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THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We are gratified beyond measure at finding that our anticipations have been realised and that the Festival held on Wednesday under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., Secretary of State for India, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, has proved successful even beyond our most sanguine expectations. The Festivals since 1892 in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution have been less productive than usual. The Jubilee which took place in that year was attended with such splendid results that a diminution in the average returns was to be expected for a few years. But the influence of that Jubilee has nearly passed away, and the total, which it was Bro. TERRY'S privilege to announce in the Great Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday evening, exceeds the highest ever raised at a Benevolent Anniversary. We most heartily congratulate the Chairman, whose advocacy has produced such results; the Board of Stewards, but more particularly those of his own Province of Middlesex, who supported him with such unflinching loyalty; the donors who contributed so generously, and the Institution, which derives such benefit from the efforts of Chairman, Stewards, and donors. Nor must we overlook the claims which Bro. TERRY and his staff have upon our gratitude. They have known but little rest for months past in their endeavours to obtain the requisite support for the Institution, and they now have their reward in the splendid list of Returns which will be found in another part of our columns. May the similar efforts it will be their duty to make in future years be crowned with similar success!

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Annual Festival to celebrate the fifty-fourth anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, London. Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Secretary of State for India, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, presided, and he was supported by some 400 brethren, including several Grand and Prov. Grand Officers.

At the close of dinner, grace was sung, and the usual toasts were proposed.

Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, in proposing that of "The Queen," said the brethren would doubtless have anticipated the first toast it was his duty to propose to them, the health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and it was offered to them under circumstances of exceptional consideration, because, as they all knew, affliction and sorrow had recently laid a heavy hand upon her Majesty and the Royal Family; but the letter in which her Majesty acknowledged the universal exhibition of sympathy with her and her family in their sorrow was truly characteristic: it showed all that dignity, that sincerity, that sympathy which she ever expressed on any distressful occasion, whether the sorrow affected herself, or her family, or her subjects; and it was this identity of interests, this interlacing of sympathy in cases of adversity and prosperity between the Sovereign and her people that had made the Queen the best beloved Sovereign in the universe. Their only wishes, as loyal Freemasons, were that

they might for many years be able to personally tender her their homage of loyalty and veneration.

The toast having been duly honoured,

Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON proposed "The Prince of Wales, Grand Patron and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family." They drank the health of the Grand Master in every Masonic assembly with enthusiasm and veneration; but H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had special claims upon their consideration; the mere fact that the Heir to the Throne assumed the position he did with reference to Freemasonry had been an enormous advantage to the Craft. They must recollect that there were certain attributes and characteristics of the Craft—kindly feeling, benevolence, and a tendency towards settling disputes and differences between others. There was no human being that developed in his own person those higher attributes more than the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and, therefore, they were grateful to the Prince of Wales for assuming the high function he had with reference to the Craft.

Bro. Admiral A. HASTINGS MARKHAM, Dist. G.M. Malta, proposed the next toast. He said that sailors were, as probably the brethren were aware, particularly bad speakers, and he was no exception to that rule; they rather prided themselves upon the motto *facta non verba* as being more peculiarly and specially adapted to that grand profession to which he had the honour to belong. The toast he had to submit to the brethren was that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Deputy G.M.; and the other Officers of Grand Lodge." (Cheers.) They had received those names so cordially, that it was unnecessary for him to say that they must, at any rate, think that their Pro Grand Master, their Deputy Grand Master, and the other officers of Grand Lodge did their duty to the best interests of the Craft and to the brethren's satisfaction. He would like to say that one of the Grand Officers whom they were toasting was their noble Chairman. That was the first time that he (Bro. Admiral Markham) had had the honour of meeting their Chairman in the Masonic world, but he had had the honour of knowing and serving under him when Lord George Hamilton presided, with so much credit to himself and with so much interest to the navy and to the nation at large, as head of the Admiralty—as First Lord. (Cheers.) He could only say that if the Chairman ruled his province in half the same able way that he ruled the Admiralty, the Province of Middlesex was to be congratulated on having him as its Grand Master.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G. Chap., in reply, said it was at all times rather a task of responsibility to have to return thanks for so large and influential a body as the Grand Officers of England, but inasmuch as Bro. Admiral Markham, in that speech to which they had all listened with so much pleasure, prefaced the toast by asking the brethren to drink the health of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, he took a great deal of responsibility off his shoulders, because the names of those two noblemen were a great guarantee for the character of Freemasonry. He supposed he had been selected to respond to that toast because he happened to be the senior Grand Officer probably present on that occasion. To be the senior of any assembly of persons was not, perhaps, always a very desirable position to occupy, but it was one as being the senior Grand Officer then, and he held it with great pleasure and gratification. They must all very greatly rejoice at the grand gathering then assembled to support the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex; the very fact of his name being announced as Chairman would do a great deal to secure a large gathering, but the object for which they were assembled would do even more than that, for it was one which they all had at heart. He was old enough as a Mason when, many, many years ago, he attended the first Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Chairman, amidst immense cheering, announced the large sum of £1300. He (Bro. Martyn) did not profess to be a prophet, but he thought they could go rather beyond £1300 that night.

Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON next rose and said he had now the honour to propose the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." That was a toast which did not require any greatly lengthened speech to recommend it to the brethren. He thought they would all agree that whilst there were many good qualities associated with Freemasonry, the arch and foundation of their system was that of brotherly love one towards another, and that brotherly love must assume not merely the form of kindly intercourse and communication with others in times of prosperity, but it also necessitated their relieving, to the best of their ability, the wants of those who were less fortunate than themselves and were in necessitous circumstances. This had been admitted, he thought, by all who had occupied positions of authority and trust in the Craft, to be the keystone of the Brotherhood. (Applause.) They were honoured that night by the presence of ladies, and when he said that the guiding influence of Freemasons was brotherly love, he hoped the ladies would not accept that sentiment in a limited sense; he used it in a broad sense, and one which was explained to him many years ago by a distinguished pillar of the church, who informed him that in his early life he had a large parish in which there were a considerable number of fair parishioners of advanced views, and they came one day to him as a deputation, and protested against his commencing service on the Sunday with the words "Dearly beloved brethren;" they wished him to add the words "and sisters." (Laughter.) But the reply of his venerable friend routed his fair plaintiffs, for he said: "I am a man of experience in the world's affairs, and my experience tells me that the brethren embrace the sisterhood"—(laughter)—"and," he added, "ladies, it is only when your experience points in a contrary direction that I shall add to the word 'brethren' 'and sisters.'" (Renewed laughter.) And it was in that sense in which his reverend friend interpreted the word "brethren" that he (Lord George Hamilton) now used the word. They all knew that benevolence was one of the main objects of individual lodges; but their forefathers felt some 50 years back that if they were to erect a permanent, durable, public institution denoting the benevolent views that influenced the brethren it must not be a spasmodic movement, supported by a lodge here or there, but by the united co-operation of the brethren, and in that sense and with that view that great Benevolent Institution was first established and created. Then it divided itself into two parts; there were those who lived in the Institution and received a certain annuity, and there were those who lived at home and received the annuity there. For years past it had been the practice of the House Committee, who were charged with the functions of supervising the houses at Croydon, to make an inspection on the day previous to the annual Festival. He (Lord George Hamilton) accepted readily the invitation of the House Committee to accompany them on Tuesday in that their quarterly visit. He went there with two distinct objects in his mind. After benevolence, he thought the next great principle which characterised Freemasons was a sense of equality. No matter what a man's station might be, they met on terms of absolute equality. Now, that feeling should characterise them outside lodges when they came in contact with Masons, and he said to himself, "Is it possible that the House Committee have so far accepted and engrafted in them that doctrine that they will be able to discharge their charitable functions that these poor people can receive the quarterly payments without a sense of self-degradation and pauperism?" The result of his experience on Tuesday was most satisfactory. There were 32 aged persons living in separate tenements of their own, and they received the House Committee not as persons about to give a dole, but as visitors, and from beginning to end there was that sense of equality between those who were giving and those who were receiving which was characteristic of Freemasons. (Hear, hear.) It would be invidious to mention any one member of the House Committee, but he could not help noticing that the ubiquity and *bonhomie* of their old friend, Bro. Terry, had a remarkable effect on all with whom he came in contact. Even those eyes that were dimmed by age lighted up at his chaff and fun; even those whose form was bent with disease and suffering were straightened up by the cheery words addressed to them when they received their pension (cheers), and therefore he came away with that satisfactory feeling that if the almsgiving and benevolence of the Craft was on a grand scale it was conveyed in a manner to which no one could raise any possible objection. But Tuesday was a bright and cheery day and it made him think a little of the future, and as certain of the fair sisterhood were in the gallery now perhaps they would pardon him if he ventured very humbly to express to the brethren and to them what was the substance of his soliloquy; there were all sorts and conditions of people in those houses—old widowers, old widows, old bachelors, but there were no old

spinsters. (Laughter.) Well, he thought that was hard. As a boy he recollected in Ireland being present many, many years ago at the distribution of funds for the benefit of widows, and an elderly lady came up and argued that she was entitled to a certain share, but they said "you are not a widow." She said, "Not a widow! Sure, I'm the worst of widows, for I'm an old maid." (Laughter, and cheers.) He (Lord George Hamilton) was thinking, not in his far, but his immediate future, what would be the brethren's prospects then of the ramparts of man's omnipotence being rapidly stormed by the new woman in the future? Women competed with men in athletics, and went in for the same examinations with remarkable results; some of them borrow even part of men's garments—(laughter)—and he would say frankly, not with advantage to the women. Women were hammering at the door of the House of Commons, and if they once set their minds on that object they would soon sit in lodges, and with their numbers and determination, it might be doubted whether the brethren would be the predominant feature in the future. (Laughter.) Well, perhaps, when that came they might deal more mercifully with the brethren than the brethren had with them, and if the members of the Benevolent Institution could be allowed to be bachelors, ladies would remember they were the worst of all widows, for they had never been married. (Laughter.) Now he had to ask the brethren to recollect that that annual meeting was one of serious business import. He had been informed by those who were competent to advise him, that the annual expenditure in connection with that Institution was about £16,300; that was permanent expenditure; but the permanent income was only £5,300, and there was a permanent deficit of no less than £11,000, or 79 per cent. of the net expenditure, in other words, if the permanent income could not be supplemented, no less than 70 per cent. of the 472 recipients of the brethren's bounty would be precluded from receiving it every year. Now, these annual Festivals made good that deficiency, and he was glad to say they had done more than that; there was generally some slight surplus to be invested, which enabled those who managed the funds to increase the number of recipients. He wished to be quite frank; he had some hesitation in accepting the chairmanship of that Festival; he felt he was asked to do so not from any merits of his own, but from being head of the Province of Middlesex. The Province of Middlesex had not yet had an opportunity, through circumstances over which it had no control; lodges had not had the advantage of coming personally in contact with him as they would if he had been less busily engaged; and, therefore, he consulted his friends and advisers—Bro. Thrupp, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Room—as to whether, under those circumstances, he would be justified in accepting the position, and whether he could rely on the province's hearty support. Bros. Thrupp and Room told him there could be little doubt as to the loyalty and fidelity of the Province as to the way they would respond. When the brethren heard the lists read, they would be able to judge of that; but a little bird had whispered to him that the Province of Middlesex had nobly responded, and he believed it not only beat the record, but it did so by a very substantial amount. (Cheers.) Well, if that be the result of the contributions from the Province of Middlesex, he was hopeful that the provinces outside would respond to an equal extent; and he would especially appeal to those who were residents in London. He had been thirty years in London, and had seen that great metropolis expand and extend during that period in an incredible degree, and in all the outward attributes of wealth, splendour, luxury, and civilisation, it had advanced enormously. London was not only the capital of England, but the capital of the greatest empire the world had ever seen; that empire occupied one-fifth of the habitable globe. But side by side with this great increase of wealth and of luxury, there were certain deterrent causes; competition in many phases of life was far severer than it was thirty years ago; the race that had to be run could only be won by the swift; and although there might be very great ability, still, if from any exceptional circumstances—from bad health, ill luck, or other unfortunate combinations—a competitor got left behind, as it often happened, he never could get again in the rank. Therefore, speaking, as he then was, to people in prosperous conditions, he would say let them be generous to those less successful; let them remember that the annual vacancies were few and the applicants many; let them hope that the result of that annual Festival would not only make good the deficiency between income and expenditure, but leave something for the Treasurer, that the Institution might increase the number of those to whom that fund contributed.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treasurer, President of the Board of Stewards, in reply, said as it was his bounden duty to do on behalf of the Institution he represented, he thanked Lord George Hamilton for having put the cause of the Institution so forcibly before the brethren. The Committee of Management were much

