. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., Prov. G.M., assisted by Bros. Tweedy, P.D.P.G.M., Treas.; N. J. West, P.P.G.S.W.; Chas. Truscott, P.G.S.W.; Dr. Mason, P.P.G.J.W.; Wm. Guy, P.P.G.J.W.; J. F. Hooper, P.P.G.S.O.; W. J. Johns, P.G. Sec.; Jas. Lovell, jun., P.G. Org.; Samuel Mitchell, P.G.S.D.; Alfred Luke, P.P.G.R.; F. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; Rooks, Langdon, and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. West, when five brethren were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, Bro. Lovell, P.G. Org., very considerably adding to the beauty of the ritual by his excellent selections of music. At the conclusion of the consecration, Bro. West very impressively installed Bro. Joseph Antrill Collins as first W.M., who then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year.

The R.V. PROV. GRAND MASTER alluded to the recent sad loss the country and the Craft had sustained by the lamentable and sudden death of H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany, K.G., and proposed that a vote of condolence to her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany be entered on the minutes of the lodge, which met with unanimous approval.

The brethren adjourned to the Fowey Hotel where an excellent dinner was partaken of.

## Births, Marriages, and Death.

## BIRTHS.

FITCH.—On the 10th inst., at 16, Barnsbury-park, N., the wife of Conrad Fitch, of a son.

HARPER.—On the 10th ult., at 5, Parish-road, Penge, Surrey, the wife of David Harper, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

EMANUEL—SIMPSON.—On the 23rd ult., at the India Arms, Gosport, Bro. Phineas Henry Emanuel, youngest son of the late Alderman Bro. H. M. Emanuel, P.P. G.W., to Rose, daughter of Bro. Isidore Simpson, North-street, Gosport.

GOODERIDGE—SMITH.—On the 15th inst., at the Parish Church, Osmotherley, Yorkshire, by the Rev. R. J. Steele, vicar of Harlsey, cousin of the bride, Bro. Ezra Gooderidge, P.M. 458, of Goole, to Mary Isabel, eldest daughter of J. J. Smith, of Harlsey Grange, Northallerton.

## DEATH.

HARPER.—On the 24th ult., at 5, Parish-road, Penge, Emma, wife of David Harper, in her 45th year.



## Craft Masonry.

## JOHN CARPENTER LODGE (No. 1997).—

The first annual meeting of this eminent City lodge took place on the evening of the 9th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There was a fair attendance of members, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was present as an honorary member, and the following brethren we noticed amongst the visitors: Bros. H. D. Stead, P.M. 1297, &c., father of the W.M. elect; Thomas How, P.M. 12; J. D. E. Tarr, J.D. 1293; J. M. Chapman, W.M. 1299; C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; W. E. Smallman, 507; A. W. Willis, 1491; J. F. Hadden, 766; E. Woodman, S.W. 1950; J. G. Prickett, 613; J. Hawkins, P.M. 1693; J. J. Wooley, J.W. 15; H. Ashton, 1929; S. Leigh, 201; J. Laidlaw Cross, 90; J. W. Hanson, 1706; F. Bevan, 1706; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297. Prior engagements prevented several Grand Officers, and a number of other distinguished Masons from being present, and their letters were read by the Secretary, Bro. Alderman Sir Henry E. Knight, who at the time of his installation last year was Lord Mayor, presided at the opening of the lodge and during the transaction of the preliminary business usual to annual meetings, ultimately relinquishing the chair to Bro. Jas. Pinder, P.M. and Sec., who had undertaken to perform the installation ceremony at the request of the W.M., who announced himself as not feeling well enough to carry the ceremony through. The W.M. elect, Bro. Augustus William Stead, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Sir H. E. Knight, and the ceremony of induction into the chair of K.S. was rendered by Bro. Pinder in such an excellent manner as to call forth hearty expressions of approval from the assembled brethren. The W.M. for the ensuing year proceeded to invest the brethren who had been selected by the lodge and himself to serve with him during his period of office. These were Bros. Noton, S.W.; Honeychurch, J.W.; Hutton, P.G.D. Treas.; Pinder, Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Wilkinson, J.D.; Wilson, I.G.; Norris, D. of C.; Shaw, Stwd.; Saker, Asst. Stwd.; Inskipp, Asst. Sec.; and Goddard, Tyler. The W.M. intimated in a few brotherly words to each officer as he was being invested the importance attached to the duties of his office, and this the first duty of the new head of the lodge was carried out in a manner convincing to the members that their choice had been wisely directed. Bro. Pinder in his usual perfect manner gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren.

Bro. Hutton, P.G.D., Treas., presented a very handsome gold P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. Sir H. E. Knight. In the course of his speech Bro. Hutton said—referring to the fact of the lodge having been formed for old scholars of the City of London School—he believed it was unique in the annals of Masonry and in the annals of the Municipality of London for the Lord Mayor to rally about him those who had been brought up in the same school to assist in founding for them a Masonic lodge. They all felt under a very deep debt of gratitude to their I.P.M. for accepting the duties of Master of the lodge at the time when he was discharging the arduous and almost incessant duties of Lord Mayor. He (Bro. Hutton) had no doubt that the feeling thereby conveyed, and which no doubt found a very strong response in their breasts, had done very much good to every one of them. It had in his own case taken him back to the scenes of his boyhood and manhood, and made him recollect with pleasure that they all radiated from the same centre, and that in founding that lodge they had fixed a rallying-point at which those who recognised the ties of early association might meet and again have another object in common. They could not lose sight of the efforts their I.P.M. had successfully made during his arduous year of office always to be present at their meetings. It was his (Bro. Hutton's) pleasure personally to know Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, to watch his career, and to see it culminate in the highest office which the voice of his fellow citizens could bestow upon him. It was therefore a great pleasure to have the privilege of pinning upon his breast that jewel which, he might say, had been voted to him by his schoolfellows. They all of them hoped that he might live long to wear it, and that they might be spared for many years to see it on his breast.

Bro. Ald. Sir Henry E. Knight replied as follows: Brethren, I must say I have been taken very much by surprise; I did not expect that this honour would have been done me, and was deeply impressed by the very handsome manner in which this jewel had been awarded by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Hutton has, in a speech exhibiting very great regard for me, brought under your notice the circumstances under which I became connected with the foundation of this lodge. Those circumstances were unique, and you as a body are especially unique. Circumstances enabled me to be the founder of a lodge which is unique, because it has for its object the bringing together more especially those, as he said, who have emanated from a common centre. I was, as you are all aware, busily engaged during the latter part of the last year, and I did not think, and scarcely dared to hope, that I could have so shaped events as to be present at the various meetings of the lodge. But by looking a little ahead I was enabled, fortunately for myself, to keep myself free for all the lodge meetings, and having taken the work in hand I managed to get here and do it. I accepted the office, although it is many years since I have been an active Mason. It was not only the work in the lodge that I had to lay myself out for, but I had to set an example to future Masters, knowing that that example would be maintained, so that the lodge might hope for all time that each Master would do the whole work falling to his share. I cannot claim credit for having done that work so well as Bro. Hutton has pointed out, but I can say that of all the work I had to do last year the greatest was to revive the knowledge to enable me to go through the work of the lodge. Many and many a night after I got to bed I have lain awake trying to piece together the various parts of the ritual I had to perform. And whenever I got hold of a brother at odd times—on a railway journey for instance—I have appealed to him as to the part I was in doubt about, and have got him to go through it with me; and it was only by thus making use of every spare moment that I was able to

