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WE are pleased beyond measure that our anticipations as to the falling off in the receipts of this year's Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls as compared with those of 1886 have not been verified to the full extent. We were seriously afraid that, what with the heavy demands of the Benevolent Institution in February last, the rival claims of the Boys' School in June, and the Centenary Festival in 1888, the Institution for Girls might find the requirements of the current year but indifferently satisfied. Indeed, however disconcerted we might have been by so untoward a result, it would not have surprised us greatly if it had fallen to the lot of Bro. HEDGES to announce on Wednesday a list of Returns but slightly in excess of £10,000, in place of the £13,000 which was realised last year. Happily, Fortune has once again proved herself a diligent supporter of our oldest Charity, and the result of Wednesday's celebration is now known to have been £11,764 8s. 6d. In accumulating this total 277 brethren gave their services, while the supreme direction of the meeting was in the hands of R.W. Bro. Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart., the respected and popular chief of the Craft in Shropshire. That all who had taken part in the beneficent work, exerted themselves to the utmost, and in the somewhat difficult circumstances in which, as we have pointed out, the Institution was placed, with very considerable success, will be seen from the full report and the lists which are published in another part of our columns. But though we prefer leaving these reports and lists to speak for themselves, and our usual analytical article to explain what may seem to require explanation, we must not overlook the obvious duty we are under of tendering our congratulations to the CHAIRMAN of the day, his Board of Stewards, and Bro. HEDGES, the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution, on the success which their efforts have met with, and the brethren generally, on this latest illustration of their kindness, and the sympathy they always find it in their hearts to practise at these festive gatherings.

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WE are under the necessity of entering at an earlier date than usual upon one of our most important duties of the season—namely, that of urging, in an especial degree, the claims of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to the generous support of the brethren at the Anniversary Festival to be held next month at the Crystal Palace. As will be seen from our report of the first meeting of the Board of Stewards, it has been determined that this Festival shall be celebrated on Tuesday, the 14th June, prox., that is, on the day immediately following the grand convention of Masons which is to take place in the Royal Albert Hall, under the personal presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M., for the purpose of congratulating her MAJESTY on the completion of the Jubilee year of her reign. The selection of this day is, in many respects, a most felicitous one. There will necessarily be a vast congregation of provincial brethren in London in connection with the Jubilee Commemorative meeting, and very many of them will, no doubt, be glad of the opportunity, thus happily placed at their disposal, of testifying, in a hearty and practical fashion, their sense of gratitude to the Boys' School for the splendid help it has been, and is, rendering to the sons of deceased or indigent members of our Society. But the wisdom of the selection in this particular respect is not unaccompanied by certain momentous drawbacks, not the least important of these being that it shortens by a whole fortnight the period available for our third benevolent "Plan of Campaign" for the year. This drawback, especially as it happens to be the result of a resolution adopted by the Board of Stewards for what are, in our opinion, sufficient reasons, yet on the spur of the moment, is, we repeat, a very serious one; but if the Craft generally, and the Stewards particularly, will only brace themselves to the task of neutralising its effect as far as possible, we dare say that in the result the brethren will judge favourably of the change, and after the manner of men who foretell an event when it has happened, will come to the wise conclusion that nothing better could have been done under the circumstances. However, our immediate duty is to place before our readers the special claims of the Boys' School to a renewal of those contributions which have been so generously supplied in the past, and the bare enumeration of which will serve to

show are most imperative at the present moment. In the first place, this Institution, with an annual expenditure of from £12,000 to £13,000, has considerably less than £1000 of permanent income, consisting only of the dividends on £17,000 stock and the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, amounting together to £160 10s. In the second place, notwithstanding the generous aid of the Craft, and the extremest care in the financial administration of the School, there it at this moment a deficit in connection with the building and furnishing of the Preparatory School of about £2000. Lastly, in obedience to the heavy demands upon its resources and with the entire acquiescence of the general body of Governors and subscribers, the number of Boys in the establishment has been increased during the last two or three years from 215 to 260, the latest addition—of 12 boys—having been made at the recent April Quarterly Court. Here then we have a triad of very sufficient reasons why the Craft should put forth additional exertions at the approaching Festival, namely: (a), a very small permanent income—lower than in the case of either of the other Institutions; (b), a serious deficit of about £2000 in connection with the establishment of the Preparatory School; (c), an increased number of Children in the School, which now musters 260 as against 215 in 1885. With these incentives before them to the free exercise of their benevolence, we sincerely trust the Festival of the 14th June, prox., will be on a more productive scale than during the years 1884, 1885, and 1886, and that the brethren, fresh from the Jubilee Commemoration meeting, will recognise the necessity of restoring the financial equilibrium as regards the Preparatory School, and will otherwise assist generally by their subscriptions and donations in strengthening the resources of the Institution. There is even now a strong Board of Stewards—strong that is to say, as compared with what later Boards have been at the corresponding period of the year, and when a Chairman is announced and the Board has been sufficiently reinforced, we hope the result of the coming Festival will be more nearly on a level with that of 1883, than the three which have been held intermediately.

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WE take an early opportunity of congratulating the EARL of The new P.G. Supt. of N. and E. Yorkshire. ZETLAND on his accession to an office in R.A. Masonry, corresponding in rank with that of Prov. G. Master. His lordship was installed as Prov. G. Supt. of N. and E. Yorkshire, in succession to Comp. J. PEARSON BELL, M.D., at a numerous and most successful gathering of R.A. Masons, at the Masonic Hall, York, on the 6th inst., the ceremony being performed by Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, the Grand Scribe E. of England, with marked impressiveness. Everything passed off admirably, and great credit is due to the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, under whose banner the meeting was held, for the completeness of its arrangements.

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IN the *Canadian Craftsman* for April is an article by Bro. Masonic Rituals. "J. H." on "The Origin, Formulation, and Adoption of Masonic Rituals." The legendary history of the Craft is certainly not overlooked by the writer, who treats the "Charter of ST. ALBAN'S" as the first bonâ fide record of the organisation of the Fraternity in Britain, and "the ground work of the Charter of York by King ATHELSTAN in 926." He states that York continued to be the seat of the general assemblies until the seventeenth century, though he does not offer any proof, and, as a matter of fact, there is none to present, the "Old Charges" only making mention of one assembly being held at York, not that all were so held there until the last century. A deal is then written about the compilation of rituals by INIGO JONES and ELIAS ASHMOLE, the production of the latter, so we are gravely told, being in the possession of the Lodge of Antiquity, London, and is styled the "ASHMOLE MS." This will be news for the members of this famous old lodge, and so much else that occurs in the first portion of the article, the most of which is utterly worthless and unworthy of the pages of our vigorous and respected contemporary, because erroneous and most misleading, and besides which has long ago been "exploded." The particulars as to Scotland are also equally untrustworthy, and especially so in relation to the "Grand Lodge of all England," held at York. "J. H." declares that "In 1755 the lodge at York, having made little progress, now merged with the so-called Ancient Masons, who then adopted the title of Ancient York Masons." Evidently the writer has never read HUGHAN'S "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," giving the main facts of the history of Freemasonry at York, or FINDEL'S work, or GOULD'S elaborate History. At all events, if he is familiar with these trustworthy volumes he cannot have consulted them to any purpose, for he should be aware that the York Grand Lodge never joined the "Ancients," and, so far as evidence is concerned, ASHMOLE had nothing to do with our rituals, nor INIGO JONES either. It is a pity for such erroneous accounts of the Craft to obtain circulation through the medium of so well-known a magazine as the *Canadian Craftsman*.

NINETY-NINTH FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The ninety-ninth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Shropshire, presided. He was supported by

Bros. R. G. Venables, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Shropshire; Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., P.G. Treas., Patron, Treasurer of Institution; Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, Vice-Patron; T. H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York; John March Case, F.Z.S., P.G. Deacon, P.M. 1; P. de Lande Long, P.G. Deacon, Vice-Pres.; Edward Letchworth, P.G. Deacon, Vice-Patron, Chap. 2; John L. Mather, Asst. G.D.C., P. Prov. G.D. Herts.; Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B., Trustee, Vice-Patron; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron; A. F. Godson, M.A., M.P., D. Prov. G.M. Worcester; Percy Wallis, Prov. S.G.W. Derby; William Watkins, Prov. S.G.W. Monmouthshire; James Terry, P. Prov. G.W. Herts, Vice-President; F. R. Spaul, P. Prov. G. Reg. N. Wales and Salop, Vice-Pres.; Asher Barfield, P. Prov. G.D. Hants and I. of W., Vice-Patron; Charles Belton, F.R.G.S., P. Prov. G.D. Surrey, Vice-Patron; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx., Vice-Patron; Robert Berridge, F.R.G.S., P. Prov. G.S. of W. Notts, P.G. Stwd., Vice-Patron; Joseph Clever, Prov. G.S.B. Essex, Vice-President; Horace B. Marshall, jun., Patron; James Moon, Vice-Patron; R. Eve, Grand Treas., P. Prov. G.W. Hants and I. of W., Vice-Patron; Abel Simner, W.M. 177; Henry Pritchard, W.M. 1415; G. H. Finch, J.W. 1586, W.M. 2085; Edward Anderton, W.M. 1657; Lennix Browne, F.R.C.S., W.M. 2108, J.W. 969; Edmund Y. Jolliffe, Treas. 2168; Joseph Henry Price, W. J. Spratling, Capt. Colwill, P.S.G.W. Cornwall; Controller Bake, P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall; J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Hampshire; Gardner, J. D. Langton, W. Lake, and others.

After dinner Grace was sung and the toasts were proposed.

The CHAIRMAN in proposing "The Queen," said the toast which stood first on the list, occupying that position as it did on every occasion when Englishmen met together, whether as Masons or as citizens had such a claim upon their affections, that neither could familiarity dim its lustre in their eyes, nor the revolving cycle of 50 years impair its hold upon their hearts. There were many things which one might say in proposing "The Health of her Majesty," most of which he was afraid they had already heard before, at any rate many which they might expect to hear many times again, but on the present occasion, therefore, he would content himself merely by observing that in drinking the Health of her Majesty the Queen, they not only paid their respects as loyal citizens to the head of the State, but they also desired to toast the illustrious lady whose private example had always been for the promotion of true Charity, and who occupied the position of Grand Patroness of the Institution, in whose interest they were met together that night. The National Anthem having been sung,

The CHAIRMAN said that, next to their loyalty to the Queen, Masons prized their loyalty to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. In these days, when much was required of all people in his exalted position, he doubted whether there was any one in this kingdom who lived more in the full blaze of publicity than H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Whether it was opening an Exhibition at Manchester one day, attending a reception of the Colonial delegates in London the next, or presiding at a Charity dinner on another, in all he brought to his public duties that marvellous tact and affability which was well known to all people in the country, and had done so much to endear him to all classes. How nobly he was seconded in his endeavours by the Princess of Wales was well known, and it was sufficient for him (the Chairman) to mention that she was still at the end of 24 years viewed with that enthusiastic love and adoration with which she was at first. As Masons, they all knew how much they owed to the Prince of Wales as their M.W. G.M., and he very much doubted if that occasion which they were looking forward to next month at the Albert Hall would not bring very forcibly before the people of this country the marvellous progress made in Freemasonry since his Royal Highness was installed as Grand Master. With reference also to the other members of the Royal Family, it must be a great gratification to them to see Prince Albert Victor taking his position as a Grand Officer of England, and thus carrying out in his generation the example of his illustrious family in the person of the Prince Regent, the Duke of Clarence in the last generation, and the Prince of Wales in this.

In giving the next toast, the CHAIRMAN said he was sure they must all feel that in the Earl of Carnarvon they had a Pro Grand Master who was noteworthy among the men of this generation in almost every position he took. Whether it was as a Statesman, or an administrator, or a man of letters, the Earl of Carnarvon would command the respect of all who knew him. In the Earl of Lathom they had a Grand Officer who had shown repeatedly his great interest in the Craft, and to whom it was a great pleasure to many of them recently to see him at the Installation of Lord Egerton of Tatton at Chester, performing the ceremony in a manner which nobody could find any fault with. With respect to the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, many of whom he saw present, they all knew how great was the debt the Craft owed to them. Whether they wore the purple only for last month or for many years, they did their utmost for the success of the Fraternity. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, Grand Treasurer, in reply, said when he came into the hall that evening he was not aware that the great honour of responding to this toast would devolve upon him. He was comparatively but a young member of Grand Lodge, and when he felt he stood in the presence of many officers of Grand Lodge who had graced the offices they held for so many years—Bro. Fenn, on his immediate left, for nearly a quarter of a century, and others—he felt somewhat diffident in responding to that toast in their presence, but according to the rules of the Order it was the senior present Grand Officer who was called upon to respond. Hence had fallen to him the honour and duty—the pleasing duty of acknowledging the compliment paid to the Grand Officers. One reason he had for his feeling of diffidence was that he knew there were so many Grand Officers of distinction alike in the State and in all other Institutions which belonged to the administrations of their great Empire, to whom the R.W. Prov. G.M.—the Chairman—had referred to, the Earl of Carnarvon, who was a most distinguished nobleman, and had held high office in her Majesty's Government, and with him many other brethren equally distinguished in Government, and they were pleased to find that the Grand Master had conferred the honour of office upon such noble brethren, they felt that the honour reflected back on the Craft with still greater vigour. With the R.W. Chairman he felt that the M.W.G.M. had done his duty well in selecting so many very distinguished brethren for the various offices, and on their behalf he begged to say how deeply they sympathised with the movement which they were supporting that evening in helping forward one of those great Institutions that had shed so much lustre on Freemasonry. They felt that this was one of those Institutions which proved that Charity was one of the brightest jewels in the crown of Masonry. The Grand Officers had felt, and

continued to feel, the greatest interest in those Institutions. As was shown by their presence that interest was not lessened under the presidency of Sir Offley Wakeman, who had been of great service to this Institution. Although they had a great love for the other Institutions—the aged and the Institution for the sons of Masons—they felt there was a peculiar attraction in the Institution for the daughters of Masons. Those who had visited the Institution would say it was splendidly worked, reflected great credit on the Order, and did good to humanity in general. The Institution was worthy of all the support that could be given to it, and he trusted that next year all the brethren would give double to it.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes, then rose and said he had been unexpectedly called upon to propose "The Health of the Chairman." In undertaking the task without any preparation he did so with the greatest pleasure, because Sir Offley Wakeman had been associated with him in the Prince of Wales Lodge as a member for many years. Of that lodge he (Bro. Fenn) was not only Secretary, but the second oldest member. They had had in that lodge an opportunity of observing how good a Mason Sir Offley Wakeman was, and when his appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire was announced to the lodge, it gave the members the greatest satisfaction, not only because it reflected honour on their lodge, but because they were sure the brethren of Shropshire would be highly gratified and pleased with the M.W.G.M.'s selection. The brethren present would all appreciate the excellent manner in which Sir Offley Wakeman had presided over the Festival, and Sir Offley Wakeman would excuse him, as the brethren were impatient of long speeches, if he did not venture further into his merits.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said he felt very deeply the honour that had been done him, and, as he thought, to the province over which he had been called upon to preside, by being allowed to take the chair that evening. He remembered very well having attended festivals of this description before as one of the Stewards of his mother lodge at Oxford, when he sat at the other end of the room, and heard very little of what passed. Little did he then think that he should find himself at the Chairman's end. It always appeared to him that a great meeting like this of brethren from different parts of the country for the benefit of the Central Institution, showed the real bond there was in Freemasonry—a bond of union which extended far beyond the limits of the British Isles, to every brother of the Craft, wherever he might be. It had been his good fortune twice in the last eight years to prove how true this was in countries other than England. But very recently he was enabled to witness the hearty welcome of brethren in the far west of America. Some years before that it was his privilege to be present in the distant east to see Masonic ceremonies performed in English by a lodge of brethren consisting of Mahomedans, Parsees, and Hindoos. Allowing something for the well-known exuberance of the expression of the Orientals, he was at a loss to say which welcome was the warmer. The Worshipful Chairman concluded by again thanking the brethren for drinking the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. Fenn.

The CHAIRMAN next observed that he felt that nothing he could say could in any way mar the welcome the brethren could accord to this next toast, that of "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," although they wished success to all the Masonic Charities, this particular Charity must at all times be near to the heart of every true Mason. At the very outset of his Masonic career the Apprentice was informed that Charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and it was impressed at the very threshold of his entrance into the Craft, that amongst the thousands of his Masonic brethren there were many who might have a claim on his Charity. There must be a satisfaction to every brother to feel that the Craft in general were not oblivious of their duty in this particular as was evidenced by the magnificent support given to these Institutions year after year. It was a satisfaction to Masons to feel that this support had in the main kept pace with the great progress in the numbers of the Fraternity, nor had it so far as he was aware been impaired by those distressful circumstances which had been so forcibly brought to their notice in recent years with reference to the general prosperity of the country. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was in every way worthy of their most hearty support. The experience of former years the brethren were fully aware was that the Institution had been well supported; indeed he might say that the history of this Institution had been one of successive, continuous, and successful progress. Founded as the Institution was 99 years ago, it commenced with only 15 pupils in January, 1789. So late as 1872 there were but 100 pupils in it; to-day there were no less than 248. Thus, they found that the benefits of the Institution were every day, so to speak, or every year, widely extended. But it was not merely to the extension of numbers that he might allude with satisfaction, for more particularly he thought they might congratulate those who had the management of this Institution on the very great care that was taken there for the physical, moral, and intellectual development of the pupils. This was largely aided, as it seemed to him, by the assistance of the junior school, which enabled that extra supervision and care to be had of the younger girls, which was so desirable at their tender years. Then, further, he would like to remark on the system which prevailed in the senior school of accustoming all the pupils to officiate in domestic work of a practical character. He was pleased to find that all the girls were diligently instructed in plain needlework; further, that they had instruction provided in cookery, and such matters. Another great satisfaction to all who had the interests of this Institution at heart, was the fact that, with the exception of the head governess, all the educational staff had been educated in the Institution itself. When they found pupils of maturer years coming back to the School, they found also that they carried back with them a grateful recollection of their former years. He went to the School on Tuesday and saw, with Bro. Hedges and the officers, the excellent condition of the children, and the remarkable state of discipline which existed, and he could not but feel that the Institution was conducted in a most satisfactory way. He saw 160 going through drill exercise at a word of command, and he was perfectly amazed at the accuracy with which all the evolutions were performed, and, considering the sex of the pupils, in perfect silence. (Laughter.) The intellectual part of the education was equally satisfactory. At the Cambridge examination, 19 were entered and all passed, eight with honours. He would ask the brethren to remember that that was not on the numbers he recently announced, 148, it was a lesser number. A very much larger number of girls had been admitted to the Institution, therefore, the great proportion of those who passed was larger than appeared at first sight. At the examination of the College of Preceptors, 30 entered, and all of them passed. Again, in the science examinations, 54 pupils entered the examination in physiography, and 41 passed; 40 passed in electricity and magnetism. He did not wish to

speaking of anybody but himself, but he could not help thinking there were many in that room double the age of those girls who would be very sorry to be examined in physiography. For himself, he had not the slightest idea what it meant. (Laughter.) So far as the financial position of the Institution was concerned, that very largely depended on the efforts of the brethren the Stewards. At the same time, he would like to point out that there was special need this year for a claim on their liberality, because it had been found necessary to expend £8000 recently in the purchase of certain property for the well-being of the Institution. There might very well have been, as any one could see for himself, great injury to the Institution but for this timely purchase. The Institution had no regular income except £2000 a year; therefore it must rely on the contributions of the brethren. This year they were under a disadvantage in this respect, the 99th year was nothing more than other years, but rather less; but it had in the coming year the glory of a centenary, and he might be permitted to express a hope that the next Anniversary of the Festival of this the oldest of the three Masonic Institutions would be of such a character that it would be held under such illustrious auspices as to be entirely unique in the history of the Freemasonry of England. Speaking for himself, he would say he was sure the 100th Anniversary would not be allowed to pass by the Craft without a very great effort to mark it. He felt he might with safety claim for this Institution that it was nobly performing the objects for which it was founded, and, in company with its two sister Institutions, afforded a very complete and cogent answer to all they heard about what was the good of Freemasonry? To such a questioner he would like to point out the three great Masonic Institutions, and then he would find, with the alteration of only one word, that epitaph which was to be found over an entrance to St. Paul's Cathedral to that great architect and Mason, Sir Christopher Wren, "Si argumentum queris circumspice." He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Patron and Past Grand Treasurer.

Bro. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, P.G. Treasurer, in reply, said he rose with feelings of great anxiety to acknowledge the liberal contributions of the brethren on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, remembering that the Executive Committee had recently been at extra expense and responsibilities in admitting all the candidates at the last Quarterly Court and election without a contest, incurring additional outlay in providing the requisite accommodation for their girls. If, as he feared it would, the Institution would suffer in consequence of the many claims that had been made upon the liberality of the brethren in this year of Jubilee, they took encouragement from the fact of the near approach of the Institution's centenary anniversary, and consequently anticipated that every province would make an effort to respond on behalf of the Institution, when every lodge would send its representative on that auspicious occasion. They were told that gratitude was a keen sense of favours to come. It was, therefore, his duty and privilege very sincerely to acknowledge the liberal contributions of the brethren in the past, and very earnestly to solicit their liberal donations in the future, especially at the forthcoming centenary year in order that they might not only be enabled to maintain the School in its present state of efficiency, but also to extend still further the benefits of the Charity to a much larger number of the fatherless girls of their unfortunate brethren who had fallen out in the battle of life. (Cheers.)

The Stewards' list was then read by Bro. HEDGES, and the details will be found appended to this report.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Secretary, then rose, and said the brethren must all be delighted at the very capital results of that day's Festival which, although, perhaps, not so magnificent as had been sometimes announced on these occasions, yet still showed that the keen interest which was taken by the brethren at large in the Masonic Institution for Girls was unabated. But there was an old line of a poet that—

"Man never is, but always to be, blest,"

and the moment Masons had had one festival they looked forward with the greatest interest to the next. Bro. Terry and his Institution were in the happy position of having achieved the greatest result this year, but there was still one festival in the future, that of the Boys' Institution. They all hoped and trusted that the festival would be as successful as had been the ones of the other Institutions. Masons had been somewhat heavily taxed in this peculiar year—he would not use that unusual word "Jubilee"—but still they were having a special year, and special claims, and he was sure the Masons of England would support the Festival of the Boys' School as they had supported the other Festivals. They knew the Institution had peculiar claims, though each of the Institutions claimed the great interest of the Craft. He was sure the Institution would meet with the generous support of the brethren, no less than it had been in the previous years. He concluded by proposing "Success to all our Charitable Institutions."