exercised at their last meeting, when they had the appalling list of 120 applicants for the next election and only 33 vacancies; consequently there must be 80 poor souls in advanced years and in the deepest poverty left to face their trouble for another year. The Committee were most anxious to fill up the number as much as they could, but unfortunately for them they had no data on which to go. If they elected a boy or a girl to the Schools they were admitted at a certain age and left at a certain age and they therefore knew what they had to expect for that time; but directly an old man or an old woman was on the funds it seemed as if Methuselah was not in it with them. There were several of the annuitants 85, 86, and 90. Bro. Dr. Strong for 30 years had acted for the Institution and he was never more upset than when an inmate whom he was endeavouring to keep alive till 100 died at 97. He would say this for the Institution, one and all had worked hard, and he was perfectly certain that when Bro. Terry read the lists they would feel that their exertions had not been thrown away.

Bro. TERRY then read the Stewards' lists.

Bro. W. M. STILES, G. Treas., proposed as a Provincial Grand Officer of Middlesex, "The Health of the Chairman, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex."

Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, acknowledging the toast, said they all took part in that annual Festival with but one object, which was to try and secure the largest amount of support for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The list which had just been read out was, he believed, almost a record list, and therefore he thought all of them who had taken any part in securing that satisfactory result had every reason to be proud of their exertions during the past year. After all, he had been a mere figure head. Those whom he wished to thank were the Stewards from his Province of Middlesex who had so marvelously responded to the appeal made to them. Freemasonry, so far as its Institutions were concerned, was in continuous competition. They had that night topped the record. He heartily thanked those whose efforts had secured that result. Let them hope that in the future other provinces would be equally emulous, and that the sum then collected, might be exceeded at future Festivals.

Bro. W. H. SPAULL, Prov. G. Sec. Shropshire, proposed "The other Institutions, the Girls' School and the Boys' School," which he was sure would receive the consideration they always had received.

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary Girls' School, in reply, thanked the brethren for having drunk to the future prosperity of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and said those Institutions had much to be thankful and grateful to the Craft for during the many years of their past existence; but, as with individuals, those Institutions were not able to live on past mercies, and were, therefore, looking forward very anxiously indeed to the result of the two next festivals of the year, the Girls on May 13th, under the distinguished presidency of Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, and that of the Boys in the month of June under the presidency of the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. G.M. Derbyshire. The brethren had heard that the Benevolent Institution, of the success of which they were all so glad, could only rely on a permanent income of something like £5200—happy Benevolent Institution—the Boys' and the Girls' School had only £2000 which they could look to as permanent income, and therefore they were doubly dependent upon the exertions of those brethren who from year to year so kindly acted as Stewards at their festivals. One word more. He could not sit down without sincerely and most heartily congratulating the Benevolent Institution on its record result that night; their good friend, Bro. Terry, and all those associated with him; the Stewards, who had a good deal to be proud of; and the province over which Lord George Hamilton presided. In 1890, when its late Grand Master presided, they thought the province had done well in bringing up £1000. What were they to say that night when they had been able to raise the magnificent sum of £3666.

Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, Sec. R.M.I. Boys, also replied, and said that although he did not expect to get £19,500, still, whatever crumbs were left, the Boys' School would thankfully receive them. He could assure the brethren that with an excellent Committee of Management the funds would be most thankfully received and faithfully applied.

Bro. W. H. BRITAIN (three times Mayor of Sheffield), proposed "The Stewards," to which Bro. Major DIXON replied.

Bro. WHADCOAT proposed "The Ladies," which Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH responded to, and the brethren, headed by the Chairman, proceeded to the Temple, where a splendid musical entertainment was given under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, assisted by Miss Helen Buckley, Miss Claribel Hyde, Miss Jessie King, Miss Ada Kempton, Miss Kathleen Thomas, Bros. James Kift, Ellison, Bartlett, Pierpoint, Appleby, R. Hopkins, Mr. Charles Capper, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Upton.

STEWARDS' LISTS.