perform the task I had undertaken. Whatever has been the labour of this call upon me however, I am amply rewarded by the way in which you have recognised my work. Also, because it has brought me in connection with many former acquaintances in my life, and that Bro. Hutton has been enabled to speak of me in terms which I value most highly. I do not think we could pay a greater compliment to any man than to be able to say, "I believe by your walk in life you have been tolerably successful in carrying out the principles of Freemasonry." I must not detain the brethren, but without saying a few words I should have felt that I was not showing myself grateful for your kindness. To my past Officers I return thanks for the manner in which they have supported me, and to the brethren for the way they have obeyed my commands. While we continue to carry out these principles there can be nothing but prosperity before us, and I hope that our connection may be continued for many years, that we may meet under the Masonic roof when we cannot meet at any other time, and that we each of us may derive satisfaction from being able to meet in friendly converse and social chat, and taking ourselves away from the cares of the world two or three times a year for happiness, comfort, or consolation. We shall retire from these meetings benefited and refreshed, and shall each of us gain much by keeping in mind the principles of Freemasonry. W.M. and brethren, I beg to thank you again for the handsome jewel you have presented to me.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, the chair being taken by the W.M., who proposed the customary toasts—loyal and Masonic—and which were very cordially received. The W.M. made a very feeling reference to the sad bereavement her Majesty the Queen had sustained by the recent and untimely death of the Duke of Albany, also testifying to the loss to the Craft the same sad circumstance had entailed.

Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke responded for "The Grand Officers." He was particularly pleased to visit and to see in so prosperous a condition the John Carpenter Lodge, which he had the privilege of consecrating 12 months ago, when he had also installed the then Lord Mayor as the first W.M.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was happily proposed by the I.P.M., who said that he was satisfied that the brother who succeeded him would, no less than he himself had done, desire to see everything done in a proper manner, and that he was satisfied Bro. Stead, who was a well-skilled Mason, would carry on the work in an efficient manner, and that 12 months hence they would be able to congratulate him upon the progress the lodge had made under his rule.

The Worshipful Master thanked Sir Henry Knight for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. It had long been his desire that there should be a lodge established as an outcome of the City of London School, and he felt deeply indebted to Sir Henry Knight for having assisted in its formation, because there could be no doubt that the success they had achieved was attributable to his co-operation. He trusted that during his year the brethren would provide him with plenty of work, and that at the end of his term of office they would be able to congratulate each other on the further progress made by the John Carpenter Lodge.

The remaining toasts were in honour of "The P.M.s.," "Visitors," "Treasurer and Secretary," and "Officers," the proceedings terminating with the Tyler's toast.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some excellent songs by Bros. H. Ashton, T. W. Hanson, and F. Bevan, under the direction of Bro. J. W. T. Chapman.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The usual monthly meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the Castle Hotel on the 12th inst. Bro. Councillor W. H. Russell, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. John Pearce, I.P.M.; J. Plowman, S.W.; F. H. Hallett, J.W., Org.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., Sec.; T. W. Markwick, acting S.D.; F. Duke, acting J.D.; H. Gloyne, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1184, P.M.; F. Rossiter, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M., Treas.; J. Hirst, P.P. G.D. Herefordshire, P.M. 338; Peter Robinson, P.M. 201; C. J. Lewns, C. S. Chandler, J. B. Poord, 1184; W. S. Allen, and Henry Kimm, I.G. 1184 (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. J. B. Sargent, P.M. 1184; Robert Hughes, Sec. 1184; T. W. Jordan, 1184; and A. H. Townly, S.D. 3.

The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a successful ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. W. Paine, after which the W.M. in a very able manner raised Bro. Herman Muscat to the Sublime Degree of M.M. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, and other business disposed of, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a collation.

On the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given and duly responded to. Bro. Duke, P.P.G.D., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." spoke in the highest terms of the manner in which Bro. Russell had performed the ceremony of raising, and the deep interest he took in all matters pertaining to the lodge. Bro. Russell courteously acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast was received. "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bro. J. B. Sargent, P.M. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

DUKINFIELD.—Unanimity Lodge (No. 89).—A meeting was held on the 5th inst. at the Astley Arms Hotel, when there were present Bros. Wm. Roc, acting W.M.; John R. Kenworthy, J.W.; John Clayton, P.P. G.S.D., Treas.; Walter Kenworthy, P.M., Sec.; John Rowley, S.D.; Joshua W. Tonge, J.D.; W. L. Canfield, I.C.; John A. Barlow and Joseph Jeffreys, Stwds.; A. Darlington, Tyler; W. T. Goddard, P.M.; Hugh Kenworthy, P.M.; James Bullen, Wm. Blackwell, George Mellor, T. J. Darlington, and Tom Hague. Visitors: Bros. James Fitton, I.G. 268; James Earl, 1144; David Hibern, S.D. 1322; and Robert Blackwell, 360.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Messrs. J. J. Butcher and E. Eastwood, which proved unanimously in their favour, and they were afterwards duly initiated by Bro. W. T. Goddard, P.M., in a most excellent manner. Bro. Hague was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. W. Kenworthy, P.M., Sec. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the brethren present, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.



The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, after which the whole of the usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, when that of "The Newly-Initiated Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Roe, I.P.M., in a very eulogistic manner, and was responded to by Bro. J. J. Butcher in a very neat speech. The Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

**SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—**The regular meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, when there were present Bros. J. C. Moor, W.M.; J. R. Pattison, S.W.; R. Singleton, J.W.; Rev. R. Yeld, acting Chaplain; G. C. Watson, P.M., Sec.; E. Clarkson, S.D.; C. M. Wake, J.D.; J. J. Clay, P.M., D.C.; H. Pinkney, acting I.G.; W. A. O. Sutcliffe and J. G. Marshall, Stwds.; J. W. Brown, Tyler; P.Ms.: J. Egglestone, P.M. 1949; C. McNamara, Prov. G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; W. Beattie, P.M.; M. Douglass, P.M.; J. E. Nelson, W.M. So. J. G. Kirtley, W.M. elect 949; W. Ross, S.W. 1970; and others.

The minutes of last regular lodge were read and confirmed, and Bros. Campbell and Craighead were passed to the degree of a F.C. by Bro. McNamara and the W.M. respectively, the latter giving the address in the S.E. The W.M. read a telegram from Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., stating that Bro. T. Bradley, Prov. G.A. Sec., had agreed to become a Steward to the Girls' School Festival, and asking the lodge to support his efforts. Bro. Hudson added that he had sent one guinea to Bro. Bradley on behalf of the Londonderry Lodge, No. 2039. The sum of two guineas was unanimously voted towards Bro. Bradley's fund. The lodge was then closed. Bro. H. Ritson afterwards sent a guinea to Bro. Clay, P.M., and expressed his intention of becoming an annual subscriber to the Girls' School. Bro. Ritson did this as a memorial of his having been made a M.M. on the 9th of May, 1862, exactly 22 years come the day after the meeting.

**BUDLEIGH SALTERTON.—Harmony Lodge (No. 372).—**A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Rolle Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. Thomas Hine, W.M.; J. C. Palmer, S.W.; J. Sargent, J.W.; R. W. Watson, Sec.; W. Britton, S.D.; A. Cowd, J.D.; J. Coombes, I.G.; J. Noble, Stwd.; W. Pratt, Tyler; W. E. E. Stone, I.P.M.; P.G.S.W. Devon; Taylor, P.M.; Strickland, P.M.; Dunsford, P.M.; Pickley, P.M.; P.G.P. Devon; Griffin, Thacker, Madge, Bennett, Remington, and others. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Madge was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who also initiated E. Remington into Ancient Freemasonry, the whole work being performed in a manner which elicited warm approval from the brethren. The lodge was finally closed in peace, order, and harmony, after which the brethren spent a pleasant hour at the festive board.

