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WE congratulate Bro. BINCKES and the authorities of the Boys' School on their very successful Festival, under the distinguished presidency of our Bro. the LORD MAYOR. Though the £14,061 11s. 6d. of 1884 is, at first sight, vastly different from the £23,000 of 1883, it must be remembered that the "voice of the Charmer" has this time no double votes to hold out before a willing clientele, and that therefore, as Bro. HEDGES fairly put it and well, thus far the results of the three Festivals have amounted to £41,000, and which sum is certainly to be augmented and supplemented before the year is ended, despite Papal Allocutions and Archiepiscopal fulmination. Surely we may all feel proud of our good, old, charitable, useful, and tolerant Order. We note that the London return is £7712, and that the provinces and colonies have sent up £6349. The largest provincial return is West Yorkshire which sends £589; Hampshire sends £512; and Cheshire and Kent, £498 each; Staffordshire, £313; Monmouthshire, £307. The highest London lodge was Royal Savoy, with £630. There were 290 Stewards. The subscriptions of her Majesty the QUEEN (the forty-seventh) and that of our lamented Bro. H.R.H. the DUKE OF ALBANY were sent through the good old Lodge of Antiquity, of which is Royal Highness was one while Worshipful Master.

As we said last week, "it never rains but it pours," and here we have Cardinal GUIBERT, Archbishop of Paris, weakly imitating the bad example of his "superior and his confreres." We shall never be astonished to hear or read of other cardinals "fulminating" and other archbishops "charging." In the meantime the Freemasons only smile at each fresh outburst of impotent malice. What makes the matter more serious and striking is that if the Roman Catholic authorities had, as they have in some countries, good grounds for complaint and animadversion, by the exaggeration of their language and the absurd violence and untruthfulness of their assertions in general, they lose even the vantage ground they might otherwise possess, and fail utterly in any effect by the very impetuosity and unveracity of their own violent fanaticism. In the *Times* of Monday appears the following telegraphic paragraph from its correspondent at Paris: "Cardinal GUIBERT, Archbishop of Paris, has issued a pastoral, warning Catholics against joining or continuing in Masonic lodges. He describes the destruction of Christianity as the object of Masonry, cites the expunging of the Theistic article by French lodges, and declares that Masons, while supporting any established Governments which enable them to oppress Christian consciences, prefer those which show themselves most fanatical in demolishing religious institutions." Alas for religion and for truth!

THE more we think over the unfortunate attitude taken up by the Roman Catholic Church as against Freemasonry and Freemasons in this year of grace 1884, whether expressed by the Supreme PONTIFF or the "Inferior Clergy" of all categories, the more we feel persuaded that a more inopportune and meaningless blunder never has been made if absolutely innocuous as regards the Masonic Order, and only likely to "fall back," as the French idiom has it, on the "fautors" of such intolerant and unseasonable action. Lord CARNARVON has most clearly painted the grave defect of the Allocution, and the "gravamen" as English Freemasons we can fairly allege against it, namely, the mournful measure in which it sins against justice, fairness, and truth. If it be admitted that in some foreign jurisdictions Freemasons seem to be drifting away from the great principles of Freemasonry, and to be in hot and angry warfare at this very hour with the Roman Catholic Church; if it be clearly within the right of the Roman Catholic Church to condemn such a state of strife and contention "ad fideles," it is clearly in the wrong in including in one wide-sweeping censure, indif-

ferently, the *great majority* of existing Freemasons, who have nothing whatever to do with such controversies, and entirely repudiate such proceedings. When we are told by some Roman Catholic writers,—“Oh, do not be too angry, you are *not* included in the censure;” “such allocutions are silent or obsolete declarations as far as you English Freemasons are concerned;” “you are to read between the lines,” “we know you sin through invincible ignorance,”—we can only say that in our humble opinion such “glosses” “add insult to the injury.” The POPE is not so ill-informed that he does not know that in Great Britain and its colonies the Freemasons are a most distinguished, loyal, and religious body of men, with Royalty at their head, with some of the most distinguished in the land for rank, intellectuality, moral excellence, political distinction (on both sides,) members of their lodges. To describe these men as unbelievers, revolutionists, immoral, banded together for the unholy purposes, friendly to social anarchy and confusion, inimical to all religion and the safety of society is not only a “monstrous paradox,” but is absolutely devoid of foundation, reality, actuality, as any earthly statement well can be. In fact, we hardly like to characterize such an assertion in these peaceful pages. And therefore the only effect of such “unlicensed printing and publication” and must be a serious blow to Roman Catholic authority itself. We live at a period when the disapproval of intolerance, injustice, persecution and “boycotting,” whether material or spiritual, is most marked and pervading alike among our publicists, our all pervading press, the great mass of society, and all thoughtful men generally. To note then a great religious body sinning openly and sinning grossly against the normal canons of courtesy, kindness, consideration, common sense, and historical veracity can have but one effect, namely, to discredit any religious body which thus sacrifices everything at the shrine of sectarian bitterness and denominational intolerance, which confounds truth and falsehood, and which, arguing from a particular to an universal, does not even discriminate between what is fair of a small sectional subdivision of a great organization subjectively and specifically, and what is entirely unfair towards the whole body objectively and abstractedly.

WE hope our foreign readers in some jurisdictions will take in good part what we are about to say to them. Their is no doubt that many of their words and acts in some countries to-day are utterly indefensible, and are not at all unnaturally resented, whether by Roman Catholics or even members of Protestant bodies and Episcopal Churches. In one foreign jurisdiction lodges “out Herod” some other lodges in selecting the most apparently meaningless (Masonically), and the most serious questions, (apart altogether from Masonry) for habitual discussion in secret. No wonder that often religious bodies and national rulers regard such proceedings with suspicion and dismay. No wonder that as they will profess, so people believe of them, and that in some lands educated and uneducated alike look on Freemasons and Freemasonry with absolute defiance and disapproval. Forgetting the real aim and object of Freemasonry, they are allowing themselves to be seduced by the “Will-o'-the-wisp” of philosophic tendencies and social “facts.” But in those pursuits and tendencies they forget they are departing from the one safe and neutral ground of Freemasonry, which none can forsake without great danger to the Order and to themselves. What would become of English Freemasonry if we allowed social, or municipal, or political, or religious questions to be discussed in our lodges, is not at all difficult to point out or foretell. We should fall asunder at once, like a rope of sand, and our most useful and benevolent organization must collapse, and disappear from the face of the earth. It constitutes our safeguard and our vitality as English Freemasons that we confine ourselves to Masonic work and Masonic duties alone, and, keeping clear of political, and social, and religious controversies, make Charity and Loyalty our unfailing watchwords. We are by no means insensible to the fact that secular and spiritual persecution of the most fanatical and senseless kind has often been exercised against intelligent and harmless Freemasons. But, as “two blacks do not make a white,” Freemasons cannot be justified in imitating to-day the worst follies of their persecutors in olden times, and “running riot,” so to say, in their open antagonism to constituted authority, to ecclesiastical sanctions, to the sacred and inalienable principles of moral order, family life, social duty, and even religious toleration.

SOMETHING has been said by somebody of a Masonic Congress; but, in our opinion, any such idea will find very little favour in Anglo-Saxon Masonry. We cannot see what a Congress is to be holden for; what there is to settle or unsettle, to confirm or change. We are perfectly contented as we are, alike with our old landmarks and our modern outcome, our principles of profession and our evidences of work.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Eight-Sixth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday at the Crystal Palace. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Alderman R. N. Fowler), Grand Junior Warden, presided, and there were also present among others

Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; S. G. Homfray, P.D.G.M. Monmouthshire; George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. Jas. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Chas. Belton, No. 1, P.P.G.D. Surrey; A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; R. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. Moon; Dudley Rolls; Dr. Ramsay; G. Plucknett, P.G.D.; J. Burroughs, P.G.S.; R. N. Middlemist, P.G.S.; F. Adlard, P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex; R. C. Hallowses, J.W. 33; H. Young, P.G. Stwd.; G. Skudder, S.D. 169; C. F. Hogard, P.P.G. S. of W. Essex; James Addington, W.M.; James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Northants and Hunts; J. Butt, P.M.; Chas. H. Driver, P.M. 905; Jas. Boulton, P.M. 1056; Ed. Liebman, Capt. C. H. Nevill, W.M. 1216; D. Moss, J.W. 1275; L. P. Coubro, W.M. 1365; F. T. C. Keeble, W.M. 1426; C. Hammond, J.W. 1471; W. Hamblyn, W.M. 1622; Charles Taylor, W.M. 1624; Newington Bridges, P.G.S.D. Somerset; E. Barr, P.M. and Sec. 1686; W. A. Scurrah, A. J. Bellis, P.M. 1901; T. Hastings Miller, W.M. 1964; Asher Barfield, H. D. Cama, Joseph Clever, P.M.; E. J. Earney, F. R. W. Hedges, W.M. 1900; L. L. Mather, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; Abner Torkington, G. Stwd.; G. P. Festa, P.M. 1900; G. Ward Verry, John Tomkins, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; W. Atkins, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Berks and Bucks; C. A. Vinter, P.G.S.B. Camb.; J. P. Platt, P.G. J.W. Cheshire; G. Pepprell, W.M. 1402; Chas. Lane, P.P.G.D. Durham; W. Sowman, Prov. G. J.W. Essex; Richard Clowes, P.G.S.W. Essex; George A. Mursell, P.M. and Sec. 35; R. J. Rastrick, Prov. G. Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight; Richard Eve, P.P.G.V. Hants and Isle of Wight; Morris Rosenthal, Sec. 1798; Robert Foote, P.M. 1505; R. J. Tonge, W.M. 702; A. G. Fidler, W.M. 1237; J. J. Maidwell, Z. 1549; Mark Julius, W.M. 1909; G. F. Roumieu, P.G. Reg. Surrey; H. Hacker, P.P.G.D. Hants.; J. W. Baldwin, S.W. 1892; W. P. Catterson, P.M. 1981; W. H. Gibson, P.M. 315; F. Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. of the Institution; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (Freemason); and others.

Altogether some 500 ladies and brethren sat down to dinner, which was admirably supplied by Bros. Bertram and Roberts.

After dinner the usual toasts were proposed.

The LORD MAYOR, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said her Majesty was the Patron of the Institution.

The LORD MAYOR next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and President of the Institution." They all knew the interest which his Royal Highness took in Masonry, and it would be invidious on his (the Lord Mayor's) part to enlarge on the subject. The brethren all knew what an admirable Grand Master the Prince of Wales made and what great benefits he conferred upon the Order.

Sir F. BURDETT, in proposing the toast of "The Chairman," said it was not often he had the opportunity of proposing a toast which gave him so much pleasure; but still when they had such an illustrious member of their Order in the chair as they had on that occasion, he felt the greatest pleasure in proposing the toast. They were all perfectly aware of the position the Chairman held, that of Lord Mayor of the City of London. That was a position that had been looked forward to and anxiously coveted by hundreds of citizens of London, but how few were they who had arrived at that position. It was the highest position that could be held in the first municipality of the whole world. The City of London was a municipality and a corporation that had been in existence an immense number of years, and he trusted most sincerely it might be in existence many, many years to come. They were all proud of being associated with the City of London (most of them were voters in it), and none of them could be sufficiently proud of it, or sufficiently anxious to uphold the present Lord Mayor in the position he occupied. He was not only Lord Mayor, but he was the Junior Grand Warden of England, a position most of them would be very proud to occupy. The Lord Mayor occupied the position with credit to himself and with very great credit to the Grand Lodge of England, and he was very highly esteemed among the Grand Officers. That opinion was not to be despised. The Lord Mayor was also Senior Grand Warden of Wiltshire.

The LORD MAYOR, in replying, said, in regard to the very kind way in which Col. Burdett had spoken of him in another Masonic capacity, in his capacity of Chairman of that festival, and in his capacity of Lord Mayor of London, and the very kind way the company had received the mention of his name, he could only regret that their Bro. Firth was not present to see the way in which the allusion was received. However, he (the Lord Mayor) was not there as Lord Mayor, but as Junior Grand Warden of England. In that position it would be his anxious desire not to do anything which could show the confidence which the Grand Master had placed in him was a misplaced confidence. It would be his anxious desire to vindicate the high honour done him, and when he retired from his office he hoped he would do so with the feeling that he had discharged his duties with assiduity, and resigned them with his honour untarnished.

The LORD MAYOR next proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers," and coupled with it the name of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., replied, and said Masonry was peculiarly well governed at the present time. They had as the immediate "alter ego" of the Prince of Wales an illustrious nobleman who had served in the councils of the nation, who had more than once held high office, and he hoped his lordship would again hold it. The brethren would agree with him when he said that on every occasion, but more particularly on a recent occasion, had Lord Carnarvon given them a very signal proof of his great ability, and of his devotion to the Order. Long might Masonry have the benefit of his services. Then, as the next officer, they had the Earl of Lathom, one of the most popular of noblemen; Masons, and men. In his own province, as he (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) knew personally, the Earl of Lathom was deeply beloved, and Masons were most fortunate in having him the Deputy Grand Master. As for the other Grand Officers, it would be simply impossible to refer to them individually; but for one and all of them he could say they were brethren who had done good suit and service to their Craft; they were always ready and willing to give the advantage of their experience, and they were deeply sensible of the kind and gracious way in which those services were recognised. He hoped the time would be far distant when the Grand Officers would cease to receive the kind recognition of the brethren.

The LORD MAYOR next said: It is now my duty to propose to you the toast of the evening, and under ordinary circumstances it might be necessary to go to some extent into the claims which the Charity has upon us; but, brethren, I think on this occasion it is not necessary to do so. We must feel that, as Masons, we are only doing one of the primary duties of our Craft in supporting one of the greatest Charities connected with our noble Order; and therefore, brethren, I do not propose to detain you, either by

going into the circumstances of the Charity, or into its history, or to trouble you with statistics. I will simply mention that the School has at this moment 215 pupils, and that when the School, of which H.R.H. the Grand Master has kindly laid the first stone, is completed, the number of 215 will be raised to 265. Now, brethren, we must all feel that we are doing a good work, a work which reflects honour on our Ancient Order, when we are educating 215 boys, many of them orphans, but all sons of Masons—we must feel that while on the one hand many charities for the education of children, orphans or otherwise, make an appeal to our liberality, that claim is especial when the claim is made for the children of brother Masons. Well, I think that is all I need say. Many present—perhaps all of you—are as well acquainted with the history of and with the benefits conferred by this noble Institution as I am. I think we shall all concur that it is an Institution which makes a pre-eminent appeal to the liberality of Masons, and therefore, without further comment, I ask you to drink "Prosperity and Perpetuity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys;" and Bro. George Plucknett, Past Grand Deacon, Vice-President and Treasurer of our Institution, will respond.

Bro. PLUCKNETT thanked the brethren for the support they had given to the Institution and hoped the ladies had enjoyed themselves.

Bro. BINCKES, Secretary, then read the following lists of subscriptions:

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Lodge.			
Grand Stewards', Bro. James Burroughs	31	10	0
1 Grand Masters', Bro. Geo. Martin, S.W., P.G.S.	16	16	0
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6 " R. E. Johnston	21	0	0
7 " Frederick Adlard	21	10	6
8 " F. T. Rushton	14	14	0
10 " — Scratchley	17	17	0
11 " Henry Kemp	14	3	6
14 " Alfred Williams	14	14	0
18 " Frederick J. Huggins	40	19	0
19 " Henry Glenn	46	14	6
21 " Alderman De Keyser	10	10	0
21 " Brackstone Baker	10	10	0
21 " T. F. Peacock	32	11	0
25 " G. J. Moorcroft	38	17	0
26 " E. C. Stebbing	15	15	0
28 " George Graveley	36	15	0
29 " Edward Terry	47	5	0
33 " R. C. Hallowses	67	4	0
59 " F. J. Tyler	80	6	6
60 " Henry Young	44	2	0
65 " W. Chicken	117	1	6
72 " J. N. Bate	105	0	0
73 " J. W. Mash	69	6	0
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108 " E. B. Holloway	23	2	0
141 " George Coop	125	0	0
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162 " G. D. A. Schofield	23	1	0
165 " Charles Belton	63	0	0
169 " George Skudder	540	0	0
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179 " J. Ellwood	42	0	0
181 " Edward W. Stanton	33	12	0
185 " Harry Tipper	15	15	0
185 " A. E. Staley	10	10	0
197 " W. H. Stanger	34	13	0
205 " C. F. Hogard	33	1	6
206 " C. T. Scrivener	30	0	0
217 " J. Addington	70	0	0
228 " Jas. Terry	85	11	0
259 " Sir Albert W. Woods	36	15	0
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905 " A. Peebles, C.C.	5	5	0
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1178 " Edward Bridges	31	10	0
1196 " Edward Liebmann	10	10	0
1216 " Capt. C. H. Nevill	26	5	0
1275 " D. Moss	130	0	0
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1539 " A. Ferguson	39	18	0
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1572 " H. Youngman	105	0	0
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1615 " George Laker	64	1	0
1622 " Frank Richardson	79	5	6
1624 " Wm. Hamblyn	325	10	0
1669 " Charles Taylor	100	0	0
1704 " Newington Bridges	86	2	0
1706 " E. Bare	59	17	0
1744 " Thos. Wells Thorpe	23	0	0
1805 " Geo. F. Smith, jun.	630	0	0
1820 " W. A. Scurrah	42	0	0
1839 " R. T. Fennell	24	3	0
" F. J. Vials	7	6	6
" E. J. Feilden			

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1777 " Horace B. Marshall	105	0	0
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Bro. Asher Barfield	10	10	0
" Robert Berridge	36	15	0
" H. D. Cama	63	0	0
" Joseph Clever	10	10	0
" George Cooper	14	14	0
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" George Gardner	26	5	0
" Charles Hammerton	52	10	0
" F. R. W. Hedges	10	10	0
" George Lambert	21	0	0
" J. Lawrence Mather	31	10	0
" C. F. Matier	21	0	0
" J. T. Mickleburgh	10	10	0
" Carter Millbourn	63	0	0
" J. Joyce Murray	10	10	0
" Joseph Henry Price	10	10	0
" Abner Torkington	105	0	0
" G. Ward Verry	106	11	0
" F. B. Williams	10	10	0
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130 " James Robertson	91	0	0
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723 " Richard Glasspool	99	15	0
1331 " Capt. R. Croisdale	105	0	0
1776 " R. J. Rastrick	59	5	0
" Edward Goldsmith	18	18	0
" Richard Eve	19	10	0

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1385 Comp. J. Brittain	36	15	0

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199 " Edward Lukey	...	230 10 0
558 " William Francis	...	31 10 0
1273 " Herbert Black	...	31 10 0
1414 " Rev. T. S. Curteis	...	5 5 0
1436 " Henry Waite	...	42 9 0

EAST LANCASHIRE.		
44 Bro. Alfred B. Bennett	...	42 0 0
62 " Edmund Ashworth	...	73 10 0
146 " J. Fawcett Skelton	...	10 10 0
221 " J. Martin Rutter	...	10 10 0
277 " J. F. Tweedale	...	10 10 0
317 " W. J. Cunliffe	...	10 10 0
317 " J. W. Edwards	...	10 10 0
317 " J. Wilson	...	10 10 0
1723 " Matthew Fielding	...	10 10 0
1723 " E. G. Harwood	...	10 10 0
1723 " Thomas B. Tong	...	10 10 0
1723 " John Barrett	...	10 10 0
1798 " Rosenthal Morris	...	10 10 0
1798 " G. Board	...	31 10 0

WEST LANCASHIRE.		
86 Bro. Reginald Young	...	10 10 0
730 " J. Malcolm Kerr	...	10 10 0
730 " Thomas Forrester	...	10 10 0
730 " James Lawrence	...	27 6 0
823 " Wm. Brassey	...	10 10 0
1013 " Wm. Longbottom	...	21 0 0
1182 " Robert Martin	...	10 10 0
1213 " W. Bowdon	...	10 10 0
1384 " W. J. Thomson	...	10 10 0
1505 " Robert Foote	...	10 10 0
1505 " Peter Thomas	...	26 5 0
1505 " Smith, H. H.	...	26 5 0

LINCOLNSHIRE.		
792 Bro. R. J. Tozer	...	52 10 0

MIDDLESEX.		
1237 Bro. A. G. Fidler	...	80 11 0
1326 " C. W. Baker	...	10 10 0
1503 " T. R. Richnell	...	15 15 0
Chapter.	...	
1549 Comp. T. J. Maidwell	...	50 0 0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.		
Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray	...	307 13 0

NORTHAMPTON AND HUNTS.		
360 } Bro. H. J. Atkins	...	215 5 0
1764 }	...	