LONDON.			Chapter		
Lodge	£	s. d.	2021 Comp. Charles Kempton...	£	s. d.
1 Bro. John Dimsdale	15	15 0	Lodge		
Lodge and Chapter			2022 Bro. J. A. Dawes	42	0 0
2 Bro. C. E. Keyser (see also 2503 and Berks and Herts)	15	15 0	2127 " Sir Augustus Harris		
Lodge			2128 " R. Davison	22	1 0
5 Bro. John C. Collard	54	18 6	2190 " Chas. L. Carson	27	6 0
8 " W. E. Sanger	13	13 0	2241 " Henry Lovegrove	47	5 0
10 " W. P. Eversley	60	8 0	2264 " W. C. Smith	105	0 0
13 " Henry S. Syer	105	5 6	2395 " G. H. Allen	19	19 0
14 " Harold Burke	10	10 0	2454 " Geo. F. Smith	25	0 0
15 " Geo. W. Todd	175	0 0	2456 " C. Swinfen Eady	34	10 0
18 " A. E. Skinner	286	2 6	2466 " Capt. J. N. Stephens	53	13 0
19 " J. H. Whadcoat	40	0 0	2511 " John Gordon	37	5 6
21 " F. R. P. Simon	34	1 0	2512 " Frank Adams	67	4 0
Chapter			2535 " W. H. Bailey	105	10 6
22 Comp. John Jonas	41	0 0	2563 " C. E. Keyser (see also 2, and Berks and Herts)	10	10 0
25 " William Land	53	11 0	2579 " J. W. Drysdale	23	2 0
Lodge					
26 Bro. E. J. Leveson, jun.	10	10 0	UNATTACHED.		
27 " Herbert J. Macfarlane	47	4 6	Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P.	10	10 0
28 " W. S. Clark	63	10 6	" T. B. Daniell	11	10 0
30 " J. A. McLoughlin	74	0 6	" T. Blanco White	10	10 0
45 " D. A. Langdon	64	16 6	" Henry A. Tobias	14	14 0
55 " J. O. Jacobs	78	15 0	" Francis Gosnay	10	10 0
65 " W. H. Montagu	22	0 0	" Edward Terry	510	10 0
65 " G. T. Kinipple	109	11 6	" *W. J. Songhurst		
72 " Charles H. Randall	57	7 6	" Lieut.-Col. Geo. Lambert	86	2 0
79 " William T. Allen	36	15 0	" W. B. Fendick	10	10 0
95 " M. Jutsum	44	2 0	" Major C. W. Carrell	10	10 0
134 " Rob. J. Tyler	31	10 0	" John Skinner	42	0 0
141 " Rob. Thos. Godfrays	47	5 0	" Stanley J. Attenborough	10	10 0
144 " Frederick Thomas	115	10 0	" William Webber	10	10 0
145 " H. Kinder Cheese	48	8 0	" Frank R. Kenning	10	10 0
147 " James Balsdon	64	1 0	" *J. W. Westmorland		
157 " H. W. Dyne	24	3 0	" J. H. Milton	13	2 6
165 " A. Spencer Ellam	10	10 0	" Alfred Rusby	17	17 0
171 " A. A. Frigout	21	0 0	" Wilton Brooke	10	10 0
173 " F. H. B. Riddle	113	8 0	" Thos. Hutchinson	10	10 0
174 " William Harvey	174	0 0	" C. W. Chandler	10	10 0
193 " John E. Fells	70	7 0	" *Daniel Mayer		
197 " John Strain			" *W. H. G. Rudderforth		
228 " George Booker	90	0 0	" E. G. Saunders		
235 " George Cockle	10	10 0	" John Lusty	10	10 0
256 " F. S. Sykes	37	16 0	" William Briggs	10	10 0
259 " C. V. Cotterell	21	0 0	" J. A. Farnfield	10	10 0
548 " J. Macgregor	26	5 0	" G. E. Fairchild	10	10 0
554 " Arthur W. Fawkes	55	0 0	" W. F. Bates	26	5 0
619 " Moss Chapman	115	10 0	" W. F. Driver	15	15 0
700 " G. R. Nichols (see also 1567, Middx.)	57	15 0	" G. Haysom		
754 " Harry Wilkinson	100	16 0	" John Campbell-Johnstone	10	10 0
765 " Thomas Prior	52	10 0	" Woolmer Williams	10	10 0
781 " Charles L. Nelson	1074	18 6	" *J. B. Josephs		
858 " E. W. Carter	148	1 0	" John Smith	10	10 0
862 " William Bradford	100	3 6	" J. Moss	11	11 0
862 " *T. H. T. Jarvis			" E. W. Nightingale	11	11 0
898 " E. F. Williams	45	0 0	" E. Rogers	10	10 0
907 " Henry C. Jones	96	1 6			
Chapter			LADIES.		
907 Comp. W. B. Heagerty	109	4 0	Miss Alice Moore	13	2 0
Lodge			" Beatrice M. Christian	62	7 0
969 Bro. W. Smallpeice	10	10 0	Mrs. Walter Gladding	5	5 0
1044 " James Strong	31	10 0			
1159 " Henry O. Yeatman	56	14 0	THE PROVINCES.		
1259 " George Parrett	174	16 6	BERKSHIRE.		
1260 " J. R. Reep	154	7 0	Lodge		
1261 " W. W. Hayworth	40	19 0	209 Bro. E. C. Broquet	50	8 0
1288 " W. H. Pocklington	52	10 0	414 " W. Bonney	68	4 0
1319 Mrs. W. S. Penley	115	10 0	574 " C. E. Keyser (see also 2 and 2563, London and Herts)	147	0 0
1348 Bro. Walter A. Harvey	21	0 0	771 " E. C. Durrant	38	17 6
1366 " James Terry	187	15 0	1770 " C. Spackman	38	10 6
1383 " Alfred H. Bevan	100	0 0	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.		
1426 " R. Brookman	40	8 6	1594 Bro. M. Claphaw	12	2 6
1489 " Robert John Campbell	31	10 0	2454 " A. H. Bevan (see also 1383, London)	34	0 0
1507 " J. F. Saunders	105	0 0	Unattached		
1537 " G. W. Yardley	90	0 0	Bro. James Stephens	10	10 0
1572 " J. H. A. Marchand	70	7 0	Mrs. James Stephens	5	5 0
Chapter			CAMBRIDGESHIRE.		
1572 Comp. W. S. Whitaker	37	16 0	Lodge		
Lodge			88 Bro. W. P. Spalding	80	16 0
1586 Bro. J. A. Stock	38	17 0	CHESHIRE.		
1598 " J. T. Galloway	51	9 0	287 Bro. James Cookson	21	0 0
1598 " W. J. Ironside	10	10 0	Unattached		
1602 " Lieut. J. G. W. James	51	9 0	" Harry Nash	10	10 0
1607 " G. E. Wilkinson	110	0 0	CORNWALL.		
1608 " T. E. Forster	90	0 0	Province		
1613 " Samuel Groner	63	0 0	Bro. James A. Bell	178	10 0
1613 " — Page			DORSETSHIRE.		
1614 " C. O. Burgess	52	10 0	Province		
Lodge of Instruction			Bro. Major W. Watts	150	0 0
1622 Bro. Thos. Grumant	42	0 0	Lodge		
Lodge			1367 Bro. S. R. Baskett	10	10 0
1641 Bro. Thos. Nettleship	47	5 0	DURHAM.		
1671 " *W. R. King			531 } Bro. F. H. Bennett	105	0 0
1671 " A. G. Darby	63	0 0	2462 }		
1671 " E. Hill Denney	121	0 0	1418 " C. W. Anderson		
1671 " *P. G. W. Typke			Unattached		
Lodge of Instruction			Bro. John Robinson	52	10 0
1677 Bro. Lambert Perry	45	0 0	ESSEX.		
Lodge			Lodge		
1685 Bro. R. Stebbings	37	18 0	276 Bro. Geo. W. Pascall	24	3 0
1687 " T. J. Bolton	60	12 6	1343 " Charles Westwood	63	0 0
1704 " Edward Durrant	18	18 0	1343 " James Howell	41	0 0
1706 " R. A. Kemp	32	19 6	1437 " George Hobday	10	10 0
1707 " Arthur Bull	25	0 0	1817 " Staff - Sergt. Jarratt		
1716 " Chas. R. Allen	188	13 0	Leaney	43	0 0
1719 " Henry John Davis	53	11 0	2255 " Arthur Wells	29	5 0
1732 " J. E. Jacobs	50	0 0	2318 " H. J. Deane	20	0 0
1743 " John Stait	52	10 0	Chapter		
1744 " Thos. Jeffries	59	6 0	2501 Comp. Geo. T. Peall	52	10 0
1804 } C. J. R. Tijcu	122	6 6	Unattached		
2549 }			Bro. James Speller	15	15 0
1815 " A. Bentley	21	0 0			
1816 " Walter Gladding	33	17 0			
1828 " William E. Bull	69	6 0			
1839 " C. H. Knuth	43	6 0			
1900 " Oscar Philippe					
1950 " T. E. Davies	53	1 6			
1964 " W. Collis Clark	101	17 0			
1974 " Chas. E. Cassal (see also 1415, Middx.)					