**CHESHUNT.—Gresham Lodge (No. 869).—**The first meeting of the season was held on the 10th inst., within the ancient walls of Cheshunt Great House, or the Manor of Andrews, and Le Motte, Bro. W. R. Dixon, P.G.S. of W., W.M., presiding, supported by his officers and a number of Past Masters and visitors, including Bros. Holland, S.W.; Hughes, J.W.; Rev. C. E. Mayo, Chap; Copestick, Treas.; W. E. Gompertz, Sec.; Johnson, S.D.; Clegg, J.D.; C. A. Gompertz, I.G.; Forsyth, P.M.; Etherington, P.M.; J. Copestick, P.M.; W. E. Gompertz, jun., P.M.; Cheese, P.M.; Harker, Duncan, Sharpe, and others. The visitors were Bros. David Hill, 754; Fulton, 508; Lyons, P.M. 34; Rev. Edward Wigg, P.M. 205, Prov. G. Chap. Lincoln; and Wilson, of St. John's Lodge.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. gave the Lecture in the Second Degree, and opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and alluded in feeling terms to the death of one of the members, Bro. Benard, which took place since the last meeting; also of the highly-esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles; and his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, for which both the lodge and members were deeply draped in mourning. The Secretary read a letter from the Provincial Grand Master appointing Bro. John E. Dawson, the late Provincial G. Secretary, to be his Deputy, and Bro. G. E. Lake to be Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. T. S. Holland, S.W., was unanimously elected as W.M., and Bro. F. D. R. Copestick re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Marsh, on show of hands, was declared duly elected Tyler.

The Secretary, Bro. W. E. Gompertz, informed the lodge that the King Harold Lodge having invited the Provincial Grand Master to hold his annual Grand Lodge under their banner at Waltham Cross, and the accommodation not being adequate to the requirements, they had applied for the use of the Gresham Lodge quarters and furniture for the purpose, which was, by the consent of the Rev. C. E. Mayo and the W.M., readily granted. The King Harold Lodge had also invited the Gresham Lodge to join with them in entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge, but after a long discussion it was thought better, as the King Harold Lodge had taken the initiative in inviting the Grand Master, that the Gresham Lodge should not detract from the full credit due to them as the entertaining lodge, but in due course apply for the honour on their own account.

The next business was a proposition by Bro. Gompertz, jun., I.P.M., that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded to the W.M. for the very efficient way he had discharged all the duties of his office, and that he be presented with a Past Master's jewel, which was seconded by the Treasurer, and carried by acclamation.

Bro. Copestick, P.M. and Treas., then introduced a most interesting volume he had prepared during the recess, and which, by permission, he had dedicated to the Prov. Grand Master, entitled "The Manor of Andrews, and Le Motte, the Present Home of the Gresham Lodge of Freemasons, being an historical account of Cheshunt Great House from the fourteenth century," as a means of satisfying that laudable desire to know something more of the history of the grand old place in which, by the kind permission of Bro. Mayo, the Chaplain, they were enabled to celebrate their Masonic rites, concluding with the following quotation from Bro. Gompertz's "History of the Gresham Lodge," as illustrating the appreciation of this happy change from the tavern: "Here, amidst fields and pastures, far from the rush of life and discordant sounds of revelry and strife, unobserved by any save the All-seeing Eye of the Great Architect of the Universe, we carry on our work in peace and harmony with feelings elevated in adoration to

Him by the beauties of the surrounding landscape and the melody of the varied feathered songsters of the grove."

Bro. Forsyth, P.M., said, as an old P.M. of the lodge, it was a source of pleasure to him in taking upon himself to express what he was sure must be the sentiments of every member of the lodge—one of gratitude and pride that they had amongst them one who could devote the time and labour necessary to collect and verify the particulars in the little volume introduced by Bro. Copestick. It had been done as a labour of love to the lodge, and he (Bro. Forsyth) proposed that the lodge should mark its sense of appreciation by a unanimous vote of thanks to Bro. Copestick for preparing such an interesting account of "The Home of the Gresham Lodge."

This was seconded by Bro. Mayo in a few well chosen and generous remarks, and carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the historical old banquet hall to partake of a well served and substantial banquet, rendered doubly enjoyable by the fact that all the viands are prepared and served in a homely and comfortable manner by a serving brother and his family, who are in charge of the place, without the assistance of hired waiters. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. took occasion to make a few happy remarks on the bounties of nature to one of the Past Masters, who, though not deserving more than others, had been doubly blessed with a son and daughter since the last meeting, and wished him much joy. Reference was also made to P.M. Wylie, then absent on business in Mexico.

The other usual complimentary toasts followed, and the display of some good vocal talent served to pass the time till carriages were announced to convey the brethren to the station on their way to town, refreshed and cheered by a pleasant afternoon spent in their home of Masonic love and in charity with all men.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—**The last meeting of the session was held at the Middleton Hotel, on the 8th inst., the W.M., Bro. W. G. Brighten, P.M. 72 and 569, Prov. G. Org., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., as S.W.; G. R. Dawson, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M. and P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; J. T. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., S.D.; C. Floyd, I.P.M. 1817, Prov. G.S., J.D.; L. Warren, jun., I.G.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; C. F. Woosnam, Stwd.; A. Martin, Tyler; W. D. Merritt, Prov. A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; J. W. Harris, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; G. Berry, P.M.; J. A. Withers, A. Cayton, Rev. P. H. Droosten, W. E. Bridgeland, S.W. 933; W. H. Bingham, P.M. 771, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; H. Luker, C. C. Braithwaite, W. Tyler, E. F. Wood, J. Girling, A. M. Cerussi, W. J. Chignell, H. A. Hotblack, and G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B. Visitor: Bro. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambart, I.P.M. 1460.

Bro. the Rev. P. H. Droosten was raised to the Third Degree, the I.P.M., Bro. W. D. Merritt, giving the traditional history. The ballot having been unanimous in his favour Mr. G. H. Baxter was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the charge to the initiate being given by the J.W., Bro. G. R. Dawson. The W.M., who is Steward for the Girls' Festival, made an earnest appeal to the brethren. A candidate for initiation at the next meeting having been proposed, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**MANCHESTER.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1009).—**The installation meeting was held and St. John's Festival celebrated in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. G. Hunt, W.M.; Geo. Carter, S.W.; J. Radford, J.W.; C. E. Austin, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.D.; C. S. Allott, S.D.; G. Entincknap, J.D.; J. Raine, I.G.; J. Halden, S.S.; R. Hartley, P.M.; T. Biddolph, P.M.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T.; G. W. Wilson, P.M.; and Holder, Tyler. Visitors: Geo. Whitehead, W.M. 1375; John Bradshaw, I.P.M. 1375; T. A. Hopewell, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1773; Robt. Holland, P.M. 852; B. Grower, P.M. 1613; Wm. Ollier, P.M. 935; J. C. Whittington, P.M. 999, P.P.G. Org.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C.; John Fades, 1773; Charles Oldham, W.M. 1773; Wm. Duncan, P.M. 1052; R. White, P.M. 1052; S. Harrop, 1055; John Hatton, Sec. 1993; Daniel Edwards, W.M. 1993; G. F. Pringle, 1074; Wm. Harcastle, P.M. 1773; T. H. Glendinning, P.M. 1055, Prov. G.J.D.; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened punctually at five o'clock with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the W.M. elect, Bro. George Carter, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. G. W. Wilson, P.M., and with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S., and subsequently proclaimed and saluted.