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.		
47 Bro. J. Toplis	...	141 15 0
47 } Bro. Isaac Davis	...	21 0 0
1794 }	...	
1909 Bro. Julius Marx	...	68 15 6

OXFORDSHIRE.		
340 Bro. H. G. W. Drinkwater	...	24 3 0
357 " Rev. F. H. Penny	...	43 10 0
357 " Rev. H. A. Pickard	...	10 10 0
1036 " Arthur Johnson	...	10 10 0
1036 " Joseph Reade	...	10 10 0
1703 " S. C. Wakefield	...	16 6 6
1895 " A. Brakspear	...	36 15 0

SOMERSETSHIRE.		
814 Bro. J. Budge, jun.	...	64 1 0

STAFFORDSHIRE.		
482 Bro. F. Derry	...	77 0 6
624 " W. H. Bailey	...	141 15 0
637 " Richard Tooth	...	94 6 0

SUFFOLK.		
114 Bro. G. H. Grimwood	...	90 0 0
1008 " George John Paine	...	67 4 0

SURREY.		
The Province	...	10 10 0
777 Bro. Charles Belton (see London, No. 165)	...	
1046 " G. F. Roumieu	...	21 0 0

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Berks and Bucks	...	£163 16 0
Cambridgeshire	...	174 6 0
Cheshire	...	498 6 0
Cornwall	...	28 7 0
Derbyshire	...	94 10 0
Devonshire	...	10 10 0
Durham	...	210 0 0
Essex	...	147 10 6
Gloucestershire	...	98 14 0
Hants and Isle of Wight	...	512 1 0
Hertfordshire	...	52 10 0
Kent	...	498 15 0
Lancashire (East Division)	...	241 10 0
Lancashire (West Division)	...	184 16 0
Lincolnshire	...	52 10 0
Middlesex	...	156 16 0
Monmouthshire	...	307 13 0
North Wales and Salop	...	185 17 0

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ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.		
Bro. J. M. P. Montagu

MARK DEGREE.		
Bro. Frederick Binckes	...	10 10 0

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1149 Bro. Fredk. Flood	...	36 15 0
1395 " T. C. Eager	...	25 4 0
1638 " William Lane	...	47 11 0
1714 " Henry Hacker	...	21 0 0
1892 " James Wm. Baldwin	...	63 0 0
1981 " W. P. Catterson	...	27 6 0

SUSSEX.		
315 } Bro. W. H. Gibson	...	157 10 0
1636 }	...	

WARWICKSHIRE.		
567 Bro. Boddington	...	36 15 0
284 " John Wm. Margetts	...	36 15 0

WILTSHIRE.		
632 Bro. W. H. Long	...	10 10 0
632 " Charles Gauntlett	...	10 10 0

WORCESTERSHIRE.	
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tents and purposes, level. Then there is a long array of moderate lists, or some of the provinces show very conspicuously. At this Festival the principal feature is the exceptionally heavy totals of several among the London lists, and the absence of any very considerable return among the provinces. It should also be stated that the number of absentee provinces is below the average. In other respects there is nothing that calls for any special comment. A large proportion of those London lodges whose names are so familiar to the brethren by reason of the regularity or frequency of their appearance in these lists, have sent up representatives, and we regret to add, a large proportion of those other lodges which are only less familiar by reason of the regularity or frequency of their absence, are yet again unrepresented. We shall most cordially welcome what we trust we may describe as the good time coming when similarly unflattering remarks will be quite uncalled for. It is manifestly desirable we should point out, even at the risk of being charged with "damnable iteration," that lodges and brethren, when they make a point of figuring among the non-contributors, are guilty of a double offence against propriety. They studiously refrain from doing their duty, and they lay on willing shoulders a burden, the support of which should of right be distributed with something like an approach to equality among the whole Craft. The honour of having founded or helped to found our Institutions belongs to certain brethren and the lodges of which they were members. But our Schools, speaking comparatively, are of ancient date, and even the Benevolent Institution is well on its way towards the time when its jubilee may fitly be celebrated. Thus many years have passed since the whole body of English Freemasons solemnly charged itself with the maintenance of our three Charities, and, to phrase it as gently as possible, it is certainly un-Masonic for a lodge or brother to shirk its or his share of a solemn pledge or responsibility. It is only about a decade since a former Grand Master very forcibly pointed out that our Institutions were a credit to those who supported them, but not to those who, though they might possess the means, yet lacked the will to bear their share of the burden. What held good when remarks to this effect were made holds good now, but with this important distinction, that as the responsibility has been very largely increased, the neglect of those who evade their part of such responsibility is far less venial. It is scarcely possible to praise too highly those who so generously maintain our Charities, for what would become of the latter if the former should one day turn round and say: We have done our duty again and again; let the others now do theirs. Where, in such an eventuality, would our Institutions then find themselves? Even the energy of a Binckes or a Terry might be unable to discover the wherewith to replenish the emptied coffers of our Institutions. This, however, as we have hinted, is an old story. In repeating it on this occasion we have apologised, but if we prolong our remarks, they will become tiresome and lose much of their force. Let us betake ourselves, therefore, without further preface, to our self-appointed task of examining the returns for the 86th Festival of the Boys' School, which, subject to the exceptions that have already been taken, may be written down as being most satisfactory, whether we regard them as having yielded in the aggregate over £14,000, or in their distribution among London and different provinces.

LONDON.

The brethren constituting the Board of Stewards on Saturday were 290 in number, of whom 130 acted on behalf of London and 156 for the provinces, the remaining four representing foreign stations or Degrees outside the limits of Constitutional Masonry. Of the 130 London Stewards, 21 were unattached, one acted on behalf of the "Committee Dinner Club," while the other 102 acted as representatives of 96 lodges and 4 Royal Arch chapters. Thus, numerically, the London portion of the Board was the weaker, but when comparing it with the same portion of the February and May Boards, we find it less by 30 Stewards than at the former Festival, but 13 more than at the latter. Of the 21 unattached, one (Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford) acted in a like capacity at the two previous Festivals, while four others figured similarly in February, and yet five others in May, not to mention those brethren who on one or other or both of those occasions represented lodges or chapters. As regards the lodges and chapters 14 out of the 18 red-apron lodges sent up Stewards, nine of them having contributed to all three Festivals five of the remaining nine having had Stewards at two Festivals, and the other four at one. It is very gratifying to note that the lodges which are exceptionally honoured are worthy of the distinction. Many other metropolitan lodges have sent up Stewards at the February or May Festival, if not at both, as many as 25 having been present at all three, while 27 appear to have divided their attention between the Schools or between one School and the Benevolent. Seven of the contributing lodges have been constituted since the beginning of 1881, while two are of this year's creation. As regards the amounts of the several lists, we have already pointed out that some of them are unusually heavy, that of Bro. W. A. Scurrah, as Steward for the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, taking a long lead even of West Yorkshire, the largest contributing province; while Bro. George Skudder, of Temperance Lodge, No. 169, is beaten in this honourable rivalry only by the aforesaid Bro. Scurrah and West Yorkshire. These two Stewards have managed between them to enrich the Boys' School to the extent of £1170, Bro. Scurrah's list amounting to £630, and Bro. Skudder's to £540. We shall take the liberty of congratulating these worthy brethren and the lodges they severally represented on the proud position they hold in the returns. Successes like these are as unusual as they are brilliant, and perhaps the best thing we can do is to leave them without further comment, to speak for themselves in the unadorned eloquence of their own figures. But, strange to relate, these are by no means the only big lists we find included in the London total. The Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, per its worthy and Worshipful Bro. Charles Tayler, contributes the large sum of £325 10s., while Comp. J. C. Parkinson, as Steward for the Universal Chapter, No. 181, is entered for £283 10s. We shall give to these lists that greater degree of prominence which they unquestionably deserve, if we point out that the highest individual London list at Bro. Terry's Festival in February, was that of Lodge No. 1287, which figured for £202 7s. 6d., while the highest in May was that of Bro. McDonald, acting on behalf of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, his total being £264 12s. Even in the big total raised for the Boys' School Festival in 1883, the highest London list was only £200, there being two such amounts, Bro. J. L. Mather's for the Committee Dinner Club, and Bro. T. J. Robertson's for Lodge No. 1538 (St. Martin's-le-Grand). If, as has been often stated, a total that is distributed over a wide surface tells a more eloquent tale than one that is circumscribed,—that is, of course, as regards the great amount of active sympathy it discloses,—there is no doubt that a score or two of such lists as we have specified are not only honourable to those who furnish them, but likewise have a wonderful effect in swelling the general total. But besides the above four lists, there are no less than 18

others which run into three figures, namely: the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, with Bro. A. Bellis, P.M., as Steward, £173 5s.; the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, per Bro. James Boulton, P.M., £161 3s. 6d.; the Star Lodge, No. 1275, per Bro. D. Moss, £130; that of Bro. Thos. Butt, P.M. and Treas. of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, amounting to £129 3s. 6d.—if we add Bro. Bertram's ten guineas, we have a total for the lodge of £139 13s. 6d.; Faith Lodge, No. 141, per Bro. Coop, £125; the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, with £121, the joint list of Bros. Trick, W.M., and Galer, J.D.; the City of London, 901, per Bro. David Hughes, W.M., £118 1s. 6d.; Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, which contributes, per Bro. W. Chicken, P.M., £117 1s. 6d.; the Friends-in-Council, No. 1383, per Bro. K. R. Murchison, £110 5s.; Royal Jubilee, No. 72, with Bro. J. N. Bate, P.M., as Steward; Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, per Bro. Albert T. Pearce, W.M.; Royal Hanover, per Comp. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas.; the Committee Dinner Club, per Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; and Bro. Torkington, unattached, each of which, or whom as the case may be, figures for £105; Granite Lodge, No. 1328, per Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, £101 17s.; and the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, per Bro. F. T. C. Keeble, W.M.; and the Royal Leopold, No. 1669, per Bro. Newington Bridges, P.M., each of which is entered for a level £100. The total raised by these 22 three-figure lists is £3797 8s., or rather more than a moiety of the whole amount raised by London. Among the other found several of £60, £70, and £80, and upwards, that of the Lord Mayor's—items will be including his lordship's personal donation of 20 guineas as Chairman—being only a fraction short of £70. The Friends-in-Council and Royal Leopold Lodges have been represented at all three Festivals for this year, the former having sent up a three-figure list at the Girls' Festival in May, while the amount contributed by the latter, per Bro. Cranch, in February, was not stated at the time. The London total is £712 6s. 6d., or rather more than £500 less than in February, but between £1300 and £1400 more than in May.

THE PROVINCES.

In reviewing the Returns from the Provincial Stewards, it is gratifying to remark that, though they amount in the aggregate to about £1450 less than London sent up, and though the sum total is about midway between the sums they contributed in February and May respectively,—being £6349 15s., as against £6098, within a fraction, at the former Festival, and £6737 at the latter—there are fewer absentee provinces than usual. Even in June of last year, when, owing to the contributions to the Building Fund being included, Bro. Binckes was successful in obtaining from them over £15,771, there were but 35 provinces represented, and on Saturday last 33 put in an appearance. Thus the number unrepresented was only eight, namely, Bristol (8 lodges), represented at the Benevolent Festival in February to the extent of over £293; Cumberland and Westmorland (20 lodges), which has been resting on its oars since the last Boys' Festival, when it figured as a contributor of 1000 guineas; Dorsetshire (13 lodges), which sent up a Steward in February, but of whose contributions this year we have no further record; Herefordshire (four lodges), which helped a little in June of last year; Leicestershire and Rutland (10 lodges), which raised £350 for the Benevolent in February last and £405 for the Boys' School in June, 1883; Norfolk (16 lodges), which has not been represented at all this year; and Jersey (seven lodges), which gave 200 guineas to our Boys' at their Festival for 1883. If to these we add the five Bedfordshire, three Isle of Man, and five Channel Islands lodges, we have a total of 91 lodges which contributed nothing on Saturday, though most of the absent provinces at all events have done a something more or less noteworthy at previous anniversaries. As for the Bedfordshire lodges, we are heartily tired of drawing attention to the repeated evidences we have of their seeming indifference to the needs of our Institutions. As regards the Isle of Man lodges we look to them for no assistance, and are not disappointed, while those in the Channel Islands give us occasional evidence, as in February last, of the liberality of their disposition. Of the contributing provinces the first on the list is that of

BERKS AND BUCKS,

six of whose 22 lodges make up a total of £163 16s., raising its total of subscriptions and donations for the current year to £453 6s. 6d., or about £20 less than it raised in 1883. This is one of the many provinces on whose presence we may confidently reckon at our annual celebrations. It should be mentioned, however, that in this instance the whole of the amount raised is given by Berks lodges, those hailing from Bucks having had no share in the work.

We must congratulate

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

on its reappearance in the lists. Last year the Girls' School was benefited to the extent of £128. This year the second senior Cambridge lodge, that of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, figures for £174 6s., but the Boys' School proves to have been the favoured Institution. We are delighted beyond measure at this very substantial evidence of the renewed interest taken by this small province in the proceedings of our Charities.

CHESHIRE

stands out more prominently than usual, nine of its 39 lodges being represented by 12 Stewards, while £36 15s. is the smallest amount included in any individual list. The sum of the contributions is not far short of £500, the precise amount being £498 6s. This added, to the £126 raised for Bro. Terry in February and £55 14s. for Bro. Hedges in May, gives a total for the year of £680; a very serviceable amount even for so considerable a province, especially if we keep in mind that it has its own Educational Institute. Of the nine represented lodges, Zetland, No. 537, Birkenhead, has sent up one or more Stewards to all three festivals for the year; while Unanimity, No. 89, Dukinfield, appeared in the Benevolent list, and the Stamford, No. 1045, Altrincham, in that of the Girls' School in May.

There are some 29 lodges on the roll of

CORNWALL,

but its presence at our Festivals—during the current year, at all events—is due to the hearty goodwill impartially exhibited towards all our Institutions by Bro. Controller S. Graham Bake, who has served the office of Steward at each of the Anniversaries held last year and this. His lists have not been heavy; but it would have been unreasonable to expect this in the case of a brother enrolling himself as a member of six consecutive Boards of Stewards. His list of £28 7s. makes a total for the present year of £88 4s.; but we could wish that a few more of our Cornish brethren had figured in his company, because some little time has passed since the province put forth a degree of strength worthy of its reputation.

DERBYSHIRE,

with a roll of 20 lodges, two of which sent up Stewards, contributes £94 10s.,

the total of its subscriptions to the Girls' Institution in May being £356 4s., raising the total for the year to somewhat over £450. In 1883 it gave the Boys' a few shillings less than £239, while the year previous it raised upwards of £690. The two lodges represented on Saturday last have not figured at either of the previous Festivals for this year, so that 10, or a moiety of the Derbyshire lodges, have sent Stewards up for some one of the Charities in 1884.

Like its more immediate Cornish neighbour,

DEVONSHIRE,

considering it can muster half-a-century of lodges, has put in an appearance at all three Festivals for 1884; but the sum total of its contributions is small, a sum of 10 guineas (£10 10s.), per Bro. G. Pepprell, making his third consecutive Stewardship for this one year. However, if we turn back to the records of 1883, we find it raised over £317 for the Boys', the whole sum contributed for the year being £595, while in 1882 it gave £565, or only £30 less. The total, so far as it is known, for 1884 is £75 12s.

At the Benevolent Festival in February,

DURHAM,

which has 30 lodges on its roll, raised £121 16s.; in May it contributed £120 to the Girls', and on Saturday it gave a further sum of £210, making a total for the year of close on £452. Its records for the three preceding years read well—in 1883, £265; in 1882, £412; and in 1881, £1024, which, added to the aforesaid £452, increases the total for the quadrennial period to, in round figures, £2153.

Few brethren would have been surprised, and fewer still would have looked upon it as a subject of reproach, had

ESSEX,

for once in the way, made its appearance among the absentee provinces. In February last, its eight Stewards, acting for seven out of its 20 lodges, sent up lists amounting to £399 7s. In May, its Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke, M.P., presided at the Girls' School, and the province raised an even £1000. Its total on Saturday, however, was £147 0s. 6d., one of its three Stewards on the occasion—Bro. Richard Clowes—having served as Steward at all three Festivals, and especially distinguished himself on behalf the Girls'. £1546 in a single year is a large sum for an agricultural province, and must gladden the heart of Lord Brooke.

There is nothing surprising in the fact of

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

being among the contributing provinces. Four of its brethren acted as Stewards on Saturday, one (Bro. Vassar-Smith), as it appears, independently, and the other three as representatives of two lodges, Foundation, No. 82, and Royal Forest of Dean, No. 1067, and a Chapter, No. 82. The result of their joint efforts appears in a total of £98 14s., which added to £80 17s., given to the Benevolent in February, and £429 9s. to the Girls' School in May, makes for the year a sum total of £609. This is not so much by about £250 as was contributed in 1883, but more than £60 in excess of what was given the year previous. Still it raises the amount for the quadrennial period 1881-4 to £3567, or an average per year of about £892, and the province can boast of only 14 lodges, all told. In May we justly complimented Bro. Vassar-Smith on the excellent services he has rendered to our Institutions, and the pleasure we experience at finding his name among the present Stewards is the greater on this very account.

The next province in alphabetical order, that of

HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

takes the second place in the non-Metropolitan returns, the sum of its eight Stewards' lists being £512 1s., making with some £373 contributed to the Benevolent in February and £295 to the Girls' in May, a total for 1884 of £1180. Last year the Boys' School received £375, the Girls' School, £1307, and the Benevolent, £150, the three contributions amounting together to £1832. On Saturday the largest individual lists were those of Bro. Capt. Croisdale, Steward for Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, £105; Bro. Richard Glasspool, Panmure Lodge, No. 723, £99 15s.; Bro. James Robertson, Royal Gloucester, No. 130, £91; Bro. Rastrick, Landport Lodge, No. 1776, £89 5s.; and Bro. George A. Mursell, Medina Lodge, No. 35, £76 13s. Bro. Rastrick's three lists for this year together amount to £241 10s. Well done, Bro. Rastrick!

At the expense of repeating ourselves, we may mention, but incidentally, that

HERTFORDSHIRE

is a regular contributor, though there are only 12 lodges on its roll. In February it exerted itself most successfully on behalf of Bro. Terry's Institution, its eight Stewards acting for seven lodges and a chapter, making up amongst them a total of over £362. In May it contributed little short of £56, and now it has done a good turn for Bro. Binckes by swelling his total to the extent of £52 10s., making in all for the current year about £470. This is not so much very less than it effected in 1883, when the sum of its contributions was only a trifle less than £590, while in 1882 it more than doubled this. In short, the efforts of the last three years have sufficed to enrich our three Charities to the extent of some £2000, the bulk finding its way into the treasury of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. If we can find it in our heart to make any suggestion at all in the face of so splendid a bill of health as this, it is merely to suggest that Hertfordshire should distribute its chief favours among the three Charities, turn and turn about, so that all may benefit as nearly as possible to about the same extent. However, the Province invariably does so well that it may justly claim to be left to pursue that course which seems to it best.