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
493 Bro. Thomas Robins	26	5 0
592 " Rev. C. J. Martyn	96	12 0
702 " A. R. Greene	14	14 0
702 " A. S. Winterbotham	10	10 0
1067 " Russell Jas. Kerr	38	17 0
Unattached		
Bro. Edwin Lea	10	10 0
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
257 Bro. G. E. Kent	38	11 6
309 " John W. Gieve, J.P.	60	18 0
342 " Richard Payne	36	15 0
551 " N. H. A. Woodman	10	10 0
698 " E. D. Oppert	10	10 0
HERTFORDSHIRE.		
Lodge and Chapter	£	s. d.
403 Bro. C. E. Keyser (see 2 and 2563, London and Berks)	185	16 0
Lodge	£	s. d.
869 Bro. Charles E. Everett	43	11 6
1327 " John Mark	68	5 0
Chapter	£	s. d.
1385 Comp. W. Baddeley	37	5 6
Lodge	£	s. d.
1479 Bro. E. P. Debenham	90	0 0
1984 " J. P. Taylor	40	8 0
2086 " Dr. G. Smith Ward	23	14 6
2323 " Charles B. Lumley	64	0 0
2353 " Henry Monson	27	10 0
2372 " Dr. W. P. Warren	58	7 6
2518 " "		
Chapter	£	s. d.
2372 Comp. W. Metcalfe	52	10 0
Unattached		
Bro. George E. Lake	31	10 0
" W. J. Crutch		
KENT.		
Chapter	£	s. d.
913 Comp. Surgeon-Capt. W. Kiddle	26	5 0
Lodge	£	s. d.
1050 Bro. James W. Nash	57	15 0
1206 " R. J. Emmerson	31	10 0
1223 " E. J. Dodd	27	16 0
1414 " A. Talbot Bevan	10	10 0
Unattached		
Bro. Robert W. Walker	10	10 0
LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).		
Lodge	£	s. d.
44 Bro. John W. G. Coombs	73	10 0
152 " Edwin Froggatt	10	10 0
348 " John Kenyon	10	10 0
Province	£	s. d.
Bro. Joseph T. Newbold	137	11 0
" C. D. Cheetham	137	11 0
LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).		
Lodge	£	s. d.
281 Bro. J. W. Wearing	17	6 6
613 " R. W. F. Hatch	21	0 0
1051 " Capt. C. H. Garnett	11	11 0
MIDDLESEX.		
Bro. Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., Prov. G. Master, Chairman	£	s. d.
52	10	0
Lodge	£	s. d.
382 Bro. W. H. Read	58	19 0
382 " Alfred Foyer	12	1 6
708 " James M. Small	59	6 0
778 " Guy G. Repton	11	11 0
788 " W. Dawson	26	5 0
788 " Charles Murray	52	10 0
788 " James J. Robinson	42	0 0
865 " Charles G. Hatt	137	19 0
946 " F. R. Robinson	53	11 0
1194 " George J. Thomas	40	0 0
1237 " H. B. May	31	10 0
1237 " Ernest J. Tilley	21	0 0
1237 " Henry Woodley	31	10 0
1237 " T. Treadwell	29	8 0
1293 " Frederick A. Orr	70	7 0
1293 " *Col. Hugh M. Gordon		
1293 " Frederick Pfister	10	10 0
Chapter	£	s. d.
1293 Comp. Charles Fruen	36	15 0
1293 " S. Richardson	10	10 0
Lodge	£	s. d.
1309 Bro. Bagot Read	32	11 0
1309 " Frederick Robinson	10	10 0
1310 " E. C. Talbot	59	17 0
1326 " J. C. Goslin	21	0 0
1326 " Harry Davey	10	10 0
1336 " David Moss	38	15 0
1326 " James Laurence	36	15 0
1415 " C. E. Cassal (see also 1974, London)	43	10 0
1423 " J. B. Ryley, M.D.	29	0 0
1460 " H. P. Hay	21	0 0
1494 " W. B. Myers-Beswick	38	17 0
1503 " E. W. Davis	33	1 6
1503 " A. B. Brown	11	3 0
1503 " J. T. Briggs	22	1 0
1512 " E. H. Trotter	21	0 0
1549 " Wm. W. Mansfield	53	8 6
1567 " T. J. Bird	124	13 0
1567 " John Mason	152	5 0
1567 " E. J. Taylor	26	5 0
1567 " A. Bevis	38	17 0
1567 " H. J. Calley	15	15 0
1567 " G. N. Nichols (see 700, London)	73	10 0
1567 Mrs. E. J. Taylor	26	13 0
1567 " John Mason	32	11 0
1579 Bro. W. G. Scott	61	19 0
1597 " Robert Thomson	62	9 0
1637 " J. T. Haly	17	17 0
1637 " Charles Penny	127	1 0
1656 " H. J. Bond	18	11 6
1691 " J. G. Garson	35	13 0
1702 " W. E. Mackley	12	5 0
1702 " Thomas Shepperd	55	2 6
1732 " W. Cathrow	54	6 0
1777 " George Clark, jun.	127	1 0

