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The grand Masonic meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, to commemorate the Jubilee of her MAJESTY'S reign, has taken place, and the Craft may honestly congratulate itself not only on the outward and visible splendour of the assembly, but likewise—and indeed to a far greater extent—on the enthusiastic loyalty which characterised its proceedings. The memorable meeting in the same Hall in April, 1875, when H.R.H. the Prince of WALES was installed Grand Master, was more numerously attended, and being a meeting of Grand Lodge was, from a strict Masonic point of view, the more solemn of the two gatherings. But the mere question of numbers is of no great importance, while the greater informality of Monday's meeting allowed of a freer and more unrestrained exhibition of that loyalty by which the Craft in all ages and countries has been distinguished. The address of congratulation, which was voted by acclamation, and will be presented to the QUEEN on a day yet to be appointed, spoke truly the sentiments by which all English Masons are actuated, and it will doubtless be as gratifying to her MAJESTY to receive it as it was to the Craftsmen assembled to subscribe to the expressions of loyalty and devotion it contained. As a rule, Freemasons are not a demonstrative body of men, and what they do is mostly done from a sense of duty. But on Monday there was as much genuine heartiness shown as must have satisfied the most exacting of critics, while the perfect order and regularity with which everything was carried out must have made it clear that our chief executive officers are perfect masters of the art of organisation. Everything, even to the minutest detail, was done with machine-like precision, and from first to last there was not a sign of hesitation, or the slightest hitch, in fulfilling the strict letter of the proceedings. We congratulate the GRAND SECRETARY, the GRAND DIRECTOR of CEREMONIES, and the PRESIDENT of the BOARD of GENERAL PURPOSES on the success of their arrangements, and the Craft on the success of its demonstration of loyalty towards our gracious SOVEREIGN and of devotion to the cause of Charity. So long as our Society is governed by these principles, so long is there a prospect, approaching almost to a certainty, that it will remain in its present prosperous condition.

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THE Boy's School Festival. THERE is no disguising the fact that the result of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is a sore disappointment to the Craft generally. We imagine no one was sanguine enough to expect a triumph such as was achieved in February when the Benevolent Institution celebrated its anniversary. Indeed, having regard to the serious necessities of the latter Charity, we state at once that there was no reason why it should have been so. But we confess to have been sanguine enough to hope—and there were many of the same opinion as ourselves—that the total would show an improvement on those of the last three Festivals. However, we have been deceived in our anticipations, and instead of an improvement there has been a falling off from the least productive of the three amounting in round figures to £1500. But, after all, we need not go very far for an explanation. The Jubilee high pressure of the last half-dozen months is not capable of indefinite prolongation. The result of the Benevolent Festival was a splendid success, partly because it was the first to be held, but chiefly because the pressure on its resources was overwhelming. The Girls' School fared less well than usual because their friends are reserving their strength for the centenary celebration next year. For the Boys' School Anniversary, which came last of all, the brethren who acted as Stewards had great difficulty in raising the supplies, because the purse of the generous donor, who had been beset for six months or more by Jubilee appeals of every imaginable description, had only a scanty supply left in it with which to make a response. Nor must we lose sight of the effect which is very likely to have been produced by the vote of £2000 by Grand Lodge on the 1st instant, and the knowledge that another £2000 would

result from Monday's gathering in the Albert Hall, while the failure to obtain the services of a Chairman till within a fortnight of the day appointed must have exerted an unfavourable influence on the subscription lists. But after all, as is remarked elsewhere, £11,000 is a good round sum, and in excess of the proceeds of the 1878 and 1879 Festivals. Fifteen years ago it would have sent the whole Craft into ecstasies of rejoicing, and it is unjust to those who have had a hard task to achieve, and have done it well that we should look coldly upon the result because it is £1000 or £2000 less than it would have been, had our hopes been realised. On the contrary, let us congratulate heartily those who have taken part in the celebration, the Chairman, the Board of Stewards, the contributing lodges and brethren, and the Secretary, on what they have done. They have striven as generously as those who assisted at the Benevolent and Girls' Schools Festivals, and as fully deserved an equal share of good fortune.

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THE Binkes' Testimonial. THERE can be little doubt that in their selection of the time and place for presenting Bro. BINCKES with the testimonial which has been raised during the past few months, the Committee in charge of the arrangements of the Fund have acted with great propriety. Bro. BINCKES has been Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for 26 years, and the major part of his devoted labours have been undertaken in order to promote the success of the School, and to secure to it a foremost place among our English educational establishments. Under these circumstances, no better day could have been chosen than that appointed for the Anniversary Festival of the Institution, nor could a better place have been selected than the Crystal Palace, where the Festival was held, and where the company assembled to do honour to the occasion were loyally assisting in the work which it has been the great aim of Bro. BINCKES'S energetic official life to accomplish. And we hope those who were present at the ceremony will ponder in their minds as nearly as they can what it is that Bro. BINCKES has done for our Boys' School, which, when he first took an interest in its affairs, was only a school in embryo, and which, even when it did come into existence, continued only a very modest Institution, until he appeared on the scene, and was chosen Secretary. Then, as with the wand of PROSPERO, he changed everything. Listlessness gave place to activity, and activity to an enthusiasm, which nevertheless kept its head clear and worked systematically as well as with unsurpassed energy. Small Festival returns gave place to large ones, and with the pouring in of funds from the provinces as well as from the Metropolis, the small fifth-rate school of 25 boys rapidly developed into one of a hundred, and thence into the present establishment of 260, which is able to hold its own in friendly rivalry with the best of similar establishments, wherever they are to be found within the four corners of the United Kingdom. This, in brief, and, of course, therefore, but very imperfectly delineated, is the outcome of Bro. BINCKES'S official life. And who shall say it is not an outcome of which any man might be proud, and which amply merits the kindly recognition it received on Tuesday when the brethren were gathered together under the presidency of R.W. Bro. T. W. TEW, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, in order to help further forward the work to which he (Bro. BINCKES) has given nearly the whole of his amazing energy and vast ability during more than a quarter of a century of years? We trust the unusual episode which was included in the proceedings of that day will have the effect of confirming the respect which is entertained everywhere throughout the English Craft for Bro. BINCKES and his successful exertions in behalf both of our Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, his services to which as its Grand Secretary were also recognised in the testimonial.

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THE Old Masonians. The presence of a number of the old pupils as guests at the Festival on Tuesday is a feature of the day that must not be passed over in silence. The originator of the proposal must have been highly gratified at its success. The pupils themselves must be rejoiced at learning that they still retain a place in the affections of the Craft, and the Craft must have been equally pleased at finding so many of their old charges in a fair way to establish for themselves an honoured position in the world. It was the first, and we hope it will not be the last, occasion on which a representative band of Old Masonians has taken part in the festivities of the day. Nothing can be better than that the Governors and friends of the School, on the one hand, and the ex-pupils on the other should establish an alliance, as it were, between them. The respect which each feels for the other will be enhanced, while the School itself, which is an object of affection and respect to both, will reap the advantage.

### THE MASONIC CELEBRATION OF HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE AT THE ALBERT HALL.

The Albert Hall was on Monday for the second time the scene of a brilliant and impressive ceremony. On the occasion of the installation of our Royal Grand Master, twelve years ago, the number was somewhat larger, and the proceedings were more strictly of a Masonic character, Grand Lodge having been opened in due form; but as an imposing spectacle we question if that ever memorable meeting was not surpassed by the one on Monday. The absolutely perfect arrangements made by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Albert Woods, the arduous work of Bro. T. Fenn, on whom devolved the organisation and the working out of every detail in connection with the seating and arrangement of the brethren, and the equally painstaking labours of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, have resulted in a perfect success.

Six thousand three hundred tickets had been sold, and about 2000 lodges were represented. In the front row in each tier sat officers wearing their purple and gold aprons and collars, and most of them glittering with jewels. On the right and left of the dais was a fringe of crimson collars. Behind the wearers of the purple were several rows of light blue collars and silver emblems, and in rear of them again were the Master Masons who had not yet attained collar rank. Six thousand brethren thus attired, and all wearing white kid aprons and gloves, made a wondrously pretty sight, and when the trumpets announced the approach of the procession, and all stood up to welcome and greet the Grand Master, the scene was impressively grand.

The seats had, with certain special exceptions, been allotted in the order of priority of application, and the arrangements were carried out by a large staff of Stewards with a precision which contributed not a little to the agreeable character of the gathering. Under the great organ had been erected a dais, carpeted with scarlet cloth, on which stood the throne of the Grand Master, gorgeous in purple and gold, and surmounted with the Prince of Wales's feathers, flanked on either side with the globes. In the background hung the Prince's banner, with the motto "Audi, vide, tace," amidst a forest of luxuriant palms; the front of the dais was adorned with a wealth of hothouse plants, ferns, and flowers. In front of the throne stood a richly-upholstered pedestal, bearing the gavel and a quaint silver inkstand (which had been bequeathed to Bro. Fenn by the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey), intended for the Grand Master's use in signing the Address to the Queen.

To the right and left of the throne were chairs for the members of the Royal Family and other distinguished visitors. Behind, the richly decorated orchestra provided accommodation for eminent members of the Craft from all parts of the Empire, especially notable amongst whom were the representatives of the eighteen "Red Apron" Lodges, which have the exclusive privilege of sending Grand Stewards to the annual festivals. The Stewards, who carried their wands of office, and the green aprons and collars of the Scotch Lodges blended admirably with the purple and gold of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges and the garter blue, which was the predominant colour in the clothing of the majority of the brethren. During the interval which elapsed before the arrival of the Grand Master a selection of music was played on the organ. A few minutes before four o'clock a fanfare of trumpets announced that the Prince had arrived. At four o'clock the head of the procession entered the Hall at the door opposite the dais. It consisted of all the Grand Officers, Present and Past, in due order of precedence, and clad in their handsome purple, and gold chains. The organist played a Grand March as the procession passed across the hall to the dais.

The appearance of the Grand Master was hailed with round after round of cheering, which the Prince repeatedly acknowledged before taking his seat. On his right were the Duke of Connaught, looking in excellent health and spirits, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Maharajah of Kuch Behar, in a sumptuous costume of purple velvet, embroidered with gold, Bro. Shackleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, Lord Methuen, and Lord Wolseley. On the left of the throne sat Prince Albert Victor, Senior Grand Warden; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; General Dominis, of Hawaii; the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master of Scotland; Lord Leigh, and Lord Sheffield. The banners of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Master, which had been carried in the procession, were placed at the side of the throne, and assisted in completing what at this moment was a superb *coup d'œil*. The Address to the Queen was carried with the utmost enthusiasm, and each of the brethren on whom Past Grand honours were subsequently conferred was cordially greeted, the Maharajah of Kuch Behar especially so.

The Prince of WALES, in opening the proceedings, said: Brethren, This is, I think, one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons that I have ever seen, with the exception of the occasion when you conferred upon me the high honour of installing me as your Grand Master. (Cheers.) It is most gratifying to me, as I feel sure it will also be to the Queen, that so large a gathering as the one assembled here to-day has taken place for the purpose of doing honour to her on the fiftieth anniversary of her accession to the Throne. It will be a proof to her, as it is also to me, of the great devotion and loyalty to the Throne manifested by the Free and Accepted Masons of England. (Cheers.) Brethren, we are met here to-day for the purpose of moving an Address to the Queen to congratulate her on having attained the fiftieth anniversary of her reign. (Cheers.) You are

well aware that my ancestors, former Sovereigns of England, have always done all they could to support Masonry, for they knew that, though we are a secret Society, we are in no wise a dangerous one. (Cheers.) Brethren, among our tenets, and I may say our mottoes, loyalty and philanthropy are two of which we are especially proud. (Cheers.) It is most gratifying to me, as I said before, to see so large, so important, and so influential a gathering, and I am sure that in the events which are about to take place to celebrate the Jubilee of the Queen, this meeting in the Albert Hall of Freemasons will stand one of the first in the list. (Cheers.) I am not here to make a long speech, so we must get to business, and I will now call upon the Pro Grand Master (Lord Carnarvon) to move the first resolution, but before that is done I would ask the Grand Secretary to read the address.

The GRAND SECRETARY (Colonel Clerke) then read the following Address:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, most respectfully desire to approach the Throne on the auspicious occasion of your Majesty having completed the fiftieth year of your reign over the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to assure your Majesty of our fervent and unabated attachment to your Throne and Royal person.

Founded as our ancient Institution is on principles of unswerving loyalty to our Sovereign and fidelity to our country, we rejoice to think that the great increase of our Order in all parts of your Majesty's dominions is in unison with the welfare of the nation and the maintenance of the established Institutions of the land, which it will ever be our earnest desire to preserve inviolate.

We would humbly express our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared your Majesty to reign over these realms for so extended a period, and we do pray that He may continue to preserve your Majesty to rule with that full Sovereignty which affection can alone ensure the hearts of your faithful subjects, and more especially of the Fraternity which we to-day represent.

May the Almighty vouchsafe to your Majesty a long and happy continuance of your reign over a loyal and devoted people.

Dated at the Royal Albert Hall, London, this 13th day of June, 1887.

ALBERT EDWARD, Grand Master.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

The address, which was beautifully illuminated on vellum, and has the seal of Grand Lodge attached to it, was enclosed in a casket of chaste design which was surmounted by the Imperial Crown, the Monogram V.R.I., and two Medallions, one being a portrait of Her Majesty and the other a representation of the Arms of the United Grand Lodge, together with a scroll containing the words Jubilee, June, 1837—June, 1887. Each of the corners is decorated with a gold plate, having the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle, and the Square and Compasses engraved thereon. A plate on the front bears the following inscription:—THE LOYAL AND DUTIFUL ADDRESS OF THE FREEMASONS OF ENGLAND TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, 13TH JUNE, 1887. The casket was designed and manufactured and the address illuminated by Bro. GEORGE KENNING of Little Britain and Great Queen Street, London.

The Earl of CARNARVON, in moving the adoption of the Address, said: Most Illustrious Grand Master, your Royal Highnesses, and Brethren,—I hold it no light honour, Sir, that you have been pleased to confer upon me in desiring me to move the adoption of this address to her Majesty the Queen. It is carried, Sir, already by acclamation—(cheers)—and in moving it I can best begin by repeating your Royal Highness's words. I see around me representatives from every part of the civilised world, for it is the prerogative of Masonry that it has lodges in every part of the globe. But, Sir, whilst it has been alleged—I care not with how much truth—against some branches of our Order that they have been the friends of revolution, and the enemies of government, as you have truly said, Sir, to-day, in English Freemasonry order and law and loyalty to our Sovereign are the pillars of our ancient Institution. (Cheers.) Your Royal Highness alluded to those of your Royal ancestors who have been patrons of the Craft. I believe, if I am not mistaken, that there have been 17 of the Princes of the blood Royal of England who have belonged to Freemasonry. (Cheers.) May I go a step further and remind you that her Majesty the Queen is the daughter of a Freemason—(cheers)—that her uncles had been in Freemasonry, that her Royal sons are Freemasons, and that she has a grandson in the Order. (Cheers.) Sir, I might remind this great meeting of the vast increase of English Freemasonry during the reign of her Majesty, and I might remind them also of the great increase which has resulted from your Royal Highness's reign. (Cheers.) But on this occasion our hearts rather turn to the wearer of the English Crown to assure her of the loyalty and devotion of Freemasons, to assure her that among the millions of her subjects who own her sway, whether among high or low, rich or poor, there are none who are animated with more heartfelt loyal devotedness to her Throne than the Freemasons of England. (Cheers.) Your Royal Highness spoke of the fiftieth year. Fifty years are not words to be lightly spoken. There are but three Sovereigns in English history who have ruled for half a century, all names that recall great works, the Third Henry, the Third Edward, the Third George. It is a long period in the life of an individual, it is even a long period in the life of a nation when measured by events such as those which have been crowded within the last half-century—(applause)—dangers threatened, successes achieved, troubles passed through, and reforms accomplished. Above all, we have seen during those 50 years thrones crumbled to the dust, dynasties overthrown, kingdoms disappear, new kingdoms created, storms sweeping over the face of the world, and the map of Europe remodelled. At home we have been at peace. (Cheers.) We celebrate to-day the Jubilee of the beneficent rule of that delicate hand that has presided over the Government of England. We have seen industrial progress moving with gigantic strides; science passing into depths that we had never suspected before; and I hope and would fain believe many of the social changes accomplished which have made men and women better and happier than they were before.

(Cheers.) In England we have, in fact, seen parties united, and across the seas we have seen an Empire greater than any over which the eagles of Rome ruled, greater than any which fabulous story dreamt of, accomplished, and built up by the sturdy hands and hearts of Englishmen. It has been, Sir, a marvellous picture, and if some shadows occasionally pass over the scene they simply warn us that we are mortal, and that we hold the lease of our practical and Imperial life on the same conditions as individuals hold them, the conditions of well-doing. But through all that time there has been one central figure. There have been Party watchwords and Party cries, there have been Ministers many, and great policies which have attracted attention, but they can all pass, and some of them have passed almost out of the world. But the Queen of England has been through them all; she has remained a great central figure, to which the hearts and affections of her subjects have year by year more and more attached themselves, and whose influence has constantly grown. Sir, her sway in public and in private life has no equal, as Sovereign on the Throne and as the first lady of the land. And this I can say with absolute truth, that there has never been any great movement of kindness, human charity, and sympathy in this country which has not received support and help from our gracious Sovereign. (Cheers.) Sir, in conclusion, I will only echo the last words of that address, and assure your Royal Highness that from the bottom of our hearts we all pray that God, the great King of kings and Lord of lords, the Great Architect of the Universe, may continue in his keeping, and preserve for many years to rule over her faithful people in happiness and prosperity, the Queen of England. (Loud Cheers.)

The Earl of LATHOM (Deputy Grand Master), in seconding the address, said—Most Worshipful Grand Master, your Royal Highnesses, and Brethren,—I think I may safely say this is one of the proudest moments of my life to be allowed the privilege of seconding the address to be presented to her Most Gracious Majesty by her Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, the Freemasons of England, on the occasion of this her Jubilee year, the anniversary of the fiftieth year of her reign. (Cheers.) As a body we claim, and I think justly so, that we are surpassed by no other body in the world in loyalty—(cheers)—loyalty to the Throne in the person of our beloved Sovereign, who has reigned over us so long, so well, and so justly. (Cheers.) Brethren, we are composed entirely of the sterner sex, and I think there is a sentiment, perhaps a special sentiment of poetry in the feelings with which we regard our Royal patron, who we venture to believe looks with a kindly eye on the ancient mysteries of this Institution, and does not wish to penetrate further into them, and that she is satisfied that the Heir to the Throne, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and several other members of the Royal Family belong to our Order—(cheers)—and that its aim and object are not only those of peace and goodwill, but of Charity and brotherly love. On this plea we venture to approach her Majesty and humbly pray that our loyal address may be graciously received. Will you, Sir, convey to her Majesty our earnest assurances of our sincere and respectful devotion to her Throne. (Cheers.) I think I shall not be out of place if on this occasion I say that in making those assurances I am but the mouthpiece of the whole body of Freemasons. (Cheers.) I beg to second the address which has been proposed by the Earl of Carnarvon.

The Prince of WALES: Brethren, you have heard the speeches that have been made by the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. Is it your wish that this address should be presented to the Queen? (Hear, hear.)

The address was adopted unanimously amidst loud cheering.

The Prince of WALES: Brethren, it will be for me later to take the Queen's pleasure as to how that address is to be received.

His Royal Highness then signed the address, and the brethren sang the National Anthem, after giving three hearty cheers for the Queen, which were called for by the Prince of Wales.

The Prince of WALES: Brethren, we have among us to-day an Indian Prince—(loud cheers)—the Maharajah of Kuch-Bihar. It affords me great pleasure, as I am sure it will you to hear that I am going to confer upon him the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden.

His Highness was then conducted to the throne, where the Prince of Wales cordially shook him by the hand.

The Prince of WALES: Brethren, I have also to announce to you that I am going to confer past rank on several brethren, and I will call on the Grand Secretary to read the list.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE (Grand Secretary): Most Worshipful Grand Master,—In accordance with your Royal Highness's command, I now have the honour to announce to the brethren present the names of those brethren upon whom your Royal Highness is about to confer the rank of Past Grand Officer.

The following is the list—

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| Bro. His Highness the Maharajah of Kuch-Bihar | ... | Senior Warden.  |
| " Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Lord Mayor      | ... | Junior Warden.  |
| " The Hon. Mr. Justice Field                  | ... | Junior Warden.  |
| " Lieut.-Col. Hon. Henry J. Byng              | ... | Junior Warden.  |
| " Sir Francis Knollys, K.C.M.G., C.B.         | ... | Junior Warden.  |
| " Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G.                  | ... | Deacon.         |
| " Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.  | ... | Deacon.         |
| " Col. Stanley d'A. Clarke, C.M.G.            | ... | Deacon.         |
| " Thomas Trollope, M.D.                       | ... | Deacon.         |
| " Sir George Prescott, Bart.                  | ... | Deacon.         |
| " Thos. Weller Foley                          | ... | Deacon.         |
| " Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G.                | ... | Deacon.         |
| " George B. Brodie, M.D.                      | ... | Deacon.         |
| " Rev. Philip H. Ernest Brette                | ... | Deacon.         |
| " Charles Driver                              | ... | Supt. of Works. |

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| Bro. Octavius Hansard                                | ... | Supt. of Works.    |
| " William C. Beaumont                                | ... | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| " William E. Stewart                                 | ... | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| " Dep. Inspector-General Thomas Purchase, M.D., R.N. | ... | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| " John A. Farnfield                                  | ... | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| " Charles Martin                                     | ... | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| " Lieut.-Col. George Haldane                         | ... | Sword Bearer.      |
| " Col. William Bristow                               | ... | Sword Bearer.      |
| " Frederick Binckes                                  | ... | Sword Bearer.      |
| " James Terry                                        | ... | Sword Bearer.      |
| " Francis R. W. Hedges                               | ... | Sword Bearer.      |
| " George Kelly                                       | ... | Sword Bearer.      |
| " Frederick Mead                                     | ... | Sword Bearer.      |
| " Charles F. Matier                                  | ... | Standard Bearer.   |
| " Charles F. Hogard                                  | ... | Standard Bearer.   |
| " George Henri Buc                                   | ... | Standard Bearer.   |
| " John Hodley                                        | ... | Standard Bearer.   |

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| Bedfordshire               | ... | Bro. Col Robt. H. Lindsell               | Deacon.            |
| Berks and Bucks            | ... | Robert Bradley                           | Sword Bearer.      |
| Bristol                    | ... | Lieut.-Col. Jas. R. Bramble              | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Cambridgeshire             | ... | Andrew H. Moyes                          | Standard Bearer.   |
| Cheshire                   | ... | Edward H. Griffiths                      | Standard Bearer.   |
| Cornwall                   | ... | Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart.            | Junior Warden.     |
| Cumberland & Westmorland   | ... | Lamplugh F. B. Dykes                     | Deacon.            |
| Derbyshire                 | ... | William Naylor                           | Sword Bearer.      |
| Devonshire                 | ... | Walter G. Rogers                         | Deacon.            |
| "                          | ... | Rev. William Whitley                     | Deacon.            |
| Dorsetshire                | ... | Col. Charles Hambro, M.P.                | Deacon.            |
| Durham                     | ... | Robert Hudson                            | Sword Bearer.      |
| Essex                      | ... | Thomas J. Ralling                        | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Gloucestershire            | ... | John Brook-Smith                         | Deacon.            |
| Hants and Isle of Wight    | ... | Edgar Goble                              | Sword Bearer.      |
| Herefordshire              | ... | Rev. Richard Evans                       | Chaplain.          |
| Hertfordshire              | ... | John E. Dawson                           | Sword Bearer.      |
| Kent                       | ... | Alfred Spencer                           | Sword Bearer.      |
| "                          | ... | Benjamin K. Thorpe                       | Standard Bearer.   |
| Lancashire (E.D.)          | ... | William O. Walker                        | Deacon.            |
| "                          | ... | John Chadwick                            | Sword Bearer.      |
| "                          | ... | James H. Sillitoe                        | Standard Bearer.   |
| Lancashire (W.D.)          | ... | Robert Wylie                             | Deacon.            |
| "                          | ... | William Goodacre                         | Sword Bearer.      |
| "                          | ... | Thomas Forrester                         | Standard Bearer.   |
| Leicestershire and Rutland | ... | Samuel S. Partridge                      | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Lincolnshire               | ... | William H. Sissons, M.D.                 | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Middlesex                  | ... | John F. H. Woodward                      | Sword Bearer.      |
| Monmouthshire              | ... | William Pickford                         | Standard Bearer.   |
| Norfolk                    | ... | W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst, M.P.               | Junior Warden.     |
| Norths and Hunts           | ... | Rev. S. J. W. Sanders                    | Chaplain.          |
| Northumberland             | ... | Richard H. Holmes                        | Deacon.            |
| Nottinghamshire            | ... | Rev. Frederick V. Bussell                | Chaplain.          |
| North Wales                | ... | Col. Henry Platt                         | Deacon.            |
| Oxfordshire                | ... | Viscount Valentia                        | Junior Warden.     |
| Shropshire                 | ... | Rowland G. Venables                      | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Somersetshire              | ... | Lt.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins               | Deacon.            |
| South Wales (E.D.)         | ... | Marmaduke Tenant                         | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| South Wales (W.D.)         | ... | Rev. W. L. S. Stradling                  | Chaplain.          |
| Staffordshire              | ... | John Bodenham                            | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Suffolk                    | ... | William Boby                             | Standard Bearer.   |
| Surrey                     | ... | Frederick West                           | Deacon.            |
| Sussex                     | ... | Gerard Ford                              | Deacon.            |
| Warwickshire               | ... | Col. John Machen                         | Deacon.            |
| Wiltshire                  | ... | Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart.               | Junior Warden.     |
| Worcestershire             | ... | Augustus F. Godson, M.P.                 | Deacon.            |
| Yorkshire (N. and E.)      | ... | { Lt.-Col. Hon. W. T. Orde-<br>Powlott } | Junior Warden.     |
| Yorkshire (W.)             | ... | Henry Smith                              | Deacon.            |
| "                          | ... | William H. Brittain                      | Sword Bearer.      |
| Jersey                     | ... | John Le Cronier, M.P.                    | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Isle of Man                | ... | George C. Heron                          | Standard Bearer.   |