The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing 12 months, and invested and entrusted as to their respective duties by Bro. George Hunt, I.P.M., viz.: Bros. J. Radford, S.W.; C. S. Allott, J.W.; C. E. Austin, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Halden, Sec.; G. W. Wilson, P.M., D.C.; G. Entincknap, S.D.; James Raine, J.D.; Brooks, I.G.; Milnes, S.S.; and Holder, P.P.G. Std. Br., Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. S. Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T.; to the Wardens by Bro. George Hunt, I.P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. C. E. Austin, P.M., P.P.G.D. The annual balance sheet was commented upon by Bro. R. Hartley, P.M., who took occasion to eulogise the satisfactory manner in which the lodge accounts had been kept by the Treasurer, and to congratulate the W.M. on the financial position of the lodge. The balance sheet was adopted.

Much regret and surprise was occasioned by Bro. J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., rising to announce his retirement from the lodge. Addressing the W.M., Bro. Hine said he felt after 36 years' service to Freemasonry he had earned what he much needed, viz., a little rest, and although he should continue to feel, as he had hitherto done, a great interest in the welfare of the Shakespeare Lodge, he felt that in order to serve the interests of Freemasonry generally, that he must not ally himself to any individual lodge, but so long as his health and strength would permit belong to every one, and yet no one in particular.

Bro. Samuel Statham, P.M., referring to Bro. Hine's resignation, said it had taken him very much by surprise, and he could not help expressing his profound regret, which he believed would be shared by every member of the lodge, at losing such a distinguished and honourable member of the Craft. He hoped, however, that Bro. Hine would consent to become an honorary member of the lodge, and he would propose him there and then with the greatest pleasure.

Bro. C. E. Austin, P.M., fully endorsed the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Statham, and cordially seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously, after which Bro. Hine in returning thanks said that, although he did not desire to take an active part in the working of the lodge, he should always be willing to give the members his advice.

There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John, and on the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, Bro. T. H. Glendinning, Prov. G.J.D., responding on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

To maintain a time-honoured custom in connection with this lodge, Bro. G. W. Wilson rose and proposed "The Immortal Memory of Shakespeare," which drew forth from Bro. Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., an elaborate eulogy of the works of Shakespeare, from which Bro. Statham had extracted allusions to the G.A.O.T.U. and to the three grand principles upon which our Order is founded. The speech throughout betrayed thoughtful study, and was listened to with rapt attention, being much applauded at intervals, and when finished the brethren drank the toast in silence.

At this stage Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W., rose and said that, although perhaps a little out of order, he could not refrain from rising to personally thank Bro. Statham for the pleasure he had experienced in listening to his speech. Bro. Hine went on to say that it had recalled to his mind the former days of the Shakespeare Lodge, when no festival such as they were then celebrating was ever allowed to pass over without a speech being uttered commenting on the works of the immortal bard, and he had on previous occasions listened with equal pleasure to Bro. Austin's speeches on the same subject, and was glad to find his mantle had descended upon Bro. Statham's shoulders and trusted the day would be far distant when this time-honoured custom would be departed from.

Bro. G. W. Wilson in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said no Masonic duty he had ever performed had given him so much pleasure as installing Bro. Carter into the chair of K.S., since it was he who 10 years ago proposed him (Bro. Wilson) to become a member of the Shakespeare Lodge, and, feeling quite sure the interests of the lodge and the Craft generally would suffer nothing at the W.M.'s hands, he would ask the brethren to rise and cordially drink his health.

The invitation was promptly responded to, after which Bro. C. S. Allott sang "Here's to his health," and Bro. Carter returned thanks.

Other toasts, including "The Visiting Brethren," "The I.P.M.," "The Installing Master," &c., were proposed and responded to, and after spending a very enjoyable evening the brethren separated.

**PORTSMOUTH.—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge (No. 1903).—**A large and influential gathering of brethren took place on the occasion of the annual and installation meeting on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street. The W.M., Bro. T. Page, presided, and there were present the following visitors: Bros. General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W. of England; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. of Malta; F. Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. R.M.I. Boys; M. E. Frost, P.G.S.W.; Rev. A. L'Argent Bell and Rev. P. G. W. Pickering, P.G. Chaps.; M. Emanuel, P.G. Reg.; R. J. Rastick, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec.; J. S. Hickley, P.G.S.D.; J. Woodhouse, P.G.S.B.; F. Powell, P.G. Purs.; J. Robertson, J. Patstone, and Latimer H. Saunders, P.G. Stwds.; G. C. Inkpen, 38; Gordon Miller, W.M.; W. G. P. Gilbert, Sec., and Lieut. J. S. Dobbyn, R.N., 257; H. E. Cousins, W.M., and Sutton H. Lowe, 297; Rev. A. C. Hervy, W.M. 309; J. E. Buck, W.M., F. Sanders, S.W., and H. J. Guy, 342; Lieut. G. V. Hegan, R.N., Dr. Flanagan, R.N., and W. C. H. Snell, 349; H. P. Holley, W.M., F. Meredith, W. Bates, and W. H. Biggs, 487; Lieut. H. G. Giles, R.N., 551; T. Wood, P.M. 700; G. Godfrey, P.M. 723; J. Wallingford, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., and J. Simpson, 903; J. Swan, W.M., W. B. Edgler, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., 928; W. E. Cooke, 1007; R. Score, 1037; C. Travess, W.M., J. G. Mason, S.W., and J. Mitchell, 1428; Rev. B. Ring, R.N., W.M. 1705; T. H. Williams, I.P.M.; W. Mills, S.W. 1776; E. H. Truscott, R.N., 1860; Colonel F. Macbean, 92nd Regt.; General J. E. Taylor, K.E. Knight, and P. H. Emanuel (Freemason). The officers and members in attendance were Bros. W. Latham Cox, S.W.; H. Long, J.W.; A. S. Emanuel, Sec.; Wm. R. Pike, S.D.; G. M. Nelder, J.D.; Sam Knight, D.C.; J. G. Livesay, I.G.; G. Sylvester, Org.; Carter and Mansell, Tylers; Past Masters: Bros. H. W. Townsend, acting I.P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Johns, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Quinn, R.N.; J. R. Wilson, E. Haldane, P.P.G.D. Mon.; J. A. Elverston, R.M.A.; S. G. T. Bourke, R.N.; J. Gieve, Simon Hyne, and T. D. Askew; and Bros. G. Buckley, Major F. Bell, F. Davis, Dr. Bland, T. H. Casey, E. G. Charpentier, J. Damerun, J. P. Everett, W. C. Ford, G. L. Green, C. G. J. Green, Lieut. J. Knowles, R.N., H. Lane, A. Long, W. Maybourn, Capt. R. F. Lindsell (28th Regt.), C. Rashley, Capt. C. B. Steward, J. C. Stephenson, T. W. Woods, and J. Gale.