Bro. F. BINCKES, P.G. Steward, Secretary of the R.M.I.B., in reply, said he felt deeply indebted to Bro. Col. Clerke for the kind and sympathetic manner in which he had proposed the toast, congratulating the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution on their respective successes in connection with their respective Festivals in which he had prognosticated, and he hoped their prognostications would be more than fulfilled, the success of the Festival of the Boys' School, to be held on the 14th June, the day immediately succeeding the Jubilee Masonic gathering, or assembly to be held at Albert Hall. He now felt to a certain extent relieved by having been enabled to join in the congratulations of the other Institution on their successes. He naturally had some little anxiety with reference to the Boys' School Festival. He had often said that that Institution came last of the three, and was generally content to take up the crumbs of the other Institutions. He was disposed that evening to take up another view, and he wanted to impress on the brethren another lesson comparing the three Institutions with the Three Degrees of Masonry. The Benevolent Institution was the Entered Apprentice. Having taken that Degree the brethren were naturally desirous of progressing. The Girls' School was the Second Degree, which was the most connecting link with the other two. The Boys' School was the Third Degree when members rallied round and performed the most important ceremony. While he stood in an unfortunate position that evening, not being able to announce the name of any distinguished brother to preside, he had every faith that the intrinsic merits of the Institution, and in connection with the Jubilee celebration, that the brethren would maintain the prosperity of the Institution. They were in debt, in doubt, in difficulty, and wanted the brethren to release them from all three. They wanted the brethren to come forward and help the sons of Masons, the men of the future, to be able in later days successfully to fight the battle of life, and maintain the two great principles which their Royal Grand Master enunciated on the day of his installation—loyalty to the throne and Charity to the human family.

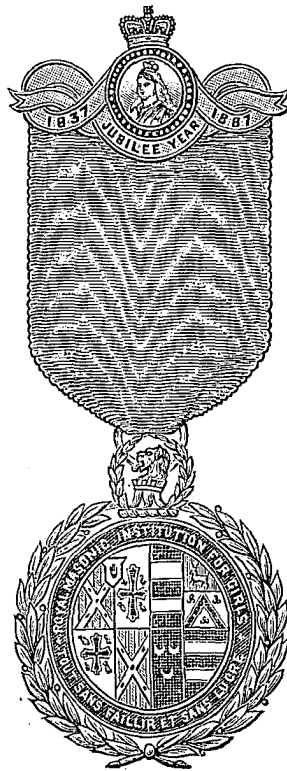
Bro. JOHN DERBY ALLCROFT, P.G. Treas., proposed "The Stewards of the Day." They had to thank the Stewards for their excellent arrangements. Considering previous successes, the Stewards had to work under great difficulty. Those who were connected with London Charities knew how much depended on the exertions of the Stewards, and he gave them due honour for the work they had carried on, and for the perseverance they had shown. These great Charities appealed to different kinds of men; but when they come to a question of the education of girls, he thought every Mason who was a father must have a very strong feeling in the result of an appeal such as this. The Stewards could go to their brethren and show how the School was worked. They knew they had a very good case to put forward in pleading for help. They were very glad to see so many country brethren, and they welcomed them most warmly. They hoped they would be stimulated with the feeling that the essence of Charity which was so great in Masonry would spread, and be encouraged in their hearts, and be evidenced by their support of all the different Charities connected with the Order. It had fallen to his lot in the province over which the Chairman presided to see—and it pleased him very much—that a great amount was realised, over £1000. He therefore connected with this toast the name of Bro. Venables, D.P. G.M. of Shropshire.

Bro. VENABLES thanked Bro. Allcroft for the compliment paid to Shropshire. He had not been a very operative Steward, but he was proud that Shropshire had laid more than 1000 out of the 11,000 odd bricks to the Institution that night. Shropshire was pleased to see such efforts in the cause of Charity, and hoped it would continue to all the Institutions, and so carry out the precept—"Hearts willing and hands ready."

Bro. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D., responded, and the brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where a charming concert was provided—under the direction of Bro. Franklin Clive—in which the following artistes took part: Madlle. Marie de Lido, Miss Ethel Winn, Madame Florence Winn, and Madame Featherby-Capel; Bros. Arthur Thompson, Albert James, Egbert Roberts, and Franklin Clive; solo flute, Bro. John Radcliff; pianists, Bros. J. Turle Lee and Herbert Schartau.

Bro. R. J. Morley was toastmaster at the dinner.

The favour worn by the Stewards contained the arms and crest of the Chairman and the name of the Institution, the bar bearing a miniature medallion of her Majesty. It was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.



STEWARDS' LISTS.

LONDON.		Lodge	
HOUSE COMMITTEE.		£ s. d.	
Bro. Edgar Bowyer ...	26 5 0	211 Bro. Fred T. Bennett ...	63 4 6
" Ralph Clutton ...	10 10 0	217 " James Addington ...	43 1 0
" Thomas Fenn (see Lodge No. 82) ...	148 1 0	227 " Peregrine Purvis ...	34 13 0
" Robert Grey ...	52 10 0	235 " James B. Batten ...	15 15 0
" Charles Hammerton ...	101 0 0	255 " N. D. Fracis ...	15 15 0
" H. A. Hunt ...	21 0 0	259 " George Hughes ...	31 10 0
" Edward Letchworth (see Chapter No. 2) ...	26 5 0	435 " Jesse Brown... ..	38 17 0
" Peter de Lande Long ...	10 10 0	507 " Charles H. Wiltshire	63 0 0
" H. B. Marshall, J.P. ...	26 5 0	511 " Asher Barfield ...	21 0 0
" J. H. Matthews ...	21 0 0	534 " Oliver Bryant ...	10 10 0
" James Moon ...	21 0 0	538 " W. G. Fenn ...	105 0 0
" Col. Peters ...	10 10 0	548 " Henry Carman ...	32 11 0
" Frank Richardson ...	31 10 0	700 " Josiah H. Roberts ...	132 0 0
Lodge		715 " Upfield Green ...	15 8 6
1 Bro. J. Marsh Case ...	36 15 0	733 " Silis J. Humfress ...	101 14 0
2 " John Jupe ...	26 5 0	813 " Charles Weedon ...	52 10 0
Chapter		822 " J. Fox Seaton ...	30 0 0
2 Comp. E. Letchworth (see House Committee)		834 " C. Dopson ...	150 0 0
Lodge		834 " H. Purdue ...	21 0 0
3 Bro. J. W. Squire ...	38 17 0	871 " John George Thomas	120 0 0
4 " J. A. Hughes ...	15 15 0	879 " Walter Martin ...	80 0 0
5 " Capt. Lyell ...	32 11 0	893 " F. W. Paisford ...	969 " Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S. (see 2108)
6 " Alfred E. Craven ...	21 0 0	1158 " W. Belchamber ...	52 10 0
8 " John Pullman ...	22 1 0	1185 " W. G. Hildreth ...	21 0 0
10 " Rev. J. N. Palmer, M.A. ...	22 1 0	Chapter	
11 " W. F. B. McQueen ...	45 0 0	1185 Comp. George Powell ...	36 15 0
14 " Gordon Smith ...	10 10 0	Lodge	
18 " John H. Champness ...	21 0 0	1298 Bro. E. E. Streat ...	22 1 0
21 " Alderman J. Savory ...	44 18 0	1366 " R. W. Galer ...	5 5 0
23 " George Simonds ...	23 2 0	1383 " M. Tabureau ...	84 0 0
26 " A. E. Cumberbatch ...	21 0 0	1425 " James Stephens ...	38 11 0
27 " C. J. Cuthbertson ...	46 4 0	1537 " H. S. Clutton (see also Lodge No. 46)	168 0 0
28 " James Boulton ...	31 10 0	1586 " G. H. Finch... ..	36 15 0
29 " Fred. E. Burgess ...	40 0 0	1608 " H. W. Kiallmark ...	53 1 6
33 " Rich. C. Raper ...	16 16 0	1613 " George Harlow ...	68 5 0
46 " H. S. Clutton (see Lodge 1537)		1615 " T. R. Dallmeyer ...	26 5 0
65 " James I. Akerman... ..	96 5 0	1622 " Frederick Hilton ...	52 10 0
83 " Thos. Fenn (see House Committee)		1657 " E. Anderton... ..	107 2 0
90 " W. McDougal ...	63 0 0	1662 " Walter T. Christian	32 11 0
91 " Sidney Claris ...	26 5 0	1662 " T. Franklin ...	36 15 0
140 " Alex. Forsyth, M.D. ...	26 5 0	1673 " T. C. Royle ...	20 0 0
145 " W. F. Masters ...	63 0 0	1704 " W. P. Hubbard ...	26 5 0
147 " G. Emblin* ...	420 0 0	1719 " T. H. Martin ...	63 5 0
165 " Richard Eve... ..	52 10 0	1726 " A. Roger Carter ...	106 1 0
172 " Carl T. Fleck ...	120 0 0	1772 " F. Whiting ...	36 15 0
172 " Charles Meierhoff ...	120 0 0	1839 " John Culver ...	42 0 0
177 " Abel Simner... ..	353 15 0	1910 " Charles Belton ...	31 10 0
179 " A. Hughes ...	50 0 0	Chapter	
193 " Geo. P. Nightingale ...	90 6 0	1928 Comp. T. Minstrell ...	26 5 0
194 " Thos. H. Wilson ...	85 1 0	1974 Bro. G. Capper Harding... ..	39 18 0
197 " G. Lancelot Eyles ...	105 0 0	1988 " Joseph W. Hartley ...	79 16 0
		2000 " W. E. Stewart ...	40 8 6
		2012 " Dr. F. Lawrence ...	59 0 0
		2021 " Capt. Clifford Probyn ...	28 7 0
		2033 " A. E. Sansom, M.D. ...	65 12 6
		2060 " Ernest St. Clair ...	51 9 0
		2108 " L. Browne, F.R.C.S. (see also 969) ...	74 11 0

* The Premier List.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
2168 Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe...	106	1	0
Mark Lodge			
139 Bro. Charles Pulman ...	10	10	0
UNATTACHED.			
Bro. R. G. Barton ...	10	10	0
Robert Berridge ...	10	10	0
J. J. Berry ...	23	2	0
Joseph Clever ...	25	12	6
Henry Cox ...	21	0	0
G. Gardner ...	5	5	0
H. P. Hay ...	10	10	0
Millner Jutsum ...	13	2	6
George Kenning ...	10	10	0
W. G. Kentish ...	15	15	0
John H. Lane ...	11	11	0
H. B. Marshall, jun. ...	10	10	0
J. L. Mather ...	36	15	0
E. J. McIntyre, O.C. ...	26	5	0
W. Morley ...	10	10	0
J. C. Osterstock ...	36	15	0
W. J. Spratling ...	20	0	0
R. J. Taylor ...	10	10	0
James Terry ...	21	0	0
J. Warcup ...	15	0	0
THE PROVINCES.			
BERKS AND BUCKS.			
Lodge			
209 Bro. H. John Stollery ...	40	0	0
414 " J. Wesley Martin ...	68	5	0
591 " John Lawson ...	60	0	0
591 " Harry Martin ...	60	0	0
771 " W. Albert Hart ...	44	2	0
945 " Rev. Henry Lewis ...	66	13	6
1566 " E. J. Shrewsbury ...	12	0	0
1894 " G. H. Charsley ...	17	17	0
1899 " S. G. Kirchhoffer ...	26	5	0
2043 " Edward Margetts ...	15	15	0
Chapter			
414 Comp. R. C. Mount ...	35	14	0
591 " J. Lawson ...	21	0	0
BRISTOL.			
Unattached—Bro. W. Parnell...	15	15	0
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.			
Province and 859 C. Geldard ...	200	0	0
CORNWALL.			
Province Gilbert B. Pearce ...	141	15	0
DERBYSHIRE.			
Lodge			
1028 Bro. Alfred Schofield ...	31	10	0
Chapter			
1235 Comp. J. H. Lawson ...	26	5	0
Unattached—Bro. G. Fletcher...	10	10	0
" P. Wallis ...	10	10	0
DURHAM.			
Province & 764 Bro. F. Wilson...	63	0	0
509 Bro. M. B. Dodds ...	10	10	0
ESSEX.			
Lodge			
160 Bro. George Wood ...	13	12	0
276 " A. G. Maskell ...	47	5	0
697 " J. T. Bailey ...	26	5	0
1343 " Charles C. Potter ...	30	0	0
1437 " G. B. Gilbey ...	10	10	0
1457 " J. C. Hopwood ...	81	2	0
2154 " Mark Gentry ...	13	13	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
1067 " Will C. Heane ...	53	11	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.			
35 " George A. Mursell ...	60	15	0
2169 " George F. Bevis ...	15	15	0
HEREFORDSHIRE.			
Prov. and 751 Bro. John Bodenham (see also Shropshire and Staffordshire) ...	26	5	0
HERTFORDSHIRE.			
403 Bro. Joseph Hunt ...	26	15	6
1327 " William Lewis ...	54	11	0
1479 " Horace Slade ...	32	11	0
2054 " Stephen H. Moore ...	63	0	0
KENT.			
1273 " Herbert Black ...	61	19	0
1414 " Charles W. Smith ...	24	15	6
1436 " H. T. Samson ...	36	15	0
1516 " George Kennedy ...	36	15	0
Unattached—Bro. G. Adamson ...	15	15	0
LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION).			
343 Bro. W. Troughton ...	10	10	0
348 " John Kenyon ...	10	10	0
893 " John Stovold ...	63	0	0
Unattached—R. Williamson ...	10	10	0
LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION).			
Chap.			
673 Comp. W. Leonard-Marsden ...	10	10	0
Lodge			
730 Bro. J. Heald ...	5	5	0
1325 " J. H. Bradshaw ...	26	5	0
1325 " J. W. Burgess ...	31	10	0
1335 " A. H. Crossley ...	10	10	0
1335 " J. D. Murray ...	31	10	0
1476 " W. B. Richardson ...	10	10	0
1505 " Robert Foute ...	10	10	0
MIDDLESEX.			
1194 Bro. Edward Monson ...	27	16	6
1238 " E. Rogers ...	105	0	0
1309 " G. H. Harding ...	10	0	0
1326 " C. W. Baker ...	15	15	0
1326 " Jas. Clark Goslin ...	15	15	0
1326 " James Lawrence ...	15	15	0
1326 " W. R. Vassila ...	10	10	0
1326 " J. A. Wilson ...	10	10	0
1415 " Henry Pritchard ...	39	18	0
1460 " C. E. Wright ...	46	4	0
1494 " A. E. Sansom (see 2033) ...			
2048 " C. I. Axford ...	42	0	0
2105 " W. R. Palmer ...	36	15	0
2105 " R. H. Cama ...	10	10	0
2163 " W. Steward, jun. ...	31	14	0
MONMOUTHSHIRE.			
Province			
Bro. W. Watkins ...	10	10	0
457 " F. A. Powell ...	20	0	0
818 " J. O. Marsh ...	10	10	0

NORFOLK.	£	s.	d.
52 Bro. H. G. Barwell ...	52	10	0
NORTH WALES.			
1336 " C. K. Benson ...	38	17	0
1849 " Col. Hon. W. E. Sackville-West ...	116	11	0
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
Unattached—Thos. Salisbury...	16	16	0
OXFORDSHIRE.			
340 Bro. Harry Drinkwater ...	31	10	0
357 " L. Miéville ...	27	7	0
357 " P. Colville Smith ...	11	7	6
478 " Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith ...	21	0	0
1703 " Geo. Handel North ...	10	10	0
SHROPSHIRE.			
117 " V. C. L. Crump ...	57	15	0
117 " T. P. Deakin ...	31	10	0
262 " A. Lowcock ...	63	0	0
262 " Will. E. Harding ...	115	10	0
262 " J. H. Redman ...	10	10	0
Chap.			
262 Comp. Crump ...	31	10	0
Lodge			
611 Bro. Rowland G. Venables ...	52	10	0
611 " Arthur Marsden ...	52	10	0
611 " T. J. Salvey ...	10	10	0
1124 " Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart ...	127	1	0
1124 " W. H. Spaul ...			
1432 " Chas. Drew ...	37	16	0
1575 " Lieut.-Col. Gordon Warren ...	31	10	0
1621 " J. H. Cooksey ...	36	15	0
1621 " W. Lascelles Southwell ...	110	5	0
1896 " John Bodenham (see also Herefordshire and Staffordshire) ...	94	10	0
2131 " Rev. H. Kemble Southwell ...	18	0	0
Unattached—A. C. Spaul ...	52	10	0
" F. R. Spaul ...	52	10	0
" J. H. Price ...	10	10	0
SOMERSETSHIRE.			
Province and 437 Bro. W. H. Good ...	163	16	0
53 Bro. J. L. Stothert ...	236	10	0
SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).			
Province Bro. J. L. Lewis ...	105	0	0
STAFFORDSHIRE.			
418 Bro. J. B. Piercy ...			
2149 " W. H. Bailey ...			
726 " J. Bodenham (see also Herefordshire and Shropshire) ...	320	5	0
1792 " M. Barker ...			
SUFFOLK.			
81 Bro. W. Page Phillips ...	52	10	0
332 " Rev. S. Maude ...	63	0	0
1452 " H. W. H. Elwes ...	40	19	0
1681 " H. Harvey-George ...	63	0	0
SURREY.			
452 Bro. C. G. Scott ...	36	15	0
889 " W. Chapman ...	37	16	0
1149 " H. E. Turner ...	23	15	0
1638 " John Drewett ...	42	0	0
1892 " Wm. Pile ...	37	19	0
1981 " John Youldon ...	21	0	0
2195 " F. A. Guimaraens ...	37	5	6
Chapter			
1395 Comp. A. H. Bowles ...	32	11	0
SUSSEX.			
Bro. Gerard Ford ...	31	10	0
WARWICKSHIRE.			
Lodge			
74 Bro. James Moffat ...			
74 " Adolphe Arbenz ...			
74 " Dr. Hugh Thomas ...			
74 " Joseph Gothard ...			
74 " T. J. Graham ...			
74 " Josiah Collins ...			
74 " James C. Pool ...	136	10	0
74 " Thomas Surman ...			
74 " C. W. Collins ...			
74 " W. H. Johnson ...			
74 " Felix Jones ...			
74 " J. Slater Foster ...			
74 " Geo. Hardy ...			
WORCESTERSHIRE.			
Lodge			
252 Bro. James Turner ...	56	14	0
280 " Alf. Barnett Rowe ...	80	0	0
259 " Alderman B. Williamson, J.P. ...	54	11	0
Unat. " A. F. Godson, M.P. ...	10	10	0
Chapter			
377 Comp. J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick ...	10	10	0
YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST.			
1605 " J. R. Ansdell ...	91	7	0
YORKSHIRE—WEST.			
139 " E. S. Taylor ...			
139 " Fred. R. Booth ...			
139 " Edward S. Tozer ...			
290 " William Harrop ...			
439 " Samuel White ...			
448 " W. D. Shoebridge ...			
521 " John W. Turner ...			
521 " Abraham Armitage ...			
521 " J. G. Thompson ...			
974 " Herbert A. Foster ...			
974 " John Ridley Oddy ...	350	0	0
1019 " Joseph Haslegrove ...			
1042 " Xavier Meyer ...			
1102 " John K. Ibberson ...			
1211 " J. W. Fourness ...			
1239 " Thomas E. Barker ...			
1239 " Thomas H. Vernon ...			
1239 " V. G. S. Dearden ...			
1239 " A. J. Fossdyke ...			
1515 " T. W. Embleton ...			
" John Gibbs ...			
EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.			
Dist. Bro. F. H. Gottlieb ...	10	10	0

SUMMARY.			
	£	s.	d.
Berks and Bucks ...	497	11	6
Bristol ...	15	15	0
Cambridgeshire ...	200	0	0
Cornwall ...	141	15	0
Derbyshire ...	78	15	0
Durham ...	73	10	0
Essex ...	222	7	0
Gloucestershire ...	53	11	0
Hants and Isle of Wight ...	76	10	0
Herefordshire ...	26	5	0
Hertfordshire ...	176	17	6
Kent ...	175	19	6
Lancashire (East) ...	94	10	0
" (West) ...	136	10	0
Middlesex ...	418	2	6
Monmouthshire ...	62	0	0
Norfolk ...	52	10	0
North Wales ...	155	8	0
Nottinghamshire ...	16	16	0
Oxfordshire ...	101	14	6
Shropshire ...	1022	17	0
Somersetshire ...	400	6	0
South Wales (East Division) ...	105	0	0
Staffordshire ...	320	5	0
Suffolk ...	219	9	0
Surrey ...	269	1	6
Sussex ...	31	10	0
Warwickshire ...	136	10	0
Worcestershire ...	212	5	0
Yorkshire (North and East) ...	91	7	0
" (West) ...	350	0	0
Eastern Archipelago ...	10	10	0
STEWARDS—LONDON ...	5909	0	6
STEWARDS—PROVINCES ...	5855	8	0
GRAND TOTAL ...	11,764	8	6

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

"All's well that ends well," and if the 99th Anniversary of the Girls' School has not been so productive as its more immediate predecessor, it has produced more than was generally expected, and what, with the permanent income of the Institution, will probably suffice for the requirements of the coming year, leaving nothing to speak of in the way of margin to meet unforeseen expenses. For this result we must be thankful. It would not have been pleasant to find that, in order to meet the necessary outlay of the School, an inroad must be made upon the invested moneys which it has taken so many years and such trouble to accumulate, and it is a relief to know that the occurrence of any such evil contingency is now almost absolutely out of the question. Next year, no doubt, when the Centenary celebration takes place, we may hope to realise a result that will be permanently, as well as immediately beneficial, but for the moment we are content with the week's proceedings and, as our custom is, shall enter without further introductory comment on the task of analysing the Returns.

The total announced by Bro. Hedges was £11,764 8s. 6d., the number of brethren who gave their services as Stewards being 277, or two more than assisted at last year's anniversary. Both these facts are gratifying. We were afraid the total would have been only about as much in excess of £10,000 as it turns out to have been short of £12,000, while as to the 277 Stewards, we never imagined that between the 2nd April, when the Board numbered only 203 brethren, and the 11th May, there would have been an influx of 74 new Stewards. We are glad to have been disappointed in both cases, nor should we have shown ourselves seriously chagrined, had our disappointment been of a more pronounced character. We are out in our reckoning, but in the right direction.