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| Malta                     | ... | William Watson                                       | Standard Bearer.   |
| Bengal                    | ... | William Henry Fitze                                  | Deacon.            |
| Bombay                    | ... | Harold King                                          | Deacon.            |
| Burmah                    | ... | Rev. John Fairclough                                 | Chaplain.          |
| Madras                    | ... | John T. Greatorex                                    | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Punjab                    | ... | Col. Oswald Menzies                                  | Deacon.            |
| Eastern Archipelago       | ... | Felix Gottlieb                                       | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
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| North China               | ... | Thomas W. Kingsmill                                  | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Japan                     | ... | Robert Hughes                                        | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
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| South Africa (E.D.)       | ... | George P. Perks                                      | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
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| "                         | ... | Francis A. Wright                                    | Sword Bearer.      |
| "                         | ... | Arthur H. Bray                                       | Standard Bearer.   |
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| "                         | ... | J. W. Wilmott, M.D.                                  | Deacon.            |
| "                         | ... | Thomas H. Lempriere                                  | Sword Bearer.      |
| Tasmania                  | ... | George Smith                                         | Sword Bearer.      |
| Canterbury, N.Z.          | ... | William Deamer, M.D.                                 | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Otago and Southland, N.Z. | ... | Robert Stout                                         | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| Westland, N.Z.            | ... | James Kerr                                           | Sword Bearer.      |
| Auckland, N.Z.            | ... | William Lodder                                       | Sword Bearer.      |
| Wellington, N.Z.          | ... | George S. Cooper                                     | Asst. Dir. of Cer. |
| West Indies (generally)   | ... | Col. John Elliott, C.B.                              | Deacon.            |
| India (generally)         | ... | { Brig.-Gen. George B. Wol-<br>seley, C.B., A.D.C. } | Deacon.            |
| Unattached                | ... | { Col. Sir Terence O'Brien, }<br>K.C.M.G.            | Deacon.            |

The Prince of WALES: Brethren, I now wish to announce that I have approved of a design for a special jewel to be worn by all Masons who are subscribing members of an English lodge on the 20th June, 1887, and of a bar to be worn on it by all the brethren who

have attended here this day, with a slight addition for the Stewards serving on the occasion. (Cheers.)

The Earl of CARNARVON: May it please your Royal Highness,—It is my privilege and honour to place in your Royal Highness's hands a jewel such as that to which you have just now alluded, which is presented to your Royal Highness by the whole Craft in England in commemoration of this joyous festival. (Applause.)

The Prince of WALES: Brethren, I accept this jewel with the greatest pleasure from the hands of Lord Carnarvon in the name of all the brethren over whom I have jurisdiction, and I can assure you it affords me great pleasure. It will be a most agreeable memento to me of this interesting occasion, which is one I am not likely ever to forget. We have now come to the close of our proceedings, but before we depart I have now to announce and declare that the fees received for admission to this meeting, amounting to over £6000—(applause)—will go, and without deduction—(cheers)—between our three great Charitable Institutions, our Girls' School, our Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution. (Renewed cheering.)

His Royal Highness then left the hall, accompanied as on entering, and amidst loud applause. On reaching the end of the hall, and at the door on the top of the stairs, he turned round and repeatedly bowed to the assemblage.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain.

For a more extended report of this great gathering, we must refer our readers to the Special Jubilee Number which will be ready on the 24th inst.; it will also contain a list of the Special Stewards acting on the occasion, a notice of the Masonic career of brethren appointed to Past Grand Rank, &c., &c.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

### EIGHTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The eighty-ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday last, when the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew (J.P.), P.G.D., Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, presided as chairman. The banquet was served in the Concert Room, and there was, of course, a very large gathering of brethren from all parts. In so large an assembly it would be impossible to select for mention as being present all the eminent Masons who were there. Those who occupied seats at the table on the dais occupied conspicuous positions. The chairman was supported on one side by Bro. Eve, Grand Treasurer, and on the other by Bro. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, and there were besides at this table Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn, A. F. Godson, G. Plucknett, H. B. Marshall, Geo. Cooper, W. Roebuck, Baron de Ferrieres, J. L. Thomas, Col. Peters, Major Lambert, Magnus Ohren, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Else, Capt. Homfray, Col. Lyne, W. Paas, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Tagart, C. Belton, Alderman Savory, R. W. Stewart, A. T. Layton, H. Venn, J. M. on, T. Hastings Miller, George Kenning, J. J. Murray, C. F. Hogard, and J. L. Mather.

After the waiters had withdrawn, the CHAIRMAN rose amid loud applause and said:—Brethren, ladies, and gentlemen,—The first thought that rises from our hearts to our lips this evening is to do honour to our sovereign lady the Queen—(applause)—who reigns over the British Empire, which has grown to such magnitude by the splendour of industry of its 700 millions of people, and which has expanded to such magnitude by the energy and the power of the inhabitants of this land. It affords me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to have the honour and the privilege of proposing the toast of this noble and gracious Queen, and I venture to echo this aspiration, that it is the fervent prayer of every one of us that the ruler of all nations, the King of kings, the Great Architect of the Universe, may direct, preserve, and guide this gracious Queen to reign for many years over this united Empire, and over a prosperous, happy, and contented people. I ask you, therefore, to drink, with the utmost enthusiasm and acclamation possible, "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen."

The toast was honoured with all the enthusiasm that even the chairman could have desired.

In proposing the next toast the CHAIRMAN said:—Brethren, ladies, and gentlemen,—In connection with the toast of the Prince of Wales which follows on the demonstration of the great ceremony of yesterday, we acknowledge our gratitude to him in so graciously presenting himself at the Albert Hall, and in allowing so vast and numerous a body of Freemasons to render their allegiance to him as the head and ruler of our Order. The great ceremony of yesterday has tightened the bonds and consolidated those feelings of attachment felt by Freemasons throughout the world to the heir-apparent to the crown of these realms. Loyalty, philanthropy, and fidelity to our country are some of the great watchwords of our Order upon which we got admirable addresses yesterday. These are the essential conditions of the Craft, and bind together Freemasons throughout the world, of every country and every clime, not only to him but to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and to his royal brothers, as well as to every member of the Royal Family of England. This attachment is founded on the devotion and affection of our hearts to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and to every member of the Grand Lodge of England. May we hope that the great work which he has so much at heart—the Colonial and Imperial Institute—to which he has devoted so much time, thought, and labour, may meet with that success which has actuated his generous efforts in its behalf, and that the contributions of the Craft may be found an acceptable offering in his sight from us towards the consummation of his wishes. I hope that this thought will find a cordial echo in the heart of every one of you, and that you will drink the toast heartily—"God bless and long live the Prince of Wales."

Bro. the Rev. C. SMYTH, Grand Chaplain, proposed the next toast, in doing which he said he felt it a proud moment in his life that he was deputed to propose this toast. He felt that it would ill-become a Grand Officer connected with the Grand Lodge and connected with the Province of Yorkshire to be absent on that occasion, as it was known everywhere, he believed, that they held their Prov. Grand Master second only to the Queen and the Grand Master. The sentiments of devotion to him was implied in their action that day. Their chief's slightest wish or suggestion was always met by the West Yorkshire brethren with the feeling that to hear was to obey. Bro. Tew's purse was ever open to the needy and the destitute; he devoted his life to Freemasonry, and his giving up his summer holiday in order to be present on that occasion was a proof of what manner of man he

was. He (Bro. Smyth) would not detain them long because there were other toasts to be brought before them; but if he spoke according to the dictates of his heart he should detain them till midnight. All connected with West Yorkshire might follow Bro. Tew's example in regard to that distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—that blesses him who gives and him that takes. Without further words he proposed "The Health of Bro. Thomas Wigram Tew, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorks," and for himself he said that he gloried in being a West Yorkshire brother. (Continued applause.)

The health was drunk most heartily, and, after a song by Miss Moody, The CHAIRMAN rose to reply. He said: Brethren and Ladies,—Miss Moody has sung in the most delicious manner one of her most charming songs—"It was a dream." It is a dream to me to think that the day has come when I should have the honour conferred upon my province that I should occupy the chair at one of the great Festivals. I thank my learned brother Chaplain for the way in which he has proposed the toast of my health, and I am duly grateful to you, ladies and brethren, for the courteous manner in which you have received the toast this evening. I only regret that no older or more accomplished member of the Craft was able to occupy the chair this evening; but my heart is with everyone in this Institution, and whatever deficiencies may appertain to your Chairman in his duty, he cordially sympathises with the Institution, and he is willing to co-operate with you in its best interests.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers" the CHAIRMAN said—Brethren and ladies—I ask you now to drink "The Health of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. Grand Master, ex-officio Vice-President of the Institution, and the Prov. Grand Masters, and the Past and Present Grand Officers;" and I desire to associate with this comprehensive toast, to respond to it, Col. Lyne, Prov. G. Master of Monmouthshire, and the Viscount Valentia, Past G. Warden. I feel sure that after listening to the most exquisite and beautiful speech of the Earl of Carnarvon in the Albert Hall yesterday, which was worthy of the deepest study as a model of excellence of the English language, I need do hardly more than to hope that you will show in an unmistakeable manner your appreciation to-night of the beauty of that address under the circumstances of the physical difficulties from which he was suffering when he addressed us yesterday. I may say the same of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom. His seconding that resolution was most appropriate and touching, and it came home, I am sure, to the hearts of every one of us. With regard to the Vice-Presidents of the Institution, and the Present and Past Grand Officers, I believe that every one of us has the utmost confidence in them, and were delighted with the manner in which they performed their responsible duties. With this comment, and calling attention to the fact that this brilliant assembly is highly honoured by the presence of two such distinguished officers as those I have mentioned, I ask you to drink this toast sincerely and heartily, and to give a hearty reception to the brethren in whose hands I place this toast to respond.

Bro. Col. LYNE, Prov. G. Master of Monmouthshire, in responding said—R.W. Sir, Ladies and Brethren—As a Prov. G. Master, it affords me very great pleasure to respond to this toast. The Chairman just now remarked when a song was sung that it was a dream, and I wish that "other lips" were responding to this toast rather than my own. We were all very much impressed by the addresses which were delivered yesterday by the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Lathom. We listened to them with unfeigned pleasure. They touched our hearts in every sense in which they could desire to touch our hearts. You know the onerous responsibility of two Grand Officers, and I think the learned Secretary ought to have responded to this toast, because he alone knows the onerous duties which they had to perform. We on our part have also onerous duties to perform, because, I am sorry to say, the prizes we have at our command are few, while those who deserve the prizes are numerous. However, you are always kind enough to receive this toast with cordiality and kindly feeling because you know that to the best of our ability we perform those duties which have been entrusted to our charge. Nothing could have afforded greater pleasure to Prov. Grand Masters than that which was heard yesterday, that numbers had been promoted to rank as Grand Officers, and among all those who were so promoted nothing pleased us more than to find the names of the Secretaries of our three Institutions.

Bro. Viscount VALENTIA said—R.W. Sir, Ladies, and Brethren—I feel I am hardly the proper person to respond to this important toast, as my services in the Grand Lodge of England only commenced yesterday. I feel that I cannot appreciate the sentiments which the Grand Officer wished me to express, having been so short a time a member of that body, but I hear that Grand Officers are not only assiduous in the duties which they have to perform, that they take the greatest interest in the Craft, and I know also that the affection of every Mason to the Craft would be increased by having the honour of the collar conferred upon him. My predecessor who responded for this toast has touched upon those Grand Officers who are named in the toast. I know it was a pleasure to the Craft to see them yesterday and hear the fluent words that fell from their lips, and I hope you will take these words of mine, imperfect as they are, to convey my feelings as expressed by the Chairman this evening, and allow me to thank you for the way in which you have received this toast.

Bro. T. W. TEW said: As the Chairman at this 89th Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, I claim your indulgence and patient attention to permit me to propose the toast of the evening. I think, Ladies and Brethren, if ever a Chairman had a right to claim a little consideration and, I hope, indulgence, that Chairman is myself on the present important occasion. Up to a fortnight ago, or thereabouts, the Executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had been disappointed, after applications to distinguished personages, in securing the services of an eminent member of the Craft to occupy the position I have been so suddenly and unexpectedly called upon to endeavour to fill this evening. On the eve of a temporary sojourn on the Continent, my sympathies were enlisted in support of this Institution in conference or, rather, correspondence with certain influential members of my Province of West Yorkshire, Vice-Patrons, and Governors of the School. I cordially consented to do what I could, and to offer my co-operation in a position of difficulty never anticipated by the Executive—that the result of such offer would be I should appear before you in the prominent and responsible position I occupy this evening. I know what my generous province has already done in support of each of our noble Institutions during the current year—that the members have pledged themselves to the Benevolent Institution to raise a Jubilee offering of £2100, in addition to our usual annual support of over £800; to the Festival in February; also the sum of nearly £400 at the recent Girls' Festival; and lastly, our local

West Yorkshire Jubilee celebrations are exacting from us various heavy additional contributions, and, perhaps, I may be pardoned for alluding to the large number of brethren from this province who, at considerable personal loss, have come to London to show their loyalty to her Majesty the Queen and our Royal Master by attending the magnificent demonstration at the Albert Hall yesterday afternoon. Yet with all my advisers within this province in whose hands I had placed this matter in the exercise of their discretion, I felt justified under the circumstances in pleading the additional support of my province and myself in a particularly emergent difficulty, and thus it is I am in this chair to confirm my confidence in them, and in my own person to redeem the pledge given by them to the Executive of the Institution on my behalf. The celebration this evening of this Festival, whatever may be the result, must not be regarded as one in which the northern Province of West Yorkshire has assisted by means of a diligent and lengthened process of organisation—our Festival share in the success is that of sympathetic friends, who seeing those in London in whom we are interested in an unlooked-for position of difficulty readily accepted the responsibility of the situation, and came to the rescue, not enquiring too minutely how this help can be proved available. This help cheerfully if at the eleventh hour we cordially trust will not only be appreciated by many brethren, and may also not be without substantial value to the Institution whose prosperity we have so much and sincerely at heart. We look on this festive gathering in the Crystal Palace, after witnessing the magnificent Masonic assembly of yesterday in the Albert Hall, with feelings of intense gratification, heightened by the circumstance that we have to acknowledge the aid accorded to our three Masonic Institutions by that meeting. We thank the Grand Lodge of England for its munificent contribution on the 1st day of this month of £6000—distributed in sums of £2000 to each of the three Masonic Institutions—and gratefully recognise the assistance this Institution has derived in its year of need from those two sources, and yet I feel myself perfectly justified in pleading here with you to-day for support on this occasion. On the Jubilee celebration of his Majesty George III., fifty boys were then specially admitted to the benefit of the Schools. On the celebration of this Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Grand Patroness—Patroness from 1852 to 1883—258 sons of Freemasons are now enjoying the full benefits of education, clothing, and maintenance. Further, the purchase of land and erection of School buildings, all being freehold, has cost in round figures little short of £100,000. I am sorry to say that on the Building Fund for the Preparatory School, and on the General Fund, Sustentation Fund, the accounts with the Bankers are over drawn, this serious liability being in round numbers about £3000. Urgent efforts of a generous Jubilee nature it is my duty to specially press upon the charitable consideration of this assembly this evening, in order to wipe out this balance of deficit and to restore an equilibrium in its finances. The expenditure last year on the Institution was some £16,300, and the receipts some £13,000. I am anxious, therefore, the Festival in this year of rejoicing should render the monetary course of this noble School one removed from all cause of anxiety to the Executive, and one of ease and smoothness in the future of its history. If evidence were wanting for the value of the Institution over and above those points to which allusion is perhaps too frequently made, let me direct your attention to 25 representative guests of the Board of Stewards at our tables, enjoying distinctive hospitality on an exceptional occasion like this—ex-pupils of the Schools, and who are now pursuing successful careers—the result of the training and education in an Institution on behalf of which I plead this evening on your good will and esteem to augment its usefulness, and to stimulate its wide spread influences, to further educational development in those orphans committed to its care. The difficulties of extending the usefulness of this School are considerable, as the House Committee can testify to the ignorant state in which many of the young lads enter the School, very many boys having had the ground work of their education sadly neglected. Boys from a lower class of society than heretofore are gradually creeping into the School, which makes another difficulty the Committee have to contend with. This the Craft can in some degree remedy in time, by being more particular as to the status in life of the candidates admitted into the Order of Masonry. Admit into your lodges a higher social standard of Masons, and you will have those naturally capable, intelligent class of boys to educate at Wood Green. In the face of these obstacles, the examinations of the past 12 years have been remarkable, and will bear comparison with the results obtained by the first grade grammar and other schools in England. This is much to the credit of the learned Head Master. During the last 12 years he has passed for the Cambridge Local Examinations 198 candidates, of which 47 gained first class honours, 45 second class honours, 48 third class honours, and 58 gained certificates. In addition to these results, seven boys passed the Senior Cambridge Examination (for lads only). During the last five years 19 boys have earned distinctions in Latin, mathematics, and French. In 1875 this School had three boys in the Honour List, first class, the only one at the London main centre who gained a first class. In 1880, at the Cambridge Local Examination, our Masonic School was the only one at the Tottenham centre that gained first or second class honours. There were two boys in the first class and five boys in the second class on that occasion. Another difficulty the Executive have with regard to this School is that it has no scholarships attached to it as an institution, whereby boys aiming at advancing themselves can enter any of the professions or higher cultivated walks of life, or may be thus aided in their struggles or aspirations to get into the position of profession or trade their fathers held before them. I ask the Craft and this brilliant and most influential assembly to accept this observation in the generous spirit's shape, and which this gathering can rectify if its chooses. For the duller boys who enter the School indifferently grounded, I think some "technical" education seems to be an appropriate adjunct to the School's educational appliances, and desirable for them. By this phrase I do not mean that the boys should be taught a trade of some special kind; but, by the help of workshops and instructions, the lads may have the opportunity of acquiring a taste or liking for "manual" labour, and make themselves feel its worth and dignity. It is, I believe, in nearly all schools found that many youths, somewhat dull over their books, who would be bright enough in school workshops, and their intelligences would be aroused under the genial work they liked, and would, perhaps, do better in the school room classes for such wholesome exercises as manual labour promotes. My humble opinion is, but I do not ask you to accept it without consideration at abler hands than mine, the scholarship and the workshop should go hand-in-hand together in a school of this kind. At King's College excellent opportunities are given for boys who like carpentry. The Board Schools before a long time elapses will have a technical department attached to them, and instruction to the

children attending Elementary Schools will be given by competent instructors. Surely, brethren and ladies, we should be equally to the front with such schools in this instructive matter. We have plenty of clerks, but we cannot have, I hope, too many educated workmen. I think it important that you should know that, owing to the sound principles the Head Master grafts into the boys' minds, very few of all the old boys have come to grief after leaving the School—not more than two or three. These old pupils are scattered all over the world. Some in our colonies, others in South America and China, I have ascertained are doing well. A few have entered the law as solicitors. One youth named Brook, about five years ago, passed the first LL.B. examination at London. Many have entered the medical profession. An old boy, C. D. Green, who passed the London matriculation on leaving the School in 1878, and later on took the London M.B., occupied the post of House Surgeon at St. Thomas' Hospital in 1885-6. Two or three boys have gone to Oxford to study for the Church. Several have become schoolmasters. Another boy, R. Bryant, is a member of the Royal Astronomical Society, and has read papers before that learned body. Some boys have gone into the army or navy. I should, I fear, weary you with details of further successes of W. R. Parker, who passed 9th out of 1080 candidates, without any special preparation, for an Engineer Studentship for the navy; of A. T. Kennedy, a little over 15 years of age, who passed the Cambridge local first class at Christmas 1886, and entered for this same examination (Engineer Studentship), and was one of 40 out of 500 candidates; of A. R. Parker, H. H. King, and W. S. Sparkes, who is now a commander in South Africa, and president of his mess, and many others likewise. These are a few cases of boys doing well from many when they have left Wood Green. It is gratifying to the Executive of this School that several of the old pupils make their appearance on prize day at Wood Green; whilst of the rank and file, as well as of the more distinguished of the old pupils, they are accomplishing useful work in the world and are not unmindful of their School and Masters at Wood Green and the training advantages it offered to them and the valuable start it gave them in life. Let me say that at this School the policy of cramming for examination purposes is not the system of the Head Master. Steady drudgery or careful grounding are the principles of his system of education, and he has striven on this basis of a sure foundation of hard plodding to secure good and sound results in all the School classes, paying careful attention to the work of the lower forms. My humble opinion is, the success of a school depends very much on the work done in the lower part of the school. Your learned and experienced Head Master is the Ex-President of the Philological Society. He has written and published no less than 37 works in this and analogous departments of literature. Between him and myself there exists literary sympathies. I have the greatest respect for his erudite knowledge. He has toiled for 12 years through good reports and bad reports of the School; but he has, as I have shown you, attained success with his pupils, and he has sincerely the interests of this noble Masonic Institution, its welfare and lasting success and prosperity, at heart. His labours merit recognition from us to-day. I plead earnestly for this School. I ask every brother here not to leave this place without doing his utmost to enable the Executive and the Head Master to accomplish greater results in the future than the appliances at their disposal have enabled them to accomplish in the past. Brethren, with these observations, roughly penned at too short a notice, I confidently leave the cause of this Institution to your generous and liberal sympathies and aid, believing you will support that true "Charity which blesses him that gives as well as him that receiveth;" that you will remember these boys are orphans, that they look to you to be their guardians and fathers; that you will take upon yourselves the responsibility of enabling them to fight nobly in this hard-hearted and selfish world the battle of honourable life, and make them by their goodness and brightness like "the polished corners of the Temple" in your Masonic edifice. To do this, then, give to day ungrudgingly from your wealth that much which will enable the continuation without drawback or reproach of the work of the Institution, augment its usefulness, and extend its benefits. I ask you to drink "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and couple with this toast the name of Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., and Vice-Patron, Treasurer.

Bro. PLUCKNETT responded, but was quite inaudible.

Bro. BINCKES then proceeded to read a list of the totals of the amounts collected by the various Stewards, remarking that the result was a very disappointing one.

STEWARDS' LISTS.