The usual routine business, including the passing of the Treasurer's accounts, which were of a most satisfactory description, showing a balance of over £304, having been transacted, the installation of Bro. Captain W. Latham Cox (10th Regt.) was then proceeded with, the ceremony being most impressively and beautifully rendered by Bro. Page, who was loudly applauded at its conclusion. The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Page, I.P.M.; H. Long, S.W.; Lieut. J. Knowles, R.N., J.W.; the Rev. P. H. Good, M.A., Chap.; H. Threadingham, Treas.; A. L. Emanuel, Sec.; Dr. W. Royston Pike, S.D.; J. C. Stevenson, J.D.; G. Sylvester, Org.; J. G. Livesay, I.G.; Sam Knight, D. of Cers.; Capt. Pigott, D.A.O.M.G., and C. Reader, Stewards; J. Mansell, Tyler; and J. Carter, Asst. Tyler. The Installing Master having briefly acknowledged

a vote of thanks, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered, Bro. Broadley congratulating the W.M., who, he stated, five years ago he had initiated at Malta. Letters acknowledging the receipt of votes of sympathy were read from H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and Mrs. Parker, wife of the late Bro. Parker. Apologies were read from the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, Baron Henry de Worms, Montague J. Guest, and others for their absence. A proposition for a joining member was made, and the Hon. A. G. Curzon Howe, Commander R.N., was proposed as a candidate for initiation; and votes of thanks having been accorded to the Prov. Grand Officers, and Bros. General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, F. Binckes, and A. M. Broadley for their presence that evening, the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of nearly a hundred, subsequently adjourned to the banquet room and partook of a cold dinner catered by Bro. W. Maybourn. At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, and in proposing "The M.W. the Grand Master" said his Royal Highness, who was a member of the lodge, combined in himself the three Masonic attributes.

Bro. Gen. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W., in responding for "The Grand Officers" said it was customary at all Masonic gatherings to drink that toast, and although he himself was one of them, he felt bound to say they deserved it, because they had to bear the heat and burden of the day before they attained to that position. He had worked hard himself in Masonry, with a feeling that he was doing good to others at the same time as he was doing good to himself. Masonry was an elevating science, and the higher one went in the Order the better would he appreciate its characteristics.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. V. B. Beach, M.P.," which toast he remarked brought them nearer home and needed but little recommendation from him. The province should be proud of having such a Master. All regretted his absence that evening, but he worked so hard for Masonry that they would be glad if his absence gained for him a little well earned rest.

Bro. M. E. Frost, Prov. G.W., responded.

Bro. Lieut. S. G. T. Bourke, R.N., P.M., proposed "The R.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. W. Hickman, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge." The Prov. Grand Lodge was equalled by few and second to none. It was a strong province, which was due to the unanimity and excellent working of the Prov. G.M., ably and adequately assisted by his officers. The roll of lodges would show favourably with any other province in England and it was due to the Masonic feeling existing in the province, which resulted in having in office brethren who understood their work and took an interest in Masonry. The hardworking member of the province was present and he could assure him of a hearty good welcome in the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge. The more they saw of him the more they liked him. He meant Bro. Le Feuvre.

Bro. Le Feuvre, Prov. Grand Secretary, said that the absence of the D.P.G.M. afforded him the honour to respond, and to heartily congratulate the W.M. He had watched with great interest the progress of the lodge, which was aiming at a high state of perfection. That was not the first time he had met the W.M., for he had met him in London among the brethren anxious to impress their mark upon the revision of the Constitutions, which, as they had been settled, let them hope would so remain for more than a generation. They were perfectly satisfied that in the W.M. they had a brother who was likely to be worthy of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge. He congratulated the brethren on the result of their efforts in connection with the Charities. Referring to a petition which had been prepared praying for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the lodge, Bro. Le Feuvre said that no Master Mason should stop at the Third Degree, but should be urged to go into Royal Arch Masonry.

Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.G.M. of Malta, in response to a special toast proposed by the W.M. in his honour, in which he termed him his father in Masonry, remarked that five years ago he initiated W. Bro. Cox in Malta, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to be present that evening. It would have been impossible for the brethren to have selected a more worthy a brother to fill the chair than Bro. Cox. Bro. Broadley related how seven years ago at Tunis, the site of ancient Carthage, he had helped to plant an English lodge, which had borne, and would bear in future, most remarkable fruit, and that five years ago he was installed for the second time as W.M. of the lodge, No. 1838, by the first W.M. of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. A reference by Bro. Broadley to the presence of Bro. Binckes elicited hearty enthusiasm. He concluded by asking the brethren to drink in proper Masonic style to the health of their W.M.

The Worshipful Master assured the brethren that he felt their kindness deeply, though he could not express what he felt. He thanked Bro. Broadley for the way in which he had spoken of him, which was too flattering. He was especially proud of being W.M. It was a grand position to be in; and why? for several reasons. He felt so because Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who kindly gave his name to the lodge, although he was not a Mason, was the full Col. of his regiment, and he (the W.M.) was the only officer of it who was a member of the lodge. Bro. Broadley had mentioned the name of Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. The brethren did not regret his absence half as much as Bro. Lord Charles did himself. Two months ago he promised to be with them, and also to bring Bro. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, but on the date being altered he found that he had an important engagement and could not attend.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The I.P.M.," said when speaking to Bro. Lord Charles Beresford of the members of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge, Lord Charles remarked of Bro. Page, "What a Mason he is." That spoke volumes and was a phrase that could not be answered. He had a very pleasing and gratifying duty to perform, which was none other than to present Bro. Page with a small mark of esteem and regard from the brethren of the lodge. So thoroughly were his indefatigable services appreciated that the brethren had one and all subscribed to a fund for presenting him with some slight token of their great respect and esteem, and it now became his duty to ask Bro. Page to accept a silver salver bearing an appropriate inscription.

Bro. Page in reply asked the brethren if they thought he was in a position to return thanks in a sufficient manner. It was impossible, he said. The W.M. had asked the bre-

thren to be put in his position, he would ask for the same favour. Last year the brethren gave him a jewel second to none in England. He did not think himself worthy of that jewel, and much less worthy of their fresh mark of good will. They could not expect him to talk like the eminent defender of Arabi, but if the tongue could speak what the heart felt it would say a great deal more than he had. He thanked them for this kind appreciation of his services, and said that to have installed his successor was a labour of love.

Bro. Haldane, P.G.D. Monmouthshire, proposed "The W.Ms. and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges," and said that he was very pleased to meet Bro. Broadley as he and his (Bro. Haldane's) little brother—some seven inches taller than himself—had been much associated together in that nest of Freemasonry, Malta. Bro. Broadley had spoken of Masonry in that half way house to the East. He (Bro. Haldane) had gone further and seen its mysteries carried out in some queer places. Lodge Adjoohia, of which he was a member, used to meet in a very old temple, once the holy ground of the ancient Kings of Oude. The building with its queer and quaint old arches was a fit place for their meetings. His father was a Mason, and his brother, as both Bros. Broadley and Binckes could testify, was one of the shining lights of Masonry. He concluded by asking the brethren to be upstanding to drink to the toast.

The following lodges responded: 35, 309, 481, 551, 698, 1428, 1776, and 1869.

Bro. Quinn in an excellent speech proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. Binckes.