Turning to the Province of

KENT,

with its array of some 50 lodges and an excellent organisation, we find among the chief canons of its Masonic faith is a generous and uniform support of our Charities. Kentish Masonry is like Kentish cherries, ruddy and plump, and is evidently thoroughly imbued with the spirit of goodfellowship. It comes down with its dust heartily, after the manner of men who not only do what they mean, but mean what they do likewise. For instance, it began the year with a liberal subsidy to the Benevolent Institution of over £271. In May it followed this up with a ditto very nearly twice repeated in aid of the Girls, the amount of its subscriptions being close on £562. On Saturday the labours of its Stewards resulted in an addition of something like £500 to the funds of the Boys' School—the exact figures were £498 15s.—making a total for the year of £1332, less by a few shillings. This is a fair specimen of its ordinary contribution, but in 1883, when its respected P.G.M., Viscount Holmesdale, presided at Bro. Binckes's big Festival, it raised for him £2316, and for the whole some £2700. The above

£498 15s. included a handsome donation from the funds of the province and £294 from the joint representatives of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, Dover, Bro. E. Lukey's list amounting to £220 10s., and Bro. Rev. V. S. Vickers's to £73 10s.

For

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION),

which, numerically, is the most considerable of our provinces, 8 of its 93 lodges were represented by 14 Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists reached £241 10s., Bro. Edmund Ashworth, P.M. of the Social Lodge, No. 62, Manchester, leading the way with £73 10s. This swells the total for the year to £1247. Last year it figured at the Boys' Festival for £2100, while the other Institutions were not sent empty away when they made their annual appeals for assistance. We have heard it rumoured that Bro. Col. Starkie, its P.G.M., may very possibly take the chair at the next Festival of the Girls' School, in which case we look for a second edition of what was done a few years since (in 1879), when the same brother kindly performed a similar office for the Benevolent, and the province backed him up to the extent of something like £3500.

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION)

is second in point of the number of its lodges only to its eastern neighbour, but there is no appreciable difference between the two as regards the services they render to our Institutions. They are both regular supporters of them, and on occasions they play a conspicuous, if not the leading, part at these festive gatherings. On Saturday 12 of its members, acting for 8 lodges, accumulated amongst them £184 16s. In May it helped the Girls with £316 2s., and in February it did a similar good turn for the Benevolent, the sum of its Stewards' lists reaching £230 10s. These three amounts give a total for the year of £731, as against £813 in 1883, and irrespective of the generous support which, like East Lancashire, it accords to the local Masonic Institute.

It is some time since we had the pleasure of including

LINCOLNSHIRE

among the contributories at our Anniversary Festivals, and Bro. R. J. Tozer, the W.M. of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, Grimsby, is to be congratulated on having set his brother members of the province so good an example. In the theatrical world a great fuss is usually made when an old and justly popular actor is about to appear on the scenes of his former triumphs. But we are concerning ourselves with the Masonic, not the theatrical, world just now. We shall therefore dispense with the fuss, firstly, because supporting our Institutions is a duty we all owe to the Craft, and must fulfil some time or other, and secondly, because we feel our Lincolnshire brethren must prefer to resume their old functions quietly, and as though there had been no break in the continuity of their performance.

MIDDLESEX

next claims our attention. Three of its 32 lodges and the chapter attached to a fourth sent up Stewards, and amongst them they have handed in the respectable total of £156 16s., Bro. Fidler, W.M. of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, taking the lead with between £80 and £81. Had Comp. Marshall, of the Royal Hanover Chapter, No. 1777, Grand Treasurer, been included in the provincial portion of the returns, the sum of the Middlesex contributions would have been £261 16s. However, it is our business to analyse what is placed before us, not to classify it first and then analyse it, so we leave the Grand Treasurer in London, where he mostly is, and where in this instance he has been assigned a place, more especially as Middlesex can afford to accept the lesser total, its contributions being as generous as they are regular. Last year it raised some £616, and in 1882 £1212. This year its aggregate reaches within half-a-crown of £725, making a total for the three years of £2553, and a very good total, too, which nobody can deny.

A "circootious" or any other route will land us safely enough in

MONMOUTHSHIRE,

where a very pretty picture is presented to our view—a small province, mustering only eight lodges all told, with a list of contributions amounting to £307 13s. For this we have to acknowledge our indebtedness to Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, a Past A.G.D.C., and the Deputy of Bro. Col. Lyne, P.G.M. Naturally a small district cannot be always dispensing moneys, but Monmouthshire, when it does come forward, has a knack of doing the thing handsomely, this present performance and last year's subscription to the Girls of £236 being the latest illustrations in point. As Captain Fluellen might say: "Intee, these are fery goot lists" for so small a constituency."

The alphabet, if not the printed list of Stewards, takes us next to Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn's province of

NORTH WALES AND SALOP,

three of whose 27 lodges, by as many Stewards, make up a subscription of £185 17s., the list of Bro. the Rev. R. Jackson, S.W. of Audley Lodge, No. 1896, Newport, Shropshire, including by far the greater portion of this sum, namely, £143 17s. In May its total was £70, with some odd shillings, and it was entered for a small amount at the Boys' Festival in 1883, but in 1882 it exerted itself more successfully, the total of its contributions being £537.

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

With its 10 lodges, figures for £215 5s., Bro. H. J. Atkins, G.S. Warden of the province, representative of two out of the three Northampton lodges—the Pomfrét, No. 360, and the Eleanor Cross, No. 1764—being the Steward, who has so well upheld the fame of the brethren in this district. Last year it gave its undivided attention to the Benevolent Institution, and the year before it did a similar service for the Girls' School. In fact, the rule with this province—and a very excellent rule it undoubtedly is—is to give each Institution its turn and concentrate its strength for the time being in aid of it. There are many less effective ways than this of doing good service. Turning northwards, we come to

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

Which works bravely and apparently in the manner of Norths and Hants, at least to the extent of concentrating its strength for particular occasions. Thus in 1883 it raised £190 for the Benevolent, and then it rested. In February it again helped Bro. Terry to the extent of £142 14s. 6d., one return being unaccounted for. In May it rested again, and on Saturday returned to the charge with a total of £231 10s. 6d., of which we presume Bro. Toplis's list of £141 15s. may be taken to represent the contributions of the province generally, while the other Stewards, Bro. Isaac Davis, as representative of the Newstead and De Vere Lodges, Nos. 47 and 1794 respectively, and Bro. Marx, of Carnarvon, No. 1909, may be supposed to have confined their attentions to those lodges.

We confess to a feeling of disappointment in connection with

OXFORDSHIRE.

Judging it by the ordinary tests, it may be said to have played its part fairly well. It raised a trifle over £90 for Bro. Terry in February, and followed this up with a contribution of £61 at Bro. Hedges' Festival in May. It is now entered for £141 14s. 6d. There are but 10 lodges on the roll of the province, so that if we strictly obey our own canons of criticism, we ought perhaps to suggest that for a single year an aggregate of £293 for such a province was decidedly a good one. And so it is in ordinary circumstances. But Martin Tupper, or some other kindred spirit, is credited, we believe, with having remarked sententiously, "Blessed is the man that expecteth nothing, for he shall not be disappointed." We have been faithful to the Tupperian maxim. We did expect that Oxfordshire would have acquitted itself exceptionally well at this Festival, because, in the first place, its late lamented Chief had graciously consented to take the chair, and then, because death having made the fulfilment of that intention impossible, we had imagined the influence of the late Prince's name would have been only in a slight degree less powerful for good than his personal influence. Perhaps the best and only course for us to pursue is to apologise for having allowed ourselves to be betrayed into a very natural error. Oxfordshire has done well both on extraordinary and ordinary occasions, and if we have been over-sanguine in this instance, it is our own fault.

The transition to

SOMERSETSHIRE,

a province that is ruled by a distinguished Oxford graduate, involves us in no difficulty. We have, as a rule, had the pleasure of associating with this county somewhat heavier figures than the £64 1s. of Bro. Budge's list of Saturday last. But in February, Bro. Else, Lord Carnarvon's Deputy, raised £505 5s. for the Benevolent, and there was a further sum of £71 8s. contributed in May per Bro. Major Thrale Perkins. Thus the total for the present year is slightly in excess of £640, while in 1883 "Our Boys" received from this source £357 10s. 6d., making a round £1000 for the four Festivals.

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION)—

has 16 lodges, and the list of Bro. T. Matthews, its representative on Saturday, reached £200 exactly. In May it contributed £160 to the Girls' School, and it furnished a Steward for the Benevolent Festival in February, but the amount of his list was not published. At Bro. Binckes's Festival in June, 1883, it raised for him £230, and it did a like service to the extent of £217 for Bro. Hedges the May previous, while in 1882 the sum of its contributions to the two Schools was £574, of which £374 appeared in Bro. Binckes's returns. Our one remark must be—Well done, South Wales East!

Its next door neighbour,

SOUTH WALES—(WESTERN DIVISION)—

which a short time since had the misfortune to lose its respected and popular P.G.M., Bro. Col. Lloyd-Philipps, has only nine lodges on its roll, but the small amount of ten guineas standing to its credit, or rather to the credit of its representative, Bro. Aaron Stone, on this occasion, must not be taken as any criterion of what it usually does when it figures at one of our Festival celebrations. It was only in May last that it raised £262 10s. for the Girls' School, its then Steward being Bro. Rev. J. Marsden. Last year, under the auspices of the same Bro. Aaron Stone, it contributed £350 to the Boys' School, and in 1882, when its late lamented chief took the chair for Bro. Terry, its subscriptions and donations amounted to £360 and a fraction. Thus in the three years, 1882-3-4, we manage to get within measurable distance of £1000, which for a province with only nine lodges is worthy of high commendation.

There always have been good men and true among the Masons of

STAFFORDSHIRE,

but they seem—it may be in our imagination only—to have placed themselves more prominently than usual before the Masonic world during the past few years. At all events, their labours in behalf of our Institutions strike us as being more beneficial, reminding us of what frequently happened when the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot was at the head of the province. Thus it began the year with a subscription of £152 5s. to the Benevolent. In May it somewhat exceeded this amount, and presented the Girls' School with £180 19s. 6d. On Saturday, three Stewards, acting for as many lodges, together amassed £313 1s. 6d., the Abbey Lodge, No. 624, Burton-on-Trent, occupying the place of honour with £141 15s., Bro. Richard Tooth, for the Portland, No. 637, Stoke-upon-Trent, being second with £94 6s., and Bro. F. Derry, of St. James's Lodge, No. 482, Handsworth, third with £77 0s. 6d. Here then we have a total of £646 for one year only, while in 1883 it raised £790, and in 1882 over £616, or for the triennial period, over £2052.

SUFFOLK,

with 21 lodges, though principally an agricultural district, is both regular and liberal in its assistance. Last year it raised £568, namely £166 for the Benevolent, £136 for the Girls, and £265 13s. for the Boys. In February it started with £201 1s. 6d.; in May it helped Bro. Hedges with £247 16s.; and on this occasion it swells Bro. Binckes's total to the extent of £157 4s., thus carrying its total for 1884 to £606, or not much short of £40 more than it contributed even in so good a year as 1883. Here again we find an eminently popular chief in the person of Lord Wavency, and a most zealous Deputy in Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn. Thus the reason why this kindly spirit is so active may very easily be explained.

In the case of

SURREY,

we see another good province with a fair muster roll of 26 lodges, a popular chief, General Brownrigg, a most indefatigable Deputy, Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, and a general desire everywhere noticeable to do a good turn to all our Charities. This desire was evinced on Saturday, by an aggregate of subscriptions and donations amounting to £252 6s., which, added to a total of £89 5s. in May, and £244 4s. in February, gives for 1884 altogether about £585. In 1883 it raised over £1083, but then General Brownrigg presided at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and a supreme effort was made in honour of the occasion. In 1882 and previous years the returns show most excellent results.

The contiguous Province of

SUSSEX

enjoys all the advantages we have enumerated in the cases of Suffolk and Surrey, and, like them, is resolved on turning them to the best possible account. It has some 25 lodges, and of these Royal York, No. 315, and St.

Cecilia, No. 1636, both of Brighton, were jointly represented by Bro. W. H. Gibson, whose total was just 150 guineas (£157 10s.) In May it figured for £237 6s., and in February for £63 only, giving for the year within a few shillings of £458. In 1883 it gave the Benevolent £210; the Girls', £363; and the Boys', £375 7s., or slightly less, if we take them together, than £950; in 1882 the sum of its contributions was £920, nearly; for the three years £2328. Very well done, Sussex!

WARWICKSHIRE,

with its 30 lodges, is entered for a small £73 10s., the sum of two lists; but, as we remarked in respect of the Girls' School returns in May last, this province has given us no just measure of its strength since 1882, when that Institution was benefited to the extent of £810. Three totals, making together less than £250, is not what we look for even on ordinary occasions from so influential a province, presided over by so experienced and able a chief as Lord Leigh. Warwickshire can do the thing well when it exerts itself. What we venture to ask for is just a little more exertion.

The sum contributed by

WILTSHIRE

is little more than nominal, a list of £10 10s., which but ill represents even so small a province. But it swells the total for the year to over £253, and in 1883 and 1882 it gave £185 and £300 respectively. Thus, if Wilts has only 10 lodges, it finds the wherewith to assist in replenishing the treasuries of our three Institutions.

WORCESTERSHIRE,

in respect of numerical strength, is only slightly ahead of Wilts, its lodges being 11 in number, while in both there is apparent the same kind of zeal, though it may not be as perceptible, or be it said rather, as effective on all occasions alike. To-day the five Worcestershire Stewards give in a total of £201 17s.; in May the amount was only £105, while in February it was slightly more—£110 5s.—the three returns producing over £416. But last year it raised over £764—£219 for the Benevolent, £217 for the Girls', and £328 for the Boys'; while in 1882 the total was £387. Thus, if the totals vary, the will remains unchanged, and, doubtless, will be found unchangeable.

The total contributed by

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

during the current year is in round figures £256, namely, £49 18s. to the Old Men and Women, £131 10s. to the Girls' School, and £75 to "Our Boys." At the first blush this seems but a modest sum for a province which has 28 lodges on its roll, and a legendary Masonic history dating back from a very remote antiquity. But, even in his most sanguine moments, Bro. Binckes can never have anticipated that last year's magnificent results would be repeated this. Even the most powerful of our provinces—that is, from a numerical point of view—are incapable of displaying uniformly the same brilliant effects, and what it would be unreasonable to expect from the Lancashire or West Yorkshire, would be still more unreasonable in the case of the far smaller province of North and East Yorkshire. True, it raised £920 in 1883, of which £873 7s. was for the Boys' School, while in 1882 its contributions reached £695, of which the Girls' absorbed the lion's share in the shape of £500. But efforts such as these justify a term of comparative or absolute rest; and it is to the credit of North and East Yorkshire that it has preferred the comparative to the absolute, and supplemented its work of the last 10 years by such contributions as we have specified already.

On the other hand, and for the very obvious reason that it is one of our biggest provinces, the returns strike us as being somewhat out of sorts—somewhat deficient—of

WEST YORKSHIRE,

which is undoubtedly below its average. We have become so habituated to associating with it many Stewards and big figures that any contribution below £600 strikes us as being disappointing. We remember we had a sort of despondent feeling come over us, as though a grave catastrophe had overtaken the province, in February last, when we saw no more than £352 and odd shillings standing to the credit of West Yorkshire in the Benevolent Festival returns. We know well our feelings were the reverse of despondent in May when it sent up a total of £900. The figures on Saturday last £589 12s.—raise the year's aggregate to £1841, and the aggregate of the last 10 years—from 1875 to 1884, both inclusive—to £20,463. This means that, during the decennial period over which our inquiries have extended, West Yorkshire has contributed at these celebrations rather more than an average of £680 per Festival.

FOREIGN STATIONS, &c.

Three of the Stewards who figure under this head have made their returns and the result is £37 16s. It only remains for Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, as representing the Royal Order of Scotland, to go and do likewise, and the figures relating to this section of the Board of Stewards will be complete.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We have completed our examination of the Returns. We have conscientiously striven to avoid exaggerating either the good or the indifferent that is in them. Plain facts and figures that tell their own tale are best dealt with in plain homely fashion. We have been actuated throughout by a desire to carry out this mode of treatment, and we hope we have succeeded in our purpose. One further remark may justifiably be made. If we exclude from last year's figures the sum total of the moneys subscribed to the Building Fund, we shall find no very great difference in the support accorded last year and this to the General Fund. On this point we may congratulate not only the Chairman and his Stewards, but in a particular degree the House Committee and the Secretary. It is by their efficient efficiency of the school is maintained, and consequently it is their influence which has brought about these great successes.

MANUSCRIPTS.—The word comes from "manu," "scriptus," and means the labour of Masonic chirography. In 1717 many old MSS. were collected together by request of Grand Master Payne, and in 1720 some foolish brethren are said by Anderson to have burnt several important MSS., especially one by Nicholas Stone. And no doubt there always has been, (there still is in England), a dislike to open out the lodge archives, and peruse or publish any MS. evidences. Thanks to the labour of a zealous band of Masonic students—among them W. J. Hughan, D. Murray Lyon, and W. B. Ellis, may be specially mentioned—and some others, the search for and transcription of Masonic MSS. have for the last few years been most successfully carried on. We know now more of the MSS. of Masonry than were open to Anderson, Preston, Hutchinson, or even were available by Oliver. Many MSS. still remain in England to be disinterred from the dust of years.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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The change of system should have been made sooner, but prejudices, like vested interests, are not easily overcome, and we must be thankful the struggle was not still further prolonged.

Having thus described uninterruptedly the events that culminated in the purchase of the land and premises at Wood Green, we must hark back to the year 1846, when Bro. Cabbell was elected Treasurer, and traversing afresh the years intervening between that event and Christmas, 1856, select from the official and other records such other circumstances as we think likely to prove interesting to our readers. We may be certain, for instance, and we are confident our friends will be glad to have testimony of the fact, that the Committee were careful, as they went on extending the benefits of the Charity, to ensure as far as possible that only worthy candidates should be received under their charge. Thus at the Quarterly Court in July, 1848—the very meeting at which it was agreed to consider for the first time after Bro. Cabbell's accession to office how best the Institution could be extended—a Committee, consisting of Bros. Cabbell, W. H. White, Rev. J. E. Cox, Thomas Waring, J. C. Fourdrinier, George Barrett, and Henry Faudel, was appointed to consider and report as to any and what alterations it might be expedient to make in the qualification of candidates, and on the 1st January, 1849, on the recommendation of this Committee, it was agreed "That no petition be received in which it shall appear that the father of a candidate has abandoned Masonry or has ceased to be a subscribing member to any of the Masonic Charities for a period of five years previous to the presentation of such petition." Two years later a somewhat similar resolution was adopted on the recommendation of Bro. Alston, the five years' limit being retained as to exclusion from candidature, while exceptions from the rule were made in favour not only of those who subscribed to one of the Masonic Charities, but also of those who had left Freemasonry from causes beyond their own control. It was also allowed that the child of a deceased brother who was a subscribing member to a lodge or lodges within five years of his death should be eligible.