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3 " A. G. Sandberg ...	25 4 0	548 " Henry Carman ...	44 7 0	
4 " F. T. Bennett ...	10 16 0	657 " F. A. Warner ...	54 0 0	
5 " Edwin T. Hall ...	26 15 6	720 " J. D. Arnold ...	32 0 0	
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8 " Thomas Skewes-Cox ...	23 2 0	733 " Silks J. Humfress ...	28 7 0	
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90 " Fred. C. Watts ...	29 8 0	1445 " Hy. Seymour-Clarke ...	46 13 6	
91 " Major H. A. Joseph ...	138 0 0	147 " R. Boddy ...	28 7 0	
96 " Edward J. Altman... ..	42 0 0	1489 " William Gray ...	39 0 0	
101 " W. C. S. Burney ...	71 18 6	1538 " T. G. Fluck ...	79 16 0	
140 " Charles Dairy ...	23 2 0	1572 " J. S. Stacy ...	36 15 0	
141 " J. L. Thomas, F.S.A. ...	22 1 0	1593 " A. Escott, F.R.A.S. ...	42 16 6	
142 " Thomas Burne ...	21 0 0	1601 " Alfred Thompson ...	8 8 0	
162 " G. A. Vennell ...	31 10 0	1614 " T. A. Dickson ...	63 0 0	
165 " John Whaley ...	65 0 0	1615 " Capt. F. S. G. Moon ...	57 15 0	
172 " Walter Dickeson ...	36 15 0	1627 " Alfred Hudson ...	47 13 0	
179 " E. J. S. Layton ...	41 15 0	1629 " R. v. C. J. Martyn ...	46 4 0	
181 " J. W. Dewsnap ...	25 4 0	1642 " W. W. Buckland ...	22 11 0	
188 " C. Barry, F.S.A. ...	42 0 0	1658 " James Hill ...		
197 " Joseph Da Silva ...	21 0 0	1670 " Carl Erhardt ...		
205 " N. D. Fracis ...		1872 " G. P. Minett ...		

Lodge	£	s.	d.	Lodge	£	s.	d.
1681 Bro. Joseph Rayner ...	23	2	0	1052 Bro. Sam Warburton ...	10	10	0
1686 " John M. Klencok ...	20	5	0	" Thomas Oakden ...			
1704 " G. Vernon Knight ...	21	0	0	LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION).			
1706 " James Blyth ...				Bro. Reginald Young ...	15	15	0
1707 " John Webb ...	26	12	0	Lodge			
1708 " J. P. Hamilton ...	56	3	6	1335 " J. D. Murray ...	52	10	0
1716 " Snowden Kirk ...	21	0	0	1335 " A. H. Crossley ...			
1718 " Lieut.-Col. E. T. R. Wilde ...	13	2	6	1384 " W. J. Thomson ...	10	10	0
1719 " J. Manwaring ...	29	8	0	1387 " J. J. Lambert ...	31	10	0
1724 " Njr. S. P. L. Konarski ...	24	3	0	1476 " W. B. Richardson ...	10	10	0
1766 " James Tames ...	61	10	0	" R. Foote ...	10	10	0
1820 " Frederick G. Brown, M.R.C.S. (see 1) ...				MIDDLESEX.			
1900 " W. H. Gardener ...	105	0	0	788 Bro. E. C. Mulvey ...	30	0	0
1901 " Elijah Eagle ...	106	1	0	1326 " W. R. Vassila ...	26	5	0
1924 " S. W. Hooper ...	40	8	0	1326 " J. A. Wilson ...	21	0	0
1963 " F. Kerry ...	42	0	0	1503 " Alfred H. Gurney ...	47	5	0
2021 " C. P. Bellerby, jun. ...	162	15	0	1512 " John Cameron Jessett ...	24	2	6
2030 " F. S. Hunt, M.P. ...	21	0	0	1579 " Joseph Boulton ...	36	15	0
2128 " H. J. Giller ...	42	0	0	1597 " H. Francis Bing ...	55	13	0
2150 " W. T. Farthing ...	33	12	0	1691 " J. Ferguson ...	10	10	0
2191 " Major G. Lambert ...	22	1	0	21.5 " W. R. Palmer ...	26	5	0
2192 " Alderman J. Savory ...	48	6	0	2105 " Surgeon R. H. Cama ...	10	10	0
" J. Barnett, jun. ...				Chapter			
Lodge of Instruction.							
1425 Bro. George Read ...	22	1	0	2048 Comp. Chas. J. Knightley ...	121	17	0
Chapter							
65 Comp. John Roberts ...	42	0	0	MONMOUTHSHIRE.			
176 " John Ed. Cockett ...	42	0	0	Province.			
548 " W. G. Batchelor ...	27	6	0	Bro. William Watkins ...	78	10	0
1642 " Samuel Smout ...	18	18	0	Lodge			
INSTRUCTION.							
Lodge				457 Bro. Fredk. A. Powell ...	21	0	0
1949 Bro. Stephen Richardson ...	76	13	0	471 " C. H. Oliver, jun. ...	36	15	0
COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.							
Bro. Richard Eve ...	210	0	0	683 " Arthur H. Oliver ...	65	0	0
UNATTACHED.							
Bro. Asher Barfield ...	10	10	0	818 " John Owen Marsh ...	36	15	0
" William Belchamber ...	22	1	0	1098 " John J. Williams ...	30	10	0
" Charles Beton ...	15	15	0	1429 " Alfred Taylor ...	31	10	0
" John Bertram ...	10	10	0	NORTH AND HUNTS.			
" Edgar Bowyer ...	10	10	0	360 Bro. A. Cockerill ...			
" W. R. Burnett ...	5	5	0	300 " J. U. Stanton ...	350	0	0
" Joseph Clever ...	21	0	0	466 " H. Hart ...			
" George Cooper ...	23	2	0	1764 " George Ellard ...			
" George Gardner ...	52	10	0	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
" Frederick V. Green ...	17	17	0	Lodge			
" Thomas Griffiths ...	56	14	0	47 Bro. J. Toplis ...	63	10	6
" Henry Hacker ...	36	15	0	402 " Arthur Stubbs ...	168	0	0
" William Albert Hart ...				OXFORDSHIRE.			
" H. P. Hay ...	12	12	0	340 Bro. R. W. Bowden ...	30	0	0
" Charles Fred. Hogard ...	10	10	0	357 " Rev. R. W. M. Pope ...	16	16	0
" George Kenning ...	10	10	0	478 " Rt. Hon. Viscount Valentia ...	21	10	0
" Fred. Laurance ...				1036 " Arthur Johnson ...	2	2	0
" Altdred Thomas Layton ...	10	10	0	1515 " E. F. Greenwood ...	16	5	6
" George Thomas Linn ...	52	10	0	SOMERSETSHIRE.			
" H. B. Marshall ...	10	10	0	291 Bro. { Arthur Duckett ...			
" H. B. Marsnall jun. ...	10	10	0	" { Edward F. Wade ...	420	0	0
" J. L. Mather ...	21	0	0	1222 " G. E. Alford ...			
" G. J. McKay ...	26	5	0	STAFFORDSHIRE.			
" Dr. George Mickley ...	10	10	0	Bro. W. G. Lowe ...			
" T. Hastings Miller ...	10	10	0	" A. F. Warwillow ...	245	14	0
" James Moon ...	10	10	0	" William Vernon ...			
" Col. James Peters ...	10	10	0	SUFFOLK.			
" Ernest St. Clair ...	10	10	0	81 Bro. Edward Smith ...	35	13	0
" Henry Stone ...	5	5	0	936 " James M. Harvey ...	57	15	0
" J. W. H. Thompson ...	10	10	0	1631 " Major W. Duds ...	63	0	0
" James Terry ...				SURREY.			
" W. H. Tilling ...				452 Bro. Magnus Ohren ...	24	3	0
" Henry Venn ...	10	10	0	403 " Walter J. Nicholls ...	10	10	0
" C. E. Wright ...	14	14	0	1046 " Harry Loveless ...	26	5	0
THE PROVINCES.							
BEDFORDSHIRE.							
1470 Bro. F. J. Coleman ...	36	15	0	1362 " Henry Frower ...	43	11	6
BERKS AND BUCKS.							
574 Bro. Anthony Kersey ...	10	10	0	1638 " John Henry Taylor ...	22	1	0
795 " E. W. Allen ...	40	8	6	1714 " Robert Bunce ...	15	15	0
1101 " W. Ravenscroft ...	80	11	6	1872 " Reginald Piper ...	15	15	0
1566 " Frank R. Spender ...				SUSSEX.			
1770 " Charles E. Selcner ...	40	2	6	40 Bro. W. H. Russell ...	55	0	0
CAMBODGESHIRE.							
441 Bro. S. H. Sharman ...	137	11	0	732 " W. Nell ...	50	0	0
CORNWALL.							
Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce ...	194	5	0	732 " Charles Nye ...			
DERBYSHIRE.							
Bro. Percy Wallis ...	26	5	0	1466 " Henry E. Price ...	68	5	0
" George Fletcher ...				WILTSHIRE.			
353 " R. B. Barratt ...	31	10	0	Bro. Thos. Stephen Furcher ...	234	3	0
731 Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss ...	101	15	6	WORCESTERSHIRE.			
DURHAM.							
Bro. William Logan ...	101	17	0	Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P. ...	26	5	0
ESSEX.							
160 Bro. Geo. L. Wood ...	14	0	0	377 Bro. J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick ...	10	10	0
453 " Robert Martin ...	25	0	0	YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST.			
650 " Richard Clowes ...	15	15	0	Bro. Wm. Holder ...	113	13	0
1.24 " Edmund Gowers ...	52	10	0	57 Bro. Edward Corris ...	107	15	0
1343 " Charles C. Potter ...				236 " T. G. Hodgson ...	64	1	0
1817 " George J. Glasscock ...	22	2	0	250 " W. C. Whiteside ...			
2154 " Mark Gentry ...	10	10	0	566 " W. N. Cheesman ...	10	10	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.							
82 Bro. R. Prowde-Smith ...	22	1	0	YORKSHIRE—WEST.			
246 " R. V. Vassar-Smith ...	63	0	0	Bro. T. W. Tew ...			
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.							
723 Bro. H. Lehmann ...				" Henry Smith ...			
2068 " Geo F. Bevis ...	21	0	0	" W. F. Smithson ...			
HERTFORDSHIRE.							
Lodge and Chapter				139 Bro. John Shaw ...			
404 Bro. C. E. Keyser ...	32	11	0	154 " W. A. Statter ...			
KENT.							
199 Bro. James Walter Bussey ...	215	5	0	208 " W. D. Quarby ...			
558 " S. Joseph ...	50	18	6	208 " F. Bateman Fox ...			
784 " Thomas Bent ...	36	15	0	290 " William Harrop ...			
1096 " John Wyatt Court ...	77	14	0	296 " Lt.-Col. J. E. Bingham ...			
Lancashire (Eastern Division).							
221 Bro. James Walker ...	10	10	0	296 " William Colver ...			
933 " John S. Wood ...	10	10	0	296 " Harold Thomas ...			
933 " C. D. Cheetham, jun. ...	42	0	0	296 " Robert Roper ...			

NORTH WALES.			FOREIGN STATIONS.					
1336 Bro. C. K. Benson ...	52	10	0	Bro. Major-Gen. J. J. Boswell ...	8	8	3	
1674 " Arthur L. Clewes ...	10	10	0	" W. B. Green ...	10	10	0	
1849 " Henry Kneeshaw ...	39	18	0	" Felix Henry Gottlieb ...	10	10	0	
SOUTH WALES—EAST DIVISION.								
960 Bro. W. C. Peace ...	120	0	0					
SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.						£	s.	d.
Bedfordshire ...				Northants and Hunts ...	350	0	0	
Berks and Bucks ...	171	12	6	North Wales ...	102	18	0	
Cambridgeshire ...	137	11	0	Nottinghamshire ...	231	10	6	
Cornwall ...	194	5	0	Oxfordshire ...	86	13	6	
Derbyshire ...	159	10	6	Somersetshire ...	179	11	0	
Durham ...	101	17	0	South Wales (East Division) ...	120	0	0	
Essex ...	139	17	6	Staffordshire ...	245	14	0	
Gloucestershire ...	85	1	0	Suffolk ...	156	8	0	
Hants and Isle of Wight ...	21	0	0	Surrey ...	158	0	6	
Hertfordshire ...	32	11	0	Sussex ...	173	5	0	
Kent ...	477	4	6	Wiltshire ...	234	3	0	
Lancashire (East) ...	73	10	0	Worcestershire ...	36	15	0	
" (West) ...	131	5	0	Yorkshire (North and East) ...	295	19	0	
Middlesex ...	410	2	6	" (West) ...	600	0	0	
Monmouthshire ...	300	0	0	Foreign Stations ...	29	8	3	
145 STEWARDS—LONDON ...				£5,306	1	6		
145 STEWARDS—PROVINCES ...				£5,798	7	6		
GRAND TOTAL ...						£11,104	9	0

In conclusion, Bro. Binckes said that the province represented by their excellent Chairman, to whom they owed a debt of gratitude for coming to the rescue at the eleventh hour—the Province of West Yorkshire—brought them £600. West Yorks was always forward in the support of the Institutions. He had to make one or two special announcements, and he was proud to make them for the first time, because none of the Masonic Institutions had ever before received contributions from our greatest City Companies. Major Joseph had given in an amount of £138, and had told him that, while he could not guarantee anything further than that sum, he hoped to contribute further before the 31st March next. But he (Bro. Binckes) would not hesitate, even in the presence of Major Joseph, to surmise that the grant of 50 guineas from the Goldsmiths' Company was due to their constant supporter, Bro. Smyth, but that amount appeared in the list of Major Joseph. Twenty-five guineas from the Skinners' Company, and further than that 25 guineas from the Vintners' Company. He had also the satisfaction of announcing that her Majesty's 37th annual donation of ten guineas was included in the returns, and expressed a hope that the loyalty of the brethren would ensure a continuance of her Majesty's support to the Institution. The whole result of the festival was disappointing; there were 13 lists to come in; the totals were: London, £5306; the Provinces, £5798; together £11,104.

Bro. GEO. LAMBERT, as Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, said: I beg most respectfully to say that we were most delighted when Bro. Joseph applied to the Worshipful Company for a donation, and I wish that Bro. Joseph had applied in the right way, and had he consulted the Prime Warden of the Company you would not have been landed with £50, but you would have received a very much larger and handsomer donation. There is only one way to get to our hearts, and that is the right way, and though we are much indebted to Bro. Joseph, I only wish that he had asked me upon that occasion, and I should have been able to aid him very much further. Representing as I do one of the largest Companies, I may say that we will endeavour, notwithstanding any remarks that may be made, to augment that donation. It is a rule that no one can apply again within three years, but I have no hesitation in saying that if the Worshipful Company is approached in a proper manner we shall respond with a great deal of pleasure. As Prime Warden of the Company I will tell them that which you have just now read, and I will spare no efforts while I am Prime Warden to render good suit and service to the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN: I will now trespass on your attention for a very few brief moments, whilst I try to call your attention to a duty which I have been called upon to perform this evening. It is one which is not in the regular list of toasts, but it is one which, when I announced it to you, will, I believe, be received with most appropriate satisfaction and applause. Brethren, you are aware that some time ago a most important and influential Committee was formed, having for its President the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and having a great many Vice-Presidents of this Committee, but having for its Chairman Bro. R.W. Stewart; and the object of this Committee was to recognise in some suitable manner the valuable services and the long experience of a distinguished officer of the Boys' School, and to offer to him, on this occasion, some recognition of his long services to the Craft. It falls to my lot this evening, at the request of various members of the Craft by whom I have the honour to be surrounded, in their name and on their behalf, to give expression to the wishes of this Committee, and to present the recipient of it with the result of their labours, and with their best wishes for his services, and gratitude to him during 25 years of service to the Boys' School. I need hardly tell you that the gentleman to whom I shall shortly, in your name, present this purse and this piece of plate, is no other than the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Brethren, did time permit, or did your patience permit, I should have liked to announce to those who are not so well acquainted with his services as I am a recapitulation from the *Freemasons' Chronicle* of his services during that time; but I will ask you to take this copy of the *Chronicle*, and then you will find what he has done during those long years on behalf of Masonry and Charity. My duty, on your behalf, is to ask Bro. Binckes to accept this expression of your appreciation of his services in a piece of plate and this pocket book, which contains a cheque for no small amount, which testifies our recognition of his services. The plate bears this inscription:—

Presented to  
 BRO. FREDERICK BINCKES,  
 Together with a purse of four hundred guineas,  
 In recognition of his services  
 For upwards of twenty-five years  
 As Secretary R.M.I. Boys,  
 and as  
 Grand Secretary Grand Lodge M.M.M.,  
 14th June, 1887.

Then, addressing Bro. Binckes, the CHAIRMAN added, Bro. Binckes, without further comment, as the patience of the brethren is becoming exhausted, I present you with this piece of plate with this inscription, and I hand you this pocket-book with a cheque for the amount named.

Bro. BINCKES, in returning thanks, said that the brethren must very

naturally imagine that on an occasion so important as that which had gathered them together that evening, it was with no object of promoting the interests of an individual, but, if he might be allowed the expression, with the imperial object of promoting the interests of the Institution. They were a great Institution. He had the greatest pleasure in the world to see so large a gathering assembled round those tables, although he might, perhaps, express his regret that many good friends had not retained their seats up to that moment. When he said he rose to respond for the handsome gift that had been handed to him with mingled feelings of satisfaction and regret—with gratification that the few friends who had contributed to this substantial testimonial had recognised his services after 25 years; of intense regret that this presentation had been made on the occasion of a Festival the results of which he had looked forward to with so much anxiety, and which had been the least successful of their Festivals for a long series of years past, he could almost wish that this amount had been given to the Institution instead of to himself. The failure, or the comparative failure, which had attended their exertions for the Institution that evening was to him a source of unmitigated regret; but when they looked back to the earlier portions of this year—to the large success of the Benevolent Festival, to the success of the Girls' School, and to the enormous claims made in all parts in reference to the Jubilee—he had felt perfectly sure that the Festival of this Institution must of necessity suffer. Thank God, the Grand Lodge came to their relief the other night with £2000, and the result of the magnificent demonstration yesterday of loyalty not only to the Queen on her throne, but to the Grand Master on the Masonic throne, gave them another £2000, which would place the Institution in a situation of solvency, and in a state of hope for the future. He dared not at that late hour of the evening attempt to excite himself in addressing them; but they would bear with him for a few moments, because he was not unmindful of the past nor ungrateful for the present. He had four classes to deal with. First, with the number of those with whom he laboured in his early years, the majority of whom had left this world for another, and he was satisfied with their encouraging efforts in early days; had they been spared their congratulations would have been as hearty as any he had now received. He had three other classes to deal with—those who knew his work and did not approve of it; those who knew his work and did approve of it; and those of the younger generation who did not know his work at all. Those who knew his work, and did not approve of it, he would ask them to take the most indulgent view, and give him credit for having had but one leading object at heart, to retrieve their Boys' Institution from the state of degradation in which he found it in 1861. He had no doubt there had been dissentients from what he had recommended, but he had had independent Committees to deal with who would not have passed what he recommended if they had not approved of them. Of those who did approve of his work there were many present; but there were many of them who knew him only as an old fossil—("Oh, no")—charged with old conservative notions; but if any one regarded him in that position, he would wish him to change his views; he had been consistent in old conservative notions of all that was good, and it had been his aim to make those things which had done good in the past produce more good in the future; and as to the extension of the Institution, should he not be ungrateful if he did not say that it was done with their approval and by their practical support? Never mind what their partial failure had been on the present occasion; but did they think that under the exceptional circumstances that he had any doubt of the future prosperity and success of the Boys' School? No. They had had before them as their guests that evening 25 sons of Masons educated in the Institution now making their way more or less successfully in the world. He had hoped they would have had 50; but they could not be released from their duties. He (Bro. Binckes) was not what he was 25 years ago; but he could tell them this—that he had a heart as sound and an energy as good as ever he had, now in his declining years, in advocating the cause of this Institution. He could this evening say what he had done had not been altogether without their approval, and that while he might not have given satisfaction to every one, yet to the great majority of those with whom he had laboured he had given satisfaction, or they would not have testified in that manner this evening. There was no one in this world, however gifted he might be, or however sparsely gifted with intellectual or physical powers, who could attempt in any shape or way to plead that he had given universal satisfaction. He had been from nineteen to nearly sixty-three years an active worker in public life; he had stated his opinion; he had not been a neutral being trying to please every one; and he would not give a farthing for the man who said he was not willing to stand by his opinion. He hoped to die in harness, and not to lose in Masonry those good friends whose sympathies had been testified that night.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "Success to the other Masonic Institutions," calling on Bro. Terry only to reply; Bro. Hedges having been obliged to leave early in consequence of the illness of Mrs. Hedges.

Bro. TERRY said, in replying to the toast, which the Chairman had been so kind as to propose—success to the other Institutions, that after the lengthened proceedings of the evening, on which he congratulated Bro. Binckes, as well as on the presentation that had been made to him, he would not detain the brethren further than to state that the Festivals of the three Institutions had this year resulted in an aggregate collection of £43,000, and he hoped that the next Festival, which would be that of the Benevolent Institution, would be supported more largely than ever.

The next toast was "The Health of the Board of Stewards," with whom the CHAIRMAN associated the name of Bro. Eve, on whom the arrangements for that evening had devolved very much. They owed a debt of gratitude to Bro. Eve and the members of the Board for their patient atten-

tion and earnest labours in endeavouring to ensure the comfort of those who had attended the Festival.

Bro. EVE briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. BINGHAM, of Sheffield, proposed "The Health of the Ladies," for which Bro. Dr. HARLEY THOMAS (son of Bro. J. L. Thomas) responded, as the youngest Mason present; the fact being that he was a Mason of only four hours old, having been initiated that afternoon.

The favor worn by the Stewards, of which we give an engraving, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

We should derive greater pleasure from fulfilling our usual task of analysing the foregoing Returns, if the picture they present had been more favourable. But while of itself, a benevolence of £11,000 must always be most welcome, we have become so accustomed of late years to the heavier figures, such as £13,000, £14,000, and so on up to £23,000 that we feel disposed to grumble, when in fact the falling off is nobody's fault; but the result of an unfortunate combination of circumstances which were unavoidable. The Benevolent Institution wanted funds badly, and the Boys' School was in precisely the same state. The former, which celebrated its Festival at the beginning of the season, got what it wanted, while the latter, which brought up the rear, has failed. Other circumstances there may have been which helped to make the failure more conspicuous, but we need not take account of them. There is ample explanation without, and that explanation is that when the Benevolent success had swept everything before it, there was little left for the Girls' School and still less for this Institution. There were plenty of Stewards, but the bulk of the spare cash had been absorbed. So the Boys' School just managed to turn the corner of £11,000 and that is all.

We have said there was a good body of Stewards, but it was unusually divided into equal moieties of 145 Stewards each for London and the Provinces, and the former 145 raised amongst them £5306 1s. 6d., and the latter raised £5798 7s. 9d., making the grand total £11,104 9s. 3d.

As regards

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and its section of the Board of Stewards, we find an increase in the number of bodies represented, though they are still below what we have always considered a fair average—that is to say, one-third. There were Stewards for 101 lodges, two lodges of instruction, four Royal Arch chapters, and the Committee Dinner Club, and 35 brethren unattached. The highest Return was that of Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer, whose list, as Steward for the Committee Dinner Club, just amounted to £210, Bro. C. P. Bellerby, jun., who represented the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, being second, with £165 5s. Bro. Major H. A. Joseph, acting for Burlington Lodge, No. 96, stood third, with £138, Bro. Binckes himself, for the Grand Stewards' Lodge, being close up with £132 12s. As to the former of these two, it should be remarked—as, indeed, Bro. Binckes was careful to point out in announcing the result—that Bro. Joseph's list included a donation of £52 10s. from the Goldsmiths' Company, and two other donations of 25 guineas each from the Plumbers' and Vintners' Companies respectively. Bro. H. Stockwell, Steward for the Lewis Lodge, No. 1178, returned £117 12s. Bro. J. L. Thomas compiled a list of £106 11s. for the Granite Lodge, and one of £23 2s. for the Old Globe Lodge, No. 23, and if we join the sums together, we have a total £129 13s. as representing the full result of Bro. Thomas's canvass, and entitling him strictly to the place next in order to Bro. Binckes. Bro. Elijah Eagle, the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, was so fortunate as to obtain £106 1s., while Bro. Purchas, for the Friends in Council, No. 1383, and Bro. W. H. Gardner, of the Montagu Guest, were level with £105, Bro. H. Tapley closing the array of three-figure lists with £100 returned by the Capper Lodge, No. 1076. If any evidence were needed of the poverty of this list of Returns as compared with the lists of past years, we shall find it in the unusual paucity of the three-figure lists in the London section. There are generally from 15 to 20 of them, and we have known even more, but on Tuesday they were only the nine as above described.