As to the distribution of this amount and these Stewards between London and the Provinces, we find that London with 121 Stewards or four less than last year, returned £5,909 0s. 6d., which, all things considered, may be pronounced satisfactory, while as to the Provinces, the 156 brethren representing these returned £5,855 8s., the Stewards in 1886 being 150 in number, and the sum of their lists £7,672 5s. We must not, however, lose sight of the fact that the Chairman of Wednesday was more immediately supported by a Province which was organised less than two years ago, while last year's Chairman was a veteran Mason and his Province of ancient organisation. Little matters like this must not be lost sight of, for it is just these little things which are of no account with the multitude, which go to make the difference between a success that is great and a success that is ordinary, or between one that is complete and one that is only partial.

Taking LONDON

first, we remark that of the 121 brethren who acted on its behalf, the House Committee constituted a group of 13, of whom two, however, Bros. Fenn and Letchworth, acted as well as representatives, the former of Lodge No. 83—and to very good purpose he seems to have played his part—and the latter of Chapter No. 2. The lists of these 13 brethren, including what they raised from the aforesaid lodge and chapter respectively, amounted in all to £569 6s. A second group of 20 brethren acted as Unattached Stewards, and these together made up a total of £344 13s. There thus remained as representatives of lodges and chapters only 88 Stewards, who acted for 85 Craft lodges, 3 Royal Arch chapters, and a Mark lodge, and the aggregate of whose lists was £4,995 1s. 6d. This does not materially differ from last year, when the number of Metropolitan Masonic bodies represented was substantially about the same, and we remarked at the time that while on an average about one third of the London lodges sent Stewards, in the case of this Institution the proportion was only

figuring with £107 2s.; Bros. A. R. Carter of the Temple Bar, 1728, and Bro. E. Y. Joliffe of No. 2118, being equal with £106 1s. to their respective credits; G. L. Eyles of the Jerusalem, No. 197, and W. G. Fenn, La Tolerance, No. 538, bracketed together, contributing £105 each, and Bro. Charles Hammerton, bringing up the rear with the excellent sum of £101. Turning to

THE PROVINCES,

we find there is a slight increase in the number of Stewards as compared with last year's Festival of this Institution, while, as regards the number of represented Provinces, we must go back a long time in order to cite an Anniversary at which the proportion is so small. Of the 44 provinces and the Channel Islands, only about two-thirds sent up Stewards, the number of absentees on Wednesday being 14 as against 12 at the Benevolent Festival in February, and nine at those of the two Schools last year. The absentees are as follow: BEDFORDSHIRE (five lodges), which raised close on £200 at the Benevolent and Girls' School Festivals in 1886; CHESHIRE (40 lodges), whose absence can only be accounted for by its having been closely occupied with its change of government. But for this circumstance we should no doubt have found it in its usual place in the list. CUMBERLAND AND WEST-MORELAND (20 lodges), having determined upon raising 1000 guineas (£1050) for the Benevolent Institution, must have its hands too full to allow of its devoting much attention to the Schools. DEVONSHIRE (51 lodges) has done good work in its time, and figured on a moderate scale at two of last year's Festivals, and at the Benevolent Festival in February. DORSETSHIRE (13 lodges) sent up a Steward with a goodly list in February, and took part in two out of the three Festivals in 1886. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND (12 lodges) raised £250 for the Old People in February, and a somewhat larger amount for the Boys' last year. In 1885 this Institution was enriched to the extent of £405, while the Benevolent received £330 in 1884, and the Boys' School £405 in 1883. Thus, each Institution has its turn, and the Girls' School will, no doubt, be the object of attention in 1888. That LINCOLNSHIRE (23 lodges) should be among the absentees is by no means remarkable, but why it should hold aloof so persistently from these celebrations is not equally clear. It does not scruple to send up applicants for the benefits of our Charities, and unless it holds that reciprocity must be invariably on one side only, we might imagine the province would occasionally recognise its duty towards our Institutions. NORTHANTS AND HUNTS (10 lodges) has done nothing since 1884, when it raised £215 for the Boys' School, but it need not hesitate about making its re-appearance in these Returns. NORTHUMBERLAND (21 lodges) did so splendidly for this Institution last year, when it raised over £900 by the hands of its worthy Prov. G. Sec., Bro. B. J. Thompson, that it may justly claim an interval of rest; while SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION) with its 10 lodges, has figured as recently as the Boys' Festival of 1886, when its total reached £210. WILTSHIRE (10 lodges) entered an appearance at both the School Festivals last year, its contribution at that of the Girls' School being a very substantial one. Indeed, its presence at these celebrations is the rule rather than the exception. As to the other absentees—the CHANNEL ISLANDS (five lodges), JERSEY (seven lodges), and the ISLE OF MAN (six lodges)—the first two enter an appearance from time to time, and always when they do so, to good purpose; while the ISLE OF MAN has yet to settle down under its new organisation. But even if the three did not take part in our Festivals, we should have no right to be surprised, as they are, in fact, outside the limits of the country; or, at all events, they are so far removed from head-quarters as to claim the indulgence of the Craft.

We will now run through the represented Provinces in their alphabetical order, beginning with

BERKS AND BUCKS,

which, albeit a regular and liberal contributor to our Institutions, has returned a heavier amount than usual on this occasion. Its annual total for the three Charities averaged £550 during the last three years, but in February six of its members representing five lodges and a chapter, compiled £218 6s. 6d., and on Wednesday, 11 brethren representing nine lodges and two chapters, raised among them £407 11s. 6d., so that the two Festivals already held during 1887, yielded more than the above cited annual average. We congratulate our Berks and Bucks friends on their achievement, and trust the total of the current year may be looked upon as the standard to be maintained in the future. We are also glad to find that three of the Stewards hail from lodges in Buckinghamshire. Where two or more counties are joined together as one Province, it is always desirable that the responsibility of supporting our Festivals should be distributed as impartially as possible amongst them all.

For the Province of

BRISTOL,

with its compact array of eight lodges, Bro. Purnell does duty as an unattached Steward, his list being a modest £15 15s. However, at the Benevolent Festival in February Bro. Pierrepont Harris made a more effective display, and one more in accordance with the antecedents of the great Western port, his list being £115 10s., while last year Bros. Harris and Purnell, sharing the Stewardships between them, raised £490 15s.—viz., for the Benevolent Institution £318 10s.; for the Girls' School £145 19s.; for the Boys' School £26 5s. In 1885, the Benevolent received £59 11s., and the Boys' School £115 10s., the Stewards being Bro. Purnell on both occasions, and Bro. Price on one; while in 1884 Bro. Purnell handed in a total of £293 11s. This is a capital series of Returns, of which the province has great reason to be proud.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

with six lodges, has entered an appearance in good style, the amount of Bro. Geldard's list as Steward for the province in general, and the Isaac Newton University Lodge in particular, being £200; and as the Deputy Grand Master of the province—Bro. Andrew H. Moyes—figured for £200 in February, it is clear that Cambridgeshire must have been exerting itself to some purpose in order to make a serviceable return in the year of Jubilee. Last year, the total distributed among the three Institutions was £547 5s., of which the Girls' School received almost exactly one half—£273, while the Benevolent was benefited to the extent of £143, and the Boys' School with £131 5s. In 1885 this Institution was honoured with the contributions of the province, and in 1884 the Boys' School was the fortunate recipient, so that all receive a due, and, if we take into account the narrow limits of the province, a most generous share of support.

There are good reasons for anticipating that

CORNWALL

will make a brilliant show during the current year. It has a pretty good muster roll of 29 lodges, and these are being plied most assiduously by Bro.

Gilbert B. Pearce, who, we understand, has charged himself with the duty of representing the province at all three Festivals. That the work has prospered in his hands will be evident when we point out that his list of £368 11s. for the Old People in February was supplemented on Wednesday with £141 15s. for this Institution, so that Bro. Pearce has succeeded in realising this year upwards of £500, which represents a substantial advance on the totals of contributions in 1886 and the year preceding. The brethren who have had the chief hand in raising these moneys—Bros. C. Truscott, Controller Bake, and Pearce—must be gratified, while the province must be proud of having such indefatigable workers among its members. We trust these brethren may have many further opportunities of distinguishing themselves, and that others among our Cornish friends will seek to emulate their grand example.

DERBYSHIRE,

with a roll of some 21 lodges, began the year so well, that we are not surprised at its total being of modest dimensions in this instance. In February a band of eight Stewards raised amongst them £387 14s. On Wednesday half that number, of whom, however, only one represented a lodge and one a chapter, while the others were unattached, made up a total of £78 15s. But, even if the Boys' School obtain no subscriptions, a sum of over £466 is pretty substantial evidence of the goodwill experienced by Derbyshire towards our Charities, especially after it had apportioned £176 15s. amongst them in 1886, and given £1546 17s. to the Boys' School at its Festival the year previous, when Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., occupied the chair. And lest it should be imagined that the claims of this Institution are overlooked by comparison with those of the other two Charities, we would point out that in 1884, out of a total divided between the Schools of £450 14s., the Girls received £356 4s.

The 30 lodges in the Province of

DURHAM

were unrepresented by any Steward at the Benevolent Festival in February, though it figured for a sum of 50 guineas (£52 10s.) contributed from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge. On Wednesday, there were two Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists reached a total of £73 10s. But even the two Returns together will appear small when we bear in mind that Durham is a fairly strong province, with some old and influential lodges on its roll. We should certainly like to see it both more numerous and more effectively represented, as it was, for instance, in 1881, when it raised £1024 or thereabouts. We have no doubt the brethren will contribute handsomely, if only a few of the more active members will undertake to act as Stewards.

Seven of the 25 lodges in

ESSEX

were represented on Wednesday, and, though the sum of their lists—£222 2s.—is less than half the total which 11 of the 12 brethren then acting as Stewards returned, the present result is by no means to be slighted, especially as one of the lodges—the Joshua Nunn, No. 2154, Halstead—was only consecrated last year, and a large contribution could not in reason be expected from it. However, if we add Wednesday's Returns to those of February, we find that Essex has raised during the present year within a few shillings of £723, and the Boys' Festival has yet to come, so that there is a fair prospect of the average of 1884, 1885, and 1886—£980 6s. per year—being maintained.

Having regard to the fact that

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

though having only 14 lodges on its roll, raised £2240 9s. in the years 1884, 5-6—namely, in 1884, £597 9s.; in 1885, £1247 8s. 6d.; and in 1886 £395 11s. 6d.—we must not be taken aback at the comparative modesty of its contributions during the current year, the £84 raised in February for the Benevolent Institution having been supplemented by £53 11s. on Wednesday. It is quite on the cards that the Province may be reserving its strength for the Boys' Festival next month, or it may have resolved on remaining comparatively quiet for the present, so that it may be in a position to work energetically in 1888. Be this as it may, no one will grudge Gloucestershire the present exercise of its just privilege of resting awhile, especially as we are all aware that its more active members—and there is a strong contingent of them in the county—will never think of allowing a mere state of rest to degenerate into a settled condition of indifference.

It is vastly to the credit of

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

that it should have been in a position to send up Stewards, after the grand efforts it made in February in support of its Prov. G. Master, when the sum total of its lists was £1785 9s. 6d. Happily, there are many of our Provinces that would feel they had overlooked an important duty if a Festival went by without their participating in the good work, and this with its 44 lodges is one of them. Thus, notwithstanding the formidable inroad into its spare cash at the late Benevolent Festival, three of its lodges sent up Stewards, its oldest (No. 35) and youngest (No. 2169) lodges being under the Stewardship of Bro. George A. Mursell, while the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, was represented by Bro. Bevis, the aggregate of their two lists being £76 10s. Last year it raised £826 15s. 6d.; in 1885, £1062 1s. 6d.; and in 1884, £1180 10s. 6d., giving an average of £1023 2s. 6d. per annum during the three years. Moreover, in 1883, when Bro. Beach was Chairman at the Girls' Festival, its total for the three Festivals was in round figures £1832, so that, when the Boys' School Anniversary for this year has passed, there is little doubt that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, in the five years from 1883 to 1887, will have distributed not far short of £7000 among our Charities, if, indeed, it does not exceed that figure.

HEREFORDSHIRE

has but four lodges on its roll, but we always accord it a hearty welcome when it figures among the contributing Provinces, even though the amount of its subscriptions is rarely formidable. On Wednesday, Bro. John Bodenham, who appears to have been three Stewards rolled into one—at least, he is entered as having done Steward's work for Herefordshire, Shropshire, and Staffordshire, and has furnished a list for each—handed in a total of £26 5s. Last year, with Bro. the Rev. R. Evans as representative, the Province gave £74 11s. to this Institution, and in 1883 it is entered for £53 11s., per Bro. the Rev. John Buckle. These are not large amounts, but they serve to show that there is the will to lend a helping hand at these Anniversaries, and it is possible that by and bye we may find Herefordshire a more frequent as well as a more considerable donor.

As regards

HERTFORDSHIRE,

which has steadily increased during the last few years to 15 lodges, we shall content ourselves with repeating what we said in the Analysis of the last Benevolent Returns, namely, that considering how regular and generous are its contributions, it is to be regretted that Bro. Halsey, M.P., the respected Grand Master of the Province, does not venture on acting as Chairman at some one of our Festivals. We feel sure the lodges would support him well. A Province which has averaged an annual total of £462 5s. during 1884-5-6, and has already raised £573 16s. 6d. during the current year, namely, £396 19s. for the Benevolent in February, and £176 17s. 6d. on Wednesday, would be sure to acquit itself successfully.

After its heavy contribution of close on £1228 to the Old Folks in February last, it would be unreasonable to expect from

KENT,

even though it musters over half a century of lodges, more than one of its lesser totals. Still, the four lodges that were represented on Wednesday deserve credit for their labours, which would in all probability have realised more had not the surplus cash of the year been already so seriously treasured upon. Their lists totalled up £160 4s. 6d., and Bro. G. Adamson, Unattached, with a supplement of £15 15s. raised the total to £175 19s. 6d., but in all probability the year's average will be reached, if not surpassed, the three years preceding this having yielded £4635 10s., or at the rate of £1545 per year.

The two

LANCASHIRES

have figured to less advantage than usual in this year of Jubilee, though, in the case of East Lancashire, the smallness of its Returns in February last and on Wednesday will be amply compensated for before the year is out by the subscription it is engaged in raising as a memorial of the Jubilee for the Benevolent Institution. As regards West Lancashire, it has now supplemented its contribution of £399 to the Old People in February with £136 10s., the product of eight lists from five lodges and a chapter. Moreover, as we have again and again pointed out in these articles, both the divisions of the county have their local Charitable Associations, which do a world of good in relieving necessitous brethren and their families.

It is evident the Girls' School stands as high as ever in the estimation of

MIDDLESEX,

from which, in the days of the late Bro. Wentworth Little there was always a comfortable contribution forthcoming whenever the Institution had its Anniversary gathering, and Bro. Hedges has succeeded in retaining his hold on the Province. This was shown on Wednesday, when 15 brethren gave their services as Stewards in behalf of ten lodges, Lebanon, No. 1326, having as many as five representatives, and the Cama Lodge, No. 2105, two. Their lists amounted together to £418 2s. 6d., Bro. Sansom acting for No. 1494, being also a London Steward, and having his amount returned under that head. This does not materially differ from the Returns of February, when, by the hands of 13 Stewards, the Province gave £431 17s. Last year, the three Institutions received within a shilling of £1034, of which more than the half went to the Benevolent, the three years, 1884, 1885, and 1886, yielding £2626 2s. 6d., or an average per year of upwards of £875.

The three Stewards from the small Province of

MONMOUTHSHIRE

have made up a small, but useful £62, one of the constituent items being apparently the personal contribution of the Steward. Having only eight lodges, we cannot, of course, look for very large Returns, but in 1886 this Institution received £199 10s., and the Boys' School £31 10s. In 1885, the Old People obtained £200, and the Girls' School £61 8s. 6d., while a Monmouthshire Lewis—Master Willie Watkins—figured among the Unattached Stewards with a list of £26 5s. In 1884, the Boys' School was the favoured Institution, Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray's list for the Province amounting to £307 13s. It is clear from this enumeration of Returns that Monmouthshire is impartial in its support of our Charities and generous to the full extent of its ability.

Of the 16 lodges in

NORFOLK,

The senior, the Union, No. 52, of Norwich, was alone represented, the list of its Steward, Bro. H. G. Barwell, amounting to £52 10s. As Lord Suffolk, Prov. Grand Master, was in the chair at the Boys' School Festival at Brighton in June last, we must not be surprised at the comparative smallness of the total. Moreover, in February, another of the Norwich Lodges—the Social, No. 93—contributed, by Bro. Bridgman, the handsome sum of £155 9s., so that the Province has acquitted itself famously during the present year. As we have pointed out in previous Analyses, too much is not to be expected from an agricultural district, especially in these days of severe agricultural depression.

It is in the order of things that

NORTH WALES,

with a vivid recollection of its old association with the Chairman's Province, should be found arrayed among his supporters, nor is it surprising that the two brethren representing it—or rather two of its eighteen lodges—should have exerted themselves to excellent purpose for their old comrade in Masonry. Bro. Col. the Hon. Sackville-West, P.G.W., as Steward of the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, Bangor, raised £116 11s., and Bro. C. K. Benson of the Square and Compass, No. 1336, Wrexham, £38 17s., the two together making up the capital total of £155 8s. This is slightly in excess of the figures in February last, when four Stewards of whom Bro. S. Pope, O.C., G.S.D., was one, raised amongst them £152 1s. Last year it distributed over £219 among the three Institutions, the Girls' School receiving nearly half, or, to speak precisely, £102 7s. 6d. If the "Men of Harlech" keep marching on at this rate, North Wales will in a few years be taking the lead of the Provinces.

A modest list of £16 16s. from an unattached Steward—Bro. Thomas Salisbury—is all we have to place to the credit of

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

with its roll of 14 lodges. But as in the case of Bro. the Rev. Bussell's list of £27 in February, we must not take this as a measure of the strength which the Province is capable of putting forth on occasions. Last year, for instance, two of our Charities received between them a fraction over £279; in 1885, the sum of £540 7s. was distributed among the three, the Royal

Masonic Benevolent Institution receiving £158 13s., this Institution, £261 14s., and the Boys' School £120; and in 1884, the Old People and Our Boys' were favoured, the one with over £142, and the other with over £231, the two returns amounting together to £374 5s. No doubt, we shall find Notts. well placed next month, when the Boys' School Anniversary is celebrated.

Five Stewards did duty for four out of the ten lodges in

OXFORDSHIRE,

the Alfred, No. 340, the Apollo University, No. 357, and the Churchill, No. 478, being all represented, the remaining lodge being the Windrush, No. 1703, of Witney. The sum of their lists is £101 14s. 6d., which is a fair average Return from this Province. In February the total was close on £73, the whole being obtained from the Alfred (two Stewards), and the Bertie, No. 1515, the junior of the four lodges in the City of Oxford. Last year the total for the three Festivals was in round figures, £279; in 1885, £208; and in 1884, £293. It will probably not have escaped the notice of our readers, or at least of those who study the Returns of our Festivals, that the lion's share of the support comes from the lodges in Oxford, and especially from the Alfred and Apollo University. A more equitable distribution seems desirable.

It is hardly possible to speak in terms too laudatory of the efforts made by

SHROPSHIRE

in support of its Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sir Offley Wake-man, Bart, the chairman of the day. We have always extended a hearty welcome to the brethren in this county, on the occasions—and they were by no means infrequent—when, during the prolonged Provincial Grand Mastership of the late Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart, the Masons of Shropshire and North Wales figured by their representatives among the guests at these Festive Charitable Meetings. But since 1885 Shropshire has been a Province by itself, and though at the Benevolent Festival of last year, it sent up a Steward, just, perhaps, to mark the change in its position, it may be said to have made its *débüt* on Wednesday. How well, how splendidly, indeed, it fulfilled its part will be seen from the figures which we record elsewhere, and which proclaim more eloquently than any words of ours could do the benevolence in act as well as in word of our Shropshire brethren. In estimating the full value of these figures it must be mentioned that the membership of the Province, all told, is within 400 brethren, who are distributed among 11 lodges only, and that the expenses attending their organisation into a separate Province must have been no slight burden for so limited a body to bear. Yet they have detracted all these, have established a Provincial Charitable Association of their own, and have shown by their latest performance that on the occasion of a grand function at which their respected ruler fulfils the duties of President, they are equal to a stout effort to support him, which will compare well with the efforts made by other and even stronger Provinces in support of their rulers at similar banquets. The total result of the Returns from the Province is entered at £1022 17s., being the sum of the lists handed in by the 17 representatives of nearly the whole of its lodges and a chapter. Bro. Sir O. Wakeman headed the array of contributing brethren with 100 guineas, his Deputy, Bro. Rowland G. Venables, and the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. Spaul, being also among those who have rendered valuable assistance. We remark also among the list of Stewards the honoured name of Williams-Wynn as one of the Stewards for Lodge No. 1124—the St. Oswald, of Oswestry. Bro. Bodenham, who does duty on behalf of two other provinces likewise, figures here with a list of ninety guineas (£94 10s.). Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell, as one of the representative of the Castle Lodge, No. 1621, Bridgnorth, is entered for 105 guineas (£110 5s.); and even the Brownlow, No. 2131, Ellesmere, the creation of yesterday, and as such the youngest of the Salopian lodges, has a Steward in the person of Bro. the Rev. H. Kemble Southwell. In short, all have put their shoulders to the wheel with an energy which is both creditable to the Province and a cause of rejoicing to the friends of the Institution for Girls. For fuller particulars of the exact Returns, and by whom contributed, we must refer our readers to the "Stewards' Lists."

SOMERSETSHIRE

is among the invariable participators in our Anniversary celebrations, and, as becomes the Province which is presided over by the Pro Grand Master, generally shows to advantage as regards the mite it casts into the Treasury. On Tuesday two of its 25 lodges were specially represented, and one of the Stewards appears to have drawn contributions from the Province generally. The lists amounted to £400 6s., of which £236 10s. was raised by Bro. Stothert, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, Bath, so that the somewhat rude injunction about "going to Bath" has a very felicitous meaning when applied to a journey thither in search of contributions for our Institutions. In February, Bro. Adams, of the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, Taunton, raised the respectable sum of £132 8s. Last year the Province gave in all £609 11s., of which the Boys' School obtained nearly one half; while in 1885 the total was £517 18s., this Institution being the most favoured, with £305, and in 1884 it ranged as high as £640 14s., the Benevolent receiving, per Bro. R. C. Else, £505 5s. This is indeed a famous record.