Again, one conspicuous result of the improvements introduced during this period will be found in the greater care bestowed on the children educationally. Not only were they put through a higher kind of training, there being several cases in which children were taught French in addition to the usual subjects of a sound English education, but examinations were held periodically under the direction of the Committee, the Rev. Bro. J. E. Cox rendering valuable service in the capacity of examiner, and instead of the solitary silver medal awarded annually to the best writer, several prizes were instituted for proficiency in the most important of the prescribed subjects as well as for good conduct, the silver medal still retaining its place among the rewards bestowed. Care was taken that the examinations should be conducted as ceremoniously as possible, the Grand Master very graciously permitting the use of the Temple in Freemasons' Hall for the purpose, and the examiners regularly submitting a report of their proceedings and commenting impartially on the knowledge, or want of knowledge, shown by the boys who were brought under their notice. There is little doubt the institution of these tests of progress and proficiency had an important effect on the minds of the brethren on the Committee, and hastened the adoption of their resolve to have a School of their own. The country boys were almost necessarily excluded from the competition for prizes, and the different systems of tuition adopted in the different schools made it next to impossible to adopt any other basis than age for classifying the children. There is one other point that is worth noticing under this head. The prizes were formally distributed to the successful boys, and it is only reasonable to suppose that this quasi-public ceremonial must have exercised a most salutary effect on the boys generally, by stimulating those who had already achieved distinction to further efforts in order to repeat their successes, and those who had failed in the competition to similar efforts in the same direction, in order to defeat in their turn those who had previously defeated them. In fact, the Institution had set its mind on training its young charges more after the manner of other children of the same status in life, and it was not long before the most satisfactory results of this determination made themselves apparent.

In the financial management of the Institution, the utmost regard was paid to economy. The Committee of inquiry appointed in July, 1848, having drawn attention to the excessive amount of the working expenses as compared with the sum devoted to the legitimate purposes of the Charity, and having recommended that the house in Bloomsbury-place should be given up, the General Committee lost no time in carrying out the suggestion under the professional guidance of their honorary solicitor, Bro. R. H. Giraud, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed, and very justly, seeing that the sum total of his bill for these and other services extending over 10 years was only £41. At the same time that Bro. Giraud got rid of the house, he arranged to rent rooms as offices at 36, Great Queen-street, for £32 per annum. Towards the close of 1856 a further saving was effected, the offer of the Girls' School Committee to place rooms in the house in Great Queen-street occupied by them at the service of the Boys' Institution at a yearly rental of £20, the other expenses to be shared equally between the two Charities, being very readily and gratefully accepted. At the same time, steps were taken to encourage brethren and lodges to subscribe, and in July, 1851, a money qualification was for the first time attached to the status of a Vice-President, a resolution being passed to the effect "That a Donation of Fifty Guineas by one or more payments within three years shall constitute the Donor a Vice-President of the Institution for Life; but should the number of Vice-Presidents be reduced at any time below five, the Quarterly Court shall have the power, should it see fit, to fill up that number by election." As a matter of course, these evidences of a desire to administer the funds economically, coupled with the determination to raise the Institution to a position worthy of the Craft, had the effect of very materially increasing the support received from the brethren, the accounts for the year 1853-4, to give this one as an illustration—disclosing an estimated expenditure of only £814, as against receipts amounting to £1746, the Festival yielding not far short of £1000, towards the General Fund, while the contributions to the Building Fund were kept separate and form no part of the above sum of £1746. It is to be regretted that more prominence is not given in the minutes to the Anniversary celebrations in aid of the Institution, but the references to them during this period are more frequent and the practice of recording votes of thanks to the Chairman and Stewards for their services pretty regularly observed. In short, during the first 10 years of Bro. Cabbell's Treasurership, the Institution would seem to have

advanced both rapidly and surely in public favour, and with a school-building of their own in which to lodge the children, we may be sure the Committee applied themselves with renewed vigour to the further development of the Charity.

(To be continued.)

CONSECRATION OF THE STARKIE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 935, SALFORD.

This ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, Salford, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The new chapter is in connection with the Lodge of Harmony, No. 935, held in the same building, and in which are also held the Newall and St. John's Lodges. Every accommodation is afforded in the hall for lodge meetings, there being a commodious lodge room and cloak room facing it on the first floor, whilst the ground floor possesses a banquet room, similar in size to the lodge room, kitchen, scullery, &c. It is not many months since that a bazaar was held in the building, in order to defray the cost of furnishing and decorating the different rooms. The R.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, opened the bazaar, and the proceeds from the sale of the various articles that had been contributed by members of the three lodges attained the respectable sum of £400, and was more than sufficient to obliterate the debt. It was, we believe, on the occasion of Col. Starkie's visit that permission was given, in the event of a warrant being granted for a new chapter, to name it after him.

A petition was sent to Grand Chapter some three months since, signed by Comp. J. J. Meakin, Z. designate; James Sudren, H. designate; W. Dumville, J. designate; and others, for leave to form a new chapter, which was subsequently granted, and the Starkie Chapter is now fairly launched.

There were present:

Comps. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.E.P.G. Supt.; Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G. 2nd Principal; James Hill Sillitoe, P.G. 3rd Principal; Abraham Clegg, P.G.P.S.; James Dawson, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.E.; Chas. Heywood, P.G.S.N.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.G. Treas.; J. Foyster, P.G. Reg.; John Roberts, P.G.D. of C.; Richard Nelson, P.G. Std. Br.; John Bolland, P.Z. 126, Z. 116, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Henry Thomas, P.Z. 277, P.P.G.P. Soj.; Joseph Clotton, P.G. Org.; Herbert Finch, Z. 323, P.G.D. Cers. Cheshire; John Greaves, P.Z. 277; Chas. Swinn, 204; Henry Paulden, P.S. 204; C. M. Godby, P.Z. 325; Thos. Southern, 325; A. B. Whittaker, H. 204; Wm. Dumville, 163; W. H. Malkin, 325; Henry Holder, 325, P.P.G.T.; T. H. Jenkins, 152; Alfred Lewtas, 1387; Henry Miller, 1387; J. W. Lean, 325; J. Davies, 325; and R. R. Lisenden, S.E. 317 (*Freemason*).

A chapter was opened soon after three o'clock, and shortly afterwards the M.E.P.G., First, Second, and Third Principals entered, attended by Present and Past Officers.

After the Principals had been saluted in the usual manner, Comp. Chas. Heywood, P.G.S.N., in the temporary and unavoidable absence of Comp. John Chadwick, P.G.S.E., read a letter from Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, to the effect that although the warrant was not ready to deliver to the chapter yet everything had been arranged to admit of the chapter being formed in proper order.

Comp. CHAS. HEYWOOD read a copy of the warrant, and afterwards the petitioners were arranged in order, Comps. J. J. Meaken, Chas. Sudren, Wm. Dumville, J. W. Lean, Thos. Southern, John Davis, W. H. Malkin, and Henry Holder.

Comp. Benj. Taylor, P.Z. 325, P.P.G.T., one of the petitioners, was unavoidably absent.

The M.E.P.G. SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions, and expressed the pleasure he felt at being present amongst them, and consecrating a chapter bearing his own name, which he trusted would last as long as the chapter.

Upon the companions signifying their approval of the officers named in the petition, a prayer was offered by the Prov. Grand J., and the M.E. P.G. Superintendent delivered a short oration upon the beauties and objects of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Three Principals designate presented to the three Prov. Grand Principals in order corn, wine, and oil, who thereupon dedicated the chapter to plenty, joy, and gladness, and benevolence, and charity. The M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent subsequently declared the chapter properly constituted, after which the anthem "Behold, how good and joyful" was sung, and the Benediction uttered. The Three Principals designate were presented to the M.E.P.G. Superintendent, who called upon Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P. G.J., to install them into their respective positions, which our gifted companion accordingly did with due rite and ceremony, as follows: Comps. J. J. Meakin, Z.; Jas. Sudren, H.; and Wm. Dumville, J. Comp. Sillitoe invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing 12 months: Comps. J. W. Lean, S.E.; Thos. Southern, P.S.; and Henry Holder, Janitor. Comp. Sillitoe also delivered the addresses, and concluded the ceremony with prayer.

Immediately afterwards, the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent retired. Previous to Col. Starkie leaving the chapter, the newly-installed Z., Comp. J. J. MEAKIN, proposed, and Comp. J. SUDREN, H., seconded, a vote of thanks for his kindness in being present to consecrate the chapter; and also that he be offered the honorary membership of the chapter.

The proposition was unanimously carried, and Col. STARKIE returned thanks in a few appropriate sentences.

The chapter was shortly afterwards closed. The companions afterwards dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The musical portion of the ceremony was entrusted to those well-known executants, Comps. Alfred Lewtas, H. Miller, and Wm. Dumville. Comp. Joseph Clotton, P.G. Org., officiated at the harmonium. The same companions sang the various songs and glees after dinner, and performed their duties most satisfactorily.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

CONGRESS OF WASHINGTON.—In 1822 a Congress of Freemasons in America (or rather American Freemasons), was held in the capital of the United States in 1822, to consider the desirability of forming a "General Grand Lodge," on a similar basis to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. All attempts have so far failed to effect such a purpose; and as the project was unsuccessful even when General George Washington was proposed as the General Grand Master, in 1780, it is not likely that any later revivals of such a pretentious aim would prove other than a failure. The present regulations observed generally throughout America, of a Grand Lodge for each State able to support with becoming dignity such an institution, is one much more favourable to true Masonic progress and happiness. —*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, July 12th, 1884, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notices of Motion as under:—

Upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B., Vice-President:—
"That, in consideration of the valuable services rendered to the Institution for many years past by Bro. G. J. Chancellor, that his Vice-Presidency be extended to an Hon. Vice-Patronship, with all the privileges attaching thereto."

By Bro. Controller S. G. BAKE, P. Prov. G.S.B. Cornwall:—
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F. R. W. HEDGES,
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock.

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Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank.

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Brethren intending to be present notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before the 7th July.

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To Correspondents.

F. PETRIE.—It is much to be deplored that the advocacy of such opinions should be in any way associated with a Masonic hall, but our Australian correspondent pointed out in our columns some time ago that the building is now owned by a non-Masonic proprietary, who let it for any purpose, but have not changed its name.

The following communications stand over until next week for want of space:—

Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent, at Deal.
Consecration of the Knole Chapter at Sevenoaks.
Consecration of the Apollo Lodge, No. 2042, Liverpool.
Consecration of the Portcullis Lodge, 2038, Langport.
The Papal and Priestly Fulminations.
English Freemasonry before 1717.

CRAFT LODGES:—True Friendship, 160; Lodge of Harmony, 373; Devonshire, 594; Derby 724; Prince of Wales, 1035; Stanley, 1325.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"La Abeja," "Die Bauhütte," "Jewish Chronicle," "Hull Packet," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "New York Dispatch," "The Stable," "Court Circular," "Masonic Chronicle," "Cleveland Mercury and Courier," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Post Office and the Telephone Companies," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Bridgewater Mercury," "The Tricentennial Journal," "Young Men's Christian Association Times," "Freemasons' Journal," "Liberal Freemason," "Voice of Masonry."



SATURDAY, JULY 5, 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 allow them to state their views within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

AN OLD CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have recently become possessed of an old lodge parchment certificate (a copy of which I enclose, a facsimile as to spelling, pointing, &c.), issued by "Lodge No. 1," at Jersey, on the 20th day of November, 1795. Bro. Wm. James Hughan, to whom I have shown it, considers it is of interest, and by his desire I forward it, for publication if you think proper.

The lodge referred to as No. 1, Jersey, was the original No. 98, Army Lodge, held in Elizabeth Castle, Jersey, warranted by the "Atholl" Grand Lodge in 1762. The lodge was transferred in 1808 to Guernsey on payment of £21 to Grand Lodge for Charity fund, and has since been known as "Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship," and is now No. 84.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN LANE, I.P.M. 1402.

Torquay, June 21st.

TO ALL ENLIGHTENED BRETHREN AND DARK-
NESS COMPREHENDETH IT NOT.

By Authority of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, of the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Sark, and Alderney, and by Deputation from the Right Worshipful Grand Master, of all regular constituted LODGES, within the Dominions of His Majesty, the King of Great-Britain, &c. &c. &c.
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That Francis Lauzun was by us made an entered Apprentice, past Fellow of the Craft and raised to the Degree of Master Mason; that by his proper behavior, assiduity and zeal in carrying on our work, he has justly merited the Goodwill, Affection and Regard of the Brethren.

In witness whereof we have given him this Certificate (which he himself has signed) that he, with Joy & Satisfaction, may meet with a good reception from all enlightened Brethren, returning the same to every Brother who may present himself to him, with an equally just title.

GIVEN Under our HANDS and SEAL, and countersigned by our Secretary, at our LODGE in St. HELIER, to have full effect, and authenticity, after comparing the said Brothers signature, this 20th day of the eleventh Month in the Year of Light 5795.

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* I can decipher part of this seal, which has a rising sun in the centre, surmounted by a cannon, standing on a scroll, with L on one side and No. 1 on the other. On a ribbon or scroll, enclosing part of the seal are the words: "Be Virtuous and be Happy."

ERRATA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to correct three errata of a most provoking kind in my reviews in your last impression of the *Freemason*. One is "wary" for "manly," which is most unhappy in Canning's effective lines, the other is "recui" for "recu," and the third is "sorgesse" for "sagesse." Some of these errata are quite unaccountable, and unexplainable on any known data of type-ical psychology.—Yours fraternally,

YOUR REVIEWER.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Apologies of your first leaderette in your issue of 21st ult., and more especially in connection with the concluding sentence thereof, will you allow me to point out that the insinuation is hardly fair to the brethren who initiated the movement and carried it to successful issue?

From my own personal knowledge of these brethren, and of the circumstances attendant upon the movement, I can assure you and your readers that nothing but a conviction that the best interests of the Craft were being served induced them to persevere in the matter. And had they not been assured of the support of nearly all good and true Masons throughout our colony, they would not have disturbed existing arrangements.

As late Secretary of Lodge 505 (E.C.), I am able to state that not a dozen active brethren of that lodge have declined to transfer their allegiance to the new Grand Lodge, and further that the only lodge (working under the E.C.), which declined to join in the movement, did so on the ground that the W.M. desired permission from the Grand Lodge previous to acknowledging its formal adhesion to the movement. I will only add, that the best test of the bona fides of "the small body of agitators" consisted in their resolutely declining office in the new Grand Lodge, although they had previously held high positions in the District Grand Lodges.—I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MASON.

4, Hatherly-grove, Bayswater, W.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can any of your readers inform me whether the cost of the very handsome testimonial to a former distinguished President of the Board of General Purposes, which took the form of the well-executed marble bust by I. believe, Durham, occupying so prominent a position on the grand staircase of Freemasons' Hall, was defrayed by voluntary subscription or by a special vote of Grand Lodge?—Yours fraternally,

ENQUIRER.

July 3.

SIR J. B. MONCKTON'S TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The publicity given in your columns to what was intended as a private communication to some of those only who were believed to be personal friends of Sir John Monckton has elicited such numerous and liberal offers of subscriptions, that it is only due to his many friends for it to be stated that it is altogether an error to suppose that our distinguished brother has consented to receive anything in the shape of a testimonial from the general body of the Craft. His services to Freemasonry have already been so fully and so generally recognised, as not to need any further expression of approval.

Those friends of his, however, who have enjoyed the privilege of serving with him on the Board of General Purposes, and over which he has presided with such marked ability for, it is believed, a longer period—with perhaps a single exception—than any of his predecessors, were not unnaturally anxious to present him, upon his retirement from the chair, with some slight souvenir of their most agreeable association; and it has been a source of gratification to them that Sir John Monckton has had the graciousness to express his willingness to accept such a memento.

The subscription list, which was at once filled, has for some time been closed; and it is much to be regretted that a strictly private movement should have afforded an opportunity for public criticism.—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

London, July 2nd.



THE MAGAZINES.

Here are the monthly serials once again, no doubt full of interesting matter, but covering an extent of thought, study, and information, which it is difficult to realize, and harder still to master. At times it would almost seem as if in the overwhelming mass of quarterly, monthly, fortnightly magazines, to say nothing of certain hebdomadal papers, we had little time to take in the feast of intellectual and æsthetical good things, thus lavishly provided for all tastes and all ages, much less to assimilate it in our mental and moral digestion, safely and well. Be this as it may, here are the magazines, and therefore to our literary banquet let us proceed with what appetite we may.

"The Century" still is Ar, and in our opinion ahead of all its contemporaries. In the present number, "Recent Architecture in America," "Scenes of Hawthorne's Romances," "Cruising around Cape Breton," "A Greek Play at Cambridge," are remarkable articles, whether you look at the matter or the illustrations. "Dr. Sevier" is becoming most interesting, and "Lady Barberina" ends, "Her Experiment" being so far rather doubtful, but things may improve. We can also favourably notice "John Bright," and most truly "The Story of Myra." Indeed, we fear the latter is an "over true tale."

"Harper's Magazine" is a very interesting and striking serial. "The Nile," "Harrow-on-the-Hill," "Summer Resorts of the St. Laurence," "Approaches to New York," "Old Hickory," "The Professional Beauties of the last Century," all demand and deserve perusal. "Prince

Bismark in Private Life" is admirably expressed, and "Judith Shakespeare" and "Nature's Serial Story" will find admiring readers.

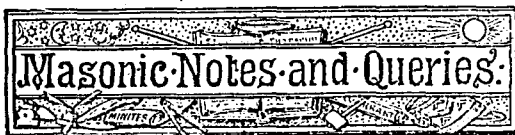
"The English Illustrated" keeps improving and improving. Bro. R. R. Holmes's able paper on the "Royal Collection of Miniatures" will be much appreciated. "An Unsentimental Journey through Cornwall" is charming; "The Weasel and his Family," "How a Bone is built," will find eager readers. "The Armourer's Prentices," and "The Author of Beltraccio" have much power.

"Temple Bar" is more Temple-barrish than ever, which is saying a good deal. "A Real Princess" and "The Unwilling Guest" are both good. "Queen Victoria" is very readable and true, but a little too slight in texture, while "Scriptural Quotations" are absolutely weak. The writer has clearly not studied the subject or his memory is defective. He forgets one of the best stories of Sheridan's Father, who could not get promotion, because on the accession of George I., forgetting the anniversary, he preached an old sermon at Dublin Castle, "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof." A very interesting article might be made on the subject. We can, however, commend "Among the Teutons." The general English idea of Germany and German ways is a disgrace to our national character for fairness and understanding. The Germans are in their home-life a most kindly and cultivated people.

"Longman's Magazine" is distinguished by "Jack's Courtship," and "Madam," and a new story, "A Blue Grass Penelope," by Bret Harte, and "Maurice," by G.K.H.B. "Mrs. Forrester" has become very exciting. "All the Year Round" is decidedly dull. "The May Lilies" is pretty, and "Gerald," and "A Drawn Game," and "Progress," and "Acquaintances" is, to our mind, simply unhealthy in tone and result.

"The Antiquary and Bibliographer" are full of recondite matter on their specific subjects.

"Freemasons' Journal," No. 1, New York. We welcome a new "confrere" and a fresh Masonic literary venture. We trust success may float it along happily. We are among those who think that, obeying nature's great law and necessity of Light, we cannot have too many well-conducted Masonic journals. It is however odd, that amid the 600,000 Freemasons of America we hear from time to time the statement that nothing is so hard to keep up in America as a Masonic Journal. We trust the success of the "Freemasons' Journal," New York, may belie the accusation.



364] THE DUKE OF RICHMOND AND THE CONSTITUTIONS OF 1738.