A mere hasty glance at the list, so far as it affects

THE PROVINCES,

will serve to show that the number of those which sent up Stewards on Tuesday was considerably below the average. At the Boys' School Festival last year, we congratulated the Craft on the area of Provincial representation having been largely extended. On this occasion we find it more circumscribed than has been known for several years past. Only 29 Provinces have sent up Stewards this time, as against 36 last year, out of a total of 44 Provinces and the Channel Islands, so that the number of absentees is 16, as compared with nine in 1886. This is a very serious diminution, which we had not anticipated, while, to make matters somewhat worse, the number of the Provincial Stewards is also lower. The absentees are as follow:—BRISTOL (eight lodges), which, however, figured largely at the Benevolent Festival in February and modestly at that of the Girls' School last month, and which moreover is busily engaged just now in establishing a Masonic Charitable Association of its own; CHESHIRE (40 lodges), which, while it has its own Provincial Association, has latterly been doing but little for our Central Charities; CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND (20 lodges), which did splendidly for this Institution last year, and is engaged in the task of raising 1000 guineas as a Jubilee contribution to the Benevolent Institution; DEVONSHIRE (51 lodges), which has only raised £50 for the Old Folks this year, though it has contributed liberally at previous Festivals; DORSETSHIRE (13 lodges), which raised over £113 for the Benevolent in February, and over £323 for the Benevolent and Girls' School in 1886. HEREFORDSHIRE (four lodges) figured for a small amount in May, and for close on thrice as much for the Girls' in 1886, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND (12 lodges) raised £250 in February, and every year makes as good a show, and sometimes even a better, for one of the three Institutions, while LINCOLNSHIRE (23 lodges) has developed almost into an invariable absentee. NORFOLK (16 lodges) has figured at both the previous Festivals during the current year, and was one of the principal contributors at the Anniversary of this Institution last year at Brighton, when Bro. Lord Suffield, its Provincial Grand Master, was the President of the day; and NORTHUMBERLAND (21 lodges), though it has done nothing this year, raised over £900 for the Girls' School in 1886, and £160 in 1885, and £1222 in 1883 for the Boys' School. SHROPSHIRE (11 lodges) has had enough on its hands during the current season, its return of nearly £1023 in May, when Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., its Provincial Grand Master, presided at the Girls' School Festival, being a splendid one for so limited a province. SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION)



(10 lodges) has entered an appearance at one of the Festivals held in each of the years 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886; but has had no part in those held during the present year; while WARWICKSHIRE (31 lodges) has been content with the moderate total of £212 and a fraction for the Benevolent and Girls' Festivals of 1887, its contributions at the other Festivals in previous years having likewise been on a somewhat similar scale. As regards JERSEY (seven lodges) and CHANNEL ISLANDS (five lodges), they render help, and to good purpose, from time to time; and the ISLE OF MAN (six lodges) is too remote from our seat of government, and has too recent an organisation as a Province, to be expected to contribute. Here, then, we have no less than 15 Provinces and the Channel Islands, mustering amongst them 278 lodges, which have had no part whatever in this particular celebration; while Lincolnshire, so far as we are aware, and South Wales (West), have done nothing in this Jubilee year, though, in the case of the former, absence appears to be the rule, not the exception, while to the credit of the latter it is the exception, not the rule. Cheshire, too, owing, it may be, to its unsettled state between a P.G.M., who has resigned, and a P.G.M., who has only just been installed, has done far less than usual, while we are certainly justified in expecting better things from the great Midland Province of Warwickshire, which seems to need a constant supply of its native "Athol" treatment, as applied by Bro. James Moffat, in order to keep it in form. We can call to mind what it has done, and can form an opinion as to what it can do; and having regard to the enormous development of our Institutions during the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales, and their increased requirements in the way of money, we are satisfied that this influential Province might with advantage take a more active part in our Festival celebrations. Possibly, if this were more clearly and emphatically laid before its chief representative men, it would appear more frequently and to better purpose.

But the increase in the number of unrepresented Provinces is not the only difficulty which Bro. Binckes has had to contend with this year. Those which are represented have sent a less numerous contingent of Stewards than usual. Thus, at the Benevolent Festival in February there were 201 Provincial representatives in a Board of Stewards 379 strong; in May, the figures were 156 Provincials out of 277, while at last year's Boys' Festival it was 165 Provincials out of 290. On Tuesday London and the Provinces were level in this respect, each having 145 Stewards. However, we must not forget to take into account that this is the third and last Festival of the year, that almost everywhere demands are being made upon the brethren in their non-Masonic character for contributions to all imaginable kinds of Institutions, and that the purses of Freemasons are no more inexhaustible than those of other people. Nor must we overlook another important fact, namely, that in the years almost immediately preceding the beginning of the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership, the sum of £5800 nearly, which has this year been raised by the efforts of only the Provincial section of the Board of Stewards, would have been looked upon as a splendid result. However, let us proceed to a consideration of the returns, Province by Province.

#### BEDFORDSHIRE.

Only a few days before the Festival a member of the Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470, Dunstable—Bro. F. J. Coleman—came forward and tendered his services as Steward, the result being a list of £36 15s. Thus the Province, which did excellently well last year, has figured at three out of the six Festivals which have been held since its constitution, and as it musters only five lodges and, of course, has had to bear the expenses attendant on its organisation, we must congratulate the Province generally, and Bro. Coleman on the present occasion, for their services.

The Province of

#### BERKS AND BUCKS,

with its 21 lodges, as usual, shows to advantage. Five Stewards represented as many lodges, and of these four compiled a total of £171 12s. 6d., the other list being still unaccounted for. In February, it raised £218 6s. 6d., and last month £381 6s. 6d., so that the total subscribed in 1887 amounts to £771 5s. 6d., which is upwards of £220 more than the average of the years 1884, 1885, and 1886. This is eminently gratifying, and entitles the Province to the warm thanks of the authorities of the different Institutions.

It is difficult to speak in terms of too great praise of the work which has been done by

#### CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

with its small array of 6 lodges, during the past few years, and were we asked to name a Province which has entirely translated itself from a condition of almost complete apathy into one of the most persistent and generous activity, we should not hesitate about giving this Province as an example. Last year it distributed £547 5s. among the three Institutions, the Girls' School obtaining as nearly as possible one half, £273—the Boys' School £131 5s., and the Benevolent £143. In February last, Bro. Moyes, D.P. G.M., raised £200 for the Benevolent, and in May Bro. Geldard, representing the Province, and Lodge No. 859, followed suit with a second £200. On Tuesday, Bro. Sharman, of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, Cambridge, handed in a list of £137 11s., raising the total for the current year to £537 11s. Thus Cambridgeshire has contributed £1084 16s. in the last two years, and with its lists of £106 11s. 6d. for the Girls' in 1885, and £174 6s. for the Boys' in 1884, no less than £1367 13s. 6d. during the 4 years 1884-5-6-7.

The honour of

#### CORNWALL

and its thirty lodges could not have been entrusted to better hands than those of Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, who has acted during the current year as sole Steward at all three Festivals. Bro. Pearce began by raising £368 11s. for the Old People in February. In May he obtained £141 15s. for the Girls' School, and he completed the trio on Wednesday with a list of £194 5s. for this Institution. These three sums amount to £704 11s., and constitute a splendid piece of work, of which Bro. Pearce himself may justly be proud, while the Province must be deeply grateful to him for having so successfully asserted its reputation for a generous sympathy with our central Charitable Institutions. With such Returns as these we may absolve ourselves from the task of carrying our investigations further, though there is no doubt such further inquiries would show some equally excellent work achieved by such worthy Cornish Masons as Bros. Controller Bake, C. Truscott, and others.

#### DERBYSHIRE,

which has 21 lodges, and oftener than not sends up a contingent of Stewards ready and willing to do yeoman service, had four representatives on Tuesday, two of them acting on behalf of the Tyrian and Arboretum Lodges, Nos. 253 and 731 respectively, and the other two—Bros. Percy Wallis and G. Fletcher—being unattached. The total amassed by the four

was £159 10s. 6d., of which Bro. A. Woodiwiss—whose names are familiar enough in connection with this class of Masonic labour—heading the array with a total of £101 15s. 6d. In May, four Stewards, of whom Bros. Percy Wallis and G. Fletcher, also unattached, were two, raised amongst them £78 15s.; and in February, at the Benevolent Festival, a band of eight Stewards, including Bros. Woodiwiss, G. Fletcher, and P. Wallis, made up a total of £387 14s. Thus Derbyshire during the current year has raised £626 0s. 6d. Last year the efforts of the Province were on a limited scale; but in 1885 it raised for the Boys' School, at whose Festival its Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, presided, the large sum of £1546 17s.

The Province of

#### DURHAM,

with its 32 lodges, is by no means a conspicuous worker for our Charities; but there is one point in its favour which cannot be insisted upon too often, namely, that it contributes annually out of its Provincial Grand Lodge funds £52 10s. to each of our three Charities. This item does not appear invariably in the Return, but it does so mostly, and in the majority of cases with a useful supplement, as, for instance, on Tuesday, when Bro. William Logan compiled a list of £101 17s. In May, it contributed 70 guineas (£73 10s.) to the Girls' School, and in February £52 10s. to the Benevolent Institution, making a total for the year of £227 17s. But we are persuaded the Province is capable of better things than this. When we find comparatively small Provinces giving so regularly and generously, we naturally ask ourselves why a strong Province like Durham does not accomplish more.

We look upon

#### ESSEX,

with 25 lodges, as one of the chief mainstays of our Institutions. Seven of its lodges sent up Stewards on Tuesday, who amongst them made up a total of £139 17s., which, following on £222 7s. raised in May for the Girls' School, and £500 13s. for the Old People in February, raises the total for the year to £862 4s., which is, undoubtedly, a splendid contribution. In 1884, it contributed in all £1546 17s. 6d., of which the Girls' School, for whom Bro. Lord Brooke, Provincial Grand Master, acted as Festival Chairman, absorbed £1000. In 1885, it raised £794 14s. 6d., and in 1886 £599 6s., making a grand total for the three years of £2940 18s. Thus the full amount for the quadrennial period 1884-7 is £3803 2s., giving an average per annum of close on £951. Bro. Lord Brooke and his worthy Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, G. Reg., must be very proud of their Province and its doings, and with excellent good reason.

The Western Province of

#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

though it has only 14 lodges, is a staunch and impartial upholder of our Charities. Like Essex, it is presided over by an able and popular Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., and the influence of his example is noticeable in whatever it does, whether for local or general objects. This year it has distributed only £221 11s. among the Institutions, the Benevolent and Boys' School receiving, one £84, and the other £85, and the Girls' School £53 11s. This increases the total from £2240 9s. for the years 1884-5-6 to £2463 for the four years 1884-5-6-7, the principal achievement during the period being at the Girls' School Festival in 1885, when, to emphasise the presidency of Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., it mustered in strong force, and raised the handsome total of £1210 13s. 6d. Naturally there must be some good men in the Gloucestershire ranks, such as Bros. Brook-Smith, D.P.G.M., Baron de Ferrieres, and others, or we should not have the Province standing so high in the general estimation as it does now under its present accomplished chief. Possibly the current year might have been more productive had Sir Michael's ministerial occupations and his enforced absence, through ill-health, not prevented him from taking his usual active part in the county and the Craft.

#### HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

with 44 lodges, has been presided over since 1869 by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., a cousin of the Gloucestershire Prov. G. Master, and during the 18 years of his presidency has been uninterruptedly prosperous. On Tuesday only two of its lodges sent up Stewards, the Panmure, No. 723, Aldershot, and the Portsmouth Temperance, No. 2068, and between them they compiled the modest total of £21, with one list still to come. In May when three of its lodges were represented by two Stewards, of whom Bro. G. F. Bevis of No. 2068, was one, the total was £76 10s. But these small amounts are not to be wondered at if we call to mind that in February, when Bro. Beach occupied the chair at the Benevolent Festival, its total, obtained by the efforts of 29 Stewards, was £1785 9s. 6d. The sum of these three amounts is within easy distance of £2000, which would be a gratifying result even for a larger Province. During the years 1884-5-6 it distributed £3069 7s. 6d. among the three Charities, giving an average per year of £1023 2s. 6d. By the results of the current year this average is considerably improved.

The more limited Province of

#### HERTFORDSHIRE,

with 15 lodges, began so well in February, when, by the hands of 11 Stewards, it raised £596 19s. for the Benevolent Institution, and followed this performance up so smartly in May, when with 4 Stewards, representing as many lodges, it compiled £176 17s. 6d., that we are not surprised that one Steward, representing Lodge and Chapter No. 404, with a list of £32 11s., should represent the sum total of the efforts on Tuesday. A small Province cannot be always raising large amounts, yet Hertfordshire has compiled £606 7s. during 1887, and if we add this to £1386 15s., its total for the three years 1884-5-6, we have as the result of 4 years' work £1993 2s. contributed by a little Province like this. The example of Hertfordshire might be followed with advantage by some other Provinces we read about at times.

As regards

#### KENT,

which musters 54 lodges, the sum of its returns is much more in keeping with our experience of its contributions than it was at the Girls' School Festival last month, when it figured for only £184 4s. 6d. On the other hand, it is hardly matter for surprise that it has not approached its total of February, when the Old Folks were enriched to the tune of upwards of £1229. However, the country of cherries and hops has contributed a total of £477 4s. 6d., made up of the lists of 7 Stewards, representing as many lodges, and in the case of one of them the chapter attached to it as well. Last year its aggregate for the three Charities was £1725 and a fraction; in 1885 it raised £1589 10s., of which this Institution received £725 10s. 6d.; in 1884 it figured for £1331 13s. 6d. in all, the Girls' School benefiting the most with £561 10s. 6d. In 1883 its total was £2692, of

which the Boys' School, at whose Festival Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M., was Chairman, received £2310. Thus in the quinquennial period now completed the Province has distributed among the Institutions £9228 12s. 6d., or on an average upwards of £1800. This is about as good a performance as is to be met with in the case of any of our Provinces.

As it is on record that the Province of

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION),

which has now close on 100 lodges—the precise number is 97—is engaged in raising a very large sum in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we are not surprised that the totals for the Girls' School last month and the Boys' School this should be small, the amount in the former case being only £94 10s., and in the latter £73 10s. Indeed, the contribution which appeared for East Lancashire at the Benevolent Festival in February, was only £152 5s., so that if it were not for its engagement to raise the large sum referred to, our largest Province would make but a poor show with £320 5s. as the amount of its contributions among all three Charities. However, it is only on very rare occasions it gives us a taste of its true quality, as when its chief, Bro. Colonel Starkie presides at a Festival, the comparative smallness of its totals being due, as we have again and again explained, to its establishment of a large and flourishing local Charitable Association, which renders most important help, not only among the poor members and their families, but also to the Craft generally by thus relieving the central Institutions of a portion of the heavy pressure they have to bear.

The same is the case with the Province of

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION),

which has 84 lodges and not one but several local associations for the relief of distressed brethren, their widows, and orphans. Here again it is only occasionally we see a heavy figure in the Festival Returns entered to the credit of this our second largest province, though its record for the current year is better than its neighbour's, the Benevolent having received a fraction over £399 in February, the Girls' School, £136 10s. in May, and this Institution £131 5s. on Tuesday, making the total for the year £666 15s. In this case, however, we have heard nothing about a Jubilee memorial being raised. In 1886, the total for the three Charities was £510 6s.; in 1885, it was £582 15s.; and in 1884, £751 4s. or £1844. 8s. for the 3 years. In 1880, when Bro. Earl of Lathom was Chairman for the Boys' School, its share of the day's contribution was nearly £2665, so that it not only puts forth its strength on occasions, but is fortunate enough to have some strength worth putting forth.

We pass next to the Metropolitan Province of

MIDDLESEX,

which has 41 lodges on its roll and consequently makes an effective display, almost invariably, and oftentimes one of great liberality. On Tuesday it sent up a contingent of 11 Stewards, representing eight lodges and a chapter, Lodges Nos. 1326 and 2105 being each furnished with two representatives. The total amounted to £410 2s. 6d., the list of Comp. Knightley, acting for the Henry Levander Chapter, heading the array with £121 17s. Last month it raised for the Girls, £423 7s. 6d., and in February for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £431 17s., making the sum total for 1887 £1265 7s. During the years 1884, 1885, and 1886 it raised £2626 2s. 6d., the last of the three securing the largest share—close on £1034. Thus the Province has exceeded its average for the last triennial term very considerably.

As for

MONMOUTHSHIRE,

which has latterly increased the number of its lodges to nine, it appears to be taking a more active part than usual in the affairs of our Institutions. It has always been a regular supporter of them, but being limited in strength it has adopted the practice of concentrating its efforts in the direction of one Institution. It still does so, but occasionally it finds a brother who is anxious to serve the office of Steward and needs backing up with a little cash, or a little cash handy for which it would be as well to find a Steward. Thus Monmouthshire now oftentimes figures twice a year in the Festival Returns instead of its customary once. On Tuesday six of its nine lodges had representatives, and Bro. W. Watkins acted for the Province, the amount they were able to raise amongst them being £300. Last month it handed £62 10s. to the Girls' School, so that the total for 1887 will be £362 10s. as against £231 in 1886 (Benevolent, £199 10s., and Boys' School, £31 10s.); £261 8s. 6d. in 1885 (Benevolent, £200, and Girls' School, £61 8s. 6d.); and £307 13s. per Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray as Steward, which was raised for this Institution. Thus the last four years' exertions have resulted in an aggregate of between £1100 and £1200 being raised by this little Province of Monmouthshire with its nine lodges. Well done, Monmouthshire!

Four brethren represented three of the ten

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS

lodges, with the result that they succeeded amongst them in compiling the goodly sum of £350. As the last time it figured in these Returns was in 1884, when it raised £215 for this same Institution, we are pleased to be in a position to welcome its re-appearance among the represented Provinces, and we can only hope that it will persist in the good work, and with equal generosity in future years.

There is no doubt that the Province of

NORTH WALES,

which comprises some 18 lodges, is bent on keeping the ball rolling. As a separate organisation, it has enjoyed only a brief existence of two years, but it has done well in both. Its contributions last year amounted to upwards of £219. In February, the four brethren who acted as Stewards in its behalf raised £152 1s., and last month when, as a matter of course, it gave a helping hand to its old associate and neighbour, the total of its four Stewards' lists was £155 8s. On Tuesday, three Stewards, acting for as many lodges, raised £102 18s., so that during the current year it has subscribed £410 7s.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

which has already done some minor work during 1887, had two Stewards on Tuesday, the aggregate of whose lists was £231 10s. 6d., a Return with which a province with 14 lodges has good reason to be satisfied. Bro. Toplis, for the Newstead, No. 47, sent in £63 10s. 6d., and, considering that he appeared on the scene only a day or two before the celebration of the Anniversary, he must be adjudged to have done splendidly. The other list—that of Bro. A. Stubbs, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham—amounted to £168, which, we need not say, was a most welcome addition to the general total. In 1884 its Returns to the Old People and Boys' School reached £274 5s.; in 1885 all three Institutions obtained supplies

from Notts, amounting in all to £540 7s.; while in 1886 the R.M.B.I. received £176 18s. 6d., per Bro. Toplis, the other Steward's list being unaccounted for at the time; and the Boys' School £102 2s. This gives a total of £1425 3s. for the last four years.

There were five Stewards from as many lodges in

OXFORDSHIRE,

and their lists totalled up £86 13s. 6d., Bro. Bowden's list for the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, being the largest in amount (£30). Last month, the same number of Stewards, but representing four lodges, together compiled £101 14s. 6d., while in February three Stewards, acting for two lodges, handed in £72 18s. 6d., making a total for the year of £271 6s. 6d., as compared with £279 in 1886, £208 in 1885, and £293 in 1884, making for the four years £960 in round figures. As the province has only 10 lodges all told, and six of them have taken part in one or more of the Festivals of the current year, it is obvious that Oxfordshire is mindful of its obligations towards our Charities.

Two of the 25 lodges in

SOMERSETSHIRE

sent up three Stewards, of whom two hailed from the Rural Philanthropic, No. 291, Highbridge. Their conjoint Return amounted to £420. This is an eminently welcome total, especially as one of its lodges raised £132 8s. for the Benevolent Institution in February, while in May its Stewards, one acting for the whole province and a lodge, and the other for a lodge, raised between them £400 6s., making a total for the year of £952 14s. This is considerably above its annual average, the preceding three years having yielded £640 14s. in 1884; £517 18s. in 1885; and £609 11s. in 1886; or, together £1768 3s. It cannot therefore be said that Somersetshire has not made a special effort during the year of the Queen's Jubilee.

One of the 16 lodges in

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION)

contributed for Bro. W. C. Peace the comfortable sum of £120, so that the Province has now taken its part in all the three Festivals of the year, the Benevolent having obtained £36 15s. in January, and the Girl's School £105 last month, making for the year £261 15s. In 1886 the Girl's School was benefited to the extent of £160, and that of the Boys' with £105. In 1885 they received £200 each, and in 1884, Girls' School, £160, and Boys' School £140; making for the quadrennial period £1226 15s., or an average of £309 per annum, nearly. We may reasonably anticipate, however, that when Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart, M.P., P.G.M. presides at the Benevolent Institution, in February next, the Province will put forth its strength and raise its yearly average to a considerable extent.

The Province of

STAFFORDSHIRE,

with 28 lodges, returned by the medium of three Stewards, £245 15s., which, with the contribution of £132 6s. to the Benevolent, and one of £320 5s. to the Girls' School in May, gives a total for the year of £698 5s. In obtaining this amount eight brethren gave their services as Stewards, which the Staffordshire Masonic Association played a conspicuous part in the work. In 1884 the total was £646 6s., in 1885 it was £695 2s., and last year, £577 10s., so that the last 12 Festivals have yielded together £2617 3s., or an average per year of £654 and upwards.

The three Stewards of

SUFFOLK,

representing each a separate lodge, raised amongst them £156 8s., the heaviest total, £63, being that of Bro. Major Dods, of the St. Andrew's, No. 1631, Gorleston. Last month four lodges were represented by as many Stewards, their total being £219 9s. and in February there were three Stewards, whose lists reached the telling total of £418 19s., making the aggregate for 1887, £794 16s., which is certainly a high return from an agricultural Province, even though it has 21 lodges on its roll. But Suffolk evidently knows how to work the oracle to good purpose, seeing that in 1886 it raised £553, in 1885, £691 3s., and in 1884, £627 1s. 6d., making a total for the quadrennial period of £2666 0s. 6d., of which the Benevolent has obtained £1193 5s. 6d.; the Girls' School, £894 6s. 6d., and the Boys' School, £578 9s. These are glorious figures, and must gladden the hearts of Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.M., and his worthy Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn.

Seven of the 32 lodges in

SURREY

sent Stewards, the sum of whose lists amounted to £158 0s. 6d. In February the Returns from 8 out of the 9 Stewards—one being outstanding on the day of the Festival—amounted to £370 11s. 6d., and last month 8 brethren acting for 7 lodges and a chapter, compiled £269 1s. 6d., the total for 1887 being thus, £797 13s. 6d., which after its achievement of last year when it raised £1829 0s. 6d.—including £1345 15s. 6d. in support of Bro. General Brownrigg's Chairmanship at the Girls' Festival—is a most admirable total, the two years having together produced £2626 14s. Well done, Surrey!

Three of the 25 lodges in

SUSSEX

were worthily represented by four brethren, the Royal Brunswick, No. 732, Brighton, having two Stewards who worked up a list jointly and obtained the respectable total of £50. Bro. W. H. Russell, who is one of the most active and prominent brethren of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, returned £55, and Bro. H. G. Price of the Hova Ecclesia, No. 1466, Brighton, completed the array with £68 5s., the whole making up £173 5s. In February, two Stewards sent up £112 7s., of which Bro. Markwick, of the Derwent Lodge, obtained £100, while in May Bro. Gerard Ford, the new D.P.G.M., rather than have his Province unrepresented, gave his services as Unattached Steward at the very last moment and made up a neat and effective list of 30 guineas (£31 10s.) Thus the product for the current year is £317 2s., which is by no means to be lightly regarded, with a total in 1886 of £542 10s., of which the Boys' School obtained £420—its Festival was held in Brighton, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the remainder—while in 1885 the result reached £1923 10s., the Girls' School, at whose Festival the late Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., presided, receiving £1850, and this Institution the small balance. Thus the last three years—1885-6-7—have yielded a total of £2783 2s.

This is the first and only appearance of

WILTSHIRE

during the current year. It has only ten lodges, and like all small Provinces, it—very wisely we think—concentrates its strength at one Festival. Certainly its list on Tuesday, which amounted to £234 3s., is one of which it has reason to be proud, and approaches pretty closely to the £270 or thereabouts which it raised in 1886 for the two schools. In 1885 it was the

turn of the Benevolent Institution, while the preceding year, the Benevolent and Girls' School received the attentions of the Province, there being, however, a small contribution in aid of our Boys. In fact, Wiltshire never allows a year to pass without rendering a substantial help to one of the three Institutions, and sometimes it goes even beyond that.