R.W. Bro. Sir Geo. Elliot's Province of

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION)

contributes a round sum of £105, its February contributions having been limited to a modest £36 15s. Last year the Girls' and Boys' Schools were presented with £140 and £105 respectively, in 1885 they obtained each £200, and in 1884 the Girls' received £160, and the Boys' School £200. These are mostly very fair amounts even from a province of 15 lodges, but doubtless in February next, when the respected Provincial Grand Master fulfils his promise of presiding at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, there will be a grand rally of the lodges of this Province of South Wales, and their Returns will be largely in excess of any it has been our privilege to record hitherto.

The 28 lodges of

STAFFORDSHIRE,

like those of Somersetshire, have a happy knack of entering an appearance at all our Festivals. We do not mean that all of them contribute at every Festival, but only that the Province of which they are the constituent parts makes a point of furnishing one or more representatives at each successive Anniversary. Their lists, too, are generally on a liberal scale; the four Stewards, who acted for five lodges, on Wednesday, having raised amongst them the excellent total of £320 5s., while in February, the one Steward, Bro.

J. R. Lee, handed in £132 6s. Last year the contributions to the three Institutions amounted to £577 10s.; in 1885, to £695 2s.; and in 1884 to £646 6s., so that there is every reason to anticipate that when the Boys' School Festival is over the Staffordshire total for 1887 will compare favourably with that of the three preceding years.

Four of the 21 lodges in

SUFFOLK

sent up Stewards on Wednesday, the aggregate of their lists reaching the comfortable sum of £219 9s., which, following as it does on the splendid total of £418 10s. raised by three Stewards in February, shows there must be sterling brethren in this part of the country. Not that we have ever permitted ourselves to question this point. We have always found Suffolk well to the front on these occasions, the latest evidences being a series of contributions in 1884, 1885, and 1886, amounting to £187 1 and a fraction, of which this Institution obtained £674 17s. 6d.; the Benevolent, £774 6s. 6d.; and the Boys' School, £422 1s. When a Province works in this fashion, it must, as we have said, have men of sterling worth on its roll of members.

The Province of

SURREY

with its 32 lodges, sent up a pretty strong contingent of eight Stewards, of whom seven acted for as many lodges and one for a chapter, the sum of their lists being £269 1s. 6d. Considering how energetically it worked last year, we might well have excused the Province had it elected to rest awhile. It is no easy matter to raise £1820 in a single year, yet this is what Surrey did in 1886, General Brownrigg, when he presided at the Festival of this Institution, obtaining support to the extent of £1345 and upwards. But, notwithstanding these efforts, it went to work with renewed vigour in February, when it raised over £370 for the Old People, and it has now followed this up with the very serviceable total already mentioned, the contributions so far during the current year being £639 13s. Well done, Surrey!

SUSSEX

(26 lodges) was represented by a brace of Stewards at the Festival in February, and showed to great advantage at the Boys' Festival at Brighton last year, when the total of its contributions reached £420. Its greatest achievement, however, was at the Festival of this Institution in 1885, when the late lamented Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., occupied the President's chair, and the Province supported him to the extent of £1850. On Wednesday, Bro. G. Ford, D.P.G.M., took upon himself to act for the Province, and handed in a list of £31 10s.

We have more than once expressed our belief that

WARWICKSHIRE

which has a roll of 31 lodges, might occasionally show to greater advantage, but there is no doubt that its Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham, is a regular and resolute supporter of our Charities. On Wednesday, a band of 13 Stewards from this lodge manfully compiled a list of £136 10s. A somewhat similar thing happened at the Boys' Festival in June last, when 18 members of the same Athol Lodge made up a joint list of £231, two other lodges in the Province supplementing this with a further £52 10s. At the Benevolent Festival in 1884 the lodge had seven Stewards, whose lists amounted to £78 15s., and at the Boys' Festival in 1883 there were again seven Athols, whose total amounted to £63. Of course, there have been contributions from other lodges at these and other intermediate Festivals; but we may in reason commend the example set by this particular lodge, greatly at the instigation of our worthy Bro. James Moffat, to the remaining 30 lodges in the Province. We are confident that if a majority of the latter will only go and do likewise from time to time, the position of Warwickshire will be greatly strengthened.

Adjoining

WORCESTERSHIRE

with its twelve lodges, has done very well, its five Stewards making up amongst them £212 5s. Of this sum, the two Worcester lodges are responsible for £134 11s., Bro. A. B. Rowe's list for No. 280 being £80, and Bro. Alderman Williamson's, for No. 529, £54 11s. Bro. James Turner, for the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley, figures with £56 4s. to his credit, and Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., unattached, and Comp. Consterdine Chadwick, of Chapter No. 377, complete the quintette with their personal donations of ten guineas each. In February Bro. Godson did duty for the Province, and handed in his thirty guineas as unattached Steward, while for the years 1884-5-6 the contributions reached £1236 17s., giving an average per year of over £412. Here, too, it is evident there are some willing and regular workers.

A Hull lodge—the De la Pole, No. 1605—did duty for

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

on Wednesday, and very well did Bro. Ansdell, who acted as its representative, play the part he undertook, his list amounting to £91 7s., or not far short of the Returns compiled by three Stewards in February last. However, during the last four years the Province has raised, on an average, £545 per annum, and, therefore, it only needs a substantial effort next month for it to maintain its position. As there are 29 lodges on the roll, this ought not to involve a serious amount of difficulty, nor have we any misgiving as to the heavy requirements of our Institutions being lost sight of during the coming Jubilee festivities at York in July.

Knowing, as we do, that the Province of

WEST YORKSHIRE

sent up 33 Stewards, with a total of £750, at the Benevolent Festival in February, and that it is now engaged in raising £2100 to purchase two perpetual presentations to the Widows' Fund of that Charity as a memorial of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, we are not surprised that its contingent of Stewards should have been less numerous on Wednesday, and that the total they were able to compile should have reached the comparatively modest figure of £350. We are aware it will be represented at the Boys' Festival next month, and that its then contribution will amount to some few hundreds of pounds. But it is clear that if it stands committed to raise an exceptionally large sum for one of the three Charities, the other two cannot look to be favoured to the same extent as in ordinary years. The great feature about this Province is that it gives largely and regularly, and that any falling off from the average there may be in the case of one of the Institutions in one year is invariably counterbalanced, and probably more than counterbalanced, the year following by a contribution in excess of the average. One thing is tolerably certain—namely, that West Yorkshire, before the year 1887 has run its course, will have raised some £3600, and this will be quite £1500 ahead of its average of the last 12 years. With Returns such as these, we need not concern ourselves about the minor details.

CATALOGUE OF MASONIC BOOKS AND MSS. (cont.)

In concluding our notice of the English works in this remarkable collection, we shall have less to say than originally contemplated, as several have been written for lately, and thus considerably lessened the number of "specials."

One of the best of Dr. Oliver's works is No. 245, in the two editions of 1856 and 1864, and especially so because this "Book of the Lodge" relates to the building of the Masonic Halls according to the known requirements of the Fraternity.

The transcript of the York MS., No. 5, of 1670, circa, is of interest, because certified by the late Bro. William Cowling, so long Treasurer of the "York" Lodge, to whom Bros. Findel and Hughan were so much indebted for many valued kindnesses. In this connection the "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry" (No. 264), by Bro. G. F. Fort, should be mentioned. Bro. Fort is an American, but has travelled much in Europe, and fitted himself, by study and various pilgrimages to the Masonic shrines, for the task of writing a history of the Craft from a purely archæological stand-point. Of course, his work is not exhaustive and comprehensive as Bro. Gould's, but on the other hand it is a most attractive book, and is one of our Masonic standards. The author revels in the York legends and MSS., and, indeed, has made what would be considered a dry study usually, a most interesting and readable volume. The "Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1730 to 1809," published in 1877, by Bro. C. E. Meyer, as the Chairman of the Library Committee (No. 253a), makes a grand volume typographically and Masonically, the whole of the celebrated "Libre B." of 1730, &c., being reproduced, having the accounts of an old lodge from 1731. Many of the portraits are exceedingly good, and the reprints are faithfully rendered. The facsimiles are of great interest, and for usefulness in relation to the early history of American Freemasonry, no other book can equal it, so far, in value and importance. There are also other books relating to the Craft in America, such as 270-1-4 and 276. Lodge Histories by Bro. McCalla, &c. Also proceedings of American Grand Lodges, the value and interest of which few know and appreciate as they deserve to be, in this country.

In Constitutions, there are English editions of 1853, 1867, and 1873, the first of which is not an every-day sight in catalogues, and there is also Vol. 1 of Bro. Kenning's Archæological Library, which contains a complete reproduction of the premier Book of Constitutions of 1723, for fewer shillings than the original can be had in pounds, and the noted Wilson MS. of the "Old Charges" of the seventeenth century is in same volume.

The first six volumes of the "Freemasons' Magazine" 1859 to 1862 (quarto) is a most desirable set, particularly for a lodge library, and so also is that "sporting lot" No. 289, of various Grand Bodies, bound in 19 vols., and the "Miscellaneous Pamphlets on Freemasonry and other subjects in 11 vols., these being offered for the cost of binding or even less. Of Sermons and Lodge Histories there are a few, the latter being printed privately as a rule, causing such pamphlets to be scarce and valuable. Of this class we should mention the History of the "Anchor and Hope" Lodge, No. 37, Bolton, from 1732 to 1882, by Bros. Brockbank and Newton, and the History of the "Lodge of Tranquility," No. 185, by Bro. J. Constable, with introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan. The History of "Cheshunt Great House," the home of the "Gresham Lodge," No. 869, by Bro. F. D. R. Copestick, is a handsome small quarto volume, and the sketch by that well-known brother has but to be read to be appreciated; another "sketch" in the collection being by the veteran Bro. Binckes, on the History and Persecution of the Knights Templars. Those who are afraid to tackle the large volume by Addison, will find this brochure an acceptable guide for the main details of the History of that great Order, and the terrible persecutions through which so many of its distinguished members had to pass.

The "Pocket Companion" of 1764, with the list of lodges (No. 345) and the "Origin and Early History of Freemasonry," by Steinbrenner, are well known works, and require no praise or recommendation to English Freemasons.

The six engravings by Bro. P. Lambert de Lintot, R.A., of the years 1787-9, bound in cloth, are treasures, and make a handsome set of these scarce and very valuable productions. The first was dedicated to the M.W.G.M. of that period (H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland) and another was intended to compliment the Chevalier Ruspini, founder of the present Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. They relate to the Craft and "Hautes Grades," and considering their age, are in a capital condition. We need not refer to Bro. Gould's "Athol Lodges," as the utility and accuracy of that work has been demonstrated "time after time." Finally the copy of "Hutchinson's spirit of Masonry," original edition of 1775, makes a good number for us to close our references to this collection. Those of Foreign publication will be referred to in due course, many of which will be found to be of the utmost rarity and value, and of exceptional interest.

MYSTERIES OF HINDOSTAN.—Much has been written about them, and a good deal more advanced on a very slender foundation, as it seems to us, and based rather on an active imagination than absolute fact. It is sufficient to say that the mysteries of Hindostan were very ancient, though what they were is by no means clear. Whether they are anterior or subsequent to, or synchronous with, the Egyptian mysteries, is also a matter of much doubt, and is a point which we fear can never be satisfactorily settled. There seems good evidence to warrant the belief that the Brahmins, or Brahmans, have a form of "secreta receptio" somewhat akin to Freemasonry; and there is a society, of curious name, which professes to preserve a portion, at any rate, of the old Brahminical mysteries. Some have said that the Hindoo gods, Brahma, Vishnu, and Siva, forming a triad, were represented as presiding over the mysteries, which were celebrated, it is averred, in the famous Cave of Elephanta, and also that of Salsette; and no doubt there has always been a statement, correct or incorrect we know not, that Archdeacon Robinson was acknowledged in his capacity as a Royal Arch Mason by the chief priests of a Hindoo temple. But the chief difficulty in all such matters and inquiries is, to separate the colouring of ardent imagination from what is positively true and historically correct. If the accounts of some writers be correct, the Hindoo mysteries were very much like the alleged descriptions of Egyptian and Greek mysteries, although, as we have before pointed out, much has been written about the mysteries which is clearly more figurative than real.—Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.

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To Correspondents.

The following, amongst other communications, unavoidably stand over:— CRAFT LODGES.—Phoenix, No. 94; Truth, No. 521; Excelsior, No. 1155; Abbey, No. 2030. INSTRUCTION.—Emulation, No. 299; Wanderers, No. 1604. ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.—St. John's, No. 279; Whittington, No. 862. Priory of West Yorkshire—United Order of the Temple and Malta. Grand Lodge of Scotland. Supreme Council, 33°.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of New Mexico," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Volunteer Year Book for 1887," "The Stock Exchange," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Jewish Chronicle," "Western Morning News," "Liberal Freemason," "New York Dispatch," "The Era," "Sunday Times" (London), "Masonic Era and Analectic," "Court Circular," "Keystone," "El Taller," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," and "Scottish News."



SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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

MEETING OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, The lists of candidates for the pensions of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution now before us are very interesting reading, and they give rise to reflections, some of them not a little painful. There are 57 candidates for 9 vacancies on the male side, and 77 candidates for 28 vacancies on the widows' side; of the men only 17 percent. can possibly be elected, and of the widows 35. They are of all ranks and degrees, both socially and Masonically, save, perhaps, the very highest. Many of them have borne high Provincial rank, and have in their time subscribed largely to the Institutions. No. 9 has to live on his emolument as a Tyler. No. 26 is widow of a Steward at a Masonic Hall. This raises the interesting enquiry—do serving brethren as a rule pay quarterage through the lodges they serve, and qualify themselves for relief under Book of Constitutions 193 and 236?

One lady, No. 42, bears a world-wide name amongst cricketers, she is a Vice-Patron of one, and a Life Governor of two of the Institutions. Then No. 12, Stewardship recorded on her husband's page, and one thinks of him along with Caldecott, Clapshaw, Pilch, Mynn, Felix, and other giants of old, men of renown, and his "bat" was carried out as often as theirs. Another lady bears a name which suggests "Paradise and the Peri," and her husband was a doughty "Manhandler" before the Turkish Bath was much known, or the term "Massage" invented. Seventeen of these ladies have been candidates more than three times, two of them candidates for the seventh time, have scored less than 30 votes each, and one candidate for the fifth time has only 18. No. 22, whose husband subscribed but two and a quarter years, has already 1611 votes to the good, whereas No. 26 has none, though her gentleman paid for over 22 years. On contemplating these anomalies, one can but conclude that the candidate with most interest gains the day, and the weakest and most friendless go to the wall. Provincial and other Charity Associations are powerful engines for good, but it by no means follows that their ad opted candidates are the most deserving.

P.G.S. THE SENIOR GRAND CHAPLAIN OF ENGLAND. To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,

As no mention is made in the notice in your issue of April 30th of the Masonic career of Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth of the name and number of his lodge, may I be permitted to supply that omission by saying that "Lodge Prudence, No. 2060, Leeds," has the very great honour of claiming the present Senior Grand Chaplain of England as its I.P.M.

The natural pride which we all feel has been reflected on our lodge by the deserved honour so graciously bestowed by H.R.H. the Grand Master upon our most worthy and greatly esteemed reverend brother and Immediate Past Master, Dr. Cartwright Smyth, must be my apology for thus troubling you.—Fraternally yours,

TUDOR TREVOR, P.M., S.W. 2069. Leeds, 6th May.

THE YEAR OF LIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,

Your reviewer of the "Masonic Almanac for the Province of Sussex, 1887," in your issue of this date, concludes his remarks as follows:—"The 'Year of Light' (Bro. Editor) of Ancient Craft Masonry is not found by adding 4004, but 4000, to A.D. 1887. See Craft certificates." Bro. Dr. Mackey, in his Lexicon, states:—"A. L. Anno Lucis. In the year of light. The date used in Ancient Craft Masonry, obtained by adding 4004 to the year A.D.;" and further, "the date used by symbolic Masons, as being the era of the Creation, when Light was called into existence by the fiat of the Almighty, and when the true principles which distinguish our Order first received their birth."

Your reviewer's statement is corroborated by present Grand Lodge certificates; Dr. Mackey's by other Masonic authors. It would be interesting to many besides myself to know which is correct.—Yours truly and fraternally, May 7th. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

THE DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, In your very fraternal review of the "Dorset Freemasons' Calendar," you express a disappointment that so little is done for the education of children by the Dorset Masonic Charity, and you venture a supposition that something will soon be devised for that purpose.

The criticism is quite natural and perfectly fair; but was anticipated in the last report of the Charity, of which an abridgement appears in the Calendar, containing the following sentence: "It is to the education, and the advancement in life of the children of our more unfortunate brethren, that the efforts of the Dorset Masonic Charity might be more especially directed, with a prospect of ever increasing usefulness, for no other object affords so good a return for charitable work as giving to the young a good preparation for the battle of life."

This sentence was adopted by the General Committee last midsummer in their report to the ensuing Provincial Grand Lodge, and, in ordinary circumstances, would ere this have been reduced to practical experiment.

"But," it might be asked, "why not have done more educational work from the commencement of the Charity?" "Why delay this part of your work so long?" These are fair questions, and deserve a fair answer—which I desire to give for the information of yourself and the Craft generally who may wish to embark in a similar undertaking.

When six years and a half ago the Charity was organised, two conditions were considered essential, viz., stability and permanence.

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I quite agree that the time has come, and that the means now permit, the Dorset Masonic Charity to take up this work, and thus render the "circle of its duties complete." I trust in the next report you will see evidence of this, and that in the course of a year or two we shall have a good system of educational help in full operation.

A long and exhausting sickness has prevented the maturing of such a system as would be applicable to our small, and mainly agricultural, province, though it was begun as long ago as last autumn, and will, I trust, when in full work, command not only your approval, but also the approval of the Dorsetshire brethren and of the Craft at large.

Just a word to say, you give me too much praise for the success of this Charity. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. M. Guest, who really started it, and who has contributed nearly £300 to its funds; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Hambro; Bro. H. C. Burt, our hard-working and zealous Chairman; and a majority of the brethren of the 13 lodges in the province have all co-operated to establish the Dorset Masonic Charity, and make it a permanent part of active and beneficent Masonry so long as the province shall last.—Yours fraternally,

E. T. BUDDEN, Hon. Sec. Dorset Masonic Charity.

We understand that Messrs. Simpkin and Marshall will next week publish "The Jubilee Souvenir;" illustrated. It is issued at the popular price of one shilling, and consists of a series of original articles tracing the progress that has been made during the past 50 years in Art, Science, Literature, the Drama, the Army, the Navy, the Church, &c., the whole being illustrated by beautiful original woodcuts. The work is edited by Bro. Geo. Railing, and illustrated by A. D. Bastin, Victor Cordeu, and Walter Smith. There is an article in the publication on Masonry over the well-known initials "H. D. S."

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723] THOMAS DUNKERLEY.

There is an oil painting of Thomas Dunkerley in the interesting collection of portraits of distinguished Freemasons at the Masonic Hall, Park-street, Bristol. Possibly it may be the one enquired for by Bro. Lamb Smith in your issue of the 23rd ult.

FREDERICK HASTINGS GOLDNEY.

724] AN OLD WORLD FREEMASON.

I think it was Bro. Woodford, P.G.C., who, some time ago, called my attention to a curious item on page 97 of Vol. 45 of the Surtees Society's publication (TESTAMENTA EBORACENSIA), where is to be found "The Inventory of John Cadeby, of Beverley, Mason." In this inventory occur the following items: "Item j zona de cerico viridi et rubio . . . arg ornata, pond xvij unc. xxxijs viijd. Item j zona de cerico arg. ornata cum foliis et iven pond vij unc et j qu. xjs viijd. Item j zona arg. ornata cum rosos, pond ix unc. et iij qu. xvjs iijd. Item j zona fracta de cerico arg. ornata cum literis B. et I. in medio, pond Item, j zona de cerico bastard argentea, ornata cum stellis iijs. Item j zona de nigro cerico et viridi pond. xj unc xxvijs vd." This reads very much like what an inventory of an active Freemason in all sorts of Degrees might be expected to contain in the present day. If we interpret zona to mean "apron," we shall find that this worthy patron of the mediæval Kenning left behind him "One silk apron, green and red, silver mounted, weight, 17 ounces; value, 32s. 8d. One silk apron, silver mounted, with leaves and ivy, weight, 7½ ounces; value, 40s. 8d. One silk apron, silver mounted, with roses, weight, 9½ ounces; value, 16s. 3d. One damaged silk apron, silver mounted, with letters B. and J. in the middle, weight One apron of mixed silk (and wool), silvered, ornamented with stars, 3s. One apron of black and green silk, weight, 3 ounces; value, 3s. 4d." You see Bro. Cadeby wore his Craft apron most. It had seen most service.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FELICITY (No. 58).—This lodge successfully celebrated its third jubilee on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, when a large number of members and visiting brethren assembled to take part in the interesting ceremony of celebrating the 150th anniversary of its constitution as a regular lodge. The arrangements were of an excellent character, and reflected great credit on the executive Committee. Bro. J. Ford, W.M., occupied the chair, and amongst the brethren present were Bros. A. T. Day, P.G. Stwd., S.W., W.M. elect; H. Carter, J.W.; E. Farley, G. Stwd., S.D.; E. J. Humphrey, J.D.; G. Robinson, I.G.; Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Rev. G. W. Weldon, G. Chap.; Major Peirce, P.G.D.; H. Garrud, P.G. Pursuivant; V. P. Freeman, J.G.D.; R. T. Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, G.S.B.; E. Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; W.M. of Grand Stewards' Lodge; C. Barry, P.G. Stwd.; H. Sutherland, M.D., P.G. Stwd., W.M. 99; J. Jordan, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.G. Stwd.; T. H. Edmonds, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.G. Stwd.; R. Berridge, P.G. Stwd.; T. W. C. Jones, P.G. Stwd., 259; C. B. Cousins, P.G. Stwd., 4; J. Scott, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 259; G. W. Ferrars Loftus, P.P.G.W. Norfolk; J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.M. Herts; G. E. Lake, Prov. G. Sec. Herts; C. E. Keyser, P.P.G.W. Herts; M. Slaught, W.M. 404, P.P.G.O. Herts; P. W. Taylor, P.P.G.W. Herts, 504; C. Bullock, P.P.G.R. Herts, 504; H. C. Heard, P.P.G.D. Herts, 449; H. T. Foster, P.P.G.D. Herts, 504; R. Carr, P.P.G.D. Northumberland; T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., P.M. 136; H. F. Manisty, 1610; F. R. Kendall, P.D.G.W. Victoria, P.D.G.D. Bombay; O. S. Hodges, 259; H. Hunt, P.G. Stwd.; T. A. Robinson, P.M. 1386; J. T. Oliver, J. B. Jordan, 2021; E. Anstead, W. B. Hicks, C. Goodfellow, G. Sims, A. J. Baker, F. S. Balestra, F. J. Burt, G. B. Brown, 2031; J. Smithers, T. J. Taylor, 33; T. R. Miller, J. Noad, E. E. Cooper, P.M. 1404; A. J. Dudgeon, 2006, Prov. G.D. Essex; Wm. W. Lee, 1897; J. P. Richards, A. Catling, 1579; T. H. Fox, 1506; J. E. Turner, P.M. 181; A. Chandler, S. T. Day, P.M. 166; Perry, J. Sandbrook, R. Main, Dr. W. Jordan, E. Caffin, P.M. 99; E. Cole, P.M. 1257; W. G. Adams, 180; G. Webster, P.M. 569; H. J. Adams, P.M. 569; J. M. Knight, W.M. 95; G. Hollington, P.M. 933; H. J. Waterlow, Ernest Flint, F. Ewbank, E. J. Reeves, 732; R. Hammond, W. Carter, jun., Alderman E. J. Gray, H. Garle, 162; D. Russell, J. Fryer, W. H. Harris, H. W. Birks, George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middx.; A. E. Sansom, M.D., W.M. 1494; C. H. Paine, P.M. 162; T. Clark, P.M. 1704; E. H. Smithett, 180; A. Kingsmill, 1494; L. Keays, P.M. 917; J. H. Duncan, J. H. Goodhart, T. W. Jerrard, 665; T. Restell, D. Chester, P.M. 180; A. Churchward, P.M. 890; W. Gowland, P.M. 206; F. S. Knyvett, G.D., D.C.; J. Noyes, P.M., Sec.; L. Harris, P.M.; F. J. Corder, P.M.; G. H. Ogston, P.M.; A. J. Hollington, P.M.; A. R. Marten, P.M.; W. Smithett, P.G. Stwd., P.M., Treas.; C. E. Smith, P.M.; T. Reynold, P.M.; W. J. Crump, P.M.; F. W. Smith, P.M.; W. J. Franklin, P.M.; F. Addis, P.M.; and J. Gladwell, P.M. 1470.

Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. Ford, W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed. The audit report was then received and adopted, and the suggestion of the Committee that the tickets for the Albert Hall should be distributed between the W.M., Treasurer, Secretary, and two

P.M.'s respectively, was also approved. Bros. Col. Sir F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middx., and Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., having assumed the Wardens' chairs, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. Aug. Taylor Day, P.G. Stwd., being impressively installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. Carter, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; E. Farley, G. Stwd., J.W.; W. Smithett, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; John Noyes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; E. J. Humphrey, S.D.; T. G. Robinson, J.D.; F. Sumner Knyvett, J.G.D., D.C.; R. Hammond, I.G.; C. E. Smith, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Stwd.; and Parkinson, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Ford, I.P.M. On the motion of the W.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Carter for his services whilst representing the lodge as Grand Steward. Bro. Carter briefly acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. then presented Bro. Ford, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, as a slight recognition of the handsome manner in which he had carried out the duties during the past year. Bro. Ford, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the gift, which he assured them was quite unexpected. He appreciated the honour conferred upon him; but, as far as the occupation of the chair was concerned, he had simply done his duty. The W.M. next presented Bro. Smithett, P.M., Treas., with a handsomely bound history of the lodge, as a memento of the kindly feelings with which he is regarded by the members; and as a token of their appreciation of his labour in compiling the work. Bro. Smithett, P.M., having tendered his sincere thanks for the gift, proceeded to give a brief sketch of the history of the lodge since its formation, a review of which appeared in our columns a few weeks since.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which, the loving cup having been passed round, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were first given by the W.M., and heartily received by all present.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. remarked that they were fortunate in having a number of Grand Officers who had honoured them with their presence, and he was only expressing the feelings of every member when he heartily thanked them for attending. He felt it was an honour to the lodge that Bro. Knyvett had been raised to the purple, and he could not do better than thank those Grand Officers who had done what they could for his promotion. The brethren all knew the work done by the Grand Officers, so that he would simply ask them to drink the toast, coupled with the names of Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; T. Fenn, Pres. Bd. of Gen. Purps.; and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx., in reply, said that on an occasion like the present, when they had met to celebrate the 150th year of the lodge, and when he saw around him such a distinguished array of Grand Officers, he could not but feel considerable diffidence in responding to the toast which had been so ably proposed by the W.M. There were many present who would have replied in a more able speech, but there were none who would do it with greater pleasure. The toast of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, comprises many of the Royal Family. He was convinced that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was anxious to perform his duties in a manner satisfactory to all. Most of the brethren present were Past Masters of lodges, and had, therefore, had the opportunity of seeing the way in which the Grand Officers perform their duties. Many of the leading members of Grand Lodge were Prov. Grand Masters, and their provincial duties were far more laborious than those of Grand Lodge, but they were supported most ably by every member of their province over which they presided. In the name of those Grand Officers he thanked them most heartily for the kind reception given to the toast.

Bro. T. Fenn, President Board General Purposes, also replied, and said that when in the lodge-room he had an interesting document given him, he looked at it with great interest, and he saw so many distinguished names down, that he felt he would be exempt from making a speech. He had suffered promotion, having risen to his present position through the absence of several distinguished brethren. He was neither the highest nor the lowest, but in the happy medium, and he would far rather that the W.M. had kept to his original intention and called upon the Grand Secretary, who had just returned from the country where he had been in constant practice in speech making. As for himself, he was quite unprepared to say anything, for it was not easy to respond second. It sometimes happened that one discovers something left unsaid, but Bro. Sir Francis Burdett always spoke so exhaustively that it was difficult to follow. There was, however, one subject he had not touched upon, and that was their great meeting in the Albert Hall. He knew what took place in the lodge-room, and he hoped that this lodge would support the meeting as others were doing. He had no doubt it would be a great success, and he was sure that the executive officers would endeavour to make it so. No pains or trouble would be spared by the Grand Secretary and others to make it worthy of the object for which it had been designed. He, as a Grand Officer, ought to congratulate them upon attaining this anniversary, of the 150th year of the lodge, and he assured them that he had been extremely interested in the portion of the history that was read. He had himself, as Secretary, compiled a short history of the Prince of Wales Lodge, a short time ago. He again congratulated them on attaining their 150th year and he could only say that he hoped the W.M. and the other members would reach the same age, and would enjoy the same vitality.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, also replied, and said he was placed in a very embarrassing position, for if Bro. Fenn could not say anything as second to respond, what could he say having been called upon third? He could only feebly re-echo what they had said, and join in the good wishes on this wonderful occasion. Bro. Barron and the other worthy old Masons who presided 150 years ago, little thought there would be a gathering like the present met in that splendid room to celebrate the continued existence of their lodge. It was a wonderful lodge that had completed its 100th year, but theirs was still more wonderful having completed its 150th. It was not merely the period of time since the formation of the lodge but there must be continuous existence. In the course of his official experience many had come to him quite confident of success in their application for a centenary warrant but in many instances they had had to be refused on this account. The members of the Felicity Lodge ought,

therefore, to feel very proud that they had met together on this interesting occasion. When they calculated how many generations had come and gone, all working for the good of Masonry, and all transmitting the traditions of the Order, it would give them a greater opinion of the Craft, and they would realise what it was to find a lodge like theirs. He thanked them for the kindness which had prompted the desire to hear him say a few words, and also for the heartiness of his personal reception.

Bro. Jas. Ford, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M., then said he had a pleasant duty to perform in asking them to drink "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He would be very brief in asking them to receive this toast with all cordiality, for Bro. Day, W.M., would maintain the traditions of the Lodge, and would prove as good a Master as it had ever possessed. He offered Bro. Day his sincere congratulations and wished him a happy and prosperous year.

Bro. Augustus Taylor Day, P.G. Stwd., W.M., heartily thanked the P.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their warm reception of the toast. He never thought when he began to work in Masonry that he should be W.M. of the lodge, especially on such an interesting and important occasion. He hoped that when his year came to a close the members would feel that their choice had not been misplaced. He intended to do his utmost to carry out the work with honour to the Craft, satisfaction to the members, and dignity to the lodge.

In proposing "The Visitors," The Worshipful Master remarked that although they prided themselves on being an hospitable lodge, they seldom saw so many visiting brethren present as they had on the present occasion. He hoped the endeavours made to make them happy had not been in vain, and that those who were there for the first time would visit them again. He should couple with the toast the names of Bros. Rev. G. W. Weldon, G. Chap.; and T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., P.M. 136.

Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon, G. Chap., on behalf of the visitors, tendered hearty thanks for the right loyal manner in which they had been entertained, and for the good-fellowship and geniality which had been so generally shown. He was afraid that this year they had already had "jubilee" administered ad nauseum, but he was tempted to say that Masonry was about to make itself felt in the world by the great meeting at Albert Hall. When he looked back upon the time when it was not possible to get a G. Chap., and when one brother was obliged to hold the office for several years as they could not get anyone else, he found that in proportion as time goes on the Craft was growing more popular and becoming a greater power.

Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., P.M. 136, said that when he looked around him and saw the number of brethren wearing the purple, he could only imagine that he had been called upon to respond for those who wore the light blue, and on their behalf he responded hearty thanks.

Bro. Noyes, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," and said the W.M. in calling upon him to reply had placed him in a position of great responsibility. He thanked the brethren on behalf of the P.M.'s, and he felt that it was owing to his age, and the fact that he was father of the lodge that he had been selected to respond. He also returned thanks on behalf of Bro. Smithett, P.M., Treas., who had been obliged to leave. He would also thank them, on his own behalf, as Secretary.

Bro. Knyvett, G.D., also returned thanks. Bro. Carter, P.G. Stwd., S.W., replied for "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was given, under the direction of Bro. Fred Walker, assisted by Bro. H. W. Schartau, E. Dalzell, R. Hilton, and Mr. S. Dicker.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).—This lodge held its final meeting for the present half-year, prior to the summer vacation, on Monday, the 2nd inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was an exceedingly strong muster of Past Masters and brethren of the lodge on the occasion, and a large attendance of visiting brethren, there being present among the members of the lodge Bros. C. R. Williams, W.M.; P.M.'s: Dunn, Treas.; Darch, Sec.; Rhodes, Hines, Thurston, Bate, Walker, and Turner; Stokes, S.W.; Abrahams, J.W.; Russell, J.D.; Reid, I.G.; Lloyd, W.S.; Bridger, Asst. Sec.; Braham, A.W.S.; Norton, E. Williams, F. H. Williams, Morris, Sharp, Weekley, Alderton; and among the visitors Bros. Catterton, P.M. 548, P.G.S.B. Surrey; Robbins, P.M., and W. Wingham, S.W., of 25; J. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; Butt, P.M. 700; Westfield, J.W. 2184; Douglas, I.G. 619; Cooper, Temperance; Fimister, Org. 901; White, 834; Arrowsmith, 753; and Clark, 879.

The lodge was opened in due form, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Tout was raised to the Sublime Degree, Bros. Barham and Stone being afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot then took place for the election of Mr. Norman, a candidate for Freemasonry, and, proving unanimous, and Mr. Norman, being in attendance, he was duly initiated into its mysteries and privileges. A ballot then took place for the election, as a joining member, of Bro. J. Davis, of the Prudence Lodge, No. 1550, which proved unanimous. A batch of correspondence having been disposed of, relief was granted to three applicants, one being the case of a brother of the lodge and two others, those of widows of brethren of the lodge.

The W.M. then asked the lodge to accept at his hands a banner to commemorate the Royal Jubilee year. Bro. Dunn, P.M., proposed, Bro. Darch, P.M., seconded, and it was unanimously resolved: "That the banner be accepted from the hands of the W.M., and that the thanks of the brethren of the lodge be recorded on the minutes for the thoughtful kindness of the W.M. in providing the lodge with such a handsome emblem." The brethren having signified their acceptance of the banner, it was unfurled, and the effect as it was displayed above the chair of the W.M. was very striking. The banner, which is the first the lodge has possessed, is a handsome piece of work, executed by Bro. Edward Williams, who is an artist, and brother to the W.M. It is of blue silk, and bears, in addition to the Royal arms, portraits of King George III, and her present Majesty, and a number of Masonic emblems, the following inscription: "Royal Jubilee Lodge, founded 1810; 1760—1810—Georgius III.; 1837—1887—Victoria. Presented to the lodge to commemorate the Royal Jubilee year by Bro. Charles Richard Williams, W.M., in his 50th year." A ballot then took place for the election of four brethren to represent the lodge, in company with the W.

Master, at the meeting of Masons to be held in June next, to present an address of congratulation to her Majesty, and Bro. Dunn, Walker, Turner, and Sharp were chosen. All Masonic business being ended, an adjournment was made for refreshment, which was served in the Pillar Hall of the hotel.

After the banquet, the W.M. rose and proposed, with appropriate remarks, the usual loyal toasts in succession, "The Healths of Her Majesty the Queen," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Principal Grand Officers, Present and Past." He then requested the permission of the brethren to make a digression. They had with them on this occasion their senior Past Master in the person of Bro. Rhodes, who had filled the chair of W.M. of their lodge in the year 1838, and who, if he lived another year, would celebrate his jubilee as an Installed Master. Bro. Rhodes' face was known to them as an occasional attendant at the lodge. Once a year they scarcely failed to see him, as there was only one installation meeting he had missed since he joined the lodge, and they might claim to have a Past Master whose experience was unique, he having seen perhaps fifty Masters installed in the chair of his mother lodge. The lodge still treasured the punch-bowl which Bro. Rhodes had presented to the lodge as a memento of his year of office.

Bro. Rhodes, P.M., returned thanks in feeling terms, and said the W.M. had stolen a march upon him. He had just whispered his intention of retiring, as late hours did not suit a man of over four-score. He mentioned incidents of the night of his initiation, but the brethren present on that occasion had all, he believed, been summoned from this sublimary abode.

Bro. Hines, I.P.M., rose to propose the next toast. There was no occasion for him, he remarked, to mention the reason for which he took the gavel from the hands of the W.M. It afforded him great pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M.," as he was thoroughly deserving of all the praise he or any other member of the lodge could shower upon him. Throughout the few months he had occupied the chair he had given many instances of his anxiety to discharge the duties of his high office in an efficient manner, not only as far as the working of his lodge was concerned, but in ways which only those who had passed the chair could appreciate. That evening they had an instance of it in the presentation of the banner to the lodge, and he hoped the giver would be spared to contemplate the handsome ornament to their lodge room for many years to come.

The W.M. responded briefly, and next proposed "The Health of the Initiate," which was cordially drunk, and well responded to by Bro. Norman.

In proposing the next toast, "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. coupled with it the name of Bro. Westfield, of Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, and alluded to the foundation of the Royal Jubilee Lodge in 1810, and expressed the welcome they desired to give a brother from a lodge founded to commemorate the Jubilee of another British Monarch.

Bro. Westfield replied in well chosen and humorous terms.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," which was responded to by Bro. Dunn, I.P.M., Treas., who expressed on behalf of himself and his brother Past Masters, the satisfaction they felt at the able manner in which their successor was filling the chair. There was also a matter he wished to mention to the brethren at the table, as time had not admitted of its being brought forward in lodge, and that was, that the W.M., the Secretary, Bro. Darch, and himself, had been in consultation as to the summer banquet. There had been several in connection with the lodge, but this year it was hoped by starting the arrangements in good time, they would be able to have a summer outing, not merely a banquet, but a long and enjoyable day in the country, which their wives and sweethearts would share. There was another item in the year's programme which he thought would make the lodge additionally popular with the ladies, and that was, it was proposed, to make their first meeting night after the summer vacation, a ladies' night. The next meeting would take place in October, and every brother would be invited to bring his wife or sweetheart with him to the banquet, and he had no doubt the evening would prove a very enjoyable one.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Officers," and after the Officers had responded, the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

Some excellent singing was contributed by Bros. F. J. Williams, Westfield, Osmond, Stokes, Clark, Norton, and Peel. Bro. Fimister officiated at the organ in the lodge, and afterwards accompanied the singers.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. R. R. Collick, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Strong, J.W., W.M. elect; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Watkins, Treas.; Wing, S.D.; Harding, J.D.; Sandalls, I.G.; Oliver, Stwd.; Collins, P.M., D.C.; and Bowley, Tyler. P.M.'s: Pardoe, I.P.M.; Boehr, Smith, Mansell, and Whitley, and about 30 members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. of 865; Williams, P.P.G.D. Middx., and W.M. of 865; Wingfield, W.M. 1360; Causton, P.M. 1726; Pardoe, P.M. 511; Ginger, P.M. 901; Beard, P.M. 101; Room, P.M. 2090; Swan, Stwd. 865; Heath D.C. 1642; Renter, 879; Grant, 1656; Clarkson, 1604; Aldridge, 1475; and Bishop, 1319.

The lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Munston, Warlow, and Moore were raised by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner. The W.M. then left the chair, which was taken by Bro. Collins, P.M., when Bro. Strong was examined and obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Strong duly installed in the chair of K.S., and was afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. The proclamations and the various charges to Master, Wardens and brethren were most ably and impressively rendered by the Installing Master. The W.M. named and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Williams, S.W.; Wing, J.W.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Watkins, Treas.; Harding, S.D.; Sandalls, J.D.; Oliver, I.G.; Hoey, P.M., Stwd.; Collins, P.M., D.C.; Stacy, P.M., Org.; Windsor, Asst. Org.; and Walkley, Tyler. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Charles Baker, and proving in his favour, he was initiated by the new Master in a manner

which speaks well for the future working of the lodge. The Auditors' report (which showed the funds of the lodge to be in a most satisfactory condition) was taken as read. The Secretary read a communication from Grand Lodge on the subject of the Jubilee gathering, and after some discussion it was decided that the Royal Commemoration Lodge be represented at the Albert Hall, by Bros. Strong, W.M.; Wing, J.W.; Collick, I.P.M.; Watkins, Treas.; and Price. The question of subscribing to the Imperial Institute was arranged to be left to the members' own discretion. Any sum subscribed to be sent in the name of the lodge, without any list of names. The votes of the lodge for the Masonic Benevolent Institution, were given to Bros. Pardoe and Robinson, for the Aged members and Widows respectively, and to prevent the splitting of them up any further, Bro. Watkins generously placed ten of his votes in the hands of Bro. Smith, P.M. Bro. Williams, S.W. proposed, and Bro. Wing, J.W. seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the W.M. for the splendid present he had made to the lodge in the shape of a set of gauntlets (three pairs), such vote of thanks to be recorded on the minutes, carried unanimously, and with "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom.

After discussing the good things provided by Bro. Page "for the Fourth Degree," the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given but heartily accepted.

The I.P.M., Bro. Collick, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," wished him every success in his year of office, and complimented him on the excellent manner in which he had begun.

The W.M. in responding, promised to do his utmost for the welfare of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren.

The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," and remarked what an impressive ceremony it had been to him coming in the manner it had done from Bro. Collings.

Bro. Collings replied, and said he had always great pleasure in carrying out, or in assisting in any ceremony in his power for the good of the lodge or the assistance of its officers.

The next toast was "The Initiate," and Bro. Baker responded in a few well chosen words, pleading the lateness of the evening as his excuse for being brief.

"The Visitors" followed, and with the toast the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Williams, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Causton, Beard, Room, and Bishop, remarking how highly honoured he felt at seeing such a distinguished gathering to grace his installation.

The brethren named each briefly responded, and paid a high compliment to the W.M. for his hospitality, to the officers for their ability, to the brethren for their sociability, and to the lodge at large for its prosperity.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. Collick, the Worshipful Master remarked what a very successful year the lodge had just terminated, there having been 16 members joined in the year, and concluded by decorating Bro. Collick with the P.M.'s jewel voted him by the lodge for his services, wishing him many years of health and prosperity and of usefulness in the lodge.

Bro. Collick, responded, and thanked the W.M. for the way he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the manner they had accepted it. The jewel he should always prize as the memento of many happy hours spent with the brethren, and as long as he could nothing would give him greater pleasure than to meet with and to assist them as far as possible in promoting the welfare of the Royal Commemoration Lodge.

Bro. Pardoe responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

The Wardens and Assistant Organist replied for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast closed a long but pleasant evening of labour and refreshment.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by harmony, Bro. Windsor officiating at the piano, songs being rendered by Bros. Page, Coleman, and the W.M.; Bro. Bishop recited "The Showman," and Bro. Boehr played a solo on the zither.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Council Chambers, when there were present Bros. H. E. Breach, W.M.; J. H. Hawes, S.W.; G. C. Inkpen, J.W.; Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher, Chap.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; C. F. Charge, Sec.; W. Doman, S.D.; J. C. Budden, J.D.; Lambert, P.M., P.P.G.O. Leicestershire, Org.; H. H. More, Steward; Beatson, Tyler; Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox, P.M.; Sir R. G. Raper, P.M., P.P.G.W.; G. Molesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Gatehouse, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. W. Grigger, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Oliver Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Barrett, I.P.M.; Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, A. Stanley Moore, H. Heather, A. J. Goodyer, G. Fielder, jun., and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Goodyer and Fielder were raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. A communication having been read from the Hon. Sec. of local Jubilee Celebration Committee, asking if the brethren would join in a procession to the Cathedral on Jubilee day, it was resolved that a reply be sent to the effect that, as Masons, the brethren would not so join. It was further resolved, on the motion of Bro. Molesworth, P.M., seconded by Bro. Sir R. Raper, P.M., that the lodge contribute five guineas towards the local Jubilee celebration. After the transaction of the business, the lodge was closed in due form.

LINSLADE.—St. Barnabas Lodge (No. 948).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Elephant and Castle Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. Fountain, W.M. (who travels from Paris specially to attend his duties), assisted by Bros. Dr. Pratt, S.W., and W.M. elect; Dale, J.W.; Fountain, P.M., Treas.; Poynter, Sec.; J. Miller, Howard Bailey, E. Hill, Hedges, Smith, McCubbing, P.M.; Willis, P.M.; Mackrill, King, P.M.; A. H. Cliffe White, and several other brethren. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Brown, 1087; Pettit, Musto, P.M. 1349; Gotto, 1081; Tucker, 933; Jennings, 1087; Finch, 134; Taylor, 1410; Yerrell, 1087; Page, 591; Platten, 1087; Eyre, 478; Hallam, 594; Wickes, 1716; Jowett, 591; McCubbing, jun., from South Africa, and Paton, S.W. 205.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The

circular letter from the Earl of Carnarvon was then read, and the W.M. having promised to apply for the five tickets, the disposal of the same was left until a further meeting. The Auditors' report (a most creditable one) was then read, received, and adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Pratt, was duly presented and entrusted, and after the M.M.'s had retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Dr. Pratt being duly installed into the chair of K.S. The newly-installed Master was duly saluted in the Three Degrees, and proved his proficiency as a thorough good worker by closing his lodge down in each Degree.