Lodge	£	s. d.
1777 Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P.	10	10 0
1777 " H. B. Marshall, jun., M.A., J.P.	10	10 0
1793 " F. L. Chandler	68	0 0
1871 " Maj.-Gen. W. Dixon	12	12 0
1897 " C. J. Davison	190	1 0
2024 " C. V. Burgess	189	0 0
2048 " W. A. Scurrah	70	0 0
Chapter	£	s. d.
2048 Comp. W. M. Stiles	16	15 0
Lodge	£	s. d.
2087 Bro. Edward May	40	2 0
2087 " Thos. Barlow	10	10 0
2105 " Samuel Hayne	32	11 0
2163 " W. A. Cocks	31	6 0
2183 " J. Ernest Lane	50	0 0
2381 " W. H. Lee	30	0 0
2381 " Herbert Hooper	315	0 0
2381 " Arthur Blenkarn	10	10 0
2523 " Harry Bladon	21	6 0
2536 " W. H. Gardener	26	6 0
2528 " G. R. B. Dennis	200	0 0
MONMOUTHSHIRE.		
The Province	£	s. d.
Bro. Lieut.-Col. Chas. R. Lyne	105	0 0
Lodge	£	s. d.
471 " James Dixon	31	10 0
683 " Fred. Phillips	53	9 6
1429 " John H. Hughes	33	16 6
1562 " B. Willans	11	17 0
2186 " James A. Miller	10	10 0
NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
446 Bro. J. L. Loweth	26	5 0
2380 " Dr. W. T. Knight	10	10 0
OXFORDSHIRE.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
340 Bro. J. Freeman	23	12 0
1703 " William Brooks	15	15 0
1898 " Richard Ovey	16	14 0
2414 " Frederick Matthews	21	0 0
SHROPSHIRE.		
Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M.	£	s. d.
10	10	0
Lodge	£	s. d.
117 Bro. James Vine	36	15 0
Chapter	£	s. d.
262 Comp. H. F. Newman	36	15 0
STAFFORDSHIRE.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
624 Bro. Francis Thompson	10	10 0
SUFFOLK.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
114 Bro. Percy F. Wainwright	115	15 0
114 " Owen Turner		
959 " A. R. Trew	42	0 0
SURREY.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
1638 Bro. John Davis	26	5 0
2096 " John Wayte	117	12 0
2101 " Alfred Gibbs	24	10 0
2422 " E. G. Wilson	55	10 0
2444 " H. C. Minnitt	36	15 0
2521 " *Frederick Thomas (see also 144, London)		
2540 " George Moorman	26	5 0
SUSSEX.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
38 Bro. H. Holding Moore	70	0 0
732 " H. Manwaring	56	8 0
851 " E. J. Cocksey	52	10 0
1184 " "	10	10 0
1465 " C. T. Naylor	40	8 6
1466 " Slingsby J.P. Roberts	10	10 0
1821 " H. W. Ingledeu	17	17 0
1947 " J. H. Glassington	10	10 0
1947 " W. E. H. ghes	21	0 0
2434 " A. J. Howard	42	0 0
WARWICKSHIRE.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
925 Bro. C. Hodgkinson		
925 " W. S. Stevens		
925 " G. H. Smith		
925 " W. H. Reynolds		
925 " W. T. Owen	122	17 0
925 " James Cooper		
925 " C. Chambers		
925 " James Ballington		
925 " R. E. Shorthouse		
1180 " William Hillman	10	10 0
1551 " F. E. Wattis	10	10 0
1551 " Thomas Rowbotham	10	10 0
WORCESTERSHIRE.		
Unattached	£	s. d.
Bro. T. R. Arter	21	0 0
YORKSHIRE (N. AND E. RIDING.)		
The Province	£	s. d.
Bro. M. C. Peck		
" Joseph Todd		
" W. H. Cooper		
" W. A. Hutchenre		
Lodge	£	s. d.
57 Bro. T. Morrell		
250 " Lars Peter Brekke		
250 " J. T. Fowler		
312 " Rv. E. Fox-Thomas		
543 " Carrick W. Lowther		
1010 " Capt. C. Judge	900	0 0
1511 " E. M. Dimpleby		
1511 " J. G. Wallis		
1848 " J. V. Cooper		
1848 " Fred. Brewster		
2134 " A. Spring		
2134 " George Leigh		
2134 " George Eckles		
2328 " H. L. Swift		
2328 " *Fred. Shann		
2494 " W. Tesseyma		
2494 " T. B. Redfean		

YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING.)		
Lodge	£	s. d.
290 Bro. John H. Hanson		
290 " Aid. J. F. Walker		
290 " John Joshua Brook		
296 " Thos. Harrison		
810 " Joseph Harrison		
904 " Frederick Cleaves		
974 " E. H. Barraclough		
974 " Claude Taylor		
974 " E. Hornby Foster		
974 " Robert A. Foster		
974 " W. Chas. Lupton	700	0 0
964 " J. A. B. Shalders		
1102 " William Wilson		
1121 " S. Hall Cliff		
1231 " Thomas G. Howell		

Unattached		
£	s.	d.
Bro. G. H. Parke		
" Walter Binns		
" E. G. Whiteley		
Mrs. G. H. Parke		

NORTH WALES.		
Lodge	£	s. d.
1509 Bro. Jas. G. Tuxford	24	3 0
1674 " Thomas Coxhead	10	10 0
Unattached		
Bro. C. K. Benson	10	10 0

SOUTH WALES (E.D.)		
Lodge	£	s. d.
36 Bro. George Clatry	285	0 0

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

Province	£	s. d.	Province	£	s. d.
Berkshire	343	0 0	Monmouthshire	246	3 0
Buckinghamshire	61	17 6	North Wales	45	3 0
Cambridgeshire	80	16 0	Northants and Hunts	36	15 0
Cheshire	31	10 0	Oxfordshire	77	1 0
Cornwall	178	10 0	Shropshire	84	0 0
Dorsetshire	160	10 0	South Wales, East Division	235	0 0
Durham	157	10 0	Staffordshire	10	10 0
Essex	296	3 0	Suffolk	157	15 0
Gloucestershire	197	8 0	Surrey	286	17 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	183	9 6	Sussex	331	13 6
Hertfordshire	724	18 0	Warwickshire	164	17 0
Kent	164	6 0	Worcestershire	21	0 0
Lancashire (East Division)	369	12 0	Yorkshire, N. and E. Ridings	900	0 0
Lancashire (West Division)	49	17 6	Yorkshire, W. Riding	700	0 0
Middlesex	3668	14 6			
158 STEWARDS—LONDON			£ 9,492	7 6	
232 STEWARDS—PROVINCES			£ 10,018	19 6	
390 GRAND TOTAL			£ 19,511	7 0	

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS

There is no need for any introduction to a list of Returns which, as our readers can determine for themselves, contains such a formidable array of big figures. It will be enough if we state that the Board of Stewards mustered 390, and that the total they raised was £19,511 7s., or within a very little short of £5000 more than was subscribed for the Festival of 1895. As for the part played by

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we may state at once, that the 158 ladies and brethren who took the interests of the lodges it contains under their charge, raised a total of £9,492 7s. 6d.—the highest, and far away the highest, of the individual Returns being that of Bro. Charles L. Nelson, who, as representative of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, had the satisfaction of compiling a total amounting to £1074 18s. 6d. It is not the first, and, we trust, it will not be the last, time that this lodge has secured the honour of heading the list of Returns. At the Jubilee Festival, in 1892, on behalf of this Institution, the brethren who represented it, compiled a very large sum, amounting, if we remember rightly, to upwards of £1100, the foremost of the Stewards being Bro. T. B. Daniell, whose list of £781 corresponded with the number of the lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge. The second place fell to Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., who handed in £510 10s., and the third place to Bro. Whadcoat, Steward for the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, whose list amounted to £300. Bro. A. E. Skinner, representing Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, was close up with £286 5s. 6d., and then, but at a longish interval, appear the lists of Bro. C. R. Allan, All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, and Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, who acted as Steward for one of the many lodges in London with which he is associated—the Highgate, No. 1366—the list of the former being for £188 13s., and that of the latter for £187 15s. Three lodges follow next in order, the totals of whose lists differ but slightly in amount, that of Bro. Geo. W. Todd, as Steward for the Kent Lodge, amounting to £175, that of Bro. George Parrett, Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259, for £174 16s. 6d., and that of Bro. W. Harvey, representing the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, for £174. Bro. J. W. Reep, of the John Harvey Lodge, stood next with £154 7s., but was closely followed by Bro. E. W. Carter, of the South Middlesex Lodge, No. 858, with £148 1s. The next in order was Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, Past Asst. Grand Purs., who did duty for two lodges, the Coborn Lodge, No. 1804, and the newly-organised Benevolentia Lodge, No. 2549, and had the pleasure of compiling £122 6s. 6d., Bro. E. Hill, Denney, of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, raising £121. The three brethren who followed raised each of them donations and subscriptions amounting to £115 10s., namely, Bro. Fred. Thomas, of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144; Bro. Moss Chapman, of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619; and Mrs. W. S. Penley, who kindly took upon herself the responsibility of representing the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319. Bro. F. H. B. Riddle, of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, raised £113 8s., and Bro. Geo. E. Wilkinson, of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, £110, while Bro. G. T. Kinipple, of Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, and Comp. W. B. Heagarty, of the Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907, were close up with £109 11s. 6d. and £109 4s. respectively. Then we find a further group, headed by Bro. W. H. Bailey, of the Lodge of Fellowship, No. 2535, and G. Treas. nominate, with £105 10s. 6d., and closely followed by Bro. H. S. Syer, of Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, with £105 5s. 6d. and Bro. J. F. Saunders, Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and Bro. W. C. Smith, of the Chough Lodge, No. 2264, each of whom had the pleasure of obtaining 100 guineas. The remaining three figure lists are those of Bro. W. Collis Clark, of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, for £101 17s.; Bro. H. Wilkinson, High Cross Lodge, No. 754, for £100 16s.; Bro. W. Bradford, of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, for £100 3s. 6d.; and Bro. A. H. Bevan, of the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, for £100. This is a greater number of lists containing sums amounting to £100 and upwards than has been returned for several Festivals, while the top list of all, for £1074 18s. 6d., exceeds anything as far as we are able to call to mind, which has ever previously been compiled by a London Steward, the nearest approach being that of Bro. Oscar Philippe, for the Girls' School, in 1894, for £1050.