There is a round dozen of lodges in

#### WORCESTERSHIRE,

and we imagine there cannot be far from a round dozen of active and energetic brethren, who, like Bros. A. F. Godson, P.G.M., and Consterdine Chadwick, are always ready to give their share in the work of helping our Charities. The lodges, too, support their brethren well, the total of the five lists at the Girls' School Festival last month being £212 5s., while in February Bro. Godson contributed £31 10s., and on Tuesday, the same brother, with Bro. Consterdine Chadwick, made up £36 15s., raising the year's contributions to a total of £280 10s. Last year, the general total was still higher, amounting to £413 8s.; in 1885 it reached £396 18s., and in 1884, £426 11s., so that the last four years have produced £1517 7s.

#### NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE,

with its array of 29 lodges, has done extremely well during the present year. In February, three of its lodges made up a sum of £93 7s., and in May, Bro. Ansdell, for Lodge No. 1605, made up a total of £91 7s. On Tuesday there were five Stewards whose combined efforts resulted in a subscription of £295 19s. all told, Bro. Whiteside's contribution being included in Bro. Holders' list, which amounted to the excellent sum of £113 13s., while Bro. Corris, as Steward for the Humber Lodge, No. 57, raised £107 15s. All these Returns taken together amount for the year to £480 13s., which is considerably in excess of the £165 14s. 6d., which it distributed among the three Institutions in 1886, but below the totals of the previous three years, which were £535 in 1885; £559 in 1884; and in 1883 £920, making the total for the five years about £2660.

As might have been expected.

#### WEST YORKSHIRE,

Being the Chairman's own Province, heads the provincial section of the Returns with what, under all the circumstances, must be regarded as a handsome contribution of £600. It will perhaps be suggested that we are guilty of exaggeration in describing this as "handsome" for a Province with 69 lodges on its roll. But those who incline to offer this kind of criticism should bear in mind that it was only at the last moment, and when all Bro. Binckes's efforts to secure a chairman had failed that Bro. Tew, P.G.M., so generously came forward and undertook the responsible office. When he did so, West Yorkshire had already contributed £1100 at the two previous Festivals, namely, £750 at that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £350 at that of the Girls' School. Moreover, it was and is engaged in raising 2000 guineas (£2100) in order to purchase two perpetual presentations to the Widows' Annuity Fund as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. Thus the Province was already committed to an expenditure of £3200, and as it is the last straw which is said to break the camel's back, so in the dispensation of these annual subventions, though £600 may not be an out-of-the-way contribution for such a Province as this, the effort to procure it in addition to previous contributions amounting to £1100 and the raising of an exceptional £2100, still in progress, is one that must severely try the resources even of so wealthy and willing a body as the West Yorkshire Masons. However, the task has been accomplished, a gallant effort has been made, and, thanks to the influence of Bro. Tew and the exertions of Bros. Smith, D.P.G.M., and Smithson, the Charity Secretary of the Province, the Boys' School will receive £600 for the current year, and when the whole of the proposed task has been completed, West Yorkshire will have given £3800 to our three Institutions in the Jubilee year. After this, there is hardly a Craftsman in England who will not wish he were "West Yorkshire too." We cordially congratulate the Province on its achievement, and our sole regret is that the Returns from elsewhere were not on a larger scale.

#### FOREIGN STATIONS.

The contributions under this head, amounting to £29 8s. 3d., though small, are welcome, as showing—what, indeed, has never been in question—that English brethren connected with our lodges and Districts abroad are in full sympathy with our Institutions, and while they have in most instances Charitable Associations of their own, which properly have the prior claim on their resources, they are always ready to forward contributions where possible.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Our remarks have been so exhaustive that little remains to be added. We could have wished the Returns had been heavier for the sake of the Chairman, his Board of Stewards, and Bro. Secretary Binckes. But, after all, £11,000 is a good round sum of itself, while if we venture upon a comparison with some past Festivals of the School during the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership, we shall find that it is nearly £1000 more than was announced in 1878, when the Duke of Connaught presided, and between £500 and £600 in excess of the product in 1879, when Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master of Scotland, was in the chair. Let those who are inclined to be downcast because Tuesday's result is not what we had wished, take heart of grace from this fact. At all events, let us hold by the homely advice to hope for better luck next time.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., by the invitation of the Charnwood Chapter, 1007, M.E. Comp. Wm. Kelly, Prov. Grand Superintendent, presided, and was supported by—

Comps. George Toller, Prov. G.H.; Wm. Vial, as Prov. G.J.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G.S.E.; J. Young, Prov. G.S.N.; J. Tuckfield, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Halliday, Prov. G.P.S.; Edgar Taylor, Prov. G. Std. Br.; M. J. Walker, Prov. G.D.C.; W. S. Allen, P.P.G.N.; Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.G.R.; R. Dalgliesh, P.P.G.P.S.; A. P. Wood, P.P.G.A.S.; T. Colman, P.P.G. Treas.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.P.A.G. D.C.; R. L. Gibson, P.Z. 1007; C. Oliver, J. 1007; J. H. Marshall, E. 1007; C. Lowenstein, P.S. 1007; T. Corcoran, A.S. 1007; G. C. Oliver, A.S. 1007; W. H. Goodwin, 1130; and others. Amongst the visitors were Comps. T. E. Yeoman, Z. 731, and E. Horne, J. 731, P.P.G. Org. Derbyshire.

The Charnwood Chapter having been previously opened, the Prov. G. Superintendent and his officers entered the chapter room, and were received with the customary honours.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was then opened in due form, and the roll of chapters and Prov. Grand Officers were called and duly answered, after which the minutes of the previous annual convocation were submitted and confirmed.

Pursuant to By-law VI. of Prov. Grand Chapter, Comp. W. J. Freer was installed as Third Principal of the De Mowbray Chapter, 1130.

The report of the Audit Committee upon the Prov. Grand Treasurer's account, which showed a balance in hand of £21 4s. 6d., was read, and, upon motion duly made, the Treasurer's account was passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for his services.

The Provincial Grand Registrar's Report was read showing a slight falling off in the number of the subscribing members in the province.

E. Comp. J. Tuckfield was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Comp. S. S. Partridge, P.Z. 279	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. S. Allen, P.Z. 779	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Rev. C. Harton Wood, P.Z. 279	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Vial, Z. 1007	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Tuckfield, J. 779	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. A. Musson, Z. 779	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. J. Wilkinson, P.Z. 1007	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. J. Freer, J. 1130	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" C. Oliver, J. 1007	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Major J. G. F. Richardson, J. 1560	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. D. Harris, H. 279	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" M. J. Walker, Z. 1130	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Thompson, J. 279	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Herbert Marshall, E. 1007	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Dunn, 279	...	...	...
" J. Tanser, 279	...	...	Prov. G. Janitors.

Comp. Partridge having given notice of motion to revise the Provincial Grand Chapter By-laws, and some other formal business having been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Chapter was duly closed.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served, at which the Grand Superintendent presided, and the proceedings passed off with the utmost harmony.

### SALE OF PYTHAGORAS LODGE LIBRARY.

[SPECIALLY REPORTED.]

The sale of the first portion of this remarkable collection of Masonic works is over, and, though some minds are easy in consequence, others are doubtless wishing now that they had bid more.

The sale began on Wednesday, May 18th, at 3 p.m., at the sale rooms of the "Masonic Publishing Company," Bleecker-street, New York. There was no lack of interest in the proceedings, several of the lots being of great rarity and value, as was pointed out in these columns a few weeks since. There were 480 lots, but, of course, many more books than those figures indicate, one lot alone including 144 to 249 of the lodge catalogue. The bidding was often most spirited, especially between the brethren from Boston (Massachusetts). Well-known collectors from England and Germany were either present or represented, and from the States, as may be expected, there were many buyers who "meant business," and were not to be frightened with high prices or sharp competition. Bro. Herman G. Carter looked after the interests of the library of Grand Lodge of New York.

Bro. T. H. Emmons purchased for M.W. Bro. S. C. Lawrence the most of the foreign Books of Constitutions, obtaining the German reprint of 1723 Constitutions for £2 4s. He also secured the English edition of 1738 for the sum of £6 4s., which, with a frontispiece, is exceedingly valuable, and well nigh impossible to obtain clean and perfect, as one *likes to see*, but rarely *can see*.

Bro. C. Sackreuter found the competition too keen for the German brethren he so kindly represented, obtaining but a few of those he wanted. Bro. J. Haigh was most successful with respect to the works on the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," having secured the major portion, and had actually knocked down to him a copy of "Multa Paucis," 1763, for £2 3s. If the condition is fair, that was an exceptionally cheap lot, and a mystery how it was allowed to pass away at such a low figure—a "fluke" possibly.

Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, sent a large number of bids, for himself and friends in England, but only got hold of four lots, much to his sorrow and disappointment. At the rate many of the curiosities fetched, it would pay Bro. Kenning to send his grand collection of Masonic works to New York for sale!

Bro. Hughan was fortunate enough to secure *the gem of the "Pythagoras" Library*, for Bro. George Taylor, of Kidderminster, no less than the rare 1764 engraved list, a *unique* copy of an edition long lost sight of, and so valuable, that Bro. Hughan, through the kind services of Bro. Sackreuter, had a facsimile made of it for presentation to the Grand Lodge and other libraries. He was declared the purchaser at twenty-one and-a-half dollars, being even then several dollars under his maximum price. Bro. Taylor is to be congratulated *and he is*, therefore, congratulated (? envied) accordingly.

Bro. Hughan was also able to complete Bro. W. Watson's set of "Ahiman Rezon's," by securing the edition of 1801 for five-and-a-half dollars, so that our good friend, the collector of Leeds, is all the richer by the sale. It is singular there was an editon for 1800 and another for 1801 of that famous work.

The small catalogues of old sales of Masonic works went at absurdly high prices apparently, and indeed, as a rule, the sale was most cheering in character for those who possess a good selection of rare works on the Craft, but therefore not encouraging to new collectors.

The four editions of *Bode's Almanacks*, 1776-9 made eight-and-a-half dollars the set. This was cheap, as the quartette cannot be met with usually, at any price. Grand Master Lawrence was the lucky brother, through Bro. Emmons's good offices. He was also successful as to other *Calendars of the same period*, at much lower prices than was anticipated. There was all the extraordinary "ups and downs" peculiar to such times. The Dublin "Constitutions" of 1730 made nine-and-a-half dollars, going to Bro. G. S. Paterson of New York, a good purchase indeed. This work is almost as scarce as "white elephants," and certainly of more value Masonically. Trewhman's "Principles" of 1777, fetched 13s., and if it has the plate of the Lodge "Union" jewel, Bro. Haigh has no cause to complain. But one must forbear! The sale is over! The next portion is to be sold in November; and it is not likely the interest or the prices will be less than now, as many of the lots are of considerable value.

Bro. Barker of Bleecker-street, New York, will doubtless remember us again with a Catalogue, and the readers of the *Freemason* shall know in good time of the treasures that will then be offered.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE CHISWICK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2012.

On Wednesday, the 8th inst., this lodge held its annual supper at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammer-smith, and the occasion was taken as the opportunity for presenting a testimonial to its worthy Preceptor. The chair was occupied by Bro. George Gardner, founder and Treasurer of the lodge, and Past Master of the mother lodge, he being supported on his right by Bro. Edward Ayling, the Preceptor, and P.M. of 975, and upon his left by Bro. Arthur Williams, Sec., and D.C. of 834; the vice-chair was taken by Bro. Jas. Sims, P.M. 834. The following brethren were also present: Bros. W. Defries, P.M. 185; M. Spiegel, P.M. 188; H. Purdue, P.M. 834; W. Game, P.M. 511; J. A. Gartley, P.M. 205; C. Depson, P.M. 834; J. H. Wood, W.M. 1612; H. Tipper, W.M. 185; D. S. Long, S.D. 1275; W. G. Coat, 1275; J. G. Doncaster, S.W. 834; H. Hewett, 834; F. Walden, Sec. 2012; J. T. Benson, 2012; T. M. Coleman, 192; H. D. Aslett, 1892; R. J. Steers, 1559; W. W. Fazar, 2090; J. J. Boswell, 2012; A. J. Mann, 172; F. Craggs, I.G. 834; J. Worth, 834; E. Mitchell, 1275; V. Wing, J.W. 1585; P. J. Davies, 1767; H. Oliver, I.G. 1585; J. Davis, 169; W. H. Wilson, 2012; J. Brown, 2012; W. Ritchie, 2090; W. C. Dickey, 2012; W. W. Williams, 834; D. Stroud, 55; and J. Luhtenfelt, A.D.C. 205.

During the evening the following toasts and songs were given—Bro. Hobbiss, Pianist, "The Queen and the Craft;" "God save the Queen" by Bro. Tipper; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past;" Song—Speed on my Bark—Bro. Wing.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN then proposed "Success to the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction," coupling with the toast the names of the Preceptor, Treasurer and Secretary, paying due compliment to their zeal and assiduity, the value of their services, and willingness at all times to do their utmost to promote the prosperity of the lodge. This was most cordially received by the brethren, and after a song by Bro. Dickey—"The White Squall."

The SECRETARY replied, and gave a brief sketch of the career of the lodge, the large amount it had given to the Charities, and its prospects of continued prosperity; and whilst thanking the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast assured them on his own behalf, as well as of the Preceptor and Treasurer, of their hearty goodwill and desire to maintain and uphold the lodge to the best of their ability.

The CHAIRMAN then stated the next duty—and it was certainly a most pleasing one—was that of proposing "The Health of the worthy Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. Ayling," and presenting him with a small token of the esteem and regard in which he was held by them all, and after reverting briefly to the inauguration and consecration of the lodge three years ago, under exceptionally gratifying circumstances, when he had asked Bro. Ayling to become its Preceptor, and paying a just tribute to his many excellent qualities, and testifying to his earnest desire and readiness at all times to impart that knowledge he possessed to those who aspire to obtain it, he handed him a diamond ring, subscribed for by 43 members of the lodge, and trusted that it would ever bring to his mind the esteem in which he was held, that its lustre like its own might never be dimmed, and with united "Hearty good wishes" might he live long to wear it as a token of their appreciation and regard. He therefore asked the brethren to be upstanding and join him in this the toast of the evening.

The toast was drunk in the heartiest manner.

Song—"Will o' the Wisp"—Bro. Tipper.

Bro. AYLING then responded, tendering his sincere thanks for the honour and kindness shown him, that he could not find words to adequately convey what he felt. He had an earnest desire at all times to promote the welfare of the lodge and the friendship and brotherly love at all times shown him made it a pleasure to come amongst them. The ring he should ever prize as long as he lived, and when absent from them, it would ever remind him of the kindness evinced towards him by the brethren of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction.

Song—"Bedouin's love song"—Bro. Walden.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and hoped that all present might be spared to meet him at many such future gatherings; and having already spoken of his good qualities, he would not delay with any further remarks.

The toast having been received with applause, Bro. Ayling sang "Welcome ever welcome friends."

The CHAIRMAN returned thanks, and trusted he might meet them at many future gatherings, and was glad to see the lodge prosper, and was pleased to promote its interests and that of the Benevolent Association connected with it; and he would now, as time was getting on and some brethren had to leave, propose "The Visitors" before that of the Vice-Chairman, and he coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Defries and Coleman.

This being duly received, Bro. Doncaster gave an exposition of the art of ledgerdeman, illustrated by various tricks, which greatly puzzled and amused, and evoked hearty applause.

Bros. DEFRIES and COLEMAN returned thanks, expressing the pleasure they felt at being present upon that particular occasion.

"The Health of the Vice-Chairman" was then proposed in feeling terms by the CHAIRMAN, and was duly responded to by Bro. SIMS.

The next and last toast was that of "The Hostess, Mrs. Gilbert," who had provided for their entertainment, and for her unstinted kindness generally to the brethren of the lodge.

The toast was well received, and duly responded to by her son.

The meeting then broke up, after spending a very enjoyable evening, to which Bro. Craggs contributed not a little by kindly acting as Steward.

THE LATE BRO. ANDREW KERR, P.M. No. 8 (S.C.).

The Lodge of Journeymen, No. 8 (S.C.), has lately lost one of its prominent members in the person of Bro. Andrew Kerr, P.M. A funeral lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, and the following oration was delivered by the R.W.M.; Bro. Charles Robb:

Brethren, in approaching a subject which must necessarily deal not only with life but also with death, it is meet and

becoming that due reverence be made by the creature to the Creator, the Great Architect of the Universe. In such a spirit we are assembled to make obeisance to Him whose all-seeing eye is ever upon us and our actions, and to pay tribute to the memory of our brother, who, while left to us for a while in this earthly sphere, has now been called again by Him who gave him. From that old and sacred volume on which the ground work of our Freemasonry is based, our brotherhood and ultimate salvation, the familiar words will ring until the end of time—"The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." Would that the present duty had been in more skillful and able hands than mine, and I might also add older and more experienced hands, but in humbly fulfilling the duty, I claim from you that forbearance and kindly thoughtfulness which have always characterised your conduct to me since I became one of yourselves. Our lamented brother, the late Andrew Kerr, was born on the 13th May, 1814, at Stenhouse, near Liberton, in the county of Mid-Lothian, and was the only son of John Kerr, joiner and builder at Stenhouse, by a second marriage. When six years of age the first eventful and sad experience in his young life took place, by the death of his father, and he was left to the care of his loving mother, who amply fulfilled the trust which, by the death of her husband, was then thrown upon her in the careful watchfulness and Christian training, which was fully verified in the boy's career, and the man's whole after life. Andrew Kerr received the usual scholastic training of the times at the parish school of Liberton, near where he was born, and on leaving school was apprenticed to his step-brother, who had succeeded to his father's business. To show how young Kerr was determined to make his way in the world, it may here be incidentally mentioned that during the period of his apprenticeship, while applying himself diligently to his vocation, he came regularly to Edinburgh after the work was over for the day, to attend the classes of drawing, &c., then conducted by Mr. Dick. From his early boyhood to the latter years of his life, the Grand Masonic principles pervaded the life work and aspirations of our deceased brother, so well applied by Bro. Burns. That—

"Man to man the world o'er,  
Shall Brethren be for a' that."

While yet, one might almost say, a school boy Bro. Kerr instituted in his native village a friendly society for youths like himself, for the purpose of affording sick and funeral allowances to the members. The society met annually on June Day, and had a procession to commemorate the glorious battle of Bannockburn. On these occasions the "Stenhouse Scottish Youths" mustered from all parts of the parish of Liberton, "plaided and plumed in their tartan array," and paid with pleasure the small fees which secured to them the benefits of the Society. The Society continued in full force and vigour until the advent of savings banks and other provident institutions were formulated when it ceased to exist. His apprenticeship completed, Bro. Kerr procured employment, first at Dalkeith and thereafter in Glasgow, with the view of acquiring a more extended view of his trade. Subsequently he returned to his brother's employment where, while in charge of some work he attracted the attention of Mr. James Newlands, architect, in Edinburgh, thereafter burgh engineer of Liverpool. Mr. Newlands recognising the joiner's abilities, offered him a situation in his office, which Bro. Kerr accepted, and he remained in Mr. Newlands' employment for close upon two years. It so happened that at this period Mr. Nixon who was at the head of the department in Edinburgh of her Majesty's office of works required an extra assistant, and applying to Mr. Newlands for help in the matter, Bro. Andrew Kerr was sent temporarily to fulfil what duties were required of him. Again good fortune followed him, for his new master recognising the abilities and business acumen and energy of Andrew Kerr, promoted him to the permanent staff of the office, where he remained a valued servant and revered friend of those who were associated with him for so many years in business. Bro. Kerr with that sort of Masonic ardour that cements man to man in material and mental progress, by doing good and lessening ill instituted while yet a mere youth, a parish library. "Tis only 60 years ago!" but while the man has gone, the library still flourishes in the parish kirk. When the Reform Bill of 1832 had passed, and Edinburgh did honour to Earl Grey by holding high holiday with processions, banquets, &c., Bro. Kerr, although only 18 years of age, had the distinguished honour, in the records there, of heading the procession of trades from Liberton, carrying the banner that he had himself made, and which bore the verse he had composed for the occasion, so hopeful of good:—

"With joy we'll toil, tho' scant our pay,  
Since justice is decreed us;  
We'll grateful prove to noble Grey  
Who has from thraldom freed us."

Onward and upward toiled our brave brother Kerr until he climbed step by step to the highest place that Masonry can give. A true brother, and well worthy was he of all the honour he received while yet in the body, and more so now may his memory be revered by every true Mason of Lodge No. 8, for the mystic source of Masonry was ever around him, searching and scanning the misty far gone past of pre-historic times. Some record of the labours of Bro. Kerr may yet be obtained from his bereaved wife and family. In his later years the historic relics in church and tower at Liberton and the castle of Craigmillar received much attention from his well informed mind, in fact he could re-produce to our eyes the old kirk of Liberton such as it was portrayed by Sir Walter Scott in the "Heart of Mid-Lothian," when Jeannie Deans says from York that she had "bought a brow lion grace as big and round as the middle aisle o' Liberton Kirk." He was honoured as a Mason as no one was honoured both amongst ourselves of No. 8, and by the members of other lodges far and near. As has been well said of another brother "It has fallen to the lot of few to live in such uniform esteem, over so long a period, among so large a circle, associated in such close intimacy. He made no ostentatious display, either in manner or decoration of symbolized morality. His was the bright ornament of an honest, upright, feeling heart. While he was upright in his actions, no harshness was manifested, and kindness was associated with kindness and fidelity in dealing with such as required caution or advice. For those under sickness or affliction he spared no exertions, and he delighted to undertake any labour that would tend to their comfort or advantage." In short he was a man and a Mason in every true sense of

the word. Joining our lodge in 1840, his energy, his enthusiasm, and his hard work are deserving of all praise, and we can confidently say that all was done in that spirit of doing unto others as you would be done by, and no regretful memory troubled his declining years, while his end was "Peace." In the history of our lodge, compiled by Bro. Hunter, his name often occurs in connection with matters beneficial to the interests of Freemasonry in general, and his own lodge in particular, in which he always took an ardent interest. Allow me shortly to refer to a few of these. The first mention of his name is in connection with the fact that a copy of the order or charge by virtue of which our Lodge Journeymen, No. 8, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, holds her charter of Freemasonry direct from the Court of Session, had been accidentally discovered by the late David Laing, of the Signet Library, amongst some waste paper, and presented by him to our lamented brother, who handed it over to our lodge. That document we still have and it is worthy of perusal by all interested in the subject of our lodge's rise and progress.