Bro. Binckes, who was enthusiastically received, said that susceptible as he was to climatic influences, he noticed the meteorological news in that day's paper and read that a meteorological disturbance was crossing the Atlantic and expected to reach these shores between the 15th and 17th. Now, he believed that that disturbance had arrived that evening in the shape of eloquence that had come from after dinner speeches that night, and he might say that a Masonic disturbance had visited them. Here was he, poverty stricken and in humble capacity, and with a most responsible duty to perform in returning thanks. Bro. Binckes then eulogised Bro. Cox, and made an appeal on behalf of the Boys' School and asked for a Steward. He said he had been 35 years a Mason, and had never heard the installation ceremony performed better.

Bro. Cousins, W.M. 297, also responded.

Bro. Page said that if there was no one else to take the Stewardship at the next annual festival of the Boys' School he would, and pleaded to the brethren and W.Ms. of lodges for their mites, and as a result several sums were handed to Bro. Page over the table.

The Worshipful Master concluded the toast list by proposing "The Healths of the Officers of the Lodge," and the S.W. and J.W. responded.

Bros. Sylvester, Miles, and P. H. Emanuel sang several songs during the evening.

## INSTRUCTION.

**WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst. at the Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, there being present Bros. R. Strachan, W.M.; E. R. Wickens, S.W.; G. March, J.W.; Long, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Allen, Sec.; W. Durdle, I.G.; and Easton. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Long, P.M., assisted by the brethren; the Second Section by the W.M.; and the Third by Bro. Long, P.M. Bro. Easton having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree was entrusted, and lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Easton being the candidate. Lodge closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wickens was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at The Cranbourne, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., on the 8th inst. Present: Bros. C. Ralph, W.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; Ford, J.W.; G. Coleman, S.D.; W. C. Smith, J.D.; Frank Gulliford, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Fowles, W. H. Gulliford, P.M.; Read and H. Robinson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Fowles worked the Second Section of this lecture. Bro. Fowles having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge called off and resumed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. W. C. Smith worked the First Section of this Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. G. H. Reynolds, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was decided that the ceremony of installation be rehearsed on the 20th inst., with the worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. H. Richardson, P.M., in the chair. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

A meeting of the Charitable Association in connection with the lodge of instruction then took place. A ballot was taken for a Life Subscribership at one of the Charities, which fell to Bro. Green.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—This lodge held its first meeting on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Roebuck Tavern, High-road, Chiswick, when there were present Bros. G. Gardener, W. Rippin, A. Strong, H. Furze, R. Wimpey, W. H. Wilson, J. Brown, and C. F. Hughes. Visitors: Bros. W. Johnson, P.M.; C. Causton, P.M.; Stroud, T. Hall, 15; Tharle, Chatwin, 1623; and others, all of whom joined the lodge. The preliminary Committee having met, Bro. George Gardener, J.W. 2012, was appointed first W.M.; he then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Johnson, P.M. 865, S.W.; Stroud, 55 and 2030, J.W.; C. Causton, P.M. 865, S.D.; R. Wimpey, 2012, J.D.; H. Furze, 2012, I.G.; W. H. Wilson, 2012, D.C. The lodge was then opened in the First Degree, and the election of Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary followed, which resulted in Bros. Ayling, P.M. 975, Preceptor; George Gardener, J.W. 2012, Treas.; and A. Strong, 1585 and 2012, Sec. The bye-laws were then adopted.

The lodge was then closed in ancient form and adjourned to the following Saturday. The ceremony of consecration

will be performed sometime in June by Bro. James Terry, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, and Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

## Royal Arch.

**LIVERPOOL.**—St. John of Jerusalem Chapter (No. 203).—The companions of this chapter, the oldest in the city, met at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., for the purpose of installing Principals and celebrating their anniversary. There was a good attendance, the chair being taken by Comp. J. Hilton, M.E.Z., supported by Comps. J. T. Alston, P.Z., J.; C. Bromley, P.Z., Treas.; B. W. Rowson, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; H. James, P.Z.; T. W. Sergeant, P.Z.; C. Birch, P.Z.; and others. Among the visitors were Comps. E. T. Ingham, S23; W. Armitage, S23; Walter Burnett, 1303; W. Savage, S.F. 241; and others. Comp. T. W. Sergeant, P.Z., D.C., afterwards took the first chair, and most effectively installed the Principals and officers as follows: Comps. James Hilton, M.E.Z. (re-elected); Thos. Hatton, P.M. 203, H.; J. P. Bryan, P.M. 1035, J.; C. Burchall, S.E.; Major H. J. Nicholls, S.N.; F. Catrall, P.S. (re-elected); who appointed Comps. M. Solomon 1st A.S. and J. Spence 2nd A.S.; C. Bromley, P.Z., Treas. (re-elected); and P. Ball, Janitor.

The companions afterwards dined together, when a very pleasant evening was spent, Comp. W. Burnett kindly and efficiently supplying the instrumental music.

**MANCHESTER.**—Affability Chapter (No. 317).—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 17th ult. Present: Comps. J. E. Steward, Z.; J. Wilson, H.; C. Oldham, J.; R. R. Lisenden, S.E.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.N.; J. W. Edwards, Treas.; John Garside, acting P.S.; J. G. Elderton, 1st Asst. Soj.; James Dawson, P.Z., Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; John Bladon, P.Z.; Henry Walmsley, H. R. G. Bayley, Abraham Wild, W. B. Akerman, and W. R. Sowter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were first read and confirmed, and Bros. Jesse Tymud, P.M. 336; T. Mather, 336; John Sherwin, 336; Joseph Kirby, and G. C. Fröhling, 317, were then severally balloted for, and elected to become members of the chapter, and Bros. Thos. Mather and John Sherwin being in attendance they were exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Comps. Charles Oldham, James Dawson, and the M.E.Z. respectively delivered the historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures to the exaltees. There being no further business the chapter was closed.

**BARNESLEY.**—Friendly Chapter (No. 1513).—The annual installation festival of this chapter was held at the King's Head Hotel, on the 8th inst. The chapter was opened by Ex. Comps. J. H. Gratton, P.P.G. Treas., as Z.; W. J. Lowrance, H.; and W. R. Massie, J. There were also present Ex. Comps. Ensor Drury, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; F. Braithwaite, P.Z.; C. F. Seward, S.C. Alderson, E. J. Massie, J. Watson, E. Billington, B. Smith, R. C. Parker, A. W. Gratton, C. Hammond, J. H. Taylor, and Rogers, Janitor. Visitors: Bros. J. Lund and G. Taylor, 1462.

After the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. W. J. Lowrance was installed in the First Principal's chair by Comp. E. Drury, who also installed Comp. W. R. Massie, H.; and S. C. Alderson, J. The following officers were invested: Comps. C. F. Seward, S.E.; J. Wood, S.N.; R. Carter, P.S.; E. J. Massie, Treas.; R. C. Parker, Org.; Millar, D.C.; B. Smith and A. W. Gratton, Stwds. A vote of thanks was proposed and heartily accorded to Ex. Comp. Ensor Drury for his services as Installing Principal. After the proposition of a candidate for exaltation at the next convocation the chapter was closed.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.**—Albion Rose Croix Chapter (No. 54).—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter took place on Wednesday, 30th ult., at the Royal Concert Hall, when there were present Ill. Bros. W. H. Hodgkin, 30°, M.W.S.; T. Trollope, M.D., 32°, P.M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. Rev. T. S. Curteis, M.A., H.P.; R. Pidcock, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ill. Bros. C. W. Duke, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; C. Briscoe, 30°, 1st Gen.; Ex. Bros. Major J. C. Grant, Raphael; Frederic Duke, Capt. of Guard; and F. H. Hallett, Org.