Bro. Francis mentions in his "History of Freemasonry in Sussex" that the Duke of Richmond, P.G.M., presented a copy of these very Constitutions to a Sussex lodge in 1738, and which are still extant and in the possession of the Union Lodge, No. 38. The old lodge died out. Thus we have a Grand Master of our Order presenting a lodge in Chichester a book containing the statement that his father had been W.M. of a lodge in Chichester and Grand Master, an avowal which was either true or false, and which must have been known to be such one way or the other by the Chichester brethren themselves.

365] PRESENT AND MODERN MASONRY.

"August 2nd, 1814.
"Talbot Inn, Market-street, Manchester.
"At a meeting of the Fraternities of Freemasons of the Old and New Systems, a Lodge of Reconciliation was held. Present (on the part of the Old System)—
"W.M., Jno. McClelland, of Lodge 59—39, in the chair.
"S.W., Terence Devine, of Lodge 85—62.
"J.W., Jno. Wyche, of Lodge 250—201.
"S.D., Jno. Macquire, of Lodge 346—275.
"J.D., Wm. Tuft, of Lodge 366—289.
"Secy., Barny. Kavanagh, of Lodge 347—275.
"Treas., Pat. Murphy, of Lodge 377—296.
"P.M., Hy. Dey, of Lodge 351—278.
"Tyler, Danl. Macquire, of Lodge 347—275.
"Also Brs. Jno. Tute, of 366—289; James Hall, 378—297; Jno. Martin, 59—39. Opened on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree of Masonry.
"August 2nd, 1814.

"Lodge of Integrity, 267—212.
"The lodge was opened in due form on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree of Masonry, for the purpose of forming a Lodge of Reconciliation between the two Fraternities. Present—Brs. (on the part of the New System).
"Bent, of Lodge No. 599—580, W.M.
"Chew, of Lodge No. 267—212, S.W.
"Bosleur, of Lodge No. 509—580, J.W.
"Booth, of Lodge No. 507—443, S.D.
"Bentley, of Lodge No. 507—403, J.D.
"Pidgeon, of Lodge No. 267—212, Secy.
"McDowall, of Lodge No. 509—580, Asst. Secy.
"Brs. Musgrove, Lynch, and Harlehurst, Tylers.

"A message being sent by the W.M., Jno. Bent, requesting the attendance of Lodge of Ancient Masonry, which had previously been opened in an adjoining room, the following Brs. presented themselves as such as is mentioned before.
"The two W.M.'s having exchanged the O.B.'s, as is used by other Fraternities, to the satisfaction of all Brethren present, likewise the usual forms, &c., of each, an O.B. of Reconciliation was given by the two W.M.'s, repeated by the whole of the Brethren present, and accepted as an act of union, according to the instructions from the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasonry of England.
"On the motion of Mr. Pidgeon, which was seconded by Br. Chew, that the thanks of the Lodge of Integrity be given to the Brethren forming the above Lodge for their ready and punctual attendance for the purpose above specified, which was carried unanimously, and as unanimously carried were the thanks of the above lodge to the Lodge of Integrity. The thanks of the Lodge of Reconciliation was unanimously voted to Br. Bent, W.M., for his impartial and upright conduct this evening.

"Chas. Pidgeon { Joint } Jno. Bent, W.M.
"B. Kavanagh { Secys. } Jno. McClelland."
Extracted by J. GIBB SMITH, P.M. 44 and 64.



Craft Masonry.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel on Saturday last for the purpose of clearing the list of candidates for the Second and Third Degrees and to lessen the amount of work set down for the next regular meeting. There was a very good attendance and every officer being in his place the ceremonies were admirably conducted and a most useful and instructive evening resulted to the satisfaction of members and visitors alike. The W.M., Bro. Charles Henry Phillips, opened the lodge, supported by the R.W. Bro. Col. M. Ramsay, P.G.D.M. Punjab, P.M.; Bros. H. Maunders Williams, S.W.; John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Sec., as J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Hartley, S.D.; H. Hooper, J.D.; G. W. Knight, I.G.; P. M. Halkins, A.S.; F. Wooton, J. Fuller, E. Bye, E. Bye, jun., J. H. Worstercroft, W. H. O'Reilly, N. R. Mackinnon, S. S. Young, G. R. Langley, R. Neilans, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c.; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; S. Richardson, J.W. 183; E. A. Francis, 1658; G. Van Nolen, 188; and B. De Solla, 244.

The work of the evening comprised three passings and four raisings, the whole of which was most ably conducted by the W.M., who has evidently spared himself no pains to secure a perfect acquaintance with ritual and ceremonial, and who rules his lodge with a dignified courtesy worthy of general emulation. The work of the Officers, and we would note for special commendation that of the J.D., was also perfect, and in consequence the entire proceedings went smoothly throughout. There is an earnestness about the rulers and members of the Honor Oak Lodge which presages an enviable notoriety for this lodge in days to come, and it is to be hoped that such zealous efforts on behalf of pure and simple Masonry may not be lessened as the years roll on. The lodge was then closed.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., when, supported by a Board of upwards of 40 Installed Masters, Bro. George Ryrie, W.M. elect, P.P.G.A.D.C., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. B. Gibson, senior P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., and ably assisted by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Perfection alone is the word that can express the efficient manner which the installing chiefs of this province perform that beautiful ceremony. As was expected, the members of the "mystic tie" were present from the utmost corners of the country, and a few from far beyond. The W.M. elect is one of the original members of the grand old lodge, 119—only two of the present membership have a prior claim to top the list—having been initiated into the Craft, November, 1857, appointed a Prov. Grand Officer 1860, and eligible for election to the ancient chair 1861. The following brethren were invested as his officers for the year: Bros. R. W. Moore, I.P.M.; Robt. Miller, S.W.; W. C. Johns, J.W.; Rev. Joshua Tyson, P.M. 1532, P.P.G. Chap.; W. B. Gibson, Treas. (for the 16th time); T. F. Braithwaite, Sec.; Thos. Studholme, S.D.; Thos. Allinson, J.D.; J. H. Best, D.C.; Joseph Frears, P.P.G. Org.; R. L. Nutsford, I.G.; W. J. Tyson and John Atkinson, Stwds.; and Thomas Richardson, Tyler.

The members that signed were Bros. John Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Sandwith, P.M., P.G.J.W.; Ed. Atter, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. L. Paitson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Ed. Tyson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Spittall, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.G. D.C.; Charles J. Dalton, P.M.; J. McArthur, J. Rothery, Isaac Wilson, A. W. Parker, W. H. Rayson, Henry Hampton, J. B. Mossop, W. H. Bewlay, J. D. Thompson, W. J. Tyson, John Casson, William Pagen. The visitors were Bros. R. Leach, 310; J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Dickinson, W.M. 371; T. Mandale, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Abbott, J.W.; T. Glossall, W.M. 872, P.G. Stwd.; C. Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Huddleston, P.M.; E. G. Hughes, P.M.; H. Burns, S.W.; J. Moore; J. Paterson, W.M. 962; J. C. Thompson, S.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962 and 1225, P.P.G.P.; J. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; Dr. S. Braithwaite, I.P.M. 1267, P.G.J.D.; W. L. Tower-son, P.M., P.G. Purst.; J. Eilbeck, P.M.; W. J. Blythe; John Smith; H. Hartley; A. Moordaff, I.G.; W. Bradley, P.M. 1390; G. G. Glen, W.M. 1400; Dr. J. Dick, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. Carlyle, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. W. Fidler, Sec.; Rev. J. Tyson, I.P.M. 1532, P.P.G. Chap.; David Bell, W.M. 1660; J. Harper, I.P.M.; Richard Wilson, P.M.; Rowland Baxter, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. Jas. J. Lacey; C. Gowan, S.W. 1989; H. Ward, J.D.; E. Irving; J. McHarry; John Caffery, Tyler; G. J. Bell, P.M.; B. A. Bedford, P.M.; C. Dublin, and others.

It being an emergency meeting summoned for the purpose of installation, with a ring of "Heartly good wishes" the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and Bro. Ryrie invited all to accompany him to the banquet hall, which was crowded to excess. The spread was in quantity, quality, and service all that could be desired, and mine host of the Albion Hotel, Mr. Holmes, fully sustained his former reputation. The toast list was a long one, and, with songs from the first talent in the North, a pleasant gathering ended with the Tyler's toast about nine o'clock p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren connected with this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. There was a very large representation of the chief members of the Merchants' Lodge and visitors from other lodges in this part of the province, over which Bro. the Earl of Lathom presides so excellently as Prov. G.M. The business proceedings commenced about eleven o'clock, when Bro. J. Pendleton, W.M., opened the lodge, and during the day the following

brethren were present, either at the lodge or at the banquet which succeeded: Bros. George Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; James Winsor, P.M.; Richard Brown, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; George Hutchin, P.M.; Councillor G. Peet, P.M.; J. Brotherton, S.W., W.M. elect; Roger White, J.W.; Thomas Whitehead, P.M., Treas.; C. A. Luker, Sec.; Simon Jude, S.D.; Alfred Huther, J.D.; Thomas Salter, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Arthur Benedict, Org.; J. Macnab, I.G.; and Peter Ball, Tyler.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. S. Alpess, P. Grand Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; J. B. McKenzie, Prov. G. S.D., P.M. and Treas. 1609; J. P. Bryan, Prov. G.O.; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; D. M. J. Gaskin, W.M. 897; E. A. Robinson, P.P.G.P. Northumberland; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 241 and 823; Thomas Buxton, P.P.G.R., P.M. 1345; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1356; W. Savage, I.P.M. 1609; D. Cumming, 1609; E. King-Ellison, J.D. 1350; C. A. Giannacopulo, R. G. Broadley, J.W. 249; W. Maddox, J.D. 833; W. C. Cowell, 1695; J. C. Salmon, 905; R. W. Shortland, 216; W. Johnstone, 1609; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. John Brotherton, was presented for installation by Bros. R. Brown and G. Broadbridge, and the ceremony was performed with much effectiveness by Bros. J. Pendleton and R. Brown. The following brethren were subsequently invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Pendleton, I.P.M.; Roger White, S.W.; Chas. A. Luker, J.W.; Thomas Whitehead, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Simon Jude, Sec.; Alfred Huther, S.D.; J. Macnab, J.D.; James Procter, J.G.; William McLachlan, S.S.; Joseph Cornish, J.S.; Thos. Salter, P.M., D.C.; Arthur Benedict, Org.; and P. Ball, Tyler.

At the conclusion of business, the brethren proceeded by train to Southport, and in the course of the evening they dined at the Prince of Wales Hotel, about 100 members and visitors being present. The dinner—served under the direction of Bro. Wilkinson, the manager of the hotel—was of the very highest quality, and secured the hearty praise of all the brethren.

Bro. J. Brotherton, W.M., presided; and after dinner he proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. warmly repudiated the assertions made in the letters of the Pope and Cardinal McCabe in regard to the political and religious principles of the Order.

Bro. H. S. Alpess, Past. Grand Std. Br., in responding to the toast of "The R.W. Deputy G.M., Bro. Lord Lathom, and Pro G.M., Bro. Lord Carnarvon," also alluded to the subject, remarking that the members of the Order could not allow such charges to pass unnoticed, lest the world at large might begin to fancy there was something in them. As to the allegations of disloyalty and revolutionary designs, he should have thought that the fact that the Prince of Wales and his royal brothers were members of the Order would have been sufficient to deter Cardinal McCabe from making such a charge as he had made. It was not only, however, the present members of the Royal Family who were members, but for several generations Royalty had been at the head of the Order in England. If Cardinal McCabe would only preach to his flock in Ireland and elsewhere what Masons preached in their lodges, and what they inculcated to every member from the moment of his initiation—love of country, loyalty to the Throne, and charity to one another—if these broad principles were preached by Cardinal McCabe and his clergy wherever the Roman Catholic religion was established, there would be no disorder, no disloyalty, and none of those sad occurrences which they had for so many years had to deplore. Fortunately for their Order, those attacks only added to their Masonic strength, but at the same time they could not pass them unnoticed, and they were bound to point out to the public that their actions and their precepts were a direct contradiction to the charges made against them. Other toasts followed.

The banquet proceedings were agreeably diversified by an excellent musical programme, provided by Bros. J. Pendleton, I.P.M.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; R. N. Hobart, Morgan, Giannacopulo, E. King-Ellison, Bro. A. Benedict having charge of the musical arrangements. In the course of the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Pendleton, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge.

HULL.—Minerva Lodge (No. 250).—The annual installation of the W.M. and officers of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., being the time-honoured feast of St. John the Baptist, when the following, among other officers, were installed: Bros. Hy. J. White, W.M.; the Rev. Henry W. Kemp, B.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; William Kirk Brown, S.W.; and Geo. E. Selby, J.W. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., the Rev. H. W. Kemp, B.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Master of the Charterhouse, assisted by several Past Masters of the lodge. A supper was afterwards held in the dining hall, when the brethren were honoured by the company of the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Treas., Bro. R. W. Hollon, the Prov. Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, Bro. Henry Smith, by the W.Ms. of the Humber, Kensington, and De-la-Pole Lodges, and by other distinguished brethren. During the evening a valuable gold jewel (set with diamonds, &c.) was presented to the Rev. Bro. H. W. Kemp, and a gold bracelet for Mrs. Kemp, in commemoration of Bro. Kemp's retirement from the chair and of the centenary of the lodge, which was celebrated during his second year of Mastership. On the top bar of the jewel is the Rev. Kemp's monogram and the Provincial Grand Chaplain's emblem in enamel. Suspended from a festoon are the arms of the Charter House, enamelled in heraldic colours; beneath this is the head of Minerva, from which hangs the jewel itself. In the centre of the jewel is the centenary emblem, surrounded by the name, number, and date of the lodge, in enamel. It is supported on either side by bearings of ears of corn and sprigs of acacia, over which is a large clustre of lustrous diamonds. At the bottom of the jewel is the Past Master's emblem. The number of gems used is 17 diamonds, seven pearls, and four rubies of the first water. The back of the jewel is suitably inscribed.

HALESWORTH.—Prudence Lodge (No. 388).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. A. Caxton, W.M.; A. B. Bull, S.W.; G. J. Goodwyn, J.W.; R. Tittton, Treas.; A. E. Smith, P.M., Sec.; C. H. White, S.D.;

P. M. Canova, J.D.; J. M. Canova, P.M., P.G.S.W. Suffolk, D.C.; G. H. Rant, I.G.; James Miller, Tyler; R. Barker, J. O. Green, W. P. Gale, W. Duncan, Pryce, Morris, R. Baker, E. J. Goodwyn. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Harvey, P.M. 936, P.P.G.P. Suffolk; Hy. Sparrow, P.M. 936; Hugh W. Elwes, W.M. 1452; E. M. Adams, Eleny, T. Sergeant, and W. Browne, 1983.

This was the St. John's festival of the above lodge, when Bro. A. B. Bull was installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. A. E. Smith, P.M.; Sec., in such a manner as to call forth the highest encomiums, both from the brethren of the lodge and from the visitors who honoured the lodge by their presence. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. J. Goodwyn, S.W.; C. H. White, J.W.; R. Tilton, Treas.; A. E. Smith, P.M., Sec. (for the sixth time); P. M. Canova, S.D.; G. H. Rant, J.D.; J. O. Green, I.G.; and James Miller, Tyler.

A banquet was provided for the brethren in the dining room of the hall, the evening being spent in harmony.

MANCHESTER.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1161).—The installation meeting took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 18th ult. Present: Bros. Job Irlam, W.M.; A. H. Jeffers, S.W.; A. T. Nicholson, Sec.; J. M. Moss, J.D.; J. Hotherhall, I.G.; E. A. Elding, Stwd.; W. H. Anderson, P.M.; W. T. Norton, P.M.; Wm. Sturm, P.M.; James Hargreaves, P.M.; Julius Arensbergh, P.M.; P.P.G. Purst.; S. J. Lewis, B. Carr, W. E. Brotherton, B. Fothergill, C. Glave, C. J. Maples, and Geo. Burrows, Tyler. Visitors: J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, 1459, P.G. A.D.C.; W. J. Jaffrey, P.M. 152, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 1387, 317, P.G.J.W.; Richard Temperley, P.M. 993, P.P.G.D.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; C. J. Cummings, P.M. 1459; A. H. Sanson, W.M. 1730; A. B. Outram, W.M. 1052; J. A. Vincent, W.M. 1458; J. T. Richardson, W.M. 1459; J. H. Atkinson, J.D. 1622; James Dawson, P.M. 317; John Chadwick, P.M. 44; Prov. G. Sec.; Wm. Cartwright, P.M. 633; J. Moss, 1375; Thomas Fallows, P.M. 1052; T. Nelson, W.M. 993; J. G. Elderton, S.D. 317; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The number of Prov. Grand Officers and other visitors gave éclat to this eventful occasion, and testified to the popularity which the W.M. elect, Bro. A. H. Jeffers, enjoys, and to the appreciation which the brethren in Manchester hold for his enthusiasm in the cause of Freemasonry, and the anxiety he has always shown to be present and fulfil his duties in the various degrees to which he belongs.

The services of a very expert and popular brother were requisitioned to undertake the onerous duties of Installing Master, viz., Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J.W., and it is needless to say that he performed them with his well known ability and gave universal satisfaction.

The lodge was opened, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. A. H. Jeffers was presented to the Installing Master, and, with correct rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. was subsequently proclaimed and saluted, after which he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. Hirst, S.W.; W. Nicholson, J.W.; Job Irlam, I.P.M.; W. E. Atkin, Treas.; B. Carr, Sec.; J. M. Moss, S.D.; J. Hotherhall, J.D.; J. Maddick, I.G.; W. T. Norton, P.M., D.C.; H. L. Lilley, Org.; E. A. Ehlinger, E. Loebell, S. J. Lewis, and R. Fairhurst, Stwds., and they were invested and addressed by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe delivered the three addresses, and concluded the ceremony with prayer. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, to celebrate the Festival of St. John, and Mrs. Falshaw, the amiable proprietress, fully maintained the reputation she has so long enjoyed as a caterer, the banquet being all that could be desired. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured during the evening, and the I.P.M., Bro. Job Irlam, was presented with an unusually handsome Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester. The jewel, which was made of 15-carat gold, was an elegantly engraved square and problems, suspended from two richly engraved and pierced bars, between which were the arms of Earl De Grey and Ripon, artistically modelled and enamelled in the proper colours.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. A. Womersley, presided, supported by the following complement of officers: Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., S.W.; J. B. Sargent, P.M., acting J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., Chap., S.D.; H. G. F. Wells, Prov. G.A.P., P.M., Treas.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; Charles Armstrong, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; H. Kimm, I.G. (*Freemason*); and Jesson, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, P.M.; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M.; Charles Martin, J. B. Foord, J. B. Foster, W. T. Jordan, T. J. Walder, W. A. Raper, Major F. W. Robertson, R. T. Davison, M.D., and Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins. Visitors: Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Col. Forbes, Kilwinning Lodge; J. G. Calway, W.M. 1610; T. Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1820 and 1842; T. R. White, W.M. 1303; W. H. Russell, W.M. 40; F. H. Hallett, J.W. 40; T. W. Markwick, J.D. 40; Major de B. Cooper, 1842; J. D. Hunter, 40; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the Secretary and confirmed, Bro. Hawkins was then examined as to his proficiency in the First Degree, and the questions being well answered, the W.M., Bro. Womersley, very ably passed him to the degree of F.C. Bro. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and having assented to the ancient charges, was, on the withdrawal of the brethren below the chair, duly inducted into the chair of K.S., the ceremony throughout being most ably carried out by Bro. Womersley. The usual salutes and greetings in the Three Degrees were given, and the working tools presented. The appointment of officers then took place as follows: Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., S.W.; C. Armstrong, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, Treas. (re-invested); Robert Hughes, Sec. (re-invested); Henry Kimm, S.D.; J. B. Foord, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; C. W. Duke, D.C.; T. J. Walder, I.G.; and Jesson, Tyler (re-invested).