After the presentation to the I.P.M. of a splendid jewel manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, the brethren sat down to a most excellent repast, under the superintendence of Bro. Host Miller.

Banquet over, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are as follows: Bros. Dale, S.W.; W. Howard, J.W.; Fountain, I.P.M.; Fountain, Treas.; Poynter, Sec.; Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M., Chap.; Willis, P.M., Org.; Smith, S.D.; Mackrill, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Gibbs, Tyler.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P. W.M.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., as S.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.P.G.C., J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; A. Lucking, P.P.G.P., Sec.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G. S.B., S.D.; W. E. Bridgeland, P.M. 933, J.D.; T. Hood, Org.; R. G. Dempster, I.G.; B. Thomas and A. Vandewood, Stewards; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. R. Dawson, P.M., Prov. G.S.; G. Berry, P.M.; W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Cant, C. W. Barnard, W. Tyler, J. Heath, A. G. Rennison, C. J. Dobson, W. M. Burton, C. W. Cooke, F. J. Cumine, W. Poplewell, and E. F. Wood. Visitors: Bros. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambart, P.M. 1460; R. Fowler, 1536; and F. Part-ridge, 160.

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. E. Cant and C. W. Barnard were raised to the Third Degree and Mr. James Pritchard initiated. It was agreed to give a subscription out of the funds of the lodge to the "Imperial Institute." The W.M., two P.M.'s, J.W., and Organist were elected to have the five tickets for the meeting on June 13th. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

PONTYPRIDD.—Merlin Lodge (No. 1578).—The annual festival and installation of Worshipful Master of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Edward Henry Howard having been duly installed W.M., the following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year—Bros. Stephen Lewis, I.P.M.; Wm. Rosser Perrott, S.W.; Wm. Robert Davies, J.W.; Samuel Rowland Jones, Chap.; Morgan Rees Williams, Treas.; Joseph Davies, Sec.; John Francis McClune, S.D.; John Samuel Davies, J.D.; Joseph Davies, Org.; David Phillips, D.C.; John Evans, I.G.; William Davies and I. R. Phillips, Stwds.; A. Parsons, Tyler. There were also present Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; Joseph Sprague, P.M.; W. Howels Key, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.M.; Evan Jones, P.P.J.W., P.M.; H. N. Davies, P.S.G.D., P.M.; Richard Male, P.P.G.R., P.M.; J. Weichert, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Williams, P.P.G.S.; James Lloyd, Ferbank King, Stephen F. Lewis, Morgan Price, Robert Thomas, John Carson, William Lewis, Thos. R. Phillips, Thos. Jones, W. H. Matthias, R. Conway Joyce, and J. W. Snape. Visitors: John Jones, W.M. St. Quintins, P.P.G.R.; James Radley, J.W. 960; Sidney Coleman, W.M. 36; Geo. F. Harris, W.M. 110; Edward Fletcher, 36; W. C. Peace, P.M. 960, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John Munday, W.M. 960; A. C. Bottlenel, 960; R. C. Roper, W.M. 1754; C. W. Page, S.W. 36; R. D. Page, 36; John Davies, 679; D. Williams, W.M. 1992; Edward Rees; and W. Morgan, 110.

After the ceremony of installation, which was most ably and impressively performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Stephen Lewis, the members and a large number of visitors dined at the New Inn Hotel. Messrs. Johnson and Roberts were in attendance with their band. A most enjoyable and pleasant evening was spent by all. Mrs. Miles, the proprietress of the New Inn, was most deservedly complimented for the excellent manner in which the dinner was supplied.

PORTSMOUTH.—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge (No. 1903).—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street. Present: Bros. J. Knowles, R.N., W.M.; H. J. Long, I.P.M.; Wm. Royston Pike, S.W.; J. G. Livesay, J.W.; G. Backler, Treas.; A. L. Emanuel, P.M., Sec.; E. G. Charpentier, S.D.; W. C. Ford, J.D.; G. Sylvester, Org.; G. Austin, Stwd.; G. Carter, Tyler; T. Page, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. W. Townsend, P.M.; J. A. Elverston, P.M.; J. Johns, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. R. S. P. Griffiths, P.M.; the Hon. A. G. Curzon Howe, R.N.; H. G. Giles, R.N.; O. Young, R.N.; C. Reader, W. C. Primmer, G. M. Nelder, G. H. Hill, T. W. Wood, W. Mayborn, G. W. Everett, C. E. T. G. Green, W. H. Matthews, G. Rashley, S. Peake Knight, and T. M. Richey. Visitors: Bros. F. Powell, W.M. 2153, P.P.G.D.C.; E. A. Wells, P.M. 15; E. H. Littleton, I.P.M. 230; J. Leonard, S.W., and J. Verdi, Sec. 202; W. A. Hill, W.M. 309; W. Beuttell, W.M. 342; W. Miles, P.M. 1776; W. Dart, W.M. 2074; H. Cawte, P.M. 342, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Whitehall, W.M. 1069; Dr. K. E. Knight; G. C. Jukpen, 257; R. Barber, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Attrel, 342; A. Shaw, W.M. 1869; W. E. Cooke, Sec. 1007; F. Meredith, 487; J. I. Dobbyn, R.N., 257; G. C. Chaloner, 710; Alderman A. Cudlipp, P.M. 487; J. Godding, W.M. 1776; G. Cunningham, P.M. 1834; Dr. B. H. Mumby, 1069; W. G. Gilbert, W.M. 257; E. Pratt, W.M. 1428; R. J. Rastrick, P.M. 1069, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Gunnell, P.M. 342, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. J. Bascombe, W.M. 804; J. Brickwood, I.P.M. 2074; and P. H. Emanuel, 2068.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the balance-sheet and report were received and adopted. In the latter allusion was made to "the most valued gift to the lodge by the W.M., Bro. Knowles, of

£100, which has enabled them to devote to Charities during the year £126." Bro. W. Royston Pike, S.W., was then duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the impressive ceremony being most ably recited by Bro. Long, P.M., after which the following were appointed and invested with their collars of office: Bros. Lieut. J. Knowles, R.N., I.P.M.; J. G. Livesay, S.W.; Com. the Hon. A. G. Curzon Howe, R.N., J.W.; Rev. P. H. Good, M.A., Chap.; G. Backler, Treas.; A. L. Emanuel, P.M., P.P. S.G.D., Sec.; W. C. Ford, S.D.; E. Austin, J.D.; S. Peake Knight, D.C.; G. Sylvester, R.N., Org.; Lieut. H. G. Giles, R.N., I.G.; W. C. Primmer, R.N., and Lieut. Oliver Young, R.N., Stewards; and G. Carter, Tyler.

On the proposition of the W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. G. Livesay, S.W., a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Installing Master, Bro. H. J. Long, who briefly responded. Bro. H. J. Long then presented to Bro. J. Knowles, I.P.M., a very handsome Past Master's jewel, studded with diamonds and rubies, from the brethren of the lodge, in recognition of the zeal displayed by him in the discharge of his duties, and of the interest he had always taken in the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Knowles returned thanks, and assured the brethren he would always take a very deep interest in the prosperity of the lodge which he had at heart. Several members were proposed for initiation, and "Hearty good wishes" being offered from all the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form.

A banquet was held in the banqueting hall, admirably served by Bro. William Mayborn, the cut flowers abundantly adorning the tables were given and judiciously arranged by Bro. Samuel Peake Knight and lady friends.

The Worshipful Master, after proposing "The Queen and the Craft," and proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," remarked that such a toast needed no comments from him, as his Royal Highness was known all over the world as the Prince of Wales and Prince of Masonry.

"The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M.; and the Officers of Grand Lodge" was proposed by the W.M. He referred to brethren of the province holding Grand Lodge collars, and also to members of the lodge who had been so honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the R.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre; and Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past," said it was hardly necessary for him to say much to ensure enthusiasm for the toast, for more considerate and energetic Masons than the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. were not to be found. They had around them that evening brethren who held, and had held, provincial honours, and had assisted in raising the province to the high status in which it was held. The P.G. Officers had always been most aptly chosen, and the province was one of the finest in the whole world of Masonry.

Bro. Rastrick, P.M. 1060, Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Bro. H. Cawte, P.M. 342, P.P.S.G.W., responded.

Bro. Knowles, I.P.M., said that, with the permission of the W.M., a most pleasing duty involved upon him, in presenting to Bro. Sylvester, the esteemed Organist, with two silver goblets and a loving cup. No words of his could describe the valuable assistance Bro. Sylvester had contributed in rendering the beautiful ritual more impressive by his performance on the organ, and had contributed greatly to the harmony of the lodge, both above and below. On several occasions he had given up engagements so as to be present at lodge and preside at the organ or piano.

Bro. Sylvester was called to the top table amidst loud applause, and

Bro. Knowles continued and said: With "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren of the lodge, and to show you the esteem in which you are held by us, we present you with this small recognition of your genial honorary services.

Bro. Sylvester responded, and said it was seldom he was called upon to address the brethren. He hardly knew how to express his thanks for the very handsome present. The good feeling assured him was heartily reciprocated, and on any future occasion he would be equally pleased to be amongst them.

The engraving on the loving cup is as follows:—
"Presented to Bro. George Sylvester by the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, as a token of fraternal regards, and to mark their high appreciation of his services as Organist of this lodge, 1887."

Bro. Page, P.M., P.P.G.D., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said he wished he had more ability to do justice to the toast. The reason he was called upon to propose it was, he supposed, because he was the W.M.'s Dad in Masonry—i.e. he was his proposer to be initiated. The W.M. had onerous duties to perform during his year of office, and was sure he would carry them out as others had done before him. He wished the W.M. every success and a happy year of office, and he was well qualified to carry out his duties.

Bro. Pike, W.M., thanked the brethren for the way his health had been received. He said he could not do so without feelings of deep emotion. He had had something like six years in Masonry, and the whole time had been pleasantly spent in that (his mother) lodge, and he had endeavoured, as far as in him laid, to carry out his respective duties. He was now in the proud position of their W.M. He did not say that in a spirit of pride, but with humility. He had done his best; but felt himself woefully ignorant of what was to be done to carry out his duties with satisfaction. He had seen so many imperfections in himself and around him, that he had come to the conclusion that Masonry, which, in its purity of principle and piety of purpose, was a fit ritual for angels, was unattainable by man. It must therefore be that the secret of their failure was due to the fact that man was fallible and Masonry infallible. He thought that that portion of the ritual "be careful to perform your allotted task," &c., should form a portion of their daily prayers. He felt greatly the solemn obligation he had taken that evening, and trembled at the responsibility which devolved upon him; and should he err to right or left, whether it was Royston Pike sought their sympathy, and not the W.M. Masonry, crusted over as it was with the hoar of antiquity, and dating as it did from primæval man, must flourish, as it soared far above party politics and religious strife, being founded on the grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The brethren each and all had his loving sympathy, and whenever he could do anything for them as a brother Mason he would.

Bro. Pike, W.M., proposed "The Health of the Instal-

ling Master, Bro. H. J. Long," and remarked that it was unnecessary to delay the brethren with peans of eloquence, as they all knew Bro. Long well. The beautiful ritual had been well performed, and personally he thanked him.

Bro. Long, P.M., in returning thanks, said he had always endeavoured to do the best he could for the welfare of the lodge; if it had met with their approbation, he had been amply repaid. What he had done in the past he would endeavour to do in the future.

Bro. Elverston, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.'s and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges," which was responded to by Bros. Gilbert, W.M. 257, and Dart, W.M. 2074.

Bro. Long, P.M., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. J. Knowles, who, he remarked, was one of the founders of the lodge, and had always taken a lively interest in it.

Bro. Knowles briefly responded, and said he would never forget the kindness always shown him by the brethren.

"The Health of the Visitors" was duly honoured, and responded to by Bro. Dr. Knight, who said he was initiated in Emulation Lodge, No. 21, February, 1837, and raised in April the same year. Bro. J. Brickwood, I.P.M. 2074, and Bro. J. Leonard also replied.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. J. G. Livesay, S.W., and the Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant meeting.

During the evening Bros. Bascombe, P. H. Emanuel, H. Miles, G. Sylvester, J. Leonard, H. W. Townsend, G. Cunningham, E. G. Charpentier, E. Hill, and Gunnell, contributed to the harmony, Bro. Sylvester also ably presiding at the pianoforte.

ACTON.—Priory Lodge of Acton (No. 1996).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, High-street, on Monday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. F. Botley, W.M.; E. Monson, jun., S.W.; J. A. Cammell, J.W.; E. F. Earl, Treas.; E. H. Sugg, Sec.; C. E. Botley, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Francis, I.G.; W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., P.M.; G. Wright, I.P.M.; S. Gissing Skelton, and F. A. Russell. Visitors: Bros. W. Hirst, P.M. 15; C. Andrews, P.M. 77; J. Dale, 1613; P. G. U. Pickering, P.M. 35; D. Sugg, 1719; W. H. Russell, P.M. 40; A. M. Hiscocks, 72; Capt. R. Gray, 858; R. Clay, 766, and others.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. A. Cammell was then presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair, according to ancient custom, by Bro. F. Botley, the I.P.M., in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Monson, jun., S.W.; G. Wright, for Bro. J. Ward, J.W., who was on account of illness unable to be present; C. W. Francis, S.D.; A. T. Phillips, I.G.; and G. E. Harrison, Tyler. The usual addresses being very ably given by the I.P.M., Bro. S. Gissing-Skelton was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. The letter received from the Pro Grand Master was read and considered, the brethren electing five of the members to attend the meeting. Other business having been transacted, the W.M. was heartily congratulated by the visitors present, and the lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the Lyric Hall, Ealing, where a very excellent banquet was partaken of. The usual loyal and other Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. F. Botley, the I.P.M., who said he felt proud of having installed so worthy a brother. He had had an opportunity of watching the steady progress of the W.M. from the foundation of the lodge, he (the W.M.) being one of the founders, who he hoped had done his duty to the satisfaction of the brethren and of his conscience.

The W.M. thanked Bro. F. Botley for the manner in which he had given the toast, and the brethren for the kind way in which they had responded to it. He was very pleased indeed to be in the position of their W.M., and trusted they would have a very pleasant year together.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Installing Master," Bro. F. Botley, I.P.M., and concluded by pinning to his breast the handsome P.M.'s jewel presented by the brethren as a mark of esteem and appreciation for the services rendered during his year of office, and expressing a wish that he might be spared for many years to wear it.

Bro. F. Botley thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and for the very handsome jewel which had been presented to him.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was duly proposed, and responded to by Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., P.M., &c.

"The Visitors" toast was responded to by Bros. W. Hirst, C. Andrews, and the other visitors.

The brethren very much appreciated the musical programme (under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg, P.M. 452, P.P.G.O. Surrey), the rendering of the songs and duet by the Misses Bloomfield being rapturously enjoyed.

The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated after having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—A large number of brethren assembled at Bro. Sylvester's, the Alfred Hotel, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when the 5th Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Hemming, J.W. 1287, who was supported by Bros. Thom, 957, and W. Procter, W.M. 1238, as Wardens. The questions were answered by Bros. Ranford, J.W. 1512; Scholding, I.G. 1512; L. Solomon, P.M. 1732; Thom, 957; Procter, W.M. 1238; Ferguson, P.M. 177; and Hemming, J.W. 1287, in the order named, and a hearty vote of thanks brought the proceedings to a close.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Penrose, W.M.; Dandridge, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; J. J. Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor and Treas.; S. R. Speight, P.M., Sec.; C. Vateky, S.D.; P. Prior, J.D.; Leng, I.G.; H. Bartlett, P.M.; W. T. Hunt, jun., P.M.; Balsdon, Haire, Dale, Greenner, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Balsdon personating the candidate. The lodge was closed off, and on resuming, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the usual questions having been duly

answered by Bro. Dale, the lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Dandridge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 9th inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. H. Halliday, 2168, W.M.; J. B. Smith, 813, S.W.; I. Passingham, 193, J.W.; N. J. Goudchild, 704 and 1470, S.D.; F. M. Noakes, 2148, J.D.; W. H. Hosegood, 1044, I.G.; C. Mulvey, 179 and 788, Preceptor; C. A. Atter, 1897 and 2191, Asst. Sec.; W. F. Hall, 193; H. Jordan, H. Marsden, 73; F. Golding, 1475; A. Giddings, 1194; H. J. Hazel, 1093; F. Palmer, 179; C. Smales, 1604; E. R. Smith, 1044; J. Cama, 2105; J. Bartlett, 1637; J. Powdrell, 1744; J. W. Smith, 1744; R. Whiting, 87; and H. Bangs, 1693.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Golding acting as candidate. Bro. A. Giddings having offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, was examined, and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Preceptor announced that the lodge would not meet next Monday in consequence of the consecration of the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202, nearly all the members of which are connected with this lodge of instruction. It was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. occupy the chair on Monday, the 23rd instant. The lodge was then closed.

HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).—A meeting was held at the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Frost, P.M., W.M.; Kew, S.W.; Mulvey, J.W.; Hill, S.D.; Shurt, J.D.; Quartly, I.G.; Scattergood, Sec.; Trinder, Homan, Nash, Thomas, Cluff, Ellwood, and Dodd.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The First Lecture was worked by the brethren. Bro. P. A. E. Hahn, 1668, was elected a joining member. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. S. Mote, W.M.; J. Allman, S.W.; J. Bailey, J.W.; J. Ingleby-Mackenzie, 30, Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; M. Rosenberg, J.D.; J. H. Baxter, I.G.; Chapple, Stvd.; Chalfont, P.M.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; Battiey, Smith, Vowles, and Bond.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Battiey being candidate. Lodge was called off, and opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chapple being candidate. Bros. Vowles and Bond were unanimously elected members.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park-road, on Monday, the 2nd inst., and was well attended. A very good evening's work was gone through. Bro. Draper, J.D. 917, the W.M. for the evening, first worked the initiation ceremony, completing the same by giving the charge, and afterwards, in a manner seldom, if ever, equalled, gave a lecture on the tracing board. This lodge of instruction has for its Preceptor Bro. Fors, P.M., and is within a few minutes' walk of Victoria Park Station. Brethren in search of knowledge can do no better than train it to Victoria Park Station, and a quiet walk over the park will place the inquiring brother within the walls of this lodge of instruction, when he may be sure of a cordial reception from the brethren resident in the neighbourhood. The lodge is opened at 7.30 p.m.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Ladds, W.M.; J. Block, S.W.; Austen, J.W.; Steel, S.D.; Yuelden, J.D.; Roots, I.G.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; Douglas, Chapman, Remington, G. A. Ball, Wright, Steng, Pullen, Kenaut, and Cannon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. Ladds, kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Block, S.W., who desired to work the Third Degree. Bro. G. A. Ball, who offered himself as a candidate for passing, was examined, and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Ball candidate. Bro. Steng offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined, and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Steng candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. F. W. Cash, W.M.; Henry Crookes, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; A. Bullen, S.D.; G. F. Swan, J.D.; J. D. Graham, I.G.; J. Docker, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Rayner, H. Jenkins, P. J. George, F. Kedge, George Haseldine, F. Dusterward, Charles Dairy, Angelico Cogliati, F. Bull, W. Richards, F. M. Noakes, Charles Corby, Frank Gulliford, James Woodward, W. Hancock, A. Clark, F. Caivert, W. Wingham, Preceptor 1540; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. F. Kedge, having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Corby. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. P. J. George, W.M. elect 957, was presented for installation, and the ceremony was proceeded with in this Degree. Lodge resumed to the Third Degree. Bro. P. J. George, as W.M. elect, then occupied the chair. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. being proclaimed and saluted in each Degree. The W.M., Bro. P. J. George, appointed and invested his officers, as follows, in a very clear and distinct voice: Bros. Henry Crookes, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; A. Bullen, S.D.; G. F. Swan, J.D.; J. D. Graham, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Bro. J. Docker as D.C. Bro. C. Corby then delivered the charges to the officers and brethren in a most admirable manner. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bro. W. Wingham, 25, proposed by the Secretary, seconded by Bro. Dairy; Bro. P. J. George, 957, proposed by Bro. C. Corby, seconded by the Secretary; Bro. Haseldine, 1604, proposed by Bro. C. Corby, seconded by Bro. F. M. Noakes; and Bro. H. Jenkins, 800, proposed by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, seconded by Bro. J. D. Graham. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. Docker proposed that Bro. Henry Crookes, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. J. Docker proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the very lodge of instruction to Bro. C. Corby, W.M. 957, for the excellent way in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. It was most distinct and clear, and he had never seen it done better. In seconding the proposition, Bro. C. Dairy said he endorsed all that had been said by Bro. Docker, and the ceremony of installation had been rehearsed by Bro. C. Corby in a manner second to none. It was a good example for other brethren to follow. Carried unanimously.

Bro. C. Corby thanked the brethren sincerely for their kindness, and he also thanked Bro. F. W. Cash for his kindness in giving the

chair to him to rehearse the ceremony of installation. He hoped he had given satisfaction to the brethren by his working, and he could assure them he should never forget his rehearsal of installation that evening, for he had been rewarded and helped by their support and attention.

Bro. P. J. George said he also thanked the brethren for the opportunity given him to rehearse the ceremony of investing and appointing the officers. He thanked them all for their kindness.