The chapter was opened by the M.W.S. in due form. After the usual preliminary business, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from various members and also of inability to attend from Col. E. S. Somerville Burney, 33°, Inspector-General of the district, and Lord Arthur Hill, P.M.W.S. Eureka Chapter, Brighton, &c. A ballot was then taken for two candidates, and they were duly elected, but they were unable to be present on this occasion. Bro. the Rev. Henry Powell, M.A., Chap. 1842, who was elected at the last meeting, was in attendance and the degree was then conferred upon him, the ceremony being ably performed by Ill. Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D. The musical part of the ceremony was admirably rendered by Bro. F. H. Hallett.

The M.W.S. now presented Ex. Bro. the Rev. T. S. Curteis, M.A., F.S.A., the M.W.S. elect, for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being performed by Ill. Bro. T. Trollope in his usual perfect manner. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Ex. Bro. Rev. H. Powell, M.A., H.P.; Ill. Bro. C. Briscoe, 30°, 1st Gen.; Ex. Bros. Major F. Cooper, 2nd Gen.; Richard Pidcock, P.M.W.S., Treas.; C. W. Duke, 30°, P.M.W.S. Recorder; F. H. Hallett, Org.; Major J. C. Gant, G. Marshal; Frederic Duke, Raphael; W. H. Cronk, Herald; Capt. Hennah, Capt. of Guard; and M. Bugle, Almoner.

After the collection of the alms the closing ceremony was given by the M.W.S., and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Royal Saxon Hotel.

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**THE GRAND TREASURER.**—Brethren wishing to unite with a Committee appointed to present a testimonial to V.W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treasurer, may ascertain particulars on application to the Hon. Secretary at 8a, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C.

Bro. Charles Belton will be installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Honour and Generosity on Tuesday evening at the Inns of Court Hotel. Bro. John Greenfield will be installed as W.M. of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge this (Friday) evening at the Cock Tavern, Highbury.

Bro. the Duke of Portland has again invited the Honourable Artillery Company to go down to Welbeck about the end of July for the annual drill "outing." The camp will be pitched at the end of the extensive park, and it is expected that a ball will be given at the Abbey during the visit of the regiment, of which his Grace is Honorary Colonel.

The M.E. Comp. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C. &c., Grand Treasurer, was installed First Principal in the Royal Hanover Chapter, No. 1777 (Province of Middlesex), which was consecrated on the 16th inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, by Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the Grand Superintendent. A report is in type, and will appear next week.

The following dinners, &c., have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday—Grand Masters Lodge and British Lodge. Tuesday—Royal Caledonian Asylum. Wednesday—Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (Annual Festival). Thursday—St. George's Chapter, Mount Moriah Lodge, Bedford Chapter, and University of London Lodge. Friday—Jerusalem Lodge. Saturday—Army Pay Department and 79th Cameron Highlanders.

Bro. P. H. Emanuel was on the 16th inst. presented with a dozen silver table spoons by the Chief Constable on behalf of the whole of the members of the Portsmouth police force on the occasion of his marriage. A large number of the force were present to witness the ceremony, and to wish Bro. Emanuel (who has interested himself very considerably in all movements in the interests of the police at Portsmouth) and the lady of his choice a long, happy, and prosperous union.

**GRABHAM MEMORIAL FUND.**—An effort is being made to raise a fund for the benefit of the widow of our late Bro. E. B. Grabham, who has been left totally unprovided for. A committee has been formed, of which Bro. Wm. Bywater, P.M. 19, has kindly consented to act as Treas., and we trust a substantial sum will be raised. Bro. Grabham devoted a considerable portion of his time and his constant energies in the promotion of Freemasonry in all its branches. He was a Life Governor of all the Charities, and had served the respective Stewardships on many occasions. He was an ardent advocate of deserving candidates, and spared no efforts to secure their success. He also constituted Mrs. Grabham, on whose behalf this appeal is made, a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

At the regular meeting of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, Narborough, on Thursday, the 8th inst., there was a good attendance. The batch of ten members initiated at the first meeting after consecration were raised by the W.M. and his officers. Though only consecrated on the 14th of February last there are already 27 members, of which only three have been joining brethren. Held on Thursday, the half-holiday of Leicester, and with a good train service, there is no reason why many should not join it from thence. Like his superior (Bro. Dr. Magee, the Bishop of Peterborough,) the Rector of this village in his office of W.M. thoroughly believes in the Craft, and has as his officers and supporters in the lodge those who are most active in every good work in the parish.

Bro. MacCalla, editor of the *Keystone*, has published, in convenient pamphlet form, a sketch of the early history of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, now generally regarded as the earliest Masonic lodge in America. The history from the beginning of the organization, 1731 to 1738, is included in the published sketch. As already noticed in the *Repository*, Bro. MacCalla has recently brought to light an original book of Masonic record, which furnishes important evidence as to the establishment of Masonry in Philadelphia. The book thus fortunately discovered contains the minutes of St. John's Lodge for the years above named, and a list of the members, with much information that is suggestive and valuable. The author has our thanks for a copy of this interesting sketch.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

The *Canada* newspaper in commenting on the stand Prof. Gregg and Archbishop Lynch have taken toward secret societies, says: "It is questionable, however, if the game is worth the candle in answering the idiosyncrasies of either of these individuals from the standpoint of Masonry; but it may not be out of place to clinch the falsehoods by quoting a paragraph from the last Allocution of the Great Prior of Canada, Col. McLeod Moore, of St. John's, Quebec, delivered at Ottawa, in July last. In alluding to efforts made by some American enthusiasts to introduce, Unitarianism, Universalism, and other 'isms' into the Order of Knights Templar, Col. Moore said: 'I revere the Order of the Temple as taught in the British Dominions, not because it represents the once famous, religious, and military confraternity of that name in the middle ages, but because it holds up to the view of its members the crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, the Lord and King of Glory, the Prince of Peace, teaching the Divinity of Christ, and Trinitarianism of the God-head.' The Unholy Alliance will have to look about for some other sensation."—*Toronto Mail*.

The York Lodge of Mark Master Masons was consecrated at Cambridge on the 14th inst. We shall give a report in our next.

A new chapter in connection with the Anerley Lodge, which meets at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, is to be consecrated on Thursday, the 5th prox.

Bro. C. S. Graham will be installed on Saturday W.M. of the Ewell Lodge, No. 410, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette has been appointed Examiner to the University of New Zealand, where all examinations are conducted by means of papers only.

It is stated by a theatrical paper that Mr. Irving's profits from his tour in the United States amounted to some £15,000, while Miss Terry's are estimated at about £8000.

A court-martial was held at Dover last week on two privates in the York and Lancaster Regiment, who were sentenced to two years' imprisonment for cowardice on the battlefield.

Bro. Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Works, City Architect, and ex-President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, conducted a party of 70 members of the Institute over the Guildhall Abbey a few days ago.

At the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, held at Guildford, Bro. Charles Belton installed his successor, Bro. Collier, as W.M. For the first time in the annals of the lodge, a private meeting was held, at which it was resolved to present Bro. Belton with a P.M.'s jewel.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., we think has made a strong plea for the Masonic status of Sir Christopher Wren, in the *Freemason*. Our views coincide entirely with his own. We take pleasure in reproducing his article in another column.—*Keystone*.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. W. H. Richardson, P.M. 1348, Preceptor, at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, at the Cranbourne, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., on Thursday evening next, the 29th inst., at eight o'clock.