After some formal business had been transacted and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. At the conclusion, the usual loyal and Masonic complimentary toasts were given and duly responded to. During the evening some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. W. H. Russell, Markwick, J. D. Hunter, and others, which were highly appreciated. Altogether the whole proceedings were of a very pleasant and successful nature.

ELLAND.—Saville Lodge (No. 1231).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. L. Saville, W.M.; S. Dyson, S.W.; J. Emsley, J.W.; S. North, S.D.; Smithers, Sec.; Dr. Hoyle, I.G.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; Walker, P.M.; Rhodes, Feather, Buckland, Sutcliffe, and others. Visitor: Bro. Ricard, 61.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. Feather having answered the questions in a very satisfactory manner was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony was beautifully rendered by Bro. Saville. Bro. Dyson explained the working tools. Bro. Walker, P.M., then gave the traditional history in the Third Degree in a manner which called forth applause from the brethren present, and the ceremony was made complete by the beautiful charge, which was rendered by Bro. Dr. Whalley. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, when the following letters were read, in answer to the letters of sympathy, sent from the lodge to her Majesty the Queen and the Duchess of Albany, presented by Bro. Dr. Whalley on the occasion of his attending the obsequies of the late lamented Prince. "Claremont, April 13th, 1884.—Mr. W. H. Collins is desired by her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany to thank the brethren of the Saville Lodge, No. 1231, for their kind expressions of sympathy and condolence.—To T. Whalley, Esq., M.D., Westfield House, Murfield, Yorkshire." "Whitehall, 30th April, 1884. Sir,—I have had the honour to lay, before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the members of the Society of Freemasons of Elland Saville Lodge, No. 1231, on the occasion of the death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and I have the satisfaction to inform you that her Majesty was pleased to receive the address graciously.—Dear Sir, your obedient servant, W. V. HARCOURT.—T. Whalley, Esq., M.A., M.D., Westfield House, Murfield, Yorkshire." Proposed by Bro. Dyson, seconded by Bro. Walker, that copies of the addresses, along with the replies, be framed and placed in the lodge room. Carried unanimously.

The lodge was closed in harmony, after which supper was served and a pleasant hour passed with songs from Bros. Ricard, Buckland, North, and a recitation by Bro. Dr. Whalley in his usual style.

ROMFORD.—Liberty of Havering Lodge (No. 1437).—That the above lodge is progressing both in position and influence may be fairly judged by the éclat that attended its installation meeting on Thursday, the 26th ult., when a goodly array of Masons—both metropolitan and provincial—attended to do honour to the occasion. The lodge is held at the Rising Sun Hotel, and was opened by Bro. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts, and the usual preliminary business adjusted; when Bro. F. A. White, W.M., P.G.R. Essex, arrived, and took the chair for the purpose of installing his successor, Bro. T. Beeson, J.W., W.M. elect. That brother was presented by Bro. A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex, and with the usual ceremonies placed in the chair and saluted. The new W.M. installed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Burroughs, S.W.; T. Humphreys, J.W.; Rev. T. Cockrane, P.G. Chap. Eng., P.P.G.S.W. Essex, Chap.; E. West, P.M., Treas.; H. R. Heasman, P.M., Sec.; J. Parsons, S.D.; T. Davey, J.D.; J. H. Sharpe, I.G.; A. J. Manning, P.M., &c., D.C.; R. Jennings, Org.; R. Warren, P.M., W.S.; G. Gray, A.S.; and W. Page, P.M. 1076, Tyler. The charges were then splendidly recited by Bro. White, and the ceremony concluded amid well-earned applause. Bro. Manning proposed, and Bro. G. Patmore, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex, seconded, that a suitable testimonial be presented to Bro. White for his services during the past two years as W.M., and as some slight token of the esteem of the brethren; and it was carried unanimously. Several candidates were proposed and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet took place at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, and among the other brethren present not above enumerated were Bros. W. Jacobs, E. Jacobs, J. Little, G. W. King, and H. J. Hardy, all of the lodge; A. Knox, P.M. 1076; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; S. Jacobs, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P. Herts; A. Ayres, I.P.M. 742; N. Valentine, S.W. 1017; J. Kay, S.W. 742; E. Harvey, S.W. 1314; E. Storr, S.W. 167; F. Sellis, J.W. 1744; G. W. Bolton, J.D. 1314; J. B. Smith, W.S. 813; F. E. Dads-well, 560; D. Hamis, 72; E. White, 902; W. Stiles, P.M., W.M. 1744; J. Levy, 188; G. Emblin, I.G. 147; J. S. Saunders, 1507; and C. Jolly, J.W. 1472, &c. (*Freemason*).

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," and "The Pro G.M.," having been duly honoured, that of "The D.G.M. and rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were coupled with the name of Bro. Cockrane, who, in response, said he had intended to begin his speech by congratulating them upon the very excellent "fire" that followed the toast, but heard a brother close by privately state that it was the only one the Grand Officer present did not take part in, and that he should refrain, for very obvious reasons, from saying anything more about it. It overwhelmed him with confusion to have to respond to such an important toast, and for such a distinguished body as that of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, especially as they were presided over by such an excellent Mason as Lord Carnarvon, to whom they were under so many and lasting obligations. Nothing could exceed the dignity and eloquence with which their Pro G.M. met and refuted the charges so unfortunately made against the Craft by one who held a high position in the ecclesiastical world. It was certainly unfortunate for them that they should be held responsible for and confounded with the erratic and un-Masonic conduct of others in another part of the world. He was not, however, going to give them "Carnarvon water" that night, but they were all, as Masons, deeply grateful to his lordship for the manner in which he refuted those charges, and upheld the genuine tenets and principles of

the Craft. After referring to the satisfaction it gave him to see the lodge, at the consecration of which he had assisted, progressing so well, he thanked them for the toast and assured them that he should attend the lodge, and concluded by wishing the W.M. a prosperous and happy year of office.

The toast of "Lord Brooke, P.G.M.," was drunk in bumpers.

In responding for "The D.P.G.M.," Bro. Philbrick, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. White felt it a hard task to do justice to the toast, and, after speaking of the pleasure it had afforded him to have acted as a special Steward at the time when the late Duke of Albany honoured Prov. Grand Lodge with a visit, dwelt forcibly upon the valuable services rendered to the province by both their Grand and Deputy Grand Masters. He had endeavoured to get their Deputy Grand Master to be present both last year and this; but unfortunate circumstances had prevented his attending. He read a letter from Bro. Philbrick, in which that brother regretted his inability to attend, especially as just now the country was so enjoyable. They were, however, well represented by Bros. Cockrane, Patmore, and Manning, and in their names and his own he thanked them for the toast.

Bro. White next eloquently proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who he had that day installed in the chair, and who he knew intended to do his duty faithfully and efficiently. That they had made no mistake was evinced by the distinguished brethren gathered around, and who, as Bro. Cockrane had said, were more in number than had attended one of the Prov. Grand Lodges he was at when the representatives of the whole of the lodges in the province were supposed to be gathered together. He asked them to support the W.M., and then, he felt sure, Bro. Beeson would leave the chair with satisfaction to himself and honour to the lodge.

Bro. Beeson, who, on rising, was received with several rounds of applause, said he feared he should not be able to find words to express to them his thanks for the very kind manner in which they had received his name that evening. He could assure them that if he had had his wish they would not have seen him occupying the exalted position he now held, and that for many serious reasons. He had thought, and seriously, of the many great responsibilities devolving upon such a position, and how, now that he had attained that noble chair, he was going to rule and govern the lodge he did not know, unless he received, not only the support of the brethren, but the hearty and generous co-operation and assistance of his officers and Past Masters. But they might rest assured that he should endeavour to do his duty, not only to his own satisfaction, but to the satisfaction of every member of the lodge. He had now to commence his duties by a very pleasant one indeed, a duty, although devolving upon him, he nevertheless wished had fallen to the lot of some one more eloquent and more capable of doing justice to it, and that duty was to present their esteemed I.P.M. with the jewel of his office. How nobly and well Bro. White had carried out the duties of W.M. for two consecutive years they all knew, but that was not all Bro. White had done, he had inaugurated one of the grandest schemes for aiding the Charities that he (the W.M.) had ever heard of, and by which, in four years' time, every member of the lodge would become a Life Governor of one or other of the Charities. It afforded him very great pleasure to pin that handsome jewel upon Bro. White's breast, and he hoped that he would live for many years to wear it, and not only to wear it, but to adorn the Liberty of Havering Lodge as one of its most respected and worthy Past Masters.

Bro. WHITE, whose reception was most enthusiastic, thanked them for the toast, and in the course of his remarks said the W.M. had spoken most kindly of him; but he had only done his duty as he promised when, two years ago, he, for the first time in that lodge, was installed as its Master. It had given him unbounded pleasure to see the strides the lodge was making, especially in Romford and its neighbourhood. As to the Charity fund inaugurated by him, it was one they were all proud of, and every month they were in a position to ballot for and make two of the members Life Governors of one of the Charities, and meant to continue it, so that their esteemed Chaplain would be in a position to go to Grand Lodge and say that the Liberty of Havering Lodge was doing its duty in the cause of Charity and true Masonry.

Bros. Scales, Stiles, Jacobs, Smith, and Jolly responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. White, whose name was coupled with that of "The Masonic Charities," gave the following state of affairs with respect to the Charity fund of the lodge. There were 95 members, who paid one shilling per week for four years. This gave two chances for 10 guinea Governorships every month, which were balloted for; so that at the end of the four years every member would be a Life Governor. They had now, after less than a year's work, 24 Life Governors, and upwards of £200 had been sent up to the Charities by Stewards from the lodge. Bro. White taking 100 guineas for the Old People; Bro. Manning 50 guineas for the Girls; and Bro. Davey on Saturday took up about 50 guineas for the Boys.

Several other toasts followed, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

INSTRUCTION.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the weekly meeting held at the Cranbourne Hotel, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., on the 26th ult., there were present Bros. G. H. Reynolds, W.M.; Fowles, S.W.; Wilkie Jones, J.W.; Stroud, S.D.; Rixon, J.D.; Vaughan, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Frank Gulliford, and Corby.

The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. H. Reynolds, W.M., worked the First Section of this lecture. Bro. Fowles, S.W., worked the Second Section of this lecture. Bro. G. Reynolds offering himself as a candidate for initiation the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. G. Rixon, 1608, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge, being proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, and seconded by Bro. Corby. Bro. Fowles, S.W., was also unanimously elected. W.M. for the ensuing week, and the W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

CAMBRIDGE.—Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).

A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 25th ult. The principal chairs were ably filled by Comps. A. H. Moyes, Z.; E. Hills, H.; and W. Bays, J.; whilst the work of the P.S. was efficiently performed by Comp. W. Davidson, P.Z. Bro. W. Sindall was exalted. In addition to the work of the Three Principals, M.E. Comp. J. Neal York, P.Z., the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Cambridgeshire, gave a description of the pedestal. The following officers for the ensuing year were afterwards appointed: Comps. Edward Hills, Z.; W. Bays, H.; W. Davidson, P.Z.; J.; A. H. Moyes, P.Z.; E.; W. H. Jarrold, N.; A. Thompson, W.M. 88, P.S.; G. McCallum, 1st A.S.; W. I. Pashler, 2nd A.S.; G. McCallum, Treas.; W. I. Pashler, D.C.; W. Davidson, P.Z., Stwd.; and W. Purchas, Org. The companions afterwards sat down to a recherché banquet, presided over by Comp. Moyes.

HYDE.—Industry Chapter (No. 361).—The installation of Principals and St. John's Festival took place on Wednesday, the 18th ult., at the Norfolk Arms Hotel. Present: Comps. William Dutton, Z., P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Thomas Drinkwater, H.; Mark Stafford, J.; John Higginbottom, P.S.; William Smith, Treas.; Aaron, Haughton, acting S.E.; John Beech, P.Z., Janitor; John Drinkwater, P.Z.; T. E. Mason, Mark Billinge, Jas. W. Owen, E. G. Lingard, E. Whitworth and J. Perrin. Visitors: Comps. J. E. Steward, Z. 317; Wm. Dumville, and R. R. Lisenden, S.E. 317 (*Freemason*).

The chapter was opened in the usual manner and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Three Principals elect were presented to the installing companion, William Dutton, P.G.A.D.C., and subsequently into their respective positions as follows: Comps. Thomas Drinkwater, Z.; Mark Stafford, H.; and John Higginbottom, J. After the three Newly-Installed Principals had been proclaimed and saluted by the companions, Comp. Broadsmith, P.Z., invested the officers, Comps. Henry Booth, P.S. (by proxy); Mark Billinge, S.E.; Alfred Leigh Cocks, S.N. (by proxy); William Smith, Treas.; Joseph Wild, Org.; and John Beech, P.Z., Janitor. The P.S. appointed Comps. E. Whitworth, 1st Asst., and E. J. Lingard, 2nd Asst. Sojourners. Comp. Broadsmith delivered the addresses and concluded the ceremony.

Prior to the closing of the chapter, Comp. Broadsmith rose and, alluding to Comp. Wm. Dutton, P.Z., P.G.A.D.C. of C., said that no one had rendered more important service to the chapter than he had, and was not only willing, but able to fulfil any office in connection with Royal Arch Masonry. His services and ability were highly appreciated and admired by the members of the Industry Chapter, and he (Comp. Broadsmith) thought they ought to mark their appreciation of Comp. Dutton by presenting him with a P.Z.'s jewel, as a slight acknowledgment for his valuable services, and moved that such a jewel be presented to him, the cost of same to be defrayed by members of the chapter voluntarily.

The M.E.Z. fully endorsed Comp. Broadsmith's remarks, and seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony. The companions afterwards sat down to dinner, which being concluded, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the intervals between same being enlivened with some capital glees, songs, &c., sang by those well-known artistes, Comps. Wm. Dumville, Mark Stafford, and Wm. Smith.

Mark Masonry.

EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 226).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich, and was both a successful and interesting one in every way. Bro. A. Penfold, I.P.M., and G.M.O. Kent, opened the lodge in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Shaw, and the minutes being passed he advanced Bro. Howard in splendid style. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., and G. Asst. Sec. England, then as installing officer, placed Bro. T. Holleyman, S.W., and W.M. elect, in the chair with the usual ceremonial. It is needless to say that the whole of the working was admirable, suffice it, the brethren were loud in their approval of the masterly exhibition, whilst the impression created by our distinguished brother's eloquent delivery of the addresses will, we feel sure, be a lasting one. The following officers were invested: G. Spinks, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, S.W.; T. D. Hayes, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent, Treas.; G. Kennedy, P.P.G. Asst. Sec. Kent, Sec.; E. Palmer, M.O.; W. Moulds, P.P.G.I.G. Kent, S.O.; T. Ovenden, P.G. Stwd. Kent, J.O.; J. Bilton, R.M.; Jos. Whitehart, S.D.; J. Purnell, J.D.; C. Jolly, P.P.G. Org. Kent, (*Freemason*), I.G.; W. Popplestone, D.C.; T. Cooper, Asst. D.C.; H. Swinherd and J. Morton, Stwds.; and J. Lackland, Tyler.

Bro. R. Thompson, Chief Inspector of Police at the Leeward Islands, who is on a visit to England, was then advanced by Bro. Penfold. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Matier for his services as installing officer, and he briefly returned thanks. Bro. Penfold then, in feeling terms, spoke of the great loss the order generally has sustained by the death of the late lamented Bro. D. Dewar. Bro. Dewar took a great interest in that lodge, and was one of their best friends, and never seemed happier than when at their gatherings. He moved that a letter of sympathy be sent from the lodge to the bereaved widow and family of the deceased, expressing the sorrow of the members. Bro. Capt. Eugene Sweney, P.M. 44, P.P.G. J.O. Kent, seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. Sweney then gave notice that the annual meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of Kent would be held at Woolwich at the instance of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, and invited the co-operation of the Excelsior Lodge, which was heartily accorded.

Bro. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent, announced that he intended to stand Steward at the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Festival, and five guineas were voted him from the funds of the lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Capon's comfortable hostelry, where a superbly appointed banquet awaited them, the turtle soup being made from one of

those interesting animals, especially brought from Antigua by Bro. Thompson for the delectation of the brethren. Among the others present were Bros. the Rev. G. Gould-Ross, P.M. 118, and D.G. Officer South Africa; E. West, S.W. 173; D. C. Capon, J. McInerney, W. Wray, C. Morris, E. Tappenden, G. R. Nichols, &c.

The usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. Matier in response for "The Grand Officers" thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with that of so distinguished a toast. In Lord Egerton, of Tatton, they had a brother who, while being Grand Master of Cheshire, was not only a good but a hard working Mason. The Grand Officers were deserving of their approbation, for they had, especially in the past, done their duty well, and he had no doubt that the new officers would follow in the footsteps of their predecessors. There was a time when the Mark Degree and the honour of Grand Lodge were not so much thought of as at present, but now there was a great desire to wear the purple and gold of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. He was surprised to think that he was the only Grand officer in such an important lodge as the Excelsior, but that he trusted would be altered before that time next year. The Excelsior Lodge had been one of the most persistent in its efforts in the cause of charity, but he urged them not to let that suffice, let them still go on; they had a Steward that afternoon offered them for the forthcoming Festival in the person of Bro. Weston; the lodge had given him five guineas, and no doubt his own contribution would be a most princely one, and they all would contribute to make his list a good one. He cordially wished the lodge prosperity, and the W.M. a successful year of office.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., Grand Mark Master of Kent." He very much regretted the absence of the G.M., but anticipated the pleasure of seeing him in Woolwich in October next, when the P.G. Lodge would be held there under the auspices of the Florence Nightingale Lodge. He highly eulogised the grand Masonic knowledge and labours of Bro. Robinson, and trusted to see him well supported by the brethren on his arrival at Woolwich.

Bro. Penfold responded for "Bro. Todevin, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," and said it was a very great honour to be a P.G.O. under such a distinguished Mason as Bro. Robinson. He was pleased to know that Grand Lodge was coming to Woolwich, and asked them to try and make it a success. He then, in eloquent terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that at the time of the consecration of the lodge in 1878, Bro. Matier likened it to a newly launched ship just started on its career; it had to encounter danger from storms and quicksands, and could only reach a safe harbour by skilful management. Well, their lodge had had to encounter its shoals and quicksands, but it was well-manned, and he was thankful to say that it was sailing along before favourable winds, and now, after seven years, Bro. Matier had come to see the ship he had launched, and must be gratified to see her so safely anchored in smooth water. They had a good and careful captain in command, and all feel proud to be messmates in such a ship, and were determined to do their duty. He looked forward to a good year of office for their Master, and asked them to rally round him, and so ensure such a good result.

The W.M. in response assured them that he felt the responsibilities of the office, and was willing to carry out the duties of it if he had their support, and of that he felt assured. It was a great ordeal to follow such a Master as Bro. Penfold. He was pleased to have been installed by Bro. Matier, who had advanced him at the consecration of the lodge. As they had had confidence in him, all he could say was that that confidence should not be abused.

Bro. Coupland responded for "The Past Masters," and deeply regretted the absence of Bro. Todevin, whose duty it was as D.G.M. to be present at such a gathering.

"The Advancers" were toasted and returned thanks.