The next notice of him we get in 1842 when a proposal was made that Bro. Andrew Kerr should be appointed to the chair of Lodge Journeymen, No. 8. The proposal was strongly opposed by the older Craftsmen on the ground that they being an Operative Lodge of Masons and Kerr merely a wright or joiner by trade was not qualified for such a position. The objection was of little consequence to a man like Andrew Kerr, for nothing daunted he equipped himself with an ordinary mason's apron, took his place in a Mason's shed, and under the watchful eyes of Bros. George Clark, James Smith, and James Blackadder, with mallet and chisel prepared a window-sill of binny stone, which was of such fairly good workmanship, that having been passed by the inspectors and presented to the lodge, all objection to his election was withdrawn and he was duly appointed R.W.M. of Lodge Journeymen, No. 8. Following we find him making efforts to get Grand Lodge to recognise Mark Masonry as forming part of the ritual of the Fellow Craft Degree and to repudiate the assumption by the Supreme Arch Chapter, that it and it only had right to grant warrants to lodges to work this degree. His efforts were ultimately successful, and power is now given to any lodge under the Grand Lodge's jurisdiction to add Mark Masonry to their ritual. That Degree has remained of special interest to him until the end of his days, and so you know there was no one during his life who had a more profound knowledge of the system of working and the ritual. Again we have him in 1842 urging the erection of a new hall for the lodge as near as possible to their old lodge, which was about to meet the fate of many, a historical and picturesque old house by being improved off the face of the earth by the Edinburgh Improvement Trust. As there was some legal question involved, we find Bro. Kerr urging that legal opinion should be obtained before proceeding further. Everything proved satisfactory, however, and a site having been procured from the Improvement Trust, Bro. Kerr prepared the plans and superintended the building and completion of the hall, the foundation-stone of which was laid by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Earl of Dalhousie. All this work was done by Bro. Kerr free of remuneration. In connection with the lodge he was always a prominent member of the Charitable Committees, and many a widow and child of a Masonic brother has had to thank God for the kind help given by Bro. Kerr from his private purse. He was a most enthusiastic supporter of the sick, funeral, benevolent, and insurance schemes in connection with the lodge, and never wearied in pointing out their great benefits to the brethren. He obtained from some relatives—also Masons—in California donations of £50 each towards the erection of the lodge. He was the means of having the shields of the various trades emblazoned on the walls of the hall. He, along with other three members of the lodge, inserted each a stained glass window at their own expense. In the higher grades of Freemasonry he rose to a prominent position. On 26th January, 1844, he was exalted in Esk Chapter, Dalkeith (Royal Arch), and on the creation of the office of Grand Superintendent of Works by Supreme Grand Chapter, on 6th March, 1861, he received the appointment, which he held until March, 1867. In April, 1863, he was admitted to the 18° and 30° (Supreme Council), and in 1866 there being a vacancy in the Supreme Council, it was resolved, as a recognition of Bro. Andrew Kerr's services to the Craft, to give him the 33°, and to make him a member of the Council. This was carried into effect on 13th September, when he received the 31°, 32°, and 33°, and was duly elected a member of the Council. His activity, which lasted until 1877, could not be more exemplified than by the fact that in November, 1877, he held the office of Captain of the Guard. He, however, resigned that office, but, by a unanimous vote, was created an honorary member of the Council for life. His successor in the above office was Sir Molyneux F. C. Nepean, Bart. And now what lesson are we to draw from our brother's life and death? In the former, a life unsullied has been lived, energetic and active in the interests of his fellowmen, and doing his Creator's will. Can more be said? So let us live that those who know us here on earth may bless us when we go hence; and again in death how pleasant is memory. Our departed brother is not, for God took him. Bro. Andrew Kerr has left far behind him in the dim distance his old home, his old associations, and his old fraternal friendships. Could the parting from him be borne did we not fully realise that there would be a never-ending union, where friend holds fellowship with friend around the Great White Throne. He is not forgotten in his quiet grave. The grass waves green above his head; but is his name omitted from our chain of friends?

"Oh! no, not then; least then;  
When life is shrunken,  
And death's full joy is given;  
Of those who loved you up in heaven,  
Say not we loved them *oucc.*"

At a meeting of the Swansea brethren, held on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., under the joint presidency of the Worshipful Masters of the three local lodges—the indefatigable, Falbot, and Caradoc—it was unanimously resolved that the members of these lodges, attired in full regalia, should accompany the Mayor and Corporation to Divine services at the parish church on Monday, the 20th inst., the brethren to meet at the hall at 9.30 a.m. On the evening of the same day a Masonic ball will be given at the Mackworth Hotel.

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**To Correspondents.**

**JUBILEE HONORS.**—On second thought we are of opinion that nothing can be gained by the insertion of J.S.'s letter, as we have it on pretty good authority that the list of Jubilee honors will not be further extended.—ED.

Many valued correspondents have forwarded to us Jubilee Odes, Hymns, and other effusions begotten of loyalty and Masonic fervour. Several of them are of a high order of merit; but they are so numerous, and possessed of so many varied degrees of excellence that we feel almost unequal to the task of selection, and are therefore reluctantly compelled to adopt the easier course of excluding all. Should we, however, be able to bring our mind to the task of selecting what we think to be the best we shall hope to give it in our forthcoming Jubilee number.

The following unavoidably stand over:

- District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago.
- Prov. Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire.
- Prov. Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire.
- Humber Mark Lodge, No. 182.



SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 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.]

**THE COLLAR QUESTION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I meet a few brethren occasionally who I find are not yet quite certain of the present position of this question. Possibly there may be others with whom I have not the privilege of coming in contact and who are similarly begg'd. I would therefore be pleased to have the privilege of replying to the "Anxious Enquirer" on this subject as briefly as possible through your journal.

To simply say that, so far as Past Masters are concerned, they are now *statu quo ante* is scarcely accurate, not being sufficient; I will therefore try to explain.

At page 122 of the former Book of Constitutions, after enumerating the various jewels of office and rank, and describing of what material the jewels were to consist, the rule continued: "The collars to be light blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon."

As a P.M.'s jewel was in the list of those described, it therefore followed that he had a similar collar to officers' collars, and as at page 118, No. 1, made it compulsory for all brethren to wear their proper clothing whenever they appeared in lodge, it followed, as a matter of course, they had a right to wear it, if they cared to put on their full regalia; but I have never yet known a P.M. refused admission because he had not on all he was entitled to wear. I have even sat with P.M.'s who had no other Masonic symbol on than an E.A. apron. (If it would not be too strong an expression to use, I would like to say that Rule 288, even as it stands now, is extremely stupid and nonsensical, yet the old Rule No. 1, page 118, was much worse; so bad, in fact, that brethren seemed to take a delight in ignoring it.)

In the present Law 288 I would like to see the following changes: In line two, instead of the words "shall be," substitute the word "is;" and in line four, instead of the words "his proper," substitute the words "recognised Craft." (Kindly excuse this digression.)

The effect, however, of the change in separating collars from jewels, so as to form a distinct section in the new book, simply left a P.M. without a collar, unless he could call himself an officer, and this Art. 129 prevented, unless he got appointed by the Master or elected by his brethren to some regular or permissive office.

At the Quarterly Communication of December last, Grand Lodge carried the introduction of the words "Past Masters," as part of Rules 304, 307 and, 308; this had the effect of giving a P.M. a collar but prevented him wearing it except in Grand Lodge, his own Provincial Grand Lodge, or his own private lodge, and this was confirmed in the minutes in March, but notwithstanding Grand Lodge having confirmed their minutes, which literally stripped a P.M. of his honours when he ventured outside his own lodge, yet, later on, Grand Lodge, on my motion, voted by an overwhelming majority the right of a P.M. to wear his collar wherever Craft clothing may be worn, and this was confirmed in June; consequently it is now law, and a P.M. has an undoubted right to wear now the identical collar he had the right to wear before the revision of the laws.

But a P.M. will have more shortly, I hope, for Grand Lodge carried "nem. con." that P.M.'s shall be "entitled to wear a distinctive collar," and also carried, after much debate, that the Board of General Purposes should decide what the distinction should be, whether "cord in the centre, or cord, or lace, or braid on the edges."

We now only await their recommendation, which no doubt will be accepted in all fraternity. With many apologies, &c.—I remain, yours fraternally,

W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317.

**CANON PORTAL ON MARK GRAND LODGE.**

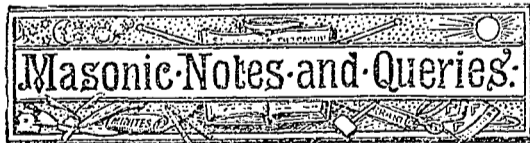
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I am exceedingly glad to see the very kind and interesting letter from M.W. Bro. Canon Portal in last Saturday's *Freemason*, and especially to be assured by so well informed and distinguished a brother that the General Board of the Mark Grand Lodge "has nothing to do with retaliation" in their expression of opinion as to the regretted action of the General Grand Chapter of U.S.A.

Canon Portal also is good enough to state that he would "most gladly have concurred in the postponement of the question," had he not been unfortunately absent through indisposition. I am most anxious that our Mark brethren, in going either to the United States or the British Provinces of North America, may be as warmly received by the 140,000 Mark Masons there, as they would be welcomed in our Mark lodges here. Just now, alas, the difficulty relative to the Grand Chapter of Quebec is an awkward obstacle to a full union, and it does seem to me a pity not to avail ourselves of the proffered mediation of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, for which I have the honour to be Representative.

When your columns are less in request than they are now, I should like to have a few words to say on the question of International Masonic Jurisprudence introduced by the Rev. Canon Portal.—Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.



**731] THE YEAR OF LIGHT.**

The "Year of Light," according to the Grand Lodge of England, is obtained by adding 4000 to the *Anno Domini*. This has been the invariable custom, so far as I know, and as "Lex Scripta" suggests, it is to be found so noted in the "Book of Constitutions" for 1723, in which it is stated that "The year of Masonry" was 5723; the year of Publication, A.D., 1723. All the Grand Lodge Certificates are dated according to a similar chronology, and so it is absurd for any one to start the system of adding 4004, when the usage has been to adopt the 4000 for over 160 years. The Grand Chapter of the "Moderns" however, used the "4004," so that the first edit. of their Regulations issued A.L. 5782, was really for A.D. 1778, and the second for A.L. 5786, was for A.D. 1782. This is proved by reference to the dates at the end of each issue. So that, whether it be A.M. or A.L., when Masonically used to describe A.D. 1887, it should be given as 5887, as respects the G. L. of England.

W. J. HUGHAN.

**732] PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.**

Brethren who are interested, as I am, in the compilation and publication of Masonic Calendars for Provincial Grand Lodges, &c., will be glad to know that there is another calendar to be added to the list given by me in the

*Freemason* for April 9th, 1887, viz., the "Nottinghamshire Freemasons' Calendar for 1887," being in its eighth year of publication. It is edited by Bro. Henry R. Hatherly, Prov. Grand Secretary, and is an exceedingly neat and handy little book. It is a stranger to me, and was brought to my notice by Bro. James Terry, the obliging Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I have now "exchanged" with Bro. Hatherly, and shall be happy to do so in like manner with any other editors of such useful publications, who might like a copy of my Directory for 1887, which is now in its 16th year of issue. This raises the total of 24 for the provinces, besides others for London or separate Lodges. All are now ready for 1887, excepting Devon (now printing), Gloucester, and Lincoln, copies of which I shall be glad to have when ready.

W. J. HUGHAN (Torquay).

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**CARPENTERS' ARMS, OR THREE COMPASSES.**

Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, in the *Freemason* of 30th January, 1886 [Notes and Queries, 645], made an inquiry in reference to a speech delivered by Bro. Oakley at a lodge held at the *Carpenters' Arms*, in Silver-street, Golden-square, on the 31st December, 1728, and wishing to know what lodge was held at the *Carpenters' Arms*, he obtained a reply from Bro. Hughan [Notes and Queries, 648] to the effect that, although the evidence did not quite satisfy him, he believed it to be the same lodge as that noted in the engraved list of 1725, as held at the sign of the "Three Compasses, in Silver-street." In recently transcribing, for another purpose, the names of members from the early minute book in Grand Lodge, I found in the 1725 written list, under the lodge "Three Compasses, in Silver-street," the name of "Mr. Edwd. Oakley" as one of the then Wardens. This, I trust, may be useful to Bro. Riley, and is I think sufficient to identify the lodge, and confirmatory of the correctness of Bro. Hughan's conjecture. It would seem that the use of either term—"Carpenters' Arms," or "Three Compasses"—was optional at that period, both being well understood to refer to the same place. The lodge does not appear to have been in existence in 1729. Mr. Edwd. Oakley's name reappears in the written list of 1731-2 as a member of the lodge No. 11, "Queen's Head, in Knaves' Acre," formerly No. 3 of the Four Old Lodges, now the "Lodge of Fortitude and Old Cumberland," No. 12.

JNO. LANE.



**Craft Masonry.**

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The above ancient and prosperous lodge held its election meeting on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. A. Cleal, W.M., presiding, assisted by the following officers: Bros. W. J. Akers, I.P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; W. N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; H. S. Syer, P.M.; T. Hosgood, P.M.; R. A. Smith, P.M.; G. H. Masters, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M.; J. G. Milbourne, S.W.; W. Tailby, J.W.; W. Grice, S.D.; Jos. Bell, J.D.; L. Chasteaneuf, I.G.; and J. Matthey, D. of C. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Maule, W.M. 1536; R. J. Taylor, S.W. 700; J. P. Marfleet, 700; E. Falbot, 65; W. Patterson, 225; W. Doddrell, S.W., W.M. elect 615; W. Mott, 1536; E. Gordon, 1536; and H. Tower, 1423.

The ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Warren, and, proving unanimous, he was duly initiated. Bro. Jones was then passed, and Bros. Stamford, Beisley, Fergusson, Hall, and Hodge raised. Bro. Milbourne was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Hutton, Treasurer. Bros. Akers, Appleby, and Anson were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. Bro. Cleal was unanimously awarded a Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and for valuable services rendered during his year of office, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

Refreshments having been hospitably dispensed, the brethren honoured the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and passed a few hours in social harmony.

**DOVER.**—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 199).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there was a large attendance, including Bros. James W. Bussey, W.M.; F. W. Prescott, P.M., P.S.G.D., as S.W.; George J. Bussey, J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; James D. Terson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; George Church, S.D.; J. Falconer, J.D.; W. F. Moore, I.G.; W. Walker, Stwd.; Ernest A. Marsh, W.M. 1208; William B. Kennett, W.M. 1436; E. T. B. Allen, W.M. 784; Rev. Henry M. Maughan, M.A., W.M. 1913; K. Morley, W.M. 429; G. R. Waters, P.M. 1037; W. O. Kennett, P.M. 1208; Thomas Bent, P.M. 784; Richard Pay, 94; William Eastland, 94; Martyn Mowll, 1288; J. P. Ekins, 784; J. B. Cass, Ernest C. Fielding, A. T. Dartnall, H. A. Farley, B. C. Morriss, W. Wynne, Charles Slade, S. Farrington, H. H. Goodwin, W. C. Bowles, G. H. Gifford, W. G. Lewis, and several other brethren.

Bro. J. D. Ierson occupied the chair as Installing Master and re-installed Bro. James Walter Bussey as W.M., this being the second year he has been elected W.M. of the lodge, and the first time in the history of the lodge (now nearly 100 years old) that a brother has been appointed to that office for two years in succession. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. George J. Bussey, S.W.; George Church, J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Edward Lukey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; James D. Terson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; John Falconer, S.D.; Alfred T. Dartnall, J.D.; Francis W. Prescott, P.M., P.S.G.D., D.C.; George H. Gifford, Org.; Watson Walker, I.G.; W. T. J. Vincent and Ernest C. Fielding, Stwds.; and George Willson, Tyler. Bro. James D. Ierson was appointed to represent the lodge on the Kent Charity Committee, and Bro. Jas. W. Bussey was also elected as Steward to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

After the lodge had been closed about 40 brethren adjourned to the banquet room and partook of a very excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. A. T. Dartnall. During the evening the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

**ISLE OF WIGHT.**—Ryde Lodge (No. 698).—On Friday, the 3rd inst., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall. Among the members of the lodge and visitors present were Bros. Alfred Dashwood, W.M.; Capt. G. F. Laity, J.W.; W.M. elect; the Rev. J. N. Palmer, Grand Chaplain; W. H. Riddett, Sec.; Francis Newman, P.M., D.C.; Capt. W. Menzies, R.N., P.M., I.G.; Miah Willis, I.G.; Major W. P. Monckton, Charles Sweetman, 175; Jas. Conner, P.M.; J.W., 1869; Charles Carter, W.M. 175; G. A. Brannon, J.D. 151; and W. Watts, 175.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Capt. Menzies as W.M. for the ensuing year was impressively performed by Bro. Newman, and the other officers were then invested as follows: Bros. W. H. Riddett, S.W.; Major Monckton, J.W.; the Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap., Chap.; Capt. Menzies, R.N., P.M., Treasurer; Dr. A. Woodward, Sec.; Latimer H. Saunders, P.M., S.D.; Dr. Turner, J.D.; George Pack, P.M., I.G.; Miah Willis, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed most of the brethren assembled at Yelf's Hotel, where a dinner was served and a pleasant evening spent.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual installation meeting of the members of the above lodge took place on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, where there was a large attendance. The chair at the opening was occupied by Bro. J. Ashworth, the retiring W.M., and amongst his chief supporters were Bros. J. Tickle, I.P.M.; C. Fothergill, P.M.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M.; A. Cotter, P.M.; and H. Williams, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M. The visitors included Bros. H. Ellis, P.M., 721; T. B. Hughes, W.M. 1276; B. Holgate, W.M. 1356; T. H. Bareful, P.M. 823; A. Samuels, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Grierson, P.M. 1756; and A. Bucknall, P.M. 667.

Bro. William Fish was installed Worshipful Master for 1887-88 by Bro. A. C. Wylie, P.P.G.R. and the officers invested were Bros. J. Ashworth, I.P.M.; S. Fraser, S.W.; W. Jones, J.W.; W. Köhn, Sec.; A. Cotter, P.M., Treasurer; J. Tickle, P.M.; J. J. Harley, S.D.; E. B. Ironside, J.D.; Robert Hamer, I.G.; W. F. Pemberton, S.S.; E. Edwards, J.S.; and J. Harrison, A.S.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Casey.

The most interesting portion of the after-dinner proceedings was the presentation of an electro-plated tea and coffee service and silver salver to Bro. P. B. Gee, in recognition of his very valuable labours to the Neptune Lodge for a long series of years. The service and salver were supplied by Messrs. Elkington and Co., Church-street, and on the salver was the following inscription: "Presented, together with a tea and coffee service, by the members of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, to Bro. Peter Berriman Gee, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as a mark of esteem on his retirement from the Treasurership of the lodge after a service of ten years. Liverpool, June 6th, 1887."

Bro. C. Fothergill, P.M., in making the presentation, referred in very sympathetic terms to the illness which prevented Bro. Gee from being present that evening, and spoke of him as one of the founders of the lodge, as an invaluable Treasurer for ten years, and a worthy preceptor of the lodges of instruction for a considerable period. The handsome gift was received and acknowledged, on Bro. Gee's behalf, by his successor to the Treasurership (Bro. Cotter).

A valuable P.M.'s jewel was also presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Ashworth, and in the course of the evening songs were given by a number of members and visitors.

**HAMPTON COURT.**—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. Pritchard, W.M.; J. W. J. Oswald, M.D., S.W.; R. M. Jones, P.M., P.S.G.D. Middx., as J.W.; Rev. W. S. Moses, M.A., Chap.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; F. W. Levander, Sec.; J. Hutchison, S.D.; W. Hicklin, J.D.; A. Hicklin, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., I.P.M.; J. W. Lambert, P.M.; J. L. Thomas, P.M.; C. J. Wallis, P.M.; W. J. Morris, J. T. Wright, G. Sawyer, and J. H. G. Buckley. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Sudlow, K. A. Hose, H. Salamans, H. R. Duke, J. S. Wood, A. Combes, and J. Kift.

Certain alterations in the by-laws were discussed and adopted, after which Bro. Wright was most impressively raised to the Third Degree, the solemnity of the ritual being much enhanced by the musical performances of Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G.O. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in the election of Bro. Oswald, S.D. Bro. T. Cubitt, P.G.P., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gilbert, Tyler. A P.M. jewel was voted to Bro. Pritchard, who has shown so much zeal and ability in all he has undertaken, and by his excellent working and uniform kindness to all has won golden opinions.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The election meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Bro. W. Maule, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. A. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; Capt. D. Deevs, P.M., P.D.D.C. Natal; G. Kennedy, P.M.; W. Moulds, I.P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M.; R. Gooding, S.W.; Lieut. T. Cooper, J.W.; Jas. Gee, Treas.; A. Ware, Sec.; A. Murdock, S.D.; R. F. Robertson, J.D.; Arnold, Org.; T. Mills and W. Seager, Stwds.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates—Quartermaster Rankin and Sergeant Clark, R.A., and proving successful they were initiated in ancient form. Bro. Capt. A. C. Hansard, R.A., and W. C. Haley, 1789, were passed, and Bro. Wheeler raised, the whole of the work being splendidly performed by the W.M. and his officers. The ballot was then taken for W.M., and Bro. Gooding was unanimously elected. Bro. Gee was also unanimously

re-elected Treas., and Bro. Lackland, Tyler. Bros. Wheeler, Mills, Lee, and Griffiths were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. It was then unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to Bro. Maule, for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the year, and as a mark of the esteem of the brethren. Bro. Maule having suitably returned thanks, Bro. Weston proposed, and Bro. Spinks seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to our esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes, on the great bereavement he has just sustained in the loss of his beloved wife. This was carried "nem. con.," universal regret being expressed for Bro. Eastes, who is, as he deserves, very popular in this section of the province.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren supped together, and on re-assembling around the social board the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and provincial toasts were honoured. An especial toast was given to Bro. Cooper, who was that day gazetted Lieutenant and Quartermaster Royal Artillery. It was drunk with much heartiness, and he was warmly congratulated on receiving her Majesty's commission.

"The Health of the W.M. elect" was also drunk with enthusiasm, and Bros. Cooper and Gooding having severally and respectively responded, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Among the visitors were Bros. T. Hutton, P.M., Treas. 13; W. Tailby, J.W. 13; E. Jordan, 1789; G. Bishop, 13; W. H. Keeble, 13; G. W. Kenneday, 829; H. Pettifer, 700; F. J. Marfleet, 700; T. Fill, 160; W. Hunt, 160; and W. Davis, 1331.

**BRIGHTON.**—Stanford Lodge (No. 1947).—The members of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting at the Town Hall, Hove, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The principal feature of the evening was the working of the sections of the Second Lecture, which was successfully carried out, the W.M., Bro. L. R. Syer, acting as Preceptor, and the following members of the lodge dividing the work between them, viz.: Bros. J. H. Glassington, J.D., acting S.W.; F. Willard, acting J.W.; J. W. Stride, P.M. 315, Treasurer; T. Bullen, Stwd., acting J.D.; and A. F. Lemette acting I.G. As at the previous meeting when the sections of the First Lecture were worked there was a large attendance of visitors, who were highly gratified at the opportunity afforded them of witnessing so interesting a ceremony. At the conclusion of the work, Mr. Walter Potter was initiated into the Order, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Stride, Treasurer, giving the charge in a very impressive manner. The lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned, and exhausted nature having been recruited, the remainder of the evening was devoted to music and recitations, Bro. W. Norman Roe, P.P.G.O., accompanying.

The next meeting of the lodge will take place on the second Wednesday in October, when the sections of the Third Degree will be worked.

## INSTRUCTION.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Leng, W.M.; Dandridge, S.W.; Vatsky, J.W.; S. R. Speight, P.M., Sec.; Morgan, S.D.; Faulkner, J.D.; Turpin, I.G.; Walters, Hicks, Baisdon, Borrett, and Bell-chamber.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Borrett personating the candidate. The lodge was then called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were duly answered by Bro. Bell-chamber. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree were then answered by the brethren and afterwards by Bro. Hicks. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Dandridge was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PERCY LODGE (No. 198).**—A meeting was held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. Hodges, W.M.; Lone, S.W.; Odlis, J.W.; Cohen, Preceptor; Galer, Sec.; A. W. Fenner, Treas.; Yates, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; Brett, I.G.; Imlay, Müller, Born, Langdale, B. -a-lam, Park, Peatt, Reed, B. Da Costa, Harris, Stalard, and Barnett.

The lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Imlay kindly acting as candidate for passing, gave proofs of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M. in a very excellent manner. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, and Bro. Cohen the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the First Degree, Bros. A. Müller, 141, and W. Born, 1744, were proposed and duly elected members. Bro. Lone was elected W.M. for the next fortnight, as the brethren of the Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections on Saturday, the 18th inst., by special invite of this lodge. Lodge opens at 6.30. Lodge was then closed.