The votes of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were, by the sanction of the lodge, handed to Bro. James Woodward, for which he thanked them.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; Woods, J.W.; Dresden, S.D.; Keene, J.D.; Rayner, I.G.; Wood, P.M., acting Preceptor; Heath, P. J. Davies, R. H. Williams, and Neville. Bro. Morrow was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Davies, having answered the questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. C. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers being appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

UBIQUE LODGE No. (1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hill, S.D.; Green, J.D.; Abbott, I.G.; Mason, Edwards, Salter, Wombell, and Brandon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mason being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Mason, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Mason being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2013).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; J. Wood, S.W.; Astlett, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Brown, S.D.; Gammell, J.D.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; Sims, P.M.; Purdue, P.M.; Rayner, P.M.; W. W. Williams, W. G. Coat, D. S. Long, and Davis.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Long offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined, and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Long being candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M., who gave the usual addresses in a very able and eloquent manner. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Davis. On the second rising, Bro. Wood was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. J. Wright, W.M.; J. Glover, S.W.; Beavan, J.W.; Heathcote, S.D.; Gibbs, J.D.; Harvey, I.G.; J. R. Johnson, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Walker, Partridge, Lissimore, Woods, Rowe, Russell, Kerry, and Stubbs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Walker, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Stubbs, being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Wright, with Bro. Stubbs as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Wright vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kerry, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Woods as candidate. Bro. Kerry then invested and appointed his officers. Bro. Wright resumed the chair, and rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Glover, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Glover returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—A regular convocation of this chapter took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Comps. B. Fullwood, M.E.Z.; T. Minstrell, H.; J. C. Smith, J.; J. Willing, jun., P.Z.; Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., S.E.; Edmonds, S.N.; G. W. Knight, P.S.; H. Dickey, 1st A.S.; R. W. Fraser, 2nd A.S.; Sylvester, D.C.; Dimsdale, A.D.C.; Mordey, Stwd.; Ferguson, P.Z.; H. Stiles, P.Z.; and Whiting, Janitor.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes read and adopted. Bro. W. H. Hosegood, of No. 1043, having been unanimously elected, was exalted in an admirable manner. The M.E.Z. then took the ballot for election of officers for the ensuing year, when Comp. J. C. Smith was duly elected M.E.Z., and Comps. G. W. Knight, H.; H. Dickey, J.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., S.E.; J. Willing, P.Z., Treasurer; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; R. W. Fraser, P.S.; Dimsdale, 1st A.S.; Sylvester, 2nd A.S.; Mordey, D.C.; Little, A.D.C.; and Emblin and Rowley, Stewards. The following companions were then proposed as Auditors: Comps. Saunders, Knightley, and Costa, and the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to banquet. The M.E.Z., not being well, was unable to attend the banquet table, and Comp. J. Willing, jun., P.Z., presided.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, Comp. E. C. Ferguson, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." in a very humorous speech, which was responded to by Comp. Willing in his usual affable manner.

"The Health of the P.Z.'s" was drunk with enthusiasm by the companions.

"The Visitors" came in for a very hearty welcome, and Comp. W. A. Scurrah, H. 2048, said it was always a pleasure for him to attend the Metropolitan Chapter. The work was always done in an admirable manner, and he was pleased that the M.E.Z. of the Henry Levander Chapter, Comp. W. M. Stiles, P.Z. of the Metropolitan, had been appointed Grand P.S. of Middlesex. He was sure the companions present would give him "Hearty good wishes," and hoped he would have health and strength to enjoy his high position.

After a very enjoyable evening, interspersed by some

excellent singing by Comps. Sylvester, Fraser, Dimsdale, Mordey, and others, the companions separated.

The following visitors were present: Comps. W. A. Scurrah, H. 2048; A. Scurrah, 1048; W. Harris, 57; J. W. Smith, 177; J. R. Harnell, 2021; and J. Ellington, P.S. 619.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. E. Child, P.Z. 538, Z.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417; P.P.G.R. Dorset, H.; John Collinson, J. 862, J.; H. Deane, H. 890, 2nd A.S. 862, S.E.; W. C. Williams, 733, S.N.; Jas. Sims, P.S.; P. J. Davies, 1st A.S.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975; and G. Gregory, Z. 1538, H. 704, P.S. 2048. Visitors: Comps. Rev. W. Whitley, P.Z. 156, P.P.G.J. Devon; H. Brocklehurst, 862, 1319.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Brocklehurst being the candidate. Comps. Whitley and Brocklehurst were elected members. A vote of thanks was recorded to Comps. Collinson and Sims for the able manner they had rehearsed the duties of their respective offices. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

PRESTON.—Prince of Peace Preceptory (No. 97).—The installation meeting of this preceptory was held on the 25th ult., at the Mess Rooms. The ceremony was most ably performed by Sir Knight Reginald Young, Dep. Commander of the Province of Lancashire, in the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Commander, Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds. The newly-installed E.C., Sir Knight James Morrison McLeod, then appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights Galloway, Prelate and Treasurer; Elton, Constable; Rev. A. B. Beavan, Marshal; Copland, Sub-Marshal; Cottam, P.E.C., Registrar; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., Capt. of the Guard; and Roe, Almoner. Regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of the retiring E.C., Sir Knight George J. McKay, whose duties were ably performed by Sir Knight C. H. Garnett, P.E.C.

A sumptuous banquet was served at the Park Hotel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the knights of this flourishing preceptory.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

MILLOM.—Dyke's Conclave (No. 36).—The sir knights of this conclave held their quarterly convocation on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Sir Knight J. J. Robinson, M.P.S., presided. There were also present Sir Knights Chas. Gowan, Viceroy; T. Atkinson, S.G.; J. Paterson, I.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, G.A. Recorder of England, Treas., and R.; J. Mills, H.P.; R. Walker, Prefect; W. Shaw, H.; J. C. Hunter, Sentinel; Geo. Dalrymple, P.S.; J. Dodds, T. Bownass, J. Fox, W. Bradley, and R. Shepherd.

The minutes were read and confirmed. Several candidates were balloted for and accepted, and one brother installed a sir knight of the Order. One guinea was voted to Bro. George Ryrie's Stewards' list. The sir knights present offered Em. Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite their hearty congratulations on being appointed to Grand Office, which honour he was highly deserving of. Em. Sir Knight Lewthwaite briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the conclave was closed in due form.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (T.I.)—This old and distinguished council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 29th ult. Among those present were Bros. Venn, W.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, acting S.W.; T. C. Walls, J.W.; R. Loveland Loveland, Conductor; A. Powell, Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.M., P.D. G.M., Sec.; Alfred Williams, P.D.G.M.; C. H. Driver, P.M., D.G.M.; Dibdin, P.M.; Pigeon, Org.; T. Cubitt, Britain, Stone, Mills, and many others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, several brethren were impressively inducted into the four Allied Degrees by Bro. C. F. Matier in a manner that left little to be desired. In consequence of continued ill-health, Bro. H. Dicketts, the W.M. elect, declined the honour of the chair. A dispensation from the Grand Master having been obtained to elect and install on the same day, the suffrages of the brethren unanimously fell on Bro. T. C. Walls, J.W., who was ably installed by Bro. C. F. Matier. Among the officers appointed for the year were Bros. Loveland, S.W.; Spice, J.W.; Capt. Williamson, J.P., S.D.; T. Cubitt, J.D.; A. Powell, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Sec.; Major Dunbar, I.G.; Pigeon, Org.; Britain, D.C.; and Mills, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. C. H. Driver and C. F. Matier for their services as Installing Officers. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. Venn, the council was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was provided under the genial catering of Bro. Hamp. A few toasts followed.

Ex. Comp. T. Poore, P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, installed Ex. Comp. H. Baldwin in the First, Ex. Comp. H. C. Jeffreys in the Second, and Ex. Comp. G. Treves in the Third Principal's chairs of that chapter on Monday, the 9th inst. Bro. E. Munt, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, was exalted at the same convocation, Ex. Comp. Poore acting as Z., the ceremonies throughout being rendered in his usual brilliant and impressive manner. Brethren or companions desirous of joining the members of this chapter at their annual "Jubilee" summer outing, about the middle of June next, will kindly communicate with Comp. Poore, at 151, Wirttemberg-street, Clapham, S.W., of whom all particulars can be obtained.

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Order of the Secret Monitor.

At the last meeting of the Bon Accord Lodge of Mark Master Masons, it transpired that Dr. Zacharie, one of the members, held a warrant from the G.S.R. of this Order in the United States for introducing the Order into the United Kingdom, and the matter having been discussed, the brethren present approved the desirability of its introduction, and requested Bros. Zacharie, Matier, and Lewis Thomas to take such steps as to them might seem proper for inaugurating in London a conclave of this Order to be called the Alfred Meadows Conclave, in memory of this distinguished brother and deceased member of this lodge. Accordingly, on 5th May a meeting of the only known members of the Order in London, Bros. Zacharie, Matier, Shadwell H. Clerke, and Lewis Thomas, was called at 80, Brook-street, when the following members of the Bon Accord presented themselves as candidates for initiation: Bros. Belton, Lennox Browne, Francis, Perry Godfrey, Lemon, Ohren, Vincent, and Spratling. In the absence of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Bro. Matier officiated as S.R., and the rest of the brethren were duly initiated into the secrets and mysteries of this interesting and useful Degree.

The officers of the conclave were afterwards appointed as follows: Bros. J. Zacharie, M.D., Supreme Ruler; C. F. Matier, 32°, I.P.S.R.; Col. Shadwell Clerke, 33°, P. S.R.; Lewis Thomas, 18°, Councillor; J. Perry Godfrey, Guide; W. G. Lemon, 30°, L.L.B., Treas.; W. J. Spratling, 18°, B.Sc., Sec.; C. Belton, 30°, Stwd.,

The next meeting was fixed for May 19th, when several other brethren of Bon Accord will be initiated, and a further meeting for a later date, when several candidates not members of this lodge have expressed a desire to become members of the Order.

It is intended to call a full meeting of the members early in June, and there and then to form a Grand Conclave of the Order, and take power to issue warrants for the formation of conclaves in any part of the United Kingdom. Any brother who is already a member of the Order, or who may desire information thereon, is desired to communicate with the Secretary, W. J. Spratling, 74, Wickham-road, London, S.E.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual visit of the Stewards to this Institution took place on Monday last, when Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, distributed the prizes awarded to the successful scholars, under the skilful and amiable rule and management of Miss Davis and her assistants. It was very gratifying to find in the first place that the Institution has an entirely clear bill of health, and the plump, rosy, and cheerful looks of the children testified to the care that is taken of their bodies as well as of their minds.

A stroll through the grounds showed several improvements in the property. The piece of ground acquired by the Committee, as a protective measure to prevent the possibility of the Institution being crowded in by the erection of buildings on the adjoining land, has now been enclosed by the extension of the boundary walls, and the lower portion has been appropriated as the kitchen-garden, the part nearer to the buildings being laid out in walks and lawn. The transfer of the kitchen-garden has improved the recreation grounds, and the capital laws that have been laid down on the old kitchen-garden are strongly suggestive of lawn tennis, and opportunities to the friends of the Institution, who find delight in offering additional prizes, of instituting one or more prizes for skill in this fashionable game. Another striking improvement is the erection of two substantial cottages, one at the extreme front and the other at the extreme rear of the grounds, which, it is understood, are intended to be occupied the one by the gardener and the other by the carpenter, thus affording male protection to a large household, consisting entirely of females. It may be sufficient to say further that all parts of the buildings and grounds exhibit the same extreme cleanliness and order which are always observable at the Girls' School.

A large company assembled in the hall to hear a selection of music and recitations by the pupils, and the manner in which the children acquitted themselves in these exhibitions appeared to give general satisfaction, which found vent in warm and frequent applause. The audience appeared much pleased with the precision with which groups of from 7 to 21 children executed Boccherini's, Gounod's, Raff's, Haydn's, Weber's, and Kuhe's music on seven pianos. The elocutionary efforts were also warmly appreciated, and some of them were notably good. Two of the recitations were exceptionally good. Hamilton Aidé's pathetic little story, "Lost and Found," was admirably rendered by Ellen Ashton, and in Will Carleton's recitation in two parts, "Betsy and I are out," and "How Betsy and I made up," Ada Crow exhibited an amount of natural talent which it is to be hoped she will continue to cultivate.

In the distribution of prizes given by the Institution the gold medal for proficiency (with £5 added by Bro. Wm. Winn) was awarded to Helen Senior, and the silver medal for good conduct (with £5 added by Bro. W. Winn) fell to Grace Bartrum.

It is satisfactory to find that in the Cambridge Local Examinations the whole of the 20 children who were entered passed with the exception of one—a most intelligent looking little girl—whom illness compelled to withdraw. Eight of the candidates passed with honours. In the College of Preceptors' Examinations also a great success was scored, thirty children were entered, and the whole of them passed.

It would be too long a task to go through the whole of the prizes, which may well be said to be too numerous to mention, and it will be sufficient to say that W. Bro. Grey admirably discharged his office in presenting them; being so intimately acquainted with the merits of the children, he was peculiarly able to say a few appropriate words to each child as he delivered her prize, kind little sentences which, no doubt, will be treasured by the children quite as much as the tangible prizes they had won. When the last prize had been awarded,

The CHAIRMAN said, now that that portion of the entertainment was over, he would explain that the accident of his being in the chair was owing to the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master for Shropshire, who had kindly consented to take the Chairmanship at the Festival. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman came from a young province, and the Committee hoped and believed that that young province would bring as much into their coffers as the

older and larger provinces had brought. Had he been present that day he could not have failed to be pleased with what they had heard. The hearty applause which the audience gave proved that they had been satisfied. And now, my dear children—Bro. Grey continued—let me congratulate you all on the very able manner in which you have done your tasks to-day. Knowing you as an old friend, it gives me very great pleasure to be able to testify publicly to your merits. I know these results would not have been achieved without constant care and study on your part, but no manner of study and perseverance on your part could have enabled you to achieve such a success had it not been that you had been taught by such a lady as Miss Davis. (Applause.) It is only a week or two ago that some of that lady's friends met together to celebrate her twenty-fifth year of labour and duty in this establishment, performed in a manner, I venture to think, unsurpassed by anyone in the world. Those who so ably assist her, from Mr. Redgrave down to those who have had prizes to-day, have followed worthily in her footsteps, each striving her utmost to bring this school forward in reputation for training the children not only in secular knowledge, but also in moral and religious duties.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for his conduct in the chair terminated this part of the programme, and the visitors adjourned to a large booth that had been erected in the grounds, where tea and coffee and substantial viands were provided, with an efficient staff of waiters to dispense them.

At seven o'clock the company returned to the hall, which in the meantime had been cleared, and witnessed the favourite spectacle of the children at their calisthenic exercises. At the conclusion of these, dancing was started, but, in view of some scholastic examination which the children had to undergo the following day, the proceedings were brought to a close at a little after eight o'clock.

Among those present were Bros. R. Grey, Clever, W. P. Brown, J. J. Berry, E. Bowyer, Matthews, Goodall, Boulton, W. G. Kentish, F. E. J. Spaul, A. S. Dicketts, F. Osmond, E. Spooner, J. H. Roberts, L. C. Marsh, G. Hogarth, Bro. C. W. and Mrs. Baker, Bro. J. W. and Mrs. Lawson, Bro. Percival and Mrs. Percival, Bros. E. M. Jenkinson, B. C. Walker, C. W. Gamble, W. R. Palmer, Bro. C. Weeden and Mrs. Weeden, Bros. J. Osmond, E. Fullick, Bro. Rev. J. and Mrs. Parr, Bro. A. Marston and Mrs. Marston, Bro. Capt. Colville and Mrs. and Miss Colville, Bros. A. Stedman, M. Birch, S. Pratt, S. Hill, Bro. J. G. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, Bros. G. P. Nightingale, E. M. Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbertson, Bro. J. Terry and Miss J. Terry, Miss Kate Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Redman, Mrs. Booth Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Pelham, Miss Cara B. Fletcher, Mrs. Dicketts, Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe, Bros. G. Allison, A. Jones, A. Aste, G. Smith, P. Newbould, H. B. Becker, E. E. Streat, and Bro. W. B. Green and Mrs. Green (from Bombay).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. J. L. Mather, Asst. G.D.C., presided, and amongst those present were Bros. S. Richardson, F. Adlard, E. Maple, A. E. Gladwell, C. F. Hogard, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., George Kenning, T. Hastings Miller, H. Venn, James Moon, H. Young, W. A. Scurrah, H. Webb, W. M. Stiles, Phillip Cheek, W. H. Burgess, T. Griffith, J. S. Cumberland, A. Williams, R. Berridge, W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, John L. Mather, W. Paas, H. S. Goodall, Charles Belton, C. H. Webb, T. H. Stator, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Richard Eve, Grand Treas., and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee and Quarterly Court read for confirmation, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The nominations for the House and Audit Committees, were handed in, those for the former including only the prescribed number, while for the Audit Committee the brethren nominated were 12 in number, namely, Bros. W. A. Scurrah, Henry Young, J. H. Hawkins, Andrew McDowall, T. Cubitt, G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, T. Griffiths, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, S. Richardson, and E. C. Soppet, of whom nine will be elected.

Three petitions were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the October Election, while five applications by ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained.

The proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

THE APPROACHING BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival to be held next month on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer and Patron of the Institution. There was a large attendance.

The following were elected officers of the Board, namely, Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer, President; Bros. George Cooper, S.G.D., Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B., Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treas., Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., Alderman Savory, and J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., Honorary Presidents; Bros. Charles Belton, A. F. Godson, M.P., C. F. Hogard, George Kenning, A. T. Layton, and J. L. Mather, A.G. D.C., Acting Presidents; Bro. T. Hastings Miller, Hon. Treasurer; and Bro. Frederiek Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Hon. Secretary.

It was resolved that the Festival should be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, the 14th prox.; that the Stewards' Fee should be £2 2s. each, as usual; and that ladies and brethren should dine together, as in recent years, at the same tables.

The following were constituted a Sub-Committee to consider the musical arrangements, namely, Bros. Charles Belton, Charles Dairy, C. F. Hogard, George Kenning, C. J. Knightley, and Dr. George Mickley.

It having been arranged that the Board should meet again on Monday, the 23rd instant, the brethren adjourned after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

AN INTERESTING MASONIC EVENT.

On Tuesday evening, at the regular meeting of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, Bro. F. Hex in the chair, Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D. of England, &c., referred to the presence of his valued friend and brother, Bro. R. F. Gould, the Masonic historian, as a visitor. Bro. HUGHAN stated that he felt assured that all the members of the Jordan Lodge would most heartily welcome such a distinguished brother as a visitor, for the extent and importance of Bro. Gould's labours, historically and critically, were such that no one could over-estimate them. It was true that the office of Senior Grand Deacon had been conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M., but even if he could be appointed to the rank of a Past Grand Master, that would scarcely adequately express the indebtedness of the universal Craft for his immense services. He further remarked that a few might fairly claim to be Masonic historians, but the only one who had the right emphatically to be termed the Masonic historian was Robert Freke Gould, whose great abilities were warmly recognised wherever Freemasonry was known and appreciated.

The W.M. having gracefully added to the welcome so kindly extended and so warmly endorsed by the members, Bro. GOULD, on rising, said he was exceedingly obliged to the brethren for the cordiality of their reception, and to his old friend, Bro. Hughan, for the vein of compliment in which he had indulged with regard to him. It was the first occasion of his being present in lodge since the completion of the work which had been referred to, and the pleasure of participating in Masonic fellowship with his brethren was much enhanced by the agreeable reflection that he was experiencing the hospitality of a Devonshire lodge, for having the honour and privilege to be a Devonshire man, he most thoroughly appreciated the compliment. He drew attention to the pleasing fact that the three most recent of Masonic books had been written by natives of Devon, the three authors being present in the lodge. As one of them he should not presume to say that they laid claim to the possession of wisdom, but on behalf of all he should venture to assert the display of a certain amount of patient industry, which he thought would be found in their writings. After alluding in the most fraternal manner to Bro. Hughan's world-wide fame, Bro. Gould congratulated the officers and members of the lodge, in possessing, in one of their Past Masters (Bro. John Lane), the author of the most useful and deftly compiled Masonic work of our times. None but those who had worked their way through the same materials as were used by that brother, could form any idea of the labours he underwent in educing order from chaos. So that while feeling it a high privilege to allude to the subject, it seemed to him also a positive duty to bear witness to the great esteem in which Bro. Lane was held by the Guild of Masonic Writers, among whom by his recent publication, he had deservedly taken such high rank.

In concluding his remarks, Bro. Gould said he must not omit to record the feeling of gratification he experienced, at finding present that evening his old friends Bros. Hughan and Charles Atkins. With the former he had been long and closely—or he would prefer to say—intimately associated in Masonic studies, and with the latter, he had sat for many years on the Board of General Purposes, in London.

Among the Past Masters of No. 1402 present, were Bros. John Dodge, P. Prov. G. Treas., A. T. Blamey, G. J. Pepprell, B. Knight and T. W. Morgan. The Rev. Bro. Ebrington, W.M. 248 (P. Prov. G. Chap.) and Bro. C. Atkins, P.M. and Sec. 248, Brixham, and other visitors were also present.

PRESENTATION AND UNVEILING THE PORTRAIT OF DR. J. PEARSON BELL AT THE HUMBER LODGE, HULL.

Last Monday evening the brethren of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, assembled in strong force at their Masonic Hall, Osborne-street, for the purpose of commemorating the 60th anniversary of laying the foundation stone of the temple. There was also a large contingent of visiting brethren present from the sister lodges of the town. During the proceedings in the lodge, the W.M., Bro. Edward Corris, presented to the I.P.M. a very fine Past Master's jewel, together with a splendid cabinet of cutlery, and a handsome cathedral clock, decorated with Corinthian pillars bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. D. J. O'Donoghue by the members of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, for valuable services rendered, and for the zeal and ability he has displayed in the discharge of his duties as Worshipful Master in the year 1886. Hull, 9th May, 1887."

Subsequently the brethren assembled in the large banqueting hall. Covers were laid for about 120, and Bro. Moody purveyed a magnificent banquet, to the evident satisfaction of all. The menu-card was very prettily designed. The Stewards were indefatigable in their attentions. The W.M., Bro. E. Corris, presided, the vice-chairs being occupied by the S.W., Bro. R. J. McLeavy, and the J.W., Bro. J. R. Forman.

Amongst the other officers present were Bros. Alderman Toozes, Chap.; Andrew King, P.M., Sec.; J. Thyer, Asst. Sec.; T. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Hargreave, S.D.; E. Hall, J.D.; John Clark, D.C.; J. R. Stringer, Org.; George Latus, I.G.; Moody, C. Collinson, Riley, Hohenrein, and Wickuss, Stwds.; W. Cuthbert, Tyler; J. Priest, Asst. Tyler; J. Walton, P.M.; W. Tesseyman, P.M.; M. C. Peck, P.M.; Beevers, P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; and Robert Rayner, P.M., 1270. Amongst the numerous other brethren present were Bros. Councillor John Shaw, Councillor S. Cohen, and W. C. Whiteside, W.M., of 250; J. Mackaill, W.M. 2134; Carlill Savill, Sec. 1010; F. Blackburn, J. T. Towler, R. Hawley, G. H. Medcalf, W. England, T. Thompson, Hewitt, Capes, Cheeseman, Wright, Hill, Wood, Stoddart, F. C. Bishop, Dawson, and others.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." He said there was no necessity on his part to commend that toast to their notice, as it was always received with enthusiasm, but especially by the Masonic brethren. (Hear, hear.) He was certain that if he were to speak for six months he should not be able to add one iota to their loyalty and admiration for her Most Gracious Majesty. As they well knew, this was the Jubilee year, and they sincerely hoped and trusted that for many years to come they might

have her Majesty to reign over this great and mighty empire with continued peace and prosperity. (Cheers.)