Bro. Dr. Ross responded for "The Visitors," and in the course of an eloquent address told the brethren somewhat of his experiences of Masonry, especially Mark Masonry, in South Africa, where, although not a P.M., he had with dispensation installed the first Master of a new lodge in the chair, and felt it hard that he should have had to retire when the Master was installed by the Past Masters that day. He gave a very interesting account of the difference between English and Scotch Mark Masonry, and resumed his seat amid applause.

"The Officers," "Masonic Press," and the Tyler's Toast, concluded the proceedings.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).

A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel on the 17th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. H. Dodson, W.M.; Alfred Tisley, P.M., acting S.W.; Harding, acting J.W.; Dodd, F. H. Clemow, R. Clemow, Codd, T. R. Richnell, P.G.S.B. Middx. and Surrey; T. C. Walls, P.G. J.W. Middx. and Surrey; W. Wiggiston, P.G.S. of W., P.M., Sec.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported that replies to the votes of condolence passed by the lodge on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany had been received from her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany. A congratulatory vote was passed to Bro. Sir Charles Palmer, Bart., P.M., on his recent appointment as G.J.W. (Mark). It having been reported that Bro. W. H. Saunders, J.D., had recently lost his wife it was unanimously resolved that the Secretary be directed to convey to Bro. Saunders a vote of condolence on the sad event.

A petition of a brother for relief to the Grand Mark Lodge having been recommended the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

WORKINGTON.—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).

The Mark Masters of the above lodge met in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 26th ult., for the purpose of installing the Rev. E. M. Rice, P.P.G. Chap., as W.M.; the Installing Master was Bro. Jas. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.P.G. Treas., assisted by Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. P.A.D.C. The officers appointed were Bros. J. A. Salkeld, P.G.A.D.C., I.P.M.; J. H. Hartley, S.W.; J. Eden, J.W.; J. C. Thompson, M.O.; P. Podmore, S.O.; S. Woodhead, J.O.; T. Dixon, P.M., P.G.M.O., Treas.; W. Carlyle, Reg. of Ms.; Cecil Thompson, Sec.; J. Paterson, S.D.; John Jenkinson, J.D.; J. Taylor, D.C.; J. Coward, I.G.; W. Wagg, Tyler; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 229, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. J. Coverdale, P.M., P.P.G. Org., and others.

With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Coward's Central Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of this province was held at the Masonic Hall, Imperial Hotel, Grosvenor-road, Aldershot, on Friday, the 27th ult., under the presidency and presence of the M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Prov. Grand Master. Considering the difficulty to reach Aldershot and the extreme heat on that day, there was a good muster of brethren present, who were well looked after by the host, Bro. H. Stone, W.M., P.P.A.D. of C. The lodge having been opened there were present: Bros. R. Coe, P.G.M.O., P.P.G.S.W., acting P.G.S.W.; H. Hacker, P.A.D.C., P.P.J.G.W., acting P.G.J.W.; Lord John Taylour, G.S.W., P.G.M.O.; H. Guy, 2, P.G.S.O.; W. D. Parkhouse, I.P.M. 62, P.G. Reg.; Mason, Chap.; G. J. Tilling, 62, P.G. Sec.; Capt. R. Croisdale, 54, P.P.G.S.B., acting P.G.S.D.; W. Green, 305, P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Marshallsay, 17, M.O., P.G. Std. Br.; A. G. Robinson, 305, P.G.J.G.; J. Watson, P.G. Tyler; S. G. Kirchhoffer, 54, P.G.O. of E.; J. McLeod, 2; A. R. Holbrook, W.M.; Gordon Miller, S.W. 17; H. Stone, W.M.; J. B. Harrison, J.W.; Jas. Taylor, M.O.; J. Bundall, S.O.; Rev. T. P. Mullins, Chap.; Hatching, R. of M.; W. F. Adnett, Org.; Burns, Tyler, 54; R. I. Rastrick, P.P.G.M.O.; Eugene Street, Secretary 62; A. d'Algent Bell, M.O.; J. Parkinson, 62; J. W. Willmott, W. Woodhouse, J.W.; A. B. Atkinson, S.O. 125; R. W. Plummer, G. A. Marsell, P.P.D. of C. 140; R. W. Mitchell, W.M., P.P.G.S.D.; F. Powell, J.W.; A. Grey, R. of M.; H. Crisp, Sec. 305; J. N. Palmer, J.W.; H. Pigeon, jun., Org. 320; and P. H. Emanuel, J.O. 62 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of Provincial Grand Mark Lodges of July and, 1883, and April, 9th, 1884, respectively, were read and confirmed. Letters of apology were read from Bros. W. Hickman, Deputy Provincial Grand M.M.; Loveland Loveland, P.G.S.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.G. Treas.; Le. Feuvre, and F. Newman. Bro. Eve, P.G.M.O., offered his services as Steward to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the sum of £5 5s. was voted from the lodge towards his list. The resignation of Bro. G. F. Lancaster, as Treasurer, was accepted, and Bro. R. J. Rastrick was unanimously elected to fill that office. The balance sheet showing receipts to the amount of £36 7s. 1d., and expenditure £18 13s. 11d., leaving a balance of £17 13s. 2d.; was received and adopted.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read a report showing the progress of Mark Masonry in the province during the past year. There are eleven lodges, in which 54 advancements have taken place, against 37 advancements the year previous.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then appointed the following brethren as Provincial Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. W. Hickman	...	Prov. D.G.M.
Lord J. Taylour	...	Prov. G.S.W.
E. Street	...	Prov. G.J.W.
H. Stone	...	Prov. G.M.O.
A. R. Holbrook	...	Prov. G.S.O.
Willmott	...	Prov. G.J.O.
Mullins	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Bell	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Rastrick	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Tilling	...	Prov. G. Sec.
G. A. Mursell	...	Prov. G.S.D.
J. B. Harrison	...	Prov. G.J.D.
W. W. Woodhouse	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
J. Parkinson	...	Prov. G.D.C.
Powell	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
A. B. Atkinson	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
Hatching	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
Pigeon	...	Prov. G. Org.
R. W. Plummer	...	Prov. G.I.G.
H. Lehmann	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bundall	...	
Gregg	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
J. Watson	...	

Bro. H. Stone, W.M. 54, was unanimously elected for recommendation to Grand Lodge as Grand Steward. An appeal was read on behalf of the "Dewar Benefit Fund," and the sum of £2 2s. was voted from the lodge. It may be remarked here that the late Bro. Dewar, who was Assistant Grand Secretary since 1878, was, 20 years ago, an indefatigable worker in Masonry at Aldershot.

Replies to votes of condolence were acknowledged by the Prov. Grand Secretary from the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Duchess of Albany. Nothing further offering for the good of Mark Masonry in general, or for the province in particular, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form. Twenty-five brethren sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, under the able catering of the host, Bro. Stone, and at which full justice was done. In the absence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord John Taylour occupied the chair.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and, in proposing "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.M., and Past Grand Mark Master Masons," the CHAIRMAN referred in feeling terms to the loss the Craft in particular, and the English in general, had sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.

The CHAIRMAN briefly proposed "The Health of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the R.W. Dep. G.M.M.M., and Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. EVE, P.G.M.O., thanked the brethren for the very kind way the toast had been received. The duties of Grand Officers were not very onerous. They all endeavoured to attend Grand Lodge when called, showing they had an interest in the Order, and to do the best they could. For what they had done they had been amply rewarded, and he hoped they would have many such happy reunions as they had that day.

Bro. Lord JOHN TAYLOUR, in proposing "The Health of the R.W. Grand Master of the Province, Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal," said they were all indebted to him for the interest he took in the province, and deeply regretted his absence.

Bro. EVE proposed the toast of "The R.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Hickman, and the Wardens, Treasurer, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He thanked the Chairman for the honour conferred upon

him by placing such a toast in his hands. Referring to Bro. Hickman, he said that brother was well known to all for his zeal in Masonry in general and Mark Masonry in particular. He regretted the absence of such a worthy brother through illness and hoped that he would be soon restored to his usual health. He (Bro. Eve) as a Past Provincial Officer, could not very well praise himself, but would drink to the health of those who had been added that day, who were all well known in their lodges. It would ill become him to name any one in particular, as they were all for the good of the cause. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Col. Lord John Taylour, who efficiently occupied the chair, and was not only the Prov. Grand Senior Warden but the Grand Senior Warden of England. His zeal for Mark Masonry was very marked, and the brethren were pleased and honoured by his presence. Bro. Eve was afraid that there would be few, if any, to drink to the health, as all present were either Present or Past Officers.

Bros. TAYLOR and P. H. EMANUEL announced that they were the only two present who were not, but hoped to be on a future occasion.

Bro. Lord JOHN TAYLOUR was obliged to Bro. Eve for the complimentary way he had referred to him. He regretted that he was not a better representative than he was, but he would do his best.

Bro. Lord JOHN TAYLOUR proposed "The W.M., Bro. H. Stone, Warden and Brethren of the Aldershot Military Mark Lodge, No. 54," and thanked them for their kindness and courtesy to the visitors. He hoped they would continue to be a prosperous and happy lodge.

W. Bro. H. STONE, Prov. G.M.O., thanked the brethren, and said it was a very great pleasure, and he felt proud in having the Provincial Grand Lodge held under their banner. The Aldershot Military Lodge always endeavoured to stand foremost in promoting the interest of Mark Masonry. They were fortunate in having some good working brethren amongst them, and hoped they would continue to have them.

W. Bro. STONE proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund." Such a toast he said needed but few words from him. The benefits derived from such a fund were ample. Bro. Eve, whose name he would couple with the toast, had devoted the best part of his Masonic life in their Charities, and as proof of which were the numerous bars upon his Charity collar. No brother worked harder and done so much good as Bro. Eve.

W. Bro. EVE thanked Bro. Stone for the way in which he had spoken of him. The Mark Benevolent Fund was worthy of all their attention and kind consideration. He hoped to take a fair sum with him from the province at their next meeting. The fund had not long been started, but had prospered fairly. He hoped the fund by its enlargement would be able to extend its usefulness to a larger number of brethren than at present. The Mark Benevolent Fund rivalled its ancient mother, if he might say it. He hoped the brethren would promptly subscribe, and the result be a good one from the province.

W. Bro. EVE proposed "The Health of the Visitors," many of whom, he remarked, had taken the trouble to travel some long distances, thus showing their great interest in the Order.

W. Bro. RASTRICK, Prov. Grand Treasurer, returned thanks, and remarked that he joined the Degree in 1870, when there were only two or three lodges working in the province, and since then such progress had been made that all must feel encouraged in the success of the Degree.

The Tyler's toast finished a very pleasant day's meeting. Bros. Parkhouse, Eve, and Emanuel contributed towards the harmony of the day.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult., an event of the greatest possible interest to the members of the Craft in this district took place in the laying of the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall in Abbey-road. There are two lodges of Freemasons in Barrow, as well as a Mark Lodge, No. 36, and the Abbey Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1225. The Hartington Lodge of Freemasons occupies the position of seniority. The meetings were originally held at the Royal Hotel, but of late years its headquarters have been in the Custom House, Hindpool-road. The Hindpool Lodge, 1225, a younger institution by several years, was originally opened at the Queen's Hotel, but during the last few years the regular meetings of this lodge have been held at the Hartington Hotel, Duke-street. For some years a project has been on foot to secure a permanent building in the town devoted exclusively to the purposes of Freemasonry, but it was not until a few months ago that the arrangements were in such a forward state as to enable a Committee of the two Craft lodges to invite tenders for the erection of the edifice. The two lodges have undertaken the responsibility of the work they have commenced, and when the building is completed it will be the home for all the Masonic Institutions in the town. The site of the new hall has a frontage in Abbey-road of 62 feet, and stretches back to High-street. The scheme at present is not so complete as it is intended to make it at some future time, but it will nevertheless embrace the conveniences which are essential to a comfortable and satisfactory hall. The building will be of one storey, with an effective balustrade, the brick-work being relieved with red sandstone masonry. Entering the front door, a corridor is reached, the extreme end of which will be used for lavatories and offices. The front portion of the building is lighted from Abbey-road by three large windows, two of which open in the billiard room and one into an ante-room. The lodge room occupies the rear of the billiard and ante-rooms, and measures 50 feet by 25 feet. It is entered from the ante-room, and will be found a convenient and well-proportioned apartment. A heating apparatus will be furnished, and adequate cellar room has been arranged for. Sufficient space has been left for the erection at some future date of a cottage with a frontage to High-street. The cost of the building, it is expected, will be from £1200 to £1400. The builders are Bros. Brier and Hart, of Barrow, and the architect Bro. John Harrison, of the firm of Messrs. Paley and Austin. It is anticipated the building will be ready for occupation in three or four months. The dispensation was granted to Lodge 1021, under whose banner the stone was to be laid, Bro. Henry Cook, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, having been invited to perform that interesting ceremony.

At a quarter to two o'clock on Tuesday, the brethren of Lodge 1225 assembled at their head quarters, the Hartington Hotel. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Thomas, P.M., and then an adjournment was made to the Exchange, Hindpool-road, which, by special dispensation, was allowed to be used by the Hartington Lodge, 1021, as a lodge room for the day. Here Bro. G. Nelson, W.M., opened the lodge, and an adjournment was made.

The following brethren of Hartington Lodge, 1021, were present: Bros. George Nelson, W.M.; R. Bowker, S.W.; J. Murray, J.W.; P. L. Booth, I.P.M.; H. Cook, P.M.; P. Prov. G.S.W. for Cumberland and Westmorland; H. Bagot, P.M.; P. Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works; B. U. Hearn, P.M.; P.P.G.J.W.; R. W. Worrall, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; M. Haslam, P.M.; J. Huartson, P.M.; C. P. Richards, P.M., M.C.; J. Reid, P.M. and Treas.; Rev. W. W. Hawdon, Chap.; T. Sutton, S.D.; G. H. Parke, J.D.; W. Roberts, I.G.; R. T. Taylor, P.M. and Org.; G. S. Heath, P.M.; W. Ormandy, R. Lomas, J. Walch, W. Artis, W. H. Berry, T. Myerscough, J. W. Carmichael, Joseph Hill, J. Walker, W. H. Davies, F. Postlethwaite, T. Grieve, P.M.; Jos. Turner, W. Ramsay, A. F. P. Smith, J. Y. McIntosh, J. Harrison, M. Armer, J. W. Stone, J. P. Williams, J. M. Stark, T. A. Morphet, J. Milner, J. Hague, F. Dunstan, W. R. Ormandy, C. W. Brier, P.M.; W. H. Vale, W. Dawson, E. Hinks, P.M.; and H. F. Wright.

The following brethren of Hindpool Lodge 1225, were present: Bros. Dr. Thomas, W.M.; E. H. Barnett, S.W.; W. Turvey, J.W.; George James, S.D.; D. M. Ross, J.D.; Geo. W. Roll, George Cornfield, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; Treas.; A. Naylor, I.G.; S. S. Lord, Org.; G. B. Nalder, P.M.; P.G.S.; Jas. C. Hunter, P.M.; P.P.G.P., Cumberland and Westmorland; Dr. Settle, P.M.; D. Smyth, P.M.; T. Hunter, J. Stables, E. J. Morgan, P.M.; T. L. Phillips, R. Rees, T. Scully, W. Ford, John Timmins, Jas. Bush, E. Richards, T. G. Normanton, J. B. Tonge, T. Pollitt, C. J. Roberts, J. P. Hodgson, J. Stribley, and F. Worrall.

The following visitors were present: Bros. Rev. J. M. Morgan, P.P.C.; E. Sewell, P.P.G.O. 302, West York; W. Whiteside, P.M. 1398, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Godby, I.P.M. 1398; F. H. Clarke, P.M. 1398; G. B. S. Berner, W.M. 1398; R. Townley, J.W. 1398; W. Mandall, S.D. 1398; E. B. Mitchell, S.W. 1398; John Walton, P.M. 1398; R. Kendall, 995; S. Blinkhorn, Whitehaven; Alfred W. Cattle, 31; W. Bamber, 1398; John Wilson, 412, formerly 595; S. A. Adams, 1398; John W. Morton, 971, Batley; C. Vick, 1013, Liverpool; J. H. Atkinson, 995; A. Saddler, 995; and C. F. Himman, Peveril Lodge, U.S.A., 119.

A procession was then formed and, having arrived at the site, the brethren divided to the right and the left, and faced inwards, thus forming an avenue through which Bro. Cook passed, being preceded by the Standard Bearer and the Inner Guards, and followed by the Master of the lodge bearing the Ionic light, and the rest of the brethren in reverse order. The M.C.'s having arranged the brethren, Bro. Cook, the Chaplain, and P.M., with Square and the Secretary in the east, an opening ode,

"Except the Lord build the house
Their labour is but lost that build it,"

was sung by the choir, composed of the musical brethren present, Bro. Walsh presiding at the harmonium.

Bro. G. B. NALDER, P.M. 1225, Vice-Chairman of the Masonic Hall Committee, then addressed Bro. Cook, stating that he had been asked to request him on behalf of the committee to lay the corner-stone of this building with Masonic formula. He was sure the honour could not be placed in more worthy hands, as Bro. Cook had not only taken a great interest in Freemasonry in Barrow, but had exerted every effort to bring into existence the hall whose corner-stone was to be laid that day. The Masons of Barrow had endeavoured for many years past to secure a hall to be used exclusively for their own purposes, and he was glad the time had arrived when they could boast of the possession of such a desirable building as this would prove to be.

Bro. H. COOK, P.M. 1021 and 119, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, returned thanks to the brethren for the honour they had done him in selecting him to perform this very interesting ceremony. He was gratified that the day was approaching when the Masons of Barrow would be able to meet under their own roof, and he felt sure that that day's proceedings would be the inauguration of a brighter future for Freemasonry in this vicinity. It was remarkable that on the very day selected for the laying of this corner-stone there should appear in the newspapers an article strongly condemning them, but they as Masons, knowing that Freemasonry was nothing more or less than the handmaiden of religion, could afford to smile at such criticism.

The Chaplain, the Rev. W. W. Hawdon, having offered a prayer, the Secretary of the Masonic Hall Committee, Bro. H. Bagot, P.M. 1021, &c., P.P.G.S. of W., read an inscription on parchment, giving an outline of Masons at the present day, and the history of the Barrow lodges, which was placed in the phial with the coins and deposited in the cavity of the lower stone. The builder, Bro. Brier, presented Bro. Cook with a chaste silver trowel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London), and then the stone was lowered in the usual Masonic way, Bro. Cook, after certain other formula, declaring the stone to be duly laid. An ode, specially composed for the occasion by Bro. J. Walsh—"When the Temple's first stone was slowly descending"—was now sung, and the Chaplain offered a prayer. Bro. Cook inspected the plans of the intended building, delivered the same to the architect, together with the several tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desired him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem (Masonic version), and the brethren returned in procession to the Exchange in Hindpool-road, where the Hartington Lodge, 1021, was closed by the officers of 1225. The brethren partook of refreshments, and afterwards proceeded to the Hartington Hotel, where the Hindpool Lodge was closed in usual form by the officers of 1021.

In the evening a dinner was held at the Hartington Hotel, attended by about 30 of the brethren, the W.M.'s of the two lodges occupying the posts of honour. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge has recently received from the Empress of Russia the Star of the Order of St. Catherine of Russia.

JUBILEE OF MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418

The jubilee of the Menturia Lodge, held at Henley, was celebrated on Thursday, the 12th ult., in a manner which, thanks to Bro. John Bromley, W.M., afforded enjoyment not only to the members, but to their wives or other female friends. The lodge was consecrated in 1834, and was then numbered 606 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. In June, 1863, the number was altered to 418. The first Master was Ralph Stephenson, who held the office for two years. The present W.M. and Mrs. Bromley invited the whole of the members and their wives and a few brethren connected with other lodges and their wives to a garden party at The Mount, Penkhill, and about 150 attended.