**FITZ ROY LODGE (No. 569).**—A most successful working of the Fifteen Sections was performed at this lodge on the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Jas. Boulton, P.M. 28 and 1056, who had been invited to undertake the task on the occasion of the opening of the lodge of instruction in connection with the mother lodge. A large and appreciative gathering of the brethren met on the occasion, who expressed themselves much delighted at the intellectual treat afforded them.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leicester-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., W.M.; J. Bailey, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.S.G.D. Essex, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. R. Allman, S.D.; A. Hardy, W.M. 201, J.D.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, P.M. 1974, D.C.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; P. J. Day, Org.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; C. Powell, P.M. 1425; G. Davis, P.M. 167; Dr. Ingleby-Mackenzie, 30<sup>2</sup> (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon, P.M. 372; W. Chapple, W. J. Mason, M. Rosenberg, C. Baxter, E. F. Ferris, C. A. Bond, R. Alexander, C. W. Francis, H. Lindfield, E. J. Seymour, H. Mathews, W. Seaman, W. G. Parnell, and J. Smith. Visitors: Bros. Capt. P. J. Davies, 1769; G. Cockerell, 211; J. H. Hughes, 404; and F. A. Russell, 1096.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of consecration in a very able manner, the brethren being so pleased that a cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes, and the honorary membership of the lodge was also conferred. Which compliments the W. brother acknowledged in very felicitous terms, promising to visit the lodge of instruction again. On the new tracing boards being handed to him, in the absence of Bro. Thomas, who will present them to the lodge on his next visit, Bro. Simpson was pleased to say they were complete works of art, and worthy of the lodge of instruction. Bros. Capt. Davies and Cockerell were elected members. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held on Monday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Bailey, W.M.; E. F. Ferris, S.W.; J. R. Allman, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, P.M., Sec.; O. W. Battley, S.D.; M. Rosenberg, J.D.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, P.M. 1974; Dr. Ingleby-Mackenzie, 30<sup>2</sup> (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon, P.M. 372; the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of New Westminster, P.G. Chap. Manitoba; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; and D. Stroud, W.M. 2045.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Rosenberg candidate. The honorary membership was conferred on the Right Rev. Bro. the Bishop, who acknowledged the compliment in very felicitous terms, congratulating the brethren on the excellent manner the work was done, especially in the details, which were so essential to the proper rendering of the ritual and such an aid to reflection. Bro. Ferris was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, 14th inst., when there were present Bros. Ladds, W.M.; S. Renaut, S.W.; Steng, J.W.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; W. Roots, S.D.; J. Hattersley, I.G.; J. Osmond, F. W. Stephens, E. Fullick, Arrowsmith, and Chapman. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Stephens as candidate. Bro. Fullick, having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Fullick as 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 Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that the S.W. be W.M. for the next meeting—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the third time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Roots, that the lodge be adjourned until Tuesday week—carried unanimously. The lodge was then 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 9th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Wingham, W.M.; A. Kuter, S.W.; G. G. Swan, J.W.; J. D. Graham, S.D.; E. F. Debenham, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. Kedge, G. Cumberpatch, L. Gunzell, W. Proudfoot, H. J. Weise, W. J. Forscutt, C. Lambert, R. Kirk, H. Marsden, A. Clark, T. A. Dickson, F. Dusterwaid, and A. J. Ray.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. W. Cumberpatch having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. G. W. Cumberpatch answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. C. Lambert, offering 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. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. Forscutt proposed that Bro. Alfred John Ray, 144, become a joining member of this lodge of instruction; seconded by Bro. G. F. Swan. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that Bro. G. W. Cumberpatch, 201, also become a joining member of this lodge of instruction; seconded by Bro. F. Kedge. Both brethren were unanimously elected. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. A. Bullen 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. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. Wingham for the very able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. in this lodge of instruction for the first time. Bro. W. Wingham was well known in the south, and that night he had given great proof that he was a good and careful worker. His working had given great pleasure to all the brethren present, and he hoped that Bro. W. Wingham would be often amongst them. It is well known that the W.M. is a very efficient worker, and everyone was gratified, and he hoped that Bro. W. Wingham would accept this vote of thanks as a small recognition of his abilities. Seconded by Bro. T. A. Dickson, and carried unanimously. The W.M., in reply, said he thanked their worthy Preceptor for the very kind and flattering remarks he had made with respect to himself. He had always had a great wish to be amongst them, and it was to Bro. G. Reynolds he owed his introduction. All connected with the lodge of instruction worked amicably together. He certainly must say the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction was worthy of every success, and he would endeavour to be amongst them often and render what assistance he could. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on the 14th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Hubbard, W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; Dresden, J.W.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; Swanson, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; Keene, P.M., acting Preceptor; Wildes, Dimsdale, Grelech, Wood, P.M.; and P. J. Davies.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wildes answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Hubbard vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. W. C. Williams, who worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hubbard being candidate. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was proposed, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, the 23rd inst. Lodge was then closed.

**UBIQUE LODGE No. (1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Mason, P.M., W.M.; Green, jun., W.M., S.W.; Brandon, W.M., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Green, P.M., S.D.; Purnell, J.D.; and Coleman, W.M., I.G.

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. Coughlan being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Coleman. Bro. Mason, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Coughlan being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Green, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; J. Sims, P.M., J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Cotton, S.D.; J. H. Wood, J.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; H. Purdue, P.M. 834; Spiegel, P.M.; Woodard, P. J. Davies, W. W. Williams, and F. Craggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. Bro. Woodard offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was then worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Mann, 172, Defries, 2012, and Woodard, 1791, were unanimously elected members of the lodge. Bro. Gardner presented the report and accounts of the testimonial and supper fund which, after paying all expenses, showed a small balance, which was voted to the lodge funds. Bro. J. H. Wood was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. E-dle, W.M.; Folkard, S.W.; Gibbs, J.W.; Wood, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Burnett, I.G.; W. W. Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Coe, Partridge, Woods, Oates, Grover, and Cannon.  
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was announced, and Bro. Cannon answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony was then rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Cannon as candidate. The W.M. gave the moral teaching of the working tools. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Oates, 13, was elected a joining member. Bro. Oates thanked the brethren, and promised a regular attendance. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., Bro. E-dle, for the careful work of the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. S. W. Harvey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Harvey 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.

**DARTFORD.**—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—A meeting was held on the 14th inst. at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. C. Powling, W.M.; C. Hind, S.W.; March, J.W.; C. Hind, Sec.; J. C. Weddell, P.M. 1837, S.D.; P. Jones, P.M. 1837, J.D.; C. C. Potter, P.M. 1343, I.G.; Carter, Tyler; Light, P.M. 299, Preceptor; and W. Greig, W.M. 299.  
The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Powling then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Greig. The ceremony of passing being about to be rehearsed, Bro. Powling offered himself as the candidate. The questions were put, and answered satisfactorily; he was then entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Powling candidate. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Greig, and seconded by Bro. March, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 4th October (i.e., after the summer vacation)—carried. Bro. C. Hind thanked the brethren for electing him to the chair, and promised to give the initiation, charge, and the Lecture on the first tracing board. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**Royal Arch.**

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting of emergency of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the purpose of installing Comp. Dr. D. S. Skinner as M.E.Z., and for the election and installation of J. Present: Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, M.E.Z.; H. E. Dehane, H.; A. A. Drew, as J.; Walter Adlard, P.Z., S.E.; A. R. Rudall, S.N.; R. P. Laundry, P. Soj.; W. H. Kempster, P.Z.; J. C. Gant, P.Z.; James J. West, P.Z.; Joseph Brandon, J. B. Cumming, 1st Asst. Soj.; H. Wilkie Jones, 2nd Asst. Soj.; James Stephens, Dr. D. Shorter Skinner, J. Smith, and T. C. Edmonds (Hon. Member).  
The chapter was opened in ancient form by the Principals, and the companions admitted. The M.E.Z. stated the object of that meeting of emergency, and informed the chapter that the G.S.E. had written, giving his opinion that their proposed proceedings were in order. The companions then balloted for a companion to fill the chair of J., and, after examination of the papers, the M.E.Z. declared Comp. Joseph Brandon duly elected. All those members below the rank of an installed Third Principal retired, and a Board of installed Third Principals was declared opened. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Comp. Dehane, and greatly to the satisfaction of all present. Comp. J. Brandon having retired, a Board of installed First Principals was opened, and, after being duly presented, Comp. Captain Nicols installed Comp. Dr. Skinner his successor as M.E.Z., according to ancient form and ritual. The Board was then closed and the companions admitted.

After congratulations to the newly-installed Z. and J., the chapter was closed.  
**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).**—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Comp. M. L. Levey, M.E.Z., presided, and was supported by Comps. J. L. Payne, H.; Neville Green, P.Z., Scribe E.; T. Clarke, S.N.; W. Simpson, P.S.; A. W. Berry, 1st A.S.; J. H. Hoit, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treas.; F. Brasted, P.Z.; A. Clark, P.Z.; H. T. Bing, P.Z.; Tomson Cecil Stein, A. Stein, S. Smithers, W. Holden, and W. W. Lee. Visitor: Comp. M. Christian, H. 1589.  
The convocation having been formally opened, the minutes of the April meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. J. L. Payne, Z. elect, was then installed as M.E.Z., and Comp. Thos. Clark as J. Comp. J. Funston, H. elect, was unavoidably absent. The following officers were invested: Comps. Neville Green, P.Z., Scribe E.; A. W. Berry, S.N.; W. Simpson, P.S.; J. H. Hoit, 1st A.S.; S. Smithers, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treas.; and J. Marsh, P.Z., Janitor.  
The Audit report was received and adopted, and other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed in due form.  
The companions subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by the genial M.E.Z., Comp. J. L. Payne.  
The usual toasts were afterwards given and received with heartiness.  
Comp. M. L. Levey, P.Z., said the last office he had to perform was to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Payne." There was nothing in the Masonic career of that companion that they did not already know. He had had peculiar advantage of seeing the excellent work of Comp. Payne in the chapter of instruction, and the companions could therefore pleasantly anticipate what was in store for them in the future. He felt sure he could say that they now had a Principal such as their chapter, although it had produced a good number of working Royal Arch Masons, would never surpass. He trusted that when the time came round for the next installation meeting, Comp. Payne would be as satisfied with himself as he would be of his work.  
Comp. J. L. Payne, M.E.Z., in reply, returned thanks for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and for the kind terms in which Comp. Levey had proposed it. It was very gratifying to him to occupy his present position, for it was one to which he had been long looking forward. He hoped that at the end of

his year the companions would be able to say he had performed his duties in a satisfactory and creditable manner.

"The Health of the Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Comp. Christian, H. 1589, in appropriate terms.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The H. and J.," and regretted that Comp. Funston, the H. elect, had been prevented from attending through the illness of his wife; but their thanks were due to Comp. Brasted, P.Z., for kindly undertaking the duties. They had not yet had an opportunity of seeing the work of Comp. Clark as J., but he had no doubt he would acquit himself satisfactorily.

Comp. Brasted, P.Z., acting H., expressed the gratification it had afforded him to fulfil the duties, and tendered thanks for the cordial reception of the toast of his health.

Comp. T. Clark, J., also replied, and said he hoped by energy to merit their appreciation in the future. He thanked them very much for electing him to his present office, and hoped the companions would unite in making the present year a prosperous one.

"The I.P.Z." was proposed by the M.E.Z., who said that Comp. Levey had carried out the duties so well that all the companions were thoroughly satisfied. Their satisfaction was shown by the handsome jewel which he had now the great pleasure in attaching to his collar, and he hoped Comp. Levey would be spared for many years to wear it and assist them with his advice.

Comp. Levey, I.P.Z., tendered sincere thanks for the flattering remarks of the M.E.Z., and for the jewel which had been presented to him. He should wear that emblem with pride and gratification, and hoped to be connected with the chapter as long as he was spared. He had fulfilled the duties to the best of his ability, and was gratified to know his efforts had been successful.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treasurer, responded for the P.Z.'s, and said he was sure it would be a source of gratification to the companions to see the prosperous state of the chapter. He was glad to be able to report that there was a good balance in hand, and there were no liabilities. He considered that a very favourable condition, and one upon which they might fairly congratulate themselves. There was also cause for congratulation in the happy feeling existing between the members, for when they met together they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and there were no dissensions. On behalf of the P.Z.'s, who were willing to do all they could for the chapter, he returned thanks for the kind manner in which their healths had been proposed and received.

Comp. Neville Green, P.Z., S.E., also responded, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to exert himself for the welfare of the chapter.

"The Officers" was given, and responded to in suitable terms by Comps. Berry, S.N.; Simpson, P.S.; Hoit, 1st A.S.; and Smithers, 2nd A.S.

The Janitor's toast closed a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.  
The proceedings were considerably enlivened by the musical and elocutionary efforts of Comps. Simpson, Hoit, Brasted, Berry, Smithers, and Lee.

**WHITBY.**—Britannia Chapter (No. 312).—A convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, on the 7th inst., when there were present Comps. W. H. Falkingbridge, M.E.Z.; F. Thornton, H.; W. G. Lockey, J.; T. J. Stewart, P.S.; T. Tate, 1st A.S.; B. Newbald, 2nd A.S.; S. Reed, S.E.; J. N. Lawson, S.N.; J. Stevenson, P.Z.; J. S. Moss, P.Z.; W. H. Marwood, P.Z.; T. N. Marwood, P.Z.; J. Brand, J. Oliver, J. V. Andrew, T. Atkinson, and F. H. Trueman, Janitor.

After the minutes of the last chapter had been read and confirmed, a successful ballot was taken for a candidate, after which Bro. R. W. White, of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, was impressively exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

The companions afterwards met and spent a pleasant hour together.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. H. E. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, Z.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N. 1507, 890, H.; W. H. Chaifunt, P.S. 733, J.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. Sims, 834, S.N.; C. R. Wickens, P.S. 975, P.S.; P. J. Davies, 733, 1st A.S.; J. Smith, 890; J. Davies, 733; and M. S. Spiegel, 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Davies candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Dehane, to be recorded on the minutes, for rehearsing the ceremony for the first time. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. T. C. Edmonds M.E.Z., Comp. M. S. Spiegel was unanimously elected a member. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**Mark Masonry.**

**TRURO.**—Fortitude Lodge (No. 78).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when Bro. T. C. Mack was ably installed as W. Master by Bro. C. Trevithick. There were present Bros. W. B. Morriss, W.M.; T. C. Mack, P.S.G.D., S.W.; J. Tonkin, P.G.D.C., M.O.; H. Toope, S.O.; J. Greenaway, J.O.; W. J. Johns, P.G. Sec., Treas.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.P.G.I. of W., Sec.; J. Harris, J.D.; W. Allen, D.C.; J. Langdon, Tyler; W. Middleton, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Trevithick, P.M.; S. Harvey, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Knight, and W. E. Lukies. The visitors were Bros. J. Brewer, 275; E. F. Whitley, S.W. 206; and C. Kent, P.P.G.M.O., W.M. 101.

The W.M., Bro. T. C. Mack, appointed the following as his officers: Bros. W. B. Morriss, I.P.M.; J. Tonkin, S.W.; H. Toope, J.W.; W. E. Lukies, M.O.; J. Greenaway, S.O.; J. Harris, J.O.; W. J. Johns, Treas.; J. C. R. Crewes, Sec.; Higman, S.D.; W. Allen, J.D.; T. Kendall, D.C.; W. H. Knight, I.G.; and J. Langdon, Tyler. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of Bro. W. Simmons, who was occupying the post of J.W. of the lodge.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of supper, provided in the ante room of the lodge, under the presidency of the W.M.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Military Lodge (No. 54).—The meeting of this lodge for the installation of the W.M. elect, and other business, was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Imperial Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. B. Harrison, P.P.J.G.D., W.M.; J. Taylor, P.G.R., S.W., W.M. elect; H. H. Thompson, J.W.; J. C. Hayhoe, S.D.; F. Adnett, Org.; N. Solomon, I.G.; H. Stone, P.M., P.G. stwd. Eng.; T. Benham, P.M.; R. Glasspool, P.M.; A. Savil, Col. J. Mead, W.M. 349; W. J. Rix, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Veitch, G. Richardson, W. Finn, W. Banks, H. Wedge, and W. Burns, Tyler. The following attended as visitors: Bros. R. L. Loveland, D.P.G.M.M.; A. K. Prescott, P.M., P.S.G.W.; J. G. Harwood, J.W. 349; and J. Duine.

The lodge having been opened in the usual form, Bro. R. L. Loveland was duly saluted as Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the ballot was taken for Bro. Swan as a joining member, and proved unanimous in his favour. The ballot was also taken for Bros. J. Sheridan, G. Jefferson, W. R. Raison, E. Smith, and J. Raison, and being unanimous in their favour, they were duly admitted and advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., as was also Bro. R. Rowbotham, who had been balloted for at a previous meeting. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner. The next important business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Taylor, which was performed by Bro. H. Stone in an exceedingly creditable manner, after which the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Thompson, S.W.; J. C. Hayhoe, J.W.; N. Solomon, M.O.; W. Finn, S.O.; P. Veitch, J.O.; H. Stone, P.M., Secretary; F. Adnett, R. of M., and Org.; R. Eve, P.M., Treasurer; A. Savil, S.D.; T. J. Kearns, J.D.; G. Richardson, I.G.; and W. Burns, Tyler. Two other brethren having been proposed for advancement at the next meeting, a Past Master's jewel was next presented to Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., in recognition of his services as W.M. during the year. Bro. Harrison, in thanking the brethren for that further mark of their favour, said he should look on it, as long as he lived, with feelings of the greatest pleasure, as a reminder of the happiest year of his Masonic life, and in after years, when many of the brethren were in distant parts of the empire, it would remind him of those hearty shakes of the hand and smiling friendly faces, so sure an index of the kindly hearts within, with which he had been so many times welcomed by the brethren.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and consists of a five-pointed star, in the centre of which appear the emblems of a Past Master in the Mark Degree, with a bar of fern leaves, and an artistic scroll, on ribbon, bearing the words "Military Mark Lodge, 54."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

"The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.K.H. the Prince of Wales," were the first toasts honoured.

Bro. Glasspool, on behalf of "The Grand Officers," returned them his hearty thanks.

The W.M. next proposed "The Rt. Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., the Worshipful, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lovelands, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and as they had with them that evening the Prov. Junior Grand Warden, he wished to couple the toast with his name.

The toast was drunk with the honours of the degree.

Bro. Prescott rose to return thanks on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge. He said they were fortunate that evening in having their D.P.G.M. present, and he (the speaker) was pleased to be able to say that the D.P.G.M. was very pleased indeed at the prosperous state of the Military Mark Lodge, and at the work of the lodge as far as it went that evening. Mark Masonry in the province was extending very much, and he had no doubt that under the régime of such officers as were present that evening that extension and proficiency would still further obtain.

Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., in proposing the next toast said he did so with the greatest amount of pleasure. He had known their present W.M., Bro. Taylor, for a long time, and he could conscientiously say of him that whatever he did he did well. Bro. Taylor had followed him (the speaker) through the various degrees, step by step, and now he had succeeded him in the chair of the lodge. Everything Bro. Taylor had done had been an improvement upon his predecessor in that respect, and he felt quite sure that the office he had now taken he would maintain with honour. It was with the greatest pleasure he proposed his health.

This toast having been received with Mark Masonic honours,

The Worshipful Master rose to return the brethren his very sincere thanks for the most hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and also to thank them (for he forgot to do so in lodge) for the high and honoured position in which they had placed him. He was fully aware that in undertaking the duties of that office it would prove no light task, when the position was held in connection with the other Degrees in Masonry to which he belonged. However, there was one thing of which he could assure them; he had taken that office with the intention of carrying out the duties in the future in the same manner, as (from the way in which they had received that toast) he gathered they considered he had done in the past. He was exceedingly obliged to their Past Master, Bro. Harrison, for the manner he had spoken of him, though he fancied he had rather overstepped the mark. He hoped when it came to his turn to install his successor the words which had been spoken of him now would come true. They would then have a better opportunity of judging whether what he had said was right, and he hoped and trusted it may be so.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Mark Benevolent Fund," which was coupled with the name of Bro. Stone, who, in responding, explained at some length the position and objects of the Fund.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast was one that would be received with enthusiasm. In Mark Masonry as well as in the Blue, one of their first and grand principles was that of entertaining visitors. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Mead.

Bro. Col. Mead, in responding said, next to the Charities, amongst Masons, was the harmony and hospitality they always displayed one to another.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master and other Past Officers of the Lodge." He was

sure Bro. Stone deserved very great credit for the part of the ceremony he had performed that day, particularly that part which some of them had not, of course, been able to see. It was exceedingly impressive and would make a lasting mark upon his memory. The Installing Master had always been very ready and willing to give all the assistance which lay in his power (and that was not saying a little) to this lodge. It also gave him great pleasure to couple with that toast the name of their oldest Past Master present, their Worshipful Bro. Eve. They all knew the interest he took in Masonry and the honourable position he had attained; it was useless for him to testify in words to the value of their Bro. Eve. It was the wish of every brother present that he would be spared long in Aldershot to give his valuable assistance and advice to brethren and help them forward in the work.

Bro. Stone, responding to the toast, said it was a pleasure to him to have been the means of installing Bro. Taylor that night, and he wished him a prosperous and happy year of office. Anything that lay in his power to advance the comfort, power, and success of that lodge he would do. This was a Degree in which he took a great interest, possibly because he had been singularly successful in obtaining honours in that Degree.

Bro. Eve said since he had the privilege of passing the chair years had rolled on, but he was pleased to still find a good number of brethren in the lodge. He was still more gratified to find they had such an excellent Master. Bro. Taylor he looked upon as a brother likely to do great service to their lodge. They knew what he had done in the past; they knew his great capacity for doing work, and his great anxiety for carrying that work out effectually and Masonically. He had been rewarded so far as they could reward him, by placing him in the chair. He (Bro. Eve) did trust that Bro. Taylor would be ably supported by the officers of the lodge. They knew his energy and zeal to further the welfare of the Order, and he felt that they could safely and with confidence leave the working of the lodge in his hands and the hands of his officers. He was sorry he was not present at the installation. He had other duties to attend to, and he ran away from another banquet on purpose to be present here this evening and say a few words of congratulation on his own part to the newly-installed Master, and his only desire was that he would have a successful year of office, for he knew he deserved well of the Craft.

Bro. Harrison, in also responding, said he had been supported by his officers in every possible way, and he thanked them most heartily for it. He likewise alluded to the excellent reputation that this lodge had throughout the world, and amongst the highest brethren of the Order for efficiency.

"The Health of the Newly-advanced Brethren" was next drunk.

Bro. Rowbotham responded.

"The Officers of the Military Mark Lodge" was the next toast, the W.M. observing that two better officers than his Wardens (Bros. Thompson and Hayhoe) could not be. He alluded to the merits of these two officers in eulogistic terms, and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bros. Thompson and Hayhoe having suitably responded, the Tyler's toast was duly honoured, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

### South Africa.

**NATAL.**—Addington Lodge (No. 1937).—The annual installation and banquet of this lodge took place recently, in the Masonic Hall, Addington, and, as was anticipated, proved very successful, there being a numerous gathering of the members and visiting brethren from other lodges in and out of the Colony. The chair, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Petersen, who is at the Gold Fields, and the I.P.M., Bro. J. B. Cottam (whose absence through ill-health was much regretted), was occupied by P.M. Bro. W. H. Kinsman, who was supported by Bro. the Rev. Oxley Oxland, W.M. Umzimkulu Lodge, and W. Bros. Rycroft, Port Natal; S. Knox, Inanda; G. Pullock, Umhlati; J. E. Brown, Caledonian (S.C.); Past Masters Wood, and Parfitt, and A. Collins, W.M. Rothesay Lodge (S.C.); while in the body of the lodge were about 60 members and visiting brethren.

The lodge having been duly opened, the W.M. elect, Bro. T. N. Price, was presented and duly installed in the chair of K.S. by W. Bro. W. H. Kinsman, P.M., who acted as Installing Master, assisted by the other W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The W.M. after his installation, invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. H. E. Royal, S.W.; J. Fletcher, J.W.; S. W. Hamklon, Secretary; J. B. Cottam, Treas.; Ikin, Chaplain; L. Baumann, S.D.; H. E. Kirby, J.D.; T. A. Harker, I.G.; H. Crowder, D.C.; Pullock, Organist; S. Jewitt and T. H. Hindle, Stewards; and Weinand, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, "Heartly good wishes" were presented on behalf of the various sister lodges of the Colony, and letters of apology were read from the R.W.D.G.M. of Natal, Bro. R. J. Finnemore, and the R.W.D.G.M. for S.E. Africa (S.C.), Bro. Hulston, and the lodge was closed in the usual form.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, catered for by Bro. J. E. Brown, and the manner in which it was served reflected great credit on him.

Songs were also contributed by several of the brethren, which added considerably to the harmony of the evening, and the brethren separated at a late hour, after, probably, the most successful banquet yet held in connection with this lodge.

### Africa.

#### MASONIC JUBILEE ADDRESS.

The Freemasons of Natal have decided to present an address to the Prince of Wales in connection with the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. The address reads as follows:—

"To his Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"May it please your Royal Highness: We, the District Grand Master, Deputy District Grand Master, and the Present and Past District Grand Officers, and other members of the District Grand Lodge of Natal, beg that we may be graciously permitted on the auspicious occasion of the attainment of the fiftieth year of her Majesty's beneficent reign to offer through your Royal Highness, as our Most Worshipful Grand Master, our respectful homage and congratulations to our Most Gracious Sovereign.

"We desire also to be permitted the opportunity of assuring your Royal Highness of our loyalty and attachment to the throne and person of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, to yourself, to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and to all the members of the Royal Family.

"We fervently pray the Almighty Ruler of the Universe to grant that her Majesty may long continue to reign in health, peace, and happiness over a loyal and united nation; that your Royal Highness may be long spared to rule and govern the Craft, and that the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth may continue to take deep root in the hearts of Freemasons as well as of all men.