"God save the Queen" was then sung.

The W.M. proposed toast No. 2, viz., "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M." Speaking of the Grand Master, Bro. Corris said they all knew the Prince of Wales to be the most popular Prince that ever lived in Great Britain. (Cheers.) He had identified himself with the aspirations of Englishmen, and he was in every sense of the word a typical English gentleman. (Hear, hear.) Apart from his deep attachment to every good work, he had taken great interest in Masonic work, and Masonry was deeply indebted to him. (Applause.) He had also associated his family with their ancient Order, his eldest son having been initiated into the mystic arts. So long as they had such honourable names connected with the Craft as were honoured in their toast, so long would the dignity of the Order be maintained. (Hear, hear.) Masonry was so comprehensive, so universal, that the highest and the lowest of the land might meet on one common level. (Cheers.)

The toast was received with enthusiasm, Bro. J. Walton, P.M., P.G.D., taking the solo in "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "Our Provincial Rulers: The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; and Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, W.D.P.G.M." He was quite certain that in both these brethren they had eminent Masons, who had the greatest interest in the Craft, and were ever ready to stimulate the interests of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) He (the W.M.) had never had the pleasure of meeting with the Provincial Grand Master, but they had had the honour of receiving recently a visit from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Orde-Powlett—(applause)—and he must admit they were delighted with his presence, and they looked forward with pleasant anticipations to his coming again. (Hear, hear.) He had started with much enthusiasm; had, in fact, made up his mind to visit every lodge in the province, and if he accomplished that, he ventured to predict that the North and East Yorkshire would soon become a formidable rival to the North-West Yorkshire Province. (Cheers.)

The next business was the presentation and unveiling the life-size portrait of the late Bro. J. Pearson Bell, J.P., M.D., D.P.G.M. The W.M. called upon Bro. D. J. O'Donoghue, I.P.M.; to perform the ceremony, remarking that that good brother had initiated the movement during his term of office, and had taken the greatest possible interest in successfully carrying on the negotiations. He, therefore, thought that Bro. O'Donoghue was entitled to the honour of formally presenting the portrait on behalf of the subscribers. (Applause.)

Bro. D. JOHN O'DONOGHUE, I.P.M., who was received with applause, stated that during his year of office as Worshipful Master he was much struck with the large number of their brethren who had been summoned away to the Grand Lodge above. Among the many eminent brothers who had thus departed one stood out prominently above all others in many respects, but especially in Masonic matters. He referred to their late respected Bro. John Pearson Bell, (Applause.) His loss was most deeply felt by every member of his mother lodge, and the brethren naturally felt very desirous that the memory of one so highly respected and esteemed should not be forgotten—(hear, hear)—and the result was that after that memorable lodge of sorrow there was a unanimous wish and desire expressed that something in the shape of a memorial of their lamented brother should adorn the walls of the banquet hall. It was then decided to give Bro. Hudson the commission to paint a portrait of Bro. J. P. Bell in his Masonic clothing as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, rather than as Grand Superintendent of the chapter. It was also resolved that the subscription list should be entirely confined to the members of the Humber Lodge, and he was pleased to say that without any undue pressure they had received from their brethren almost sufficient to pay for their portrait. (Cheers.) In justice to the Freemasons of the town generally he felt bound to confess he had had to refuse many subscriptions kindly offered, which would more than have paid for the picture. (Hear, hear.) He would not detain them longer by dilating upon Bro. Bell's Masonic career; suffice it to say that he had resigned his exalted position as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the hope that he might have attended their gatherings a little more frequently than he had been able to do. He had had a long life of provincial honours, and he did not believe any man worked harder or had toiled so much for the welfare of the Craft as had Bro. J. P. Bell. (Applause.) Very few of those present would ever have the opportunity, even if they had the inclination, to do so much for the good of Freemasonry generally. The painting of the portrait, which he would now unveil, had been entrusted to Bro. Benjamin Hudson, and he was pleased to say he had been successful in executing a faithful representation of their respected brother; the artist had, as it were, realised the very spirit and expression of Bro. Bell. On behalf of the subscribers he asked the Worshipful Master to accept the portrait as a gift to the Humber Lodge, to perpetuate the memory of their most highly-esteemed and dearly-loved brother, of whom he might say—

"To add greater honours to his age

Than man could give him,

He died fearing God."

The portrait was then unveiled, and a magnificent life-sized picture of Bro. Dr. Bell was presented to view. The well-known features and the details of the Masonic jewels and clothing have been executed with marvellous exactitude and correctness, and the artist (who was present) was heartily applauded and congratulated on the great success of what might truly be termed a work of art.

The W.M. then formally accepted the portrait on behalf of the lodge in brief but appropriate terms.

Bro. M. C. PECK, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary, proposed "The Founders." In an exceedingly interesting manner the speaker reviewed the origin and development of the Humber Lodge. The founders of that material building, the stone of which was laid 60 years ago, had, by their foresight and judgment, given them a position which placed the Humber Lodge second to no other private lodge in the world for its wealth, benevolence, privileges, and conveniences. (Loud cheers.) They had had a splendid succession of Masters, and never had the lodge been in so prosperous and flourishing a condition as at the present time, which was a matter of great rejoicing to them all.

(Applause.) He asked them to drink in silence to "The Immortal Memory of those Great and Glorious Men—the Founders of the Humber Lodge."

The toast was then drunk in respectful silence.

Bro. Councillor J. SHAW proposed "The Trustees, Treasurers, and Past Masters," remarking that those brethren had had arduous duties to perform, which had been satisfactorily discharged. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. BEEVENS, P.M., for the Trustees; Bro. W. DAY HEYWORTH, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., for the Treasurers; and Bro. J. WALTON, P.M., P.S.G.D., for the Past Masters, responded.

Bro. J. WILSON, P.M., in proposing "The Sister Lodges," referred to the unanimity which existed amongst the lodges of the town, which was amply illustrated by the large number of visiting brethren who invariably honoured them with their presence at the festive board. (Hear, hear.) There never had been better feeling and perfect unanimity than existed at the present time. (Hear, hear.)

Bros. J. MACKIELL, W.M. 2134, and M. C. PECK, P.M. and Secretary 250, briefly acknowledged the toast.

The Senior Warden, Bro. R. J. MCLEAVY, proposed "The Visiting Brethren." He said, speaking personally, he felt greatly indebted to the brethren of the sister lodges for the kindly consideration they had at all times extended to the mother lodge of Hull. That evening no less than 25 visitors were with them, which spoke well for the good feeling which prevailed. (Hear, hear.) After humorous references to the characteristics of the various brethren who were associated with the toast, the good health of the visitors was drunk with acclamation.

Bro. R. HAWLEY, J.W. 250, in acknowledging the toast, stated he was exceedingly gratified with the kindly reception he had received. He congratulated the W.M. on the fact of having received a handsome addition to the library from the family of the late Bro. Dr. Bell, and concluded by wishing the lodge continued prosperity. (Applause.)

Bro. J. CARLILL SAVILL, Secretary 1010, also responded. He stated he was pleased to have been called upon to respond for two special reasons. First, because it was the first occasion he had had the opportunity of personally returning his thanks, although he had previously paid them several official visits; and secondly, because of the honour and privilege he felt in addressing the brethren of the lodge in which a very dear relative of his had been initiated some years ago. He (Bro. Carlill Savill) congratulated the W.M. on presiding at such an auspicious gathering, and he ventured to predict that in future years he would look back with considerable pleasure to his term of office, nor would the sight of that magnificent picture just presented to the lodge, lessen the pardonable pride which he must naturally feel in filling the chair. (Applause.) To his friend and brother, the S.W., he was already deeply indebted, and by the kindly sentiments he had uttered respecting himself that night, he (Bro. Savill) felt his obligations were greatly increased. However, he thanked one and all heartily and sincerely for the truly Masonic greeting he and all the visitors had received. (Cheers.)

"The Masonic Charities," and "The Absent Brethren, especially those at Sea," were subsequently honoured.

During the evening some capital recitations and songs were rendered by various brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. R. Stringer, the talented Organist.

We have no doubt the proceedings will be considered as having added another red-letter day in the annals of the history of the good old Humber Lodge, No. 57, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. A. Leon Emanuel has had the honour of submitting the two hundred guineas Salisbury Race Cup, manufactured by his firm, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House.

The Queen held her first Drawing Room of the Jubilee season at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, when the presentations, numbering about 500, far exceeded those at any previous function of its kind during her reign. The weather, too, was genuine Queen's weather, and consequently the Mall and Constitution-hill, and the parts adjoining the palace were thronged with sightseers, who noted with interest the splendid equipages which, in almost endless succession, kept on setting down the fair ladies who had come to pay homage to their Sovereign. The Royal, diplomatic, and general circles were fully attended, among those present being the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of Masons in Denmark, and Bro. Lord Suffield, in attendance on their Royal Highnesses; and Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe (Lord Steward), the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), the Duke of Portland (Master of the Horse), Lord A. Hill, M.P. (Comptroller of the Household), and Lord Alfred Paget (Clerk Marshal).

Bro. J. W. Boughton, the proprietor of the Theatre Royal, Portsmouth, has given another striking proof of his liberality and public spirit, for, in forwarding to the Mayor of that town a donation of five guineas in aid of the Jubilee Fund, for the hospital, Bro. Boughton has intimated that during the Jubilee week he will devote the whole of the proceeds of one night's entertainment at the theatre to the same fund. An enthusiastic Mason, who, it will be remembered, recently inaugurated his year of office as Worshipful Master of the Portsmouth Lodge by extending his hospitality not only to members of the Craft, but to a number of the fair sex, who will not soon forget the pleasant "at home" at the Victoria Hall, Bro. Boughton intends to give the proceeds of another night in the Jubilee week to the Funds of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Charities. The patronage of her Majesty and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., will be solicited, and an application is to be made to the Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., for a dispensation to enable the brethren occupying seats in the dress circle and upper boxes to appear in Masonic clothing on the occasion. The Prov. Grand Master and the members of the Craft will not fail to appreciate Bro. Boughton's generous resolve to swell the fund which is appropriated to Charitable objects, and consequently the Masonic Jubilee entertainment, in the handsome and commodious theatre for which the public are indebted to Bro. Boughton's public spirit, cannot fail to prove in all respects a great success.

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The annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place in the great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday next, the 20th instant. The business will include the consideration of the annual report of the Committee of Management, and the election of nine men from a list of 51 candidates and 28 widows from a list of 77 candidates—the three deferred annuitants being included in each case. Considering, however, the grand success which attended the Festival in February, there is cause to hope that the brethren may sanction a further addition to the annuitants.

We are pleased to note that Bro. P. de Lande Long, P.G.D., has been elected out of a list of nearly a hundred candidates, to the important post of Solicitor of the Foundling Hospital.

Bro. Felix Henry Gottlieb of the Mount Calvary in the East Chapter, No. 47, Singapore, was received by the Supreme Council into the 3^d of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, at a convocation held on Tuesday, May 10th, at 33, Golden-sq.

H.R.H. Prince Christian has honoured the Kensington School of Music by becoming President, and that H.R.H. Princess Christian, H.R.H. Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, and H.S.H. the Duke of Teck, have become patrons.

Bro. General Sir George H. S. Willis, K.C.B., Lieut.-Governor of Portsmouth, will give an "at home" on Saturday, the 21st inst., and Bro. A. Leon Emanuel, Consul for Liberia at that town, has been honoured with an invite.

Bro. E. St. John Fairman, for many years established in, and connected with, Egypt, Turkey, and Italy, has lately become a partner in the firm of Messrs. Yul Brett (of London and Paris), commission merchants, at "Victoria Chambers," 55 and 56, Chancery-lane, London, W.C.

We noticed last week the magnificent supper in honour of a new brand of champagne given by Messrs. Leatham and Cator, of Whitehorse-street. The proper name of the wine in question is *Crème d'Or*, and we are not surprised to hear that during the past fortnight its owners have been selling large quantities of this famous vintage.

Some of our readers may have noticed that, last week in recording that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., had moved to his house, at Richmond, from his seat in Derbyshire, we described our respected brother as "Prov. G. Master of Derbyshire." They will, of course, hardly need to be told that we meant to describe him as "Prov. G. Master of Middlesex."

Bro. Fred. McColl Chambers, of No. 1638, announces a grand smoking concert at the Falstaff, East-cheap, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The justly celebrated Bro. E. W. Mackney, Mr. Donald Balfe, Mr. Joseph Pearce, and a host of others, have promised their assistance. Mr. R. Gent Davis, M.P., has consented to occupy the chair during the evening.

The Chaucer Lodge of Instruction—No. 1540—supper, held at the White Hart, passed off well on Thursday evening, the 21st ult. Bro. J. Robins, P.M. 25, was in the chair. All the brethren present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The recitations and songs were exceedingly good. Want of space this week prevents us from giving a better account.

Bro. Martin M. Reynard was, on Friday, the 29th ult., installed as M.W.S. of the Hilda Rose Croix Chapter, No. 23, by Bro. C. J. Banister, 33, S.G.I.G. The officers appointed were Bros. Wm. Brown, H.P.; Major McGachen, 1st General; F. Waddington, 2nd General; T. B. Whythead, P.S., Recorder, and Treasurer; W. Fraser, G.M.; H. C. Pickersgill, R.; and Captain Grant, Captain of Guards.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 14th inst.:—Monday—Leigh Lodge and St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Fidelity and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' Festival. Thursday—University of London Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge. Saturday—Artists' General Benevolent Institution and Phoenix Lodge.

The pupils of St. Stephen's School, Shepherd's Bush, with the assistance of a few of their friends, gave a concert at the Athenæum, Godolphin-road, on Tuesday. There was a numerous audience, and the programme, which was of a varied character and well chosen, was carried out most successfully. The boys who took part in the entertainment, and most of whom are members of the church choir, sang several part songs correctly and tastefully, the Misses L. Close, R. Brooking, and Cove were justly applauded for their several contributions; and Mr. Tom Reynolds, who gave a brace of humorous songs, was in each case rewarded with a hearty encore. In the interval between the parts a team of youngsters, captained by Cecil Freeman, and including Cecil Hartley Abbott, a younger son of Bro. G. B. Abbott, gave a display of their gymnastic prowess on the parallel bars and with the dumb bells, and showed, by the neatness and precision with which they went through their various exercises, that they must have profited greatly by the advice of their mentors—the Rev. Messrs. Bentley and Ramsay, curates of St. Stephen's, and Mr. Tampin. Mr. Pomeroy, under whose head mastership the school has established for itself a sound reputation, is to be congratulated on the success of the gathering.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Chief Wonder of Modern Times.—This incomparable medicine increases the appetite, strengthens the stomach, cleanses the liver, corrects biliousness, prevents flatulency, purifies the system, invigorates the nerves, and reinstates sound health. The enormous demand for these Pills throughout the globe astonishes everybody, and a single trial convinces the most sceptical that no medicine equals Holloway's Pills in its ability to remove all complaints incidental to the human race. They are a blessing to the afflicted, and a boon to all that labour under internal or external disease. The purification of the blood, removal of all restraint from the secretive organs, and gentle aperitive action are the prolific sources of the extensive curative range of Holloway's Pills.—ADVT.

The Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, whose permanent quarters are located at the Athenæum, Camden-road, propose temporarily migrating therefrom on Thursday next, the 19th inst., and holding a special banquet at the Holborn Restaurant in celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, and also for the purpose of inaugurating a lodge Benevolent Fund. We hear that a goodly number of Masonic celebrities are expected thereat, and that the meeting will be presided over by the W.M., Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer.

THE AMERICAN EXHIBITION.—This great enterprise on the part of our American cousins was successfully inaugurated on Monday, when a vast concourse of visitors assembled to take part in the proceedings. A solemn invocation by Archdeacon Farrar, orations by the director and president, the singing of patriotic English and American songs, and the presence of distinguished ecclesiastics, senators, and men of mark in different ranks of life, combined to place it at once on a par with the best of its predecessors. Buffalo Bill and his picturesque troupe of Indians, Mexicans, and Cowboys, although nominally a secondary part of the show, will, however, we venture to think, be the real attraction.

Bro. Sir E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor-General, presided at the anniversary Festival, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, of the Royal Hospital for Incurables. The Chairman in his eloquent appeal for support, mentioned that it was intended to elect this year forty instead of twenty-five candidates in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, and referred in handsome terms to the munificent help given by Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, Past G. Treasurer, who is Treasurer of the Institution, and who, at his own cost, had kept the St. Leonard's home open for one year. Subscriptions amounting to £4282 were announced in the course of the evening.

Miss Amy Roselle (Mrs. Arthur Dacre) will start on a Starring Tour in the Provinces early in Autumn. Prior to her departure, she is, says the *Evening*, "for the first time in her artistically brilliant stage career to have a Grand Complimentary Benefit, tendered her by her brother and sister artistes as a token of their esteem. That this will prove enormously successful will readily be believed when we state that the Ladies' Executive Committee will include such eminent representatives of the dramatic profession as Mrs. Kendall, Miss Ellen Terry, Miss Mary Anderson, Mrs. Stirling, Miss Genevieve Ward, Miss Wallis, Mr. Arthur Stirling, and Mrs. John Wood. A Committee of Gentlemen is also being formed, and has already been joined by Bro. Henry Irving—who has, however, generously offered the use of the Lyceum Theatre for the occasion. The Hon. Secretaries in connection with this benefit are Messrs. Brandon Thomas and Maurice de Verney."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

NOAKES.—On the 11th inst., at 6, Everleigh-street, Tollington Park, the wife of Bro. F. M. Noakes, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

MACKENZIE—SANDERS.—On the 26th ult., at St. Paul's, West Brixton, John William, son of J. W. H. Mackenzie, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., of Daisy Bank, Cheadle, Staffordshire, to Agnes, only surviving child of the late C. Sanders, Esq., of Birmingham.

DEATH.

BARTRAM.—On the 8th inst., at Rocklands, Tunbridge Wells, G. Bartram, aged 69.

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GLOBE THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.45, THE PRIVATE SECRETARY; at 8, AFTER MANY DAYS.

SAVOY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.25, RUDDIGORE, OR THE WITCH'S CURSE; at 7.45, THE CARP.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 7.50, A DARK NIGHT'S BRIDAL; at 8.30, SOPHIA. Matinee Every Saturday, at 2.30.

GAIETY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8, MONTE CRISTO, JR.; at 7.30, DIMITY'S DILEMMA.

COURT THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8, THE NETTLE; at 8.30, DANDY-DICK.

STRAND THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.30, THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE; at 7.45, TOM NODDY'S SECRET.

COMEDY THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.30, THE RED LAMP; at 8, NEARLY SEVEN.

TOOLE'S THEATRE.

Every Evening at 7.30, RUDDY GEORGE; at 8.30, THE BUTLER.

PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.

Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY; at 7.45, A HAPPY DAY.

STANDARD THEATRE.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, May 21, 1887.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 ,, 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 ,, 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
 ,, 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 ,, 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton.
 ,, 2029, King Solomon, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 ,, 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 ,, 1423, Era, The Albany, Twickenham.
 Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
 Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7. [S.E., 7.30.
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill,

MONDAY, MAY 16.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
 ,, 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 ,, 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 ,, 2060, La France, Café Royal, Regent-st.
 Chap. 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 ,, 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 ,, 1929, Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
 Mark 333, Kintore, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 K.T. 127, Bard of Avon, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq.,
 Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W., 7.30.
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion,
 Piccadilly, W., 8.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.
 Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st.,
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper
 Norwood, at 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, MAY 17.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 ,, 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 ,, 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 ,, 1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender Hill.
 ,, 2045, Wharton, Willesden, Middx.
 ,, 2191, Anglo-American, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 ,, 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 ,, 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
 ,, 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 ,, 2021, Queen's Westminster, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 Rose Croix, 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 6.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington
 Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.,
 E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
 Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18.

Board of Benevolence, at 6.
 General Committee Grand Lodge, at 6.
 Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
 ,, 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 ,, 778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

Lodge 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
 ,, 1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 ,, 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 Chap. 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone.
 Mark 181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 ,, 199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

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Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Ham-
 mersmith, 7.30.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 8.
 St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victo-
 ria Park, at 8.
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane,
 Poplar, 7.30.
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 19.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 55, Constitutional, Cannon-st. Hot.
 ,, 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 ,, 1227, Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
 ,, 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 ,, 1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hot., London Bdge.
 ,, 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham
 Cross.
 ,, 1365, Clapton, 191, Bishopsgate-st., E.C.
 ,, 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
 ,, 1963, Duke of Albany, Albert Palace, Battersea Park.
 Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 ,, 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 ,, 507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
 ,, 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 ,, 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.
 ,, 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles,
 Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
 Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 R. and S.M. 1, Grand Masters', 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

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Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's
 Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
 well, at 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite
 Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st.,
 City, E.C., at 7.30.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-
 road, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon
 Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-
 rd., Canonbury, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-
 rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, MAY 20.

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 ,, 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 ,, 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 ,, 1910, Shadwell Clerke, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 K.T. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, 7.30.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.

Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. 8
 Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
 Ubique, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-
 sq., Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement,
 at 7.30.

SATURDAY, MAY 21.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot, Wood Green.
 ,, 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.
 ,, 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 ,, 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot.,
 Kew Bridge.
 ,, 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-grove-
 road, Notting-hill.
 ,, 1861, Claremont, Crown Hot., Chertsey.
 Chap. 382, Royal Union, Chequers Hot., Uxbridge.
 ,, 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 ,, 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 ,, 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 ,, 2048, Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 Station.

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 Master Mariner, aged 61 years,

Who was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 359, in 1864, and has been a subscribing member for upwards of 22 years. He is now in very straitened circumstances, having been seized with Paralysis about 10 years since, on board the Jersey Mail Steam Packet belonging to the London and South Western Company, in whose service he had been employed for about 30 years, a considerable portion of that time as Chief Mate. This affliction almost entirely precludes him from obtaining a livelihood, his right side being so severely affected and rendering his arm and leg nearly useless; he therefore humbly solicits your kind aid in the coming election.

This most deserving case is urgently and strongly recommended by a number of influential brethren.

Proxies will be thankfully received by Bro. H. COOPER, P.M. 898, 1, Newby Place, Poplar, E.; also by the Applicant, 35, New Road, Southampton, or care of Bro. JOHN ADAMS, P.M. and Secretary No. 359. Residence: 49, Oxford Street, Southampton.

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