The visitors having arrived early in the afternoon, were provided with luncheon in a tent on the lawn. The W.M. presided, and there were present the following members of the Menturia Lodge: Bros. J. B. Piercy, P.G.S.W.; T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Hales, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Bickley, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Pitchford, P.P.G.J.D.; Dr. J. S. Crapper, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. L. Hamshaw, S.W.; E. B. Jackson, J.W.; J. Stringer, P.M.; F. Brandon, P.M.; W. J. Carr, P.M.; J. Beardmore, P.M.; J. Wain, P.M.; the Rev. E. D. Boothman, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. J. Westbury, P.P.G.C.; the Rev. J. Hilton, C. Butters, G. Barlow, J. Barlow, J. Buckley, W. Boulton, E. Banks, H. Cartledge, J. Charlesworth, E. Devereux, John Dimmock, A. Furness, D. Groom, E. V. Greatbach, W. Giblett, J. Goodson, E. J. Hammersley, W. Hampton, S. Hayes, T. Henstock, I. P. Heap, J. West Jones, David Jones, W. Jones, Edmund Jones, J. Kent, S. Lear, F. W. Llewellyn, J. Lobley, T. Mansell, W. K. Moston, E. L. Maddock, T. E. Pool, John Robinson, T. Stokes, J. Thorley, W. Tunnicliffe, M. Tunnicliffe, J. Warrilow, H. Windle, A. F. Wenger, W. W. Wardle, W. N. Wilson, Geo. Wilkes, J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.J.D.; F. Mountford, 300, P.G. Org.; J. Warner, P.P.G.P.; D. H. Dunning, W.M. 637; W. Jackson, 637; G. Bennion, P.M. 546; W. Savage, P.M. 451; Mr. George Leason, and Mr. Jackson, jun.

The ladies and brethren having been seated, Bro. Stringer, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented to Mrs. Bromley a splendid bouquet of the choicest flowers, with a silver holder. After luncheon, the W.M. proposed "The Queen."

Bro. J. L. HAMSHAW then proposed the toast of "Bro. Bromley, W.M., and the jubilee of our lodge." He observed that in the year 1834 the first Master of Menturia Lodge was appointed, and that being the jubilee year he need not say anything to induce them to receive the toast very heartily. They knew what Freemasonry was: they knew it was a confederation having for its object the attainment of moral perfection. They knew it was a confederation which had had much to do in past ages in the advancement of the civilization of the world, and the good that it had done had not always been apparent to the world. There were three words which perhaps had caused more bloodshed than any other words in the language, and they embodied the teaching of Freemasonry—"Liberty, equality, fraternity": liberty, which taught them to regulate the passions so that the intellect might have full play; equality, not by any process of levelling up or levelling down, as though matter and things in the world could make everybody equal; but equality which, taking into consideration all the distinction which that matter made, held out to the brethren the right hand of fellowship, creating amongst them a fraternal feeling. In the presence of the ladies he might say that Freemasonry had for its object the moral and religious elevation of the Craft; and the wives, sisters, and daughters of Masons would know whether the members of the Craft related to them were good members of society. He (Bro. Hamshaw) then spoke of the indomitable energy and the great hospitality of the W.M., and the toast was drunk with much heartiness.

Bro. BROMLEY acknowledged the toast, and also thanked the brethren for the splendid bouquet which had been given to Mrs. Bromley.

Bro. T. W. TUNNICLIFFE, on behalf of his partner (Bro. Taylor) and himself, presented to the W.M., for the lodge-room, a handsome tablet containing the names of those who have held the office of W.M. since the consecration in 1834. The tablet is a splendid specimen of the potter's art, designed by Mr. W. Slater, and enclosed in a carved oak frame, and will constitute a useful ornament to the lodge.

"The Health of Bros. Taylor and Tunnicliffe" was drunk with much cordiality, and the toast was duly acknowledged.

Bro. BRANDON proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. HALES responded.

The party then quitted the tent and enjoyed themselves in various ways in the beautiful grounds of The Mount, dancing being one of the chief amusements, the weather being delightfully fine. It was a convivial party; the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed, and the proceedings afforded unalloyed enjoyment to all who had the good fortune to be present on the occasion.

SUMMER EXCURSION OF THE LODGE OF FORTITUDE, No. 281.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist by an excursion to Clapham. For the first time, we believe, in the history of Freemasonry in Lancaster, ladies were admitted to share in the festivities of the brethren of the mystic tie. The mother lodge of the town has thus got rid of the charge of selfishness which with good reason was laid at the door of Freemasons in excluding ladies from their festive celebrations. About 40 brethren and lady friends composed the party. A few gave the whole day to the out, and spent the time in rambling about the delightful neighbourhood, in visiting the renowned caves, and generally enjoying the grand scenery of the district. The bulk of the party left the Green Area Station, in saloons specially provided, at 2.27 p.m., and arrived at Clapham about half-past three o'clock. The members of the party were admitted to the beautiful grounds in which stands the residence of Mr. Farrer, and time passed away quickly.

At five o'clock, the party sat down to a "high tea" provided at the New Inn, in Bro. Ray's best style. The refreshing and appetising mountain air had the usual stimulating effect, and the tea was most thoroughly appreciated. There was no special programme to guide the proceedings after tea, but the W.M., Bro. T. Bayley, who presided, gave as a sentiment, "Health and Happiness

to her Majesty the Queen." Later on, the W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented to Bro. John Hatch, P.M., and late Secretary, a handsome timepiece, as a recognition of his valuable services and a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the Lodge of Fortitude. In making the presentation, Bro. Bailey said he had very great pleasure in performing the duty which devolved upon him as Master of the lodge. He had known Bro. John Hatch a considerable time, and he believed he was fully deserving of anything they could do for him. He had worked most diligently to promote the prosperity of the lodge, and had spared no time or labour to conduce to its welfare. And his experience and knowledge of Masonry enabled him to assist and advise his younger brethren; and he was most courteous in his demeanour during the last nine years he had filled the office of Secretary to the lodge—(applause)—and had performed his duties with credit to himself and given the utmost satisfaction to the members; and from the hearty and liberal manner in which they had contributed to the testimonial it was evident his services were thoroughly appreciated. Under the circumstances he had very great pleasure in making the presentation, and he sincerely hoped that Bro. Hatch would live long to enjoy its use, and that it would be an incentive to his offspring to follow in the footsteps of their honoured parent. (Applause.)

Bro. HATCH, in acknowledging the gift, said he felt highly honoured by the handsome presentation which had been made to him, and by the flattering terms in which their W.M. had spoken of his services. He had done what he could to make the lodge prosperous, and he could assure the brethren that he would prize the handsome timepiece, not only for its intrinsic value, but far more for the kindly feeling of the brethren towards him, which the presentation expressed. They had always treated him with courtesy and kindness, and that day would always be a red-letter day in his life. And for one thing it would be remembered as being connected with an innovation which had introduced their wives and sisters, and lady friends amongst them at their festive gatherings. (Applause.) He was sure the brethren had derived pleasure from their presence, and when he saw the smiling and happy faces around him he could not but think that the Pope, if he could have looked upon that scene connected with Freemasonry, would have doubted his own infallibility. (Laughter and applause.) He would have seen that peace and order, love of country, and loyalty to the throne, characterised the Fraternity. (Applause.) In conclusion, Bro. Hatch again thanked the brethren for their kindness, and assured them that he was unable to find words adequately to express his own feeling on the occasion.

"The Ladies" were toasted, and frank approval was accorded to the innovation which had secured their attention.

After some vocal music, the party adjourned to the open air, and the remainder of the time was spent in Mr. Farrer's grounds. Before leaving, an entry was made in the visitors' book at the New Inn by the W.M., expressing the delight and satisfaction of the party with their entertainment. The return journey was made very pleasant and enjoyable by the vocal efforts of several members of the party. Lancaster was reached about half-past nine, and all present were highly pleased with the excursion.

The timepiece presented to Bro. Hatch bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Hatch, P.M., by the members of the Lodge of Fortitude, 281, in recognition of his services as Secretary. Lancaster, June, 1884." The timepiece, which is under a glass shade, is a very handsome specimen of clockmakers' art workmanship, and strikes the hours and half-hours on a gong. The front is gilt, with gilt and silvered scroll work of chaste and artistic design in relief, and finished in a most elaborate manner.

PICNIC OF THE MARLBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1620, LIVERPOOL.

The first annual picnic of the members of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when about 90 brethren and friends started by specially hired conveyances from Woodside Ferry for West Kirby. The pleasure party was under the direction of Bro. Thomas Delamere, W.M., who received valuable assistance from Bros. R. Armitage, S.W.; Dr. Limrick, J.W.; Dr. H. Y. Pitts, P.M.; E. T. Ingham, D.C.; Luke Bagnall, Treas.; J. Lyon, Sec.; R. Stirzaker, S.D.; and others. The preliminary arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. Trevorton, who deserves much praise for his exertions in connection with the successful excursion. After enjoying a pleasant drive through Upton and Frankby, the company sat down to tea at the West Kirby Hotel, and after enjoying an excellent "out" they returned to Liverpool in the evening.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Our readers generally, and especially the supporters of the above Institution, will be very pleased to learn that the results of the recent Examination in Music at the Royal Academy, when for the first time pupils were sent up from the School, were very satisfactory. Miss Goodridge (teacher) has taken honours in the senior examination in both pianoforte playing and in the theory of music; Miss Hinson (pupil teacher) has taken honours in pianoforte playing, and has passed satisfactorily in the theory of music, also senior examination; Mary Anne Johnson (pupil) has passed the junior examination in pianoforte playing, including questions on the elements of music, satisfactorily.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts has consented to distribute the prizes to the children of the London Orphan Asylum, Watford, to-morrow (Saturday) at the Institution.

OPENING OF THE NEW FULHAM UNION INFIRMARY.—On Thursday, the 26th ult., this large block of buildings, situate at Fulham, was formally opened by the Right Hon. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P. The structure presents almost imposing appearance, and will accommodate a large number of patients. About half the contract for furnishing—necessarily a very large one—was awarded in public competition to the firm of Oetzmann and Co., Hampstead-road, house furnishers, &c.



There is nothing to be surprised at in the announcement that "Called Back" is to be burlesqued. Under the title of "A Scalded Back," a travesty will shortly be produced at the Novelty, by Mr. Yardley, in which Miss Kate Vaughan and Mr. Harry Nicholls will mimic Miss Lingard and Mr. Kyrle Bellew. A comedietta, "Cupid's Messenger," will appear at the same time. Mr. Mackintosh having gone to the Criterion, his place in "Play," at the Court, is now filled by Mr. Arthur Cecil, whilst Mr. Maltby assumes that of Bodwin Todder. "Play" is drawing very good houses, contrary to the anticipations of a large section of the press and the public, amongst whom it did not rank. We have always thought it a pretty comedy, and in the hands of a skilful company a very interesting one. Such it is proving. Next season we may expect "New Men and Old Acres."

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At the Avenue a play of Mr. Mortimer's—not quite new—has been playing the last two weeks. "Gammon" is fairly interesting, but too long. The subject of the play is the rivalry between a medical man of the genteel-poverty class and a retired well-to-do tradesman, who are anxious to appear in each other's eyes, the one as wealthy and the other as in a good social position. But the hiring of the same man at the greengrocer's to wait at table as their private liveried servant tells a tale. Miss Lydia Cowell has a short opportunity as the maid-of-all-work to show her cleverness and tact. Mr. Edward Righton is always pleasant to meet, and as the vulgar salesman makes the best of the Cockney character. Mr. Walter Everard, though one of the chief characters, has but a poor part. An old man does not suit his capacity. His forte is the spirited young man about town who is always getting into scrapes. When the season reopens we shall hope Mr. Everard will be seen again to as much advantage as he was last season in "The Three Hats." A burlesque called "The Ar-Rivals" has been withdrawn; how it could have been allowed by the manager is a wonder, as it was dull, stupid, and void of interest.

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Mr. Wyndham's new farcical comedy on its first night did not seem quite such a success as the ordinary run of Criterion pieces do, but we are given to understand that it has vastly improved. But without Mr. Wyndham in it we cannot realise anything at his theatre to be of the character one associates with that house. The Criterion Theatre is one of the pleasantest of all of our theatres, the ventilation is perfect, and in these warm evenings it is quite cool, a requisite item when one has to laugh so much at the sayings and doings on the stage. "Featherbrain," an adaptation of Mr. Albery's from the French "Fête de Linotte," is far too complicated to describe its plot, nor would it be understood if we did so; we shall indeed be surprised if any one who has seen it more than once is clear about its story. But that matters little; it is amusing, not to say boisterous and extravagant. "Featherbrain" is a young married lady who gets herself into several scrapes. She loves a cousin, and has for years corresponded with him, and much of the fun hangs on the danger of her husband finding the letters. She has a Portuguese nobleman for another flame, and all the while her husband, Mr. Samuel Coney, is not only unsuspecting of his wife, but encourages her, he believing that her cousin, Valentine Day, is in love with his niece, Nelly. Then comes a series of complications very elaborate. The playing at cross-purposes of all the characters makes it very difficult to take in. We hope that Mr. Charles Wyndham will himself take up the part of Mr. Coney, the simple husband. It is a principal one; but in Mr. Mackintosh's hands bores one. Mr. Mackintosh would do well to get rid of his mannerisms. He never seems at ease, but nervously flips a red pocket handkerchief about, smacks his lips every time he speaks, and far more often than not speaks in "loud whispers." We can understand Mr. Wyndham, who would put a new phase in this part, and we hope he will soon reappear on his own stage. Mr. Blakeney and Mr. Giddens, as Mr. Pettigrew and Valentine Day, are, as usual, excellent; but neither has the best opportunities of showing what he can do. M. Marius, as the Portuguese, has scored a tremendous success. Now his voice has gone, he would do well to remain in this branch of the profession. His naturally broken English here helps him, and in his passionate moments he is seen at his best. Miss Marie Jansen makes a lively "Featherbrain," the other ladies all do well in their respective ways, viz., Miss Annie Rose, Miss Rose Saker, Miss Norreys, and Miss Eveson.

A new Masonic lodge was consecrated at Langport on Tuesday, the 24th ult., and we trust it will become the centre of Masonic instruction and usefulness in that important town. The meeting on the occasion was a gratifying success to the zealous promoters of the Portcullis Lodge, but it was remarkable in one particular: Freemasons do not usually take notice of the criticisms of the uninitiated, but since the Pope of Rome has excommunicated all members of the Craft, and since every Cardinal and every parochial priest deems it his duty to hurl the anathemas of his Church at Masonry, the Provincial Grand Chaplain thought it his duty on Tuesday to deliver what may be termed an Apologia pro Masonic, an explanation and a vindication which should satisfy the public that "there's naught but what's good to be understood" of Ancient and Accepted Freemasonry. Misapprehension of the nature and principle of the Institution does not appear to be confined to members of the Roman Church, for we understand that a leading clergyman of the neighbourhood of Langport declined to allow the parish church bells to be rung in honour of the dedication festival on Tuesday, because, as he stated, he was not certain whether "these people" (meaning the Freemasons) were Christians or not. We trust the reverend gentleman will read the oration of the Rev. A. G. How, one of his own cloth, and that this will convince him that Masonry is, in the words of its own ritual, "founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue."—*Somerset County Gazette.*



We have received numerous enquiries as to whether the charge of 15s. for luncheon and admittance to the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Chapel of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Schools, at Redhill, by the Grand Master, on Wednesday next, applies to Masons as well as to the public. All Officers of Grand Lodge and members of the Craft who join the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey on that occasion will be admitted to the enclosure free, and we have reason to believe that, owing to circumstances which are beyond control, the luncheon will not take place.

Bro. Howard Ives was installed W.M. of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, at Colchester, on the 26th ult.

Bro. Alderman Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., has just been elected chairman of Emanuel Hospital.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Whitehead has appointed Bro. Hy. Homewood Crawford to be Under-Sheriff during his term of office.

Bro. Lord Wolseley will preside at the annual summer fête, at the Home for Little Boys, Farnham, to be held to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. James Newton, chartered accountant and auditor, has removed his offices from 2, Mawdsley-street, to 23, Silverwell-street, Bolton.

Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright, J.W. Alliance Lodge, 1827, and member of Bayard Chapter, 1615, was, on Wednesday evening, elected W.M. of the Alliance Lodge.

A movement is afoot in Portsmouth to found a new lodge to be conducted on entirely temperance principles, similar to the Lord Wolseley Lodge at Manchester.

We are desired to announce that on and after Saturday the 5th inst., the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction will hold its meetings at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W.

An emergency meeting of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, will be held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Thursday, July 10th, under the presidency of Bro. James Willing, the W.M.

We notice that the Æolus Waterspray and General Ventilating Company have executed the contract for ventilating the Church of St. Peter's, Limehouse, which has recently been erected.

In consequence of the accident to Bro. H. B. Marshall, Chairman of the Freeman's Orphan School Committee, the excursion on board the "Maria Wood" arranged for the 30th July is postponed.

In our report of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey, which appeared in our issue of the 21st ult., we should have stated that Bro. Arthur J. Dickinson, P.M. No. 452, was appointed P.G. Std. Bearer, and not Bro. S. P. Catterson.

A Special Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Surrey has been summoned for Wednesday, the 9th inst., at Redhill, on the occasion of the laying the foundation-stone of the Chapel of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Schools by the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The three Craft lodges in Lancaster, Fortitude, 281, Rowley, 1051, Duke of Lancaster, 1353, and the Rowley Chapter of Mark Masons, have purchased the premises formerly known as the Queen's Head, in Church-street, in that town, and adjoining the Conservative, for the purpose of converting the same into a Masonic lodge room.

We have been privileged by the kindness of the G.S. to inspect three addresses which have recently been sent by the D.G.L. of Montreal to H.M. the Queen, H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and H.R.H. the Grand Master. As works of art they are exquisite both in design and execution, and reflect the highest credit on the artistic skill and loyal sympathy of our good brethren of the English G.L. of Montreal.

The many friends of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., will be glad to learn that he is recovering from his recent accident by which he broke his arm in two places, and severely bruised his leg. His progress is even greater than was anticipated by his medical adviser. Bro. Marshall has not, however, been able to leave his bed, and his numerous engagements, civic, parochial, and Masonic, have been obliged to stand over.

The Prince and Princess of Wales presided on Monday last at the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of Alexandria House, a home for the female students attending the Royal College of Music, the cost of which—£40,000—has been defrayed by Mr. Francis Cook, senior partner of the firm of Messrs. Cook, Sons, and Co., of St. Paul's Churchyard. The assembly included the Lady Mayoress, Sir Sydney Waterlow, Bart., M.P., Sir Algernon Borthwick, Sir F. Bramwell, and the Rev. William Rogers, M.A.

It ought to be generally known that *Rose's Lime Juice Cordial* supplies a delicious cooling drink in water—effervescent in all mineral waters—wholesome and refreshing in summer. Purchasers should order *Rose's Cordial*: Wholesale Stores, 11, Curtain-road, London, and Leith, N.B.—[Advrt.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming accounts of cholera and diarrhoea should be a warning to every one to subdue at once any irregularity tending towards disease. Holloway's Pills should now be in every household to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more efficient than its cleansing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredients. Holloway's is the best medicine during the summer season, when unripe and decaying fruits and unwholesome vegetables are frequently deranging the bowels, and daily exposing thousands, through their negligence in permitting disordered action to the dangers of diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera.—[Advrt.]