"We are, in the name of the District Grand Lodge of Natal, your Royal Highness's most devoted and faithful servants,—Bros. Robert Isaac Finnemore, District Grand Master; Wesley Francis, Deputy District Grand Master; Thomas James Hill, District Grand S.W.; Benjamin Ireland, District Grand J.W.; James Crowe, President District Board of General Purposes; and John Bagot Cottam, District Grand Secretary.

"Natal, March, 1887."

The border of the address, in which 14 colours are employed, and is exceedingly pretty, is surmounted with the Prince of Wales' feathers, while emblems of the Craft are brought in the design.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. E. DEHANE, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. ESSEX.

A large number of the members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, assembled at the Porchester Hotel, Bayswater, W., on Wednesday, the 8th inst., for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to their esteemed Secretary, Bro. H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex. The members present were Bros. Captain A. Nicols, P.M. 1308, 782, and 1974, P.D.G.S. of Wks. Punjab, Chairman; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Vice-Chairman and Hon. Sec.; H. E. Dehane, P.M.; C. S. Mote, J. J. Dehane, W. Chapple, C. R. Wickens, P.M.; J. Bailey, J. Stephens, P.M.; G. D. Bailey, O. W. Battley, M. R. Rosenberg, E. F. Ferris, W. Death, R. P. J. Laundry, F. H. Wadham, W. J. Mason, N. D. Fracis, A. Wolter, W. J. Parnell, J. Smith, and visitors.

The meeting was made the occasion of entertaining the recipient of the testimonial at a supper, which was served in an admirable manner by the host of the Porchester Hotel.

The presentation plate consists of a massive silver inkstand and gold pen holder. The inkstand is engraved with a suitable inscription, and further bears the crest and motto of Bro. Dehane's family on a shield on one side, and his monogram on a like shield on the other. The surplus of the fund took the form of a purse of sovereigns, which was also placed on the inkstand, and the whole testimonial covered during supper.

After the removal of the cloth, and the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN rose and briefly explained the object of the meeting. In the course of his remarks he said, although they all knew their Honorary Secretary as a kind-hearted, careful, and attentive brother, perhaps some of them were not aware of the great good he had done outside that lodge of instruction in the way of Masonic Charity. He was as well known for his work as the main-spring of the Charity Organisation in his own province as he was for his correct working in both lodge and chapter. The utmost credit was, therefore, due to him for his zeal and fidelity. He had known him personally a long time; and he assured them many poor old folk's heart he had made to rejoice at a time of their utmost and almost despairing need. He lived in their hearts, and might he long enjoy health to continue his good work. Bro. Captain A. Nicols formally made the presentation in the names of the committee and subscribers.

Bro. H. E. DEHANE rose to reply, and expressed his thanks in charming, but somewhat nervous, language. He said he was quite unable to express his feelings for the gifts subscribed for by the brethren, nor to the Chairman for the cordial terms in which he had spoken of his voluntary services. He assured them that his humble services had ever been rendered without the slightest idea of reward. His reward had been already amply paid in the success which had attended his labours. But that success could not have been attained without the support and co-operation of the generous hearted brethren with whom he had been associated. He valued that gift more, far more, as a kindly expression of confidence and friendship, than if it had been a parting memorial of happy days. His services would continue the same so long as they pleased to elect him as their Secretary, and he might say he hoped they would do so, for he felt proud of the position and their confidence. He felt he could say no more then, but he thanked them most sincerely.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Prosperity and continued Usefulness of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction," giving an outline of its history. Although it had been in existence only 12 or 13 years, its roll of members numbered something like 670. Since the foundation of the lodge over £1000 had been sent to the Masonic Charities, partly by means of the joining fees and weekly subscriptions, and partly by a system of Charity amongst the members within the lodge. The Chairman asked the brethren to drink this toast with charitable hearts, and called upon the Hon. Secretary to reply.

The toast was duly honoured.

Bro. H. E. DEHANE, Hon. Sec., said that he felt still further honoured by having his name coupled with the toast, for the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction was the pet of his heart. All that Bro. Capt. Nicols had told the brethren was true without embellishment, but he omitted to mention the very many excellent working Masons this Lodge of Instruction had turned out, as could be fully testified to by many London lodges whose Masters had received their instruction there. He then alluded to the frequent visits of Grand Officers, and spoke of P.G. Chaplain Simpson

who had rehearsed the ceremony of consecration in the lodge on the previous Monday. Bro. Simpson had concluded his speech on that occasion by saying that with such good attendance, good work, and close attention, there was little wonder that the lodge had such a very high reputation. Bro. Dehane spoke of the interest taken by the P.G. Treas., Bro. D. P. Cama, who was a member, and whose nephew, Bro. N. D. Fracis, was present at the table.

The CHAIRMAN said he should like to hear a few words from Bro. Fracis.

Bro. N. D. FRACIS deplored his inability to speak English like those who had already addressed the brethren. He came from the East, and all his business and correspondence was carried on in another language. He tendered his thanks to Bro. Dehane for coaching him up in his work as S.W. of his Lodge (Harmony No. 252), which had enabled him to discharge his duties with satisfaction to himself. He also thanked all those who had supported him at the recent election for the Board of General Purposes, and he informed the brethren, so strong had been that support, that he had been returned at the head of the poll. (Applause.)

Bro. DEHANE then proposed "The Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Testimonial Committee." He said: It is to them that I owe a great debt of gratitude. Two better brethren we have not amongst us. They think straight and act promptly because they are guided by the principles of prudence, justice, and fortitude. Bro. Capt. Nicols is a Master of Masonic law and knows the Book of Constitutions by heart. Bro. W. H. Chalfont is a P.M. of the mother lodge and a man of great urbanity. Their united exertions must have been untiring to have attained so grand a result.

Bros. NICOLS and CHALONT briefly replied, declaring that they had only done their best to expend the funds entrusted to them to the best advantage.

The next toast proposed was "Prosperity to the Mother Lodge," to which Bro. J. STEPHENS replied as the I.P.M. He said that although he belonged to five lodges he knew not another that did such good work and showed such hospitality as the Hyde Park Lodge.

A vote of thanks to Bro. J. Smith, the host, was cordially responded to by all present.

Many songs were excellently rendered during the evening by Bros. Wickens, Mason, Smith, J. Bailey, G. Bailey, and others. Bro. E. F. Ferris presided at the piano, and joined the three last-named brethren in a quartette, which was the gem of the evening. The brethren separated at 11.30.

#### THE ANGLO-AMERICAN MASONIC REUNION AT YORK.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, asks us to state that he is anxious to know the names of those who intend to participate in the Masonic banquet in the Guildhall at York, on the 20th July. Our readers will remember that some time ago we published the programme of the day's Masonic festivities, which will conclude with a grand banquet, at which Bro. the Lord Mayor of York will preside, and at which the Dean of York and other notable brethren will be present. As the preparations for this event will entail a large amount of care and responsibility, Bro. Whytehead wishes to ascertain, as far as possible, the number of brethren who are likely to be present. The price of the banquet tickets is one guinea (ladies', 15s.). Brethren can be supplied with detailed information on application to T. B. Whytehead, The Old Residence, York.

Amongst the brethren who intend to be present are the Provincial Priors of Northumberland and Durham, Lancashire, West Yorkshire, whilst the American party will embrace Bro. Chas. E. Meyer, Grand Recorder of Pennsylvania (the leader of the group), Bro. J. H. Hopkins, Past Grand Master of the Templar Order in the United States; Bro. I. H. Hipple, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery; and a number of other distinguished brethren, some of whom were amongst the pilgrims of 1878.

#### LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW SCHOOLS IN CONNECTION WITH ST. OLAVE'S CHURCH, RAMSEY.

The first stone of the new school, in connection with St. Olave's Church, Ramsey, Isle of Man, was laid on Tuesday, the 24th ult., with full Masonic ceremonial, by Bro. J. S. Goldie-Laubman, Prov. Grand Master of the Island. A large number of brethren from Ramsey and the other parts of the Island, also some from across the water, assembled to do honour to the occasion. The Prov. Grand Lodge was duly opened in the Court House at 12.45, and the brethren formed a procession which proceeded *via* Parliament-street to the site.

The procession was ably marshalled by Bro. Swinnerton, Dir. of Cers., and was witnessed by a large concourse of spectators.

On the arrival of the procession at St. Olave's the Prov. Grand Master was received by the incumbent and wardens, the members of the church choir, who were assisted by the members of that of St. Paul's, singing the Hundredth Psalm. When the place where the stone was to be laid was reached, the incumbent, addressing the Prov. Grand Master, requested him to lay the stone. After the Prov. Grand Master had addressed the large number of persons who had assembled to witness the ceremony, and a prayer had been offered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain (Bro. Rev. E. Ferrier, M.A.), the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. T. H. Nesbitt) and read the inscription on the plate to be placed on the stone, and the Prov. G. Treasurer deposited, in a cavity prepared for the purpose, a phial containing current coin of the realm. The cement was spread and the Prov. Grand Master adjusted the stone, proving it to be in proper position and form by the plumb rule, level and square. He signified it to be properly laid by knocking it three times with a mallet. Corn was then strewed on, and wine and oil poured over it with various mystical ceremonies. After the Prov. Grand Master had inspected the plans and the builder had been presented to him, another prayer was offered by the Prov. G. Chaplain. A collection which had been made in the lodge on behalf of the building fund was then placed on the stone by the Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. A. Bruce), during which a hymn was sung. The

blessing was pronounced by the Prov. G. Chaplain, and it being the Queen's birthday the National Anthem was sung. This closed the proceedings at the site, and the brethren re-formed the procession and returned to the Court House where the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form. An elegant and substantial luncheon was afterwards partaken of by the brethren and their friends at the Mitre Hotel, several ladies gracing the proceedings by their presence. The weather kept beautifully fine during the ceremony.

Scotland.

**EDINBURGH.**—Rifle Lodge (No. 405).—On Thursday, the 9th inst., the members of the above lodge, with their lady friends, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. James Thomson, enjoyed a most successful picnic and dinner in honour of her Majesty's Jubilee. Starting from the Mound with commendable punctuality, chiefly owing to the admirable preliminary arrangements of the Committee, who acted under the able superintendance of Bro. Apthorpe, P.M., who throughout conducted the proceedings with characteristic energy, the party arrived, after a drive of about an hour-and-a-half, at the beautiful grounds of the Marquis of Lothian, who had most courteously granted permission for their inspection. On leaving Newbattle Abbey, a substantial luncheon was discussed, and the party proceeded to Roslin, which was reached about 2.30, where, after having submitted to the trying operation of being collectively photographed, they dined at Mr. Harper's Hotel. The table having been cleared, the very popular and energetic W.M., Bro. Thomson, rose amid cheers to propose the toast of "The Queen." In felicitous and eloquent terms he alluded to the many benefits accruing to the nation during her Majesty's long and glorious reign; and the toast having been honoured with three times three, and the National Anthem having been sung, the solos being finely rendered by D.M. Bro. Duncan, a Jubilee Ode, written by Bro. Alfred Leighton, specially for the occasion, was recited by himself, and rendered with the powerful elocutionary effect with which his name is associated, and received with round upon round of enthusiastic cheering. After "The Ladies" had been proposed by Bro. Simpson, and responded to by Bro. Hawarth, P.M., Bro. Apthorpe, G.D. of C. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, proposed, in well-chosen words, the toast of "The Rifle Lodge," which being duly honoured, was responded to by the W.M.

The ladies and gentlemen afterwards enjoyed sports in the dell adjoining the hotel, Bro. Beattie most efficiently acting as handicapper and president of the sports.

Returning to the hotel, tea was served, and after an hour's dancing on the green, the procession of breaks started for home in high spirits, one and all being highly delighted with the day's enjoyment.

After the toast of the Queen, the following telegram was despatched to Balmoral:—"Edinburgh Rifle Lodge of Freemasons having dined in honour of her Majesty's Jubilee, are now pledging the toast of 'The Queen,' and send this token of their affection and loyalty. Jubilee Ode, composed for the occasion, has been recited, and will be forwarded, if permission granted."—W.M. James Thomson. The following was the answer received:—"The Queen thanks the Edinburgh Rifle Lodge of Freemasons for their loyal message."—Private Secretary.

FAREWELL BANQUET.

The Masonic friends of Bro. Michael Mullen, P.M. and P.Z. 600, entertained him to a farewell banquet on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bradford. The chair was occupied by Bro. C. B. Ampt, W.M. 600, and the vice-chairs by Bros. A. Assenheimer, W.M. elect, and William Wroe, P.M. 1018. There was a very numerous gathering, amongst whom were the following: Bros. Swithenbank, W.M. 1648; Revell, W.M. 1034; Hutchinson, P.M., P.P. G. Reg.; J. W. Monckman, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; Jas. Wright, P.P.G. Purst., Chap.; James Dewhurst, P.M.; W. R. Hinings, P.M.; Thos. Riley, P.M.; Wm. McCallie, P.M.; A. B. Perkins, P.M.; Josh. Wilson, P.M.; F. Ronfeldt, P.M.; H. J. Sutherst, P.M.; and Chas. Unna, P.M.

An illuminated address and purse of gold were presented to Bro. Mullen by Bro. WELSMAN, P.M., who, in making the presentation, said: It has been my privilege and pleasure to be closely associated with Bro. Mullen for some fifteen years past in the working, and during our respective years of office, in the government of the Harmony Lodge, and I am sure I am speaking his sentiments when I say that during that period we have spent some of the brightest, the happiest, and pleasantest moments of our lives in these rooms, and which have left with us happy reminiscences and associations that can never fade from our memory. I need scarcely say to my brethren of the Harmony Lodge that many of us have been deeply indebted to Bro. Mullen for his brilliant rendering of the ritual, and for the assistance he has cheerfully rendered whenever called upon. I am sure I simply echo your sentiments to-night when I express to him our regret at his approaching departure, as we shall miss his genial wit and humour and his harmonious voice at our meetings. We fervently hope that our loss will be his gain, and that he may at no very distant date be with us again, in renewed health and vigour, to give us some account of his American experiences. (Applause.) And that you, Bro. Mullen, have the best wishes of your brethren for your future welfare this happy meeting alone would be sufficient testimony, but your brethren have placed in my hands to-night a further proof of their esteem and affection, and I have, on their behalf, now the pleasure of presenting to you this address and autographic album and this purse of gold, and with your permission, I will read you the address, which will speak for itself.

The text of the address was as follows—  
"To Brother MICHAEL MULLEN, P.M., P.Z. 600.  
"A number of your Masonic brethren avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by this banquet, given in your honour on the occasion of your leaving Bradford for a lengthened tour in the United States of America, to present to you this album of their autographs and purse of gold, in testimony of the esteem in which they hold you, and in recognition of the valuable and talented services you have cheerfully rendered on so many occasions to the Masonic and Charitable Institutions. They trust that a

long, happy, and prosperous life lies before you, and do not doubt that your ability, geniality, and many other good qualities will speedily gain for you in the New World that measure of success which will compensate you for the temporary loss of home, kindred, and friends. They also desire that you may be cheered and encouraged in your journeyings by the thought that you will continue to live in the memory of your Masonic brethren, whose best wishes go with you; who earnestly trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will bless you with health and strength, and sincerely hope that you may be successful, happy, and prosperous in all your undertakings.

(Signed) I. W. TEW, Prov. G.M. W. Yorks.  
HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M. W. Yorks.  
C. B. AMPT, W.M. 600.  
JAMES WRIGHT, P.M., Chaplain.  
CHAS. CRABTREE, P.M., Secretary.  
THOS. NORFOLK, Treasurer.  
"And over sixty brethren."  
Bro. MULLEN suitably replied.



We are happy to state that Bro. Charles E. Soppet has quite recovered from his illness, and has now returned to business, which his friends will be glad to hear.

Bro. Lord Lathom has received more than 30,000 applications for seats in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, the 21st inst.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser and Dr. Freshfield were amongst the guests at a reception given by the Royal Geographical Society at the South Kensington Museum, on Wednesday evening.

A portrait, engraved by Mr. J. D. Cooper, of the late Bro. Sir Horace Jones, architect to the Corporation, appears in the *Builder*.

A character sketch of Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs appears in this week's *Figaro*.

Bro. H. W. Heaton, M.P., is the subject of the article in this week's *World*, headed "Celebrities at Home."

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., on Saturday, next.

The Queen of Hawaii arrived at the Liverpool-street terminus of the Great Eastern Railway at half-past six on Wednesday evening, and was taken in one of the Royal carriages to the Alexandra Hotel.

Messrs. J. C. and J. Field, the well-known candle factors, have now on sale a candle clip and holder for window illumination. It is simple, and can be easily attached to the sashes of windows with candles, and the idea, we believe, is due to Bros. G. and G. H. Reynolds.

United Westminster School Athletic Society.—The annual meeting was held on the 9th inst., Bro. R. E. H. Goffin, Head Master, presided. The sports were arranged to take place at Stamford Bridge, on Thursday, July 28th.

The regular meeting of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, Jersey, took place in the Masonic Temple on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the work of the evening consisting of the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Col. E. C. M. de Carteret, W.M., occupied the chair. Bro. Charles Naylor, 1624, P.M. 958, P.P.G.R. Jersey, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the installation banquet was fixed for Wednesday, July 13th.

Bro. Arthur J. Philbrick, of Trinity College, Cambridge, at the recent Law Tripos Examinations of the University, passed with honours for the degrees of LL.B. and B.A. Bro. A. J. Philbrick is, we understand, the younger son of the Grand Registrar of England, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and was initiated into Masonry when an Undergraduate at Cambridge in Isaac Newton Lodge, No. 859.

**RAILWAY SERVANTS AND THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.**—The members of the Railway Benevolent Institution, numbering nearly 100,000 men, through their representatives assembled at a special meeting at Cannon-street Hotel, yesterday, Mr. H. Oakley, general manager of the Great Northern Railway, in the chair, requested that the Board of Management should lay before the Queen, as Patroness of the Institution, a resolution of congratulation upon her Majesty's attainment of her fiftieth year of sovereignty, which was carried with acclamation by the gathering.

In "Scribner's Magazine" for July, Professor D. A. Sargent, M.D., of Harvard College, who is perhaps the best authority in this country on the general subject of athletics, will publish, as the fruit of many years' practical experience, his first extended article in that field, under the title "The Physical Proportions of the Typical Man." In it Professor Sargent will give a standard of physical measurement, based on the measurements of ten thousand individuals. This furnishes a basis of comparison by which any person can gauge his proportions with those of the typical man. The article will contain charts for this purpose, founded on these observations.

Bros. Arthur and Edward Swanborough, acting manager and treasurer respectively for nearly thirty years of the Strand Theatre are to have a Testimonial Benefit, at the Prince's Theatre, on Monday next, "by kind permission" of Bro. Charles Warner. An extensive programme is arranged, including the Mohawk Minstrels, scenes from popular dramas and comic operas, songs by Miss Farren and Lionel Brough, recitations by Herman Vezin and Mrs. Brown Potter, and an original address by R. Reece, to be spoken by Miss Sophie Eyre. The brothers Swanborough are deservedly popular both with the profession and the public, and we trust the testimonial will be a substantial one.

**TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.**—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000;" three stamps, H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541. —[ADVT.]

BRITISH EQUITABLE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The thirty-second annual report of this sound and well-established company possesses many features of an exceptionally gratifying character. So steady and progressive has been the working, that the directors are now enabled to make such concessions to the policy holders as to place the company on a level with the most liberal of its competitors, and gives to its agents a far wider scope and greater prospect of securing new business. Bro. W. S. Gover, the managing director and the oldest policy holder, was enabled at the annual meeting to convey to those present the most gratifying assurances of the increasing prosperity and stability of the concern. Beginning in a very small way in the year 1854, it has gradually, but surely, gained for itself a foremost place in the assurance world, gaining strength and solidity every year. It boasts at the present time of upwards of 23,000 policies, yielding a premium income of £156,414, and assuring £5,254,789. The new business consists of 1977 policies, assuring £366,956 16s. 7d., the annual premium income thereon £11,510 1s. The payments under 482 policies of the year have been £89,522 13s. 10d., making the total amount paid for policy claims and bonuses from the commencement of the company £1,029,611 1s. 10d. under 6105 policies. There has also been during the year paid for policies surrendered £70,136 1d.; and after payment of claims and bonuses, surrenders and expenses, the sum of £58,394 10s. 10d. has been added to the accumulated fund, which now amounts to £1,141,809 11s. 4d. These figures are sufficient to convey to all who are in the least degree acquainted with assurance business the most assuring proofs of the substantial results that have been achieved by careful, wise, and judicious management, and will unquestionably attract to it a far greater amount of attention and confidence than it has ever secured during the 32 years of its existence. It is evident that this society has made advances far beyond the average of life offices of like duration, and that this success is due entirely to the sound and efficient management exercised by the directors. By the adoption of those improvements and special advantages spoken of by the managing director, the company will unquestionably make greater progress in the future even than it has done in the past, verifying the old maxim that "nothing succeeds like success." Whilst congratulating the executive and all interested in the company upon these gratifying results, we would recommend all who are contemplating life assurance to peruse the annual report in its entirety, feeling convinced that by so doing they will learn much to their advantage and guidance in a matter which in the present day is justly regarded as one of the utmost social importance.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

- COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, Royal Italian Opera.
- DRURY LANE THEATRE.  
Every Evening, Royal Italian Opera.
- ADELPHI THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce.
- PRINCESS'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 8.15, HELD BY THE ENEMY; at 7.30, THE CLOCKMAKER'S HAT.
- 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 ROAD TO RUIN; at 7.45, TOM NODDY'S SECRET.
- COMEDY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, THE RED LAMP; at 8, THE STEP SISTER.
- TOOLE'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, THE LOTTERY TICKET; at 8.30, THE BUTLER.
- PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY; at 7.45, A HAPPY DAY.
- STANDARD THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, THE CHURCHWARDEN.
- GRAND THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, DEAR WIFE.
- SURREY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, THE WAGES OF SIN.
- ROYAL AQUARIUM.  
Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement.
- LONDON PAVILION.  
Every Evening at 8, the Marvellous Variety Entertainment, &c.
- ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.
- CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 7.30 Grand Variety Company, &c., &c.
- PARAGON THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c., &c.
- MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION.  
Open 10 till 10. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.**—The great climatic variations which soldiers and sailors experience render them liable to a variety of diseases, the development of which is favoured by exposure and hardships, often, it is to be feared, by their own carelessness as well. Holloway's remedies afford a safe and easy means of cure for those constitutional and local maladies which are so frequently engendered by residence in unhealthy climates and by incautious living. The Ointment is a wonderfully healing application, as it cleanses the surface of foul sores and ulcers, soothes the throbbing and pain in cases of inflammation, and checks the progress of skin diseases. The Pills purify the blood, cleanse the liver, and remove all noxious matter from the system.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, June 25, 1887.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 18.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
1194, Villiers, Mitre Hotel, Hampton court.
1320, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.
1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
1861, Claremont, Crown Hot., Chertsey.
1897, Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh-st., Waltham-stow.
354, Rose and Lilv, Four Swans, Waltham-Cross.
357, Chiswick, Star and Garter Hot., Kew-bridge.

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, JUNE 20.

- Lodge 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 294, Royal Naval College, Ship Tav., Greenwich.
K.T. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, 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.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.
2021, Queen's Westminster, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
Rose Croix, 45, Oxford and Cambridge U., 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 Blds., 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.
Domestic, 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 Duck 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.
Glasington, 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 Edgcumbe, 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, Waltham 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, JUNE 22.

- Board of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
2191, Anglo-American, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- 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, Kyl. 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., Hammersmith, 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.
Pannure, 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, Victoria 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.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 211, St. Michael's, Air-st., Regent-st.
Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts, 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, Clerkenwell, 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.
Eliot, 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., Faling, at 7.30.
Ecclesion 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, JUNE 24.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
1044, Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock Tav., Highbury.
K.T. D. Mount Calvary, Inns of Court Hotel.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane. 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

GODDARD'S WHITE HORSE OILS FOR HORSES, DOGS & CATTLE.

For Lameness, Spavins, Splints, Sprains, Wind Galls, Ring Bone, Sprung Shins, Curb Cuts, Bruises, Sore Back, Sore Shoulders, Broken Knees, Sore Throat, Influenza, Rheumatism, &c., &c. Sold by Chemists, Corn Merchants, Harness Makers, Stores, &c. Price, in Bottles, 6d. and 1s. each, or Wholesale at BARCLAY & SONS, FARRINGTON RD.

- 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. 7.
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.
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