According to the *Montreal Daily Star* members of the Freemason lodges connected with the Grand Lodge of England are the only ones connected with secret societies who are exempted, when being sworn into the police force, from taking the oath that he is not a member of a secret society.

We hear, says the *Malta Standard*, that General Mattei is in possession of a silk colour of the Senglea Regiment of Militia, which existed during the Government of the Knights. We venture to express a hope that the example set by Dr. Graham Weir may be followed by those persons who may chance to have relics of bygone times in their possession.—*Broad Arrow*.

Bro. Cuthbert E. Peek, who our readers will remember was married to the Hon. Augusta, eldest daughter of Viscount Middleton, on the 3rd of January last, has sustained a severe bereavement by the somewhat unexpected death of his mother, Lady Margaret M., wife of Sir Henry W. Peek, M.P., which took place at Wimbledon House on the 2nd inst. Lady Peek, whose only child was Bro. Cuthbert Peek, was closely associated with her husband in his philanthropic works. Her ladyship's remains have been interred at Rousdon, Sir Henry Peek's new seat in Devonshire.

The gift from the Dutch people to Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore will consist of an album containing some 3000 signatures, together with a suitable address. The inscriptions have been most artistically executed by one of the principal functionaries at the office of the State archives, and the handsome binding of the album is the work of the Court bookbinder. The request of the committee that the testimonial might be handed to Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore by the Dutch Minister in London was promptly acceded to by the Minister for Foreign Affairs in a cordial and sympathetic letter.

At the regular communication of Montgomery Lodge, F. and A.M., of Milford, Mass., Thursday evening, April 10th, there were present delegations from several different lodges on a friendly visitation. About sixty came by special train from Excelsior Lodge, of Franklin; thirty from John Warren Lodge, of Hopkinton, and others from different places, ten different lodges being represented by over a hundred visitors. Among the other interesting events was one worthy of special mention. On the 30th of November, 1825, there were made in Montgomery Lodge two Masons, Nathan Burr, now of North Star Lodge, of Richmond, Vt., and James H. King, now of John Warren Lodge, of Hopkinton. These two met this evening for the first time since that night, fifty-one years ago, one of them being now eighty-three, the other eighty-four years old. District Deputy Wiggan, who was present, appropriately referred to this rare fact in remarks made by him. After the regular work in the Third Degree, one hundred and seventy-five brethren assembled in the banquet hall, and partook of a collation.—*Keystone*.

A presentation has been made to Bro. James Curtis, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex, of Brighton, who has occupied the position of Corresponding Secretary of the Brighton District of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows for over five and twenty years, by his colleagues of the Directorate of the Unity, on which he has served by annual election for twenty-one years, and from which he has been compelled to sever himself by reason of his accepting the office of editor of the magazine of the Order. The presentation took the form of a very elegant tea and coffee service, on the principal piece of which the following inscription is engraved: "Presented to P.G.M. Jas. Curtis, of Brighton, on his retirement (to become editor of the magazine of the Order) from the Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, after twenty-one years' service, by the Officers of the Order, the Board of Directors, the Trustees, the late editor of the magazine, and other friends as a token of their esteem and appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Institution. May 8th, 1884." The testimonial was handed over at the private residence at Liverpool of an old friend and colleague, who generously invited the whole of the Board of Directors (then sitting at Manchester to transact the business of the usual quarterly meeting) to a sumptuous banquet.



Bro. J. L. Toole has taken off "A Mint of Money," and again brought out an old favourite, "Upper Crust," in conjunction with "Paw Clawdian." The latter burlesque is likely to run so long as its original is played at the Princesses, or until Bro. Toole goes in the country for his annual tour.

"Called Back" was produced on Tuesday at the Prince's with a most efficient cast, including Miss Lingard, Mr. Kyrle Bellew, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, and Mr. Anson. We have not had an opportunity of judging of its merits; but we know its appearance has been looked forward to with some amount of interest.

Bro. Charles Warner has been out of the bills of "In the Ranks" for some little time, having had to rest himself on account of his voice leaving him. His place has been very efficiently filled by Mr. Herbert. We hope to see Bro. Warner back ere long. "In the Ranks" still draws big audiences to the Adelphi, and must have proved highly remunerative to all concerned in it.

Mr. Wyndham has also changed his programme at the Criterion, as he told his audience on his return from America he would do. "Fourteen Days" is the laughable comedy he has again put on his stage, and no doubt will be received as it was two years ago. In "Fourteen Days," Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Blakeley, and Mr. Giddens are seen at their best, and we strongly recommend our readers to pay it a visit.

Several changes have been made this week in the theatrical programmes. Amongst them "The Private Secretary" has been transferred to the Globe from the Prince's. This play, though not very well received at first, has been doing well of late; but had to be taken off the Prince's stage to make way for the new comedy "Called Back." Mr. Beerbohm Tree's comical character—the sickly and sentimental curate—is now played by Mr. Penley, and some other alterations have been made in the cast.

Owing to the ill-health of Bro. Edward Terry and Miss Farren, the Gaiety is closed, as Mr. Hollingshead does not approve of putting "understudies" on for chief parts. In the meanwhile, until the opening of the French play season by Madame Judic and Miss Sarah Bernhardt, the theatre will be re-decorated and cleaned, which it sadly wants. The Gaiety has not been closed since its opening in 1868, and for a long time has looked shabby and dirty. When re-opened its patrons will renew their acquaintance with increased vigour.

This (Friday) night "La Mascotte" will be brought on the stage of the Comedy, with Miss Florence St. John in the title rôle again. The cast also includes Mons. Gaillard, who was one of the original company. We shall miss Bro. Henry Bracey. Probably the pretty music, the "Glou Glou" song, the dances and dresses will serve to keep it running for a short summer season. At this late time of the theatrical year we cannot expect new operas to be brought out, and frequently the old ones are very pleasant to see again.

Of all the old plays which we are sure at all times will receive a hearty welcome none will meet with a more cordial reception than "Our Boys," not only on account of its own merits, but every one will remember its author, Bro. Byron, whom we have just lately laid to rest. "Our Boys," which was played with unparelled success longer than anything before or after it, is to be brought out at the Strand on Whit Monday, with Mr. David James in his original character. Miss Fortescue will appear in it. Already we can picture the crowds besieging the doors for weeks to come. "Our Boys" is a play one never seems to tire of; though we know the jokes, they always seem fresh and move us to mirth.

In "Nitouche," Lotta, the celebrated American character actress, has got a part which suits her "down to the ground." It is adapted from the French, and contains none of the vulgarities—though this is a mild term—which are in the original. Her cleverness has never been better displayed, and it is only owing to her cleverness and the help of Mr. Pateman and Mr. Wyatt that the piece has been so well received. They have fallen back on themselves, knowing there is not much in the piece to applaud. It is only a pity that Lotta has not a better scope for her abilities; but she may now by her own fascination win the affections of the English public, who have not been over ready to accept her in the way they do in her native country. In herself she is a good entertainment. Her dancing, which is quaint and grotesque, appeals the most to one, and we go as far as to say that "Nitouche" without Lotta would be unbearable, with her in it is impossible not to be amused. Mr. Pateman, as the Major, has never to our mind acted better or with more earnestness. A man who could be such a revolting Quilp that made one's back creep, and be so lively as the Major in "Nitouche," much have a deal of genuine tact and talent in him. Mr. Wyatt dances in his own wild style, and we believe has omitted now a certain scene which ought never to have been introduced.

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