Of the other items which figure in the London section of the Returns, we have much pleasure in noting these which follow, namely: Bro. J. A. McLoughlin, United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, for £74 0s. 6d.; Bro. J. O. Jacobs, Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, for £78 15s.; Bro. John E. Fells, Confidence Lodge, No. 193, for £70 7s.; George Booker, of United Strength Lodge, No. 228—which, as Bro. Terry's mother lodge, takes an active part in all the Benevolent Festivals—for £90; Bro. Henry C. Jones, Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, for £96 1s. 6d.; Bro. G. W. Yardley, St. Peter Westminster, No. 1737, for £90; Bro. J. H. A. Marchand, Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, for £70; Bro. Thos. E. Foster, Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, for £90; and Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, Unattached, for £86 2s.

As regards the Returns from

THE PROVINCES,

a mere glance at the lists will suffice to show how eminently satisfactory they are. Last year the number that sent up Stewards was 30, while the number of representatives was 152, who together obtained a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to £7866 3s. 6d. On Wednesday only 29 out of the 46 Provinces figured in the list, but the number of Stewards was 232, and the total they raised amongst them was £10,018 19s. 6d. This is a very substantial increase on the 1895 figures, and what is equally gratifying is that the average per list is a high one.

We have said that only 29 Provinces took part in the proceedings on Wednesday, the remaining 17 having been absentees for reasons which the reader will, doubtless, consider satisfactory in, at all events, the majority of cases. Thus, BEDFORDSHIRE (seven lodges) took part in two out of the three Festivals in 1895, a Steward from one of its lodges handing in a list of £43 1s. at the Festival of this Institution in February, while in June, the Province as a whole, and Lodge 2343 contributed £105 to the Boys' School. In 1894 the Province raised £238 9s.; in 1893, £183 17s. 6d.; and in 1892, £152 5s., having been an absentee from only two of the dozen Festivals held during the last four years. BRISTOL (nine lodges) was entered at the Benevolent and Boys' School Festivals in 1895, the total of its contributions being £207 18s., of which all but £10 10s. was given to the Boys' School. In 1894 the Girls' School obtained support to the extent of £441, which was supplemented by £16 16s. subscribed to the Boys' School, while, though, in 1893 it was an absentee from all three Festivals, it did good service to "Our Boys" in 1891 and 1892, the total it raised for that Institution in the years in question being £911. CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND (21 lodges) was represented at the Benevolent Festival last year by Bro. W. F. Lamony, whose list for the Province amounted to £102 18s. In May, 1894, it raised, per Bro. T. A. Argles, £178 10s. for the Girls' School, and the year preceding, £63 8s. for the Boys' School, while in 1892 it gave its attention to the Benevolent Institution, for the Jubilee of which it subscribed, per Bro. G. Mackay, its then D.P.G.M., £420. That DERBYSHIRE (26 lodges) should have been an absentee on this occasion will surprise no one. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Prov. G.M., has consented to preside at the Boys' School Festival in the month of June, and it is only natural that it should reserve its strength in order to support its chief worthily, especially when we know how generous have been its contributions to all three Institutions in past years, the totals for which it has figured in the Returns for the last five years being £980 7s., £1738 14s., £1025 8s. 6d., £648 5s. 6d., and £550 6s. With such figures to its credit, and such a responsibility awaiting it a few months hence, a rest from labour is justifiable. We are afraid we cannot speak in such complimentary terms as we should like to employ of the large Province of DEVONSHIRE (52 lodges), which raised only £226 16s. for the Boys' School in 1895; £135 12s. for the Schools in 1894; and £181 2s. for the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution in 1893. In 1892, it certainly did well, the total it raised for the three Charities being £923 8s. 6d., of which £807 18s. 6d. was included in the Returns at the Jubilee of this Institution. But though these figures would reflect credit on a smaller Province, they hardly strike us as being worthy of one which in point of numerical strength occupies so foremost a place on the roll as Devonshire. As for HEREFORDSHIRE (five lodges), we trust that, though it is about the smallest of our Provinces, it does not intend to be a perpetual absentee from these gatherings. The last time a Steward from this Province figured in any of these Returns was at the Benevolent Jubilee in 1892, and then the total of his list was only a small sum. We know there are Herefordshire brethren who contribute to our Institutions, and we see no reason why they should not occasionally take part in these Festivals. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND (14 lodges) raised £300 6s. for this Institution last year, and £21 for the Boys' School, while in 1894, the total for the year was £393 10s., of which the Girls' School received £330 10s. In 1893, the Boys' School was supported to the extent of £267 10s., and in 1892, £388 10s. was raised for the Jubilee of this Institution. LINCOLNSHIRE (24 lodges) is reserving itself for the Girls' School Festival in May, when its Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Yarborough, has promised to preside. In 1895, it raised £540 1s. for the Boys' School; in 1892, £660 5s. for the Benevolent Jubilee; and in 1891, £481 for the Boys' School. In 1893 and 1894, it contributed on a small scale to the Schools. Last year NORFOLK (17 lodges) subscribed per Bro. H. J. Sparkes as representative of the whole Province, £205 5s. to the Girls' School. In 1894, it gave £134 13s. to the Boys' School, and in 1893, £78 15s. to the Institution for Girls; while in 1892, it figured in the Returns at the Benevolent Jubilee for £406 5s. It is hardly to be expected that NORTHUMBERLAND (28 lodges), after raising per Bro. R. H. Holmes, D.P.G.M., £2315 5s. for the Girls' School Festival in May, 1895, and £186 18s. for the Boys' School a few weeks later, should be in a position to do much for the Old People on this occasion, but the experience of past years inclines us to hope that it will not be long before we shall have the pleasure of including its contributions in the Returns for one or other of our Festivals, and that, when this does happen, the figures will be on a large scale. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (17 lodges) was represented at the Benevolent Festival in February, 1895, to the extent of £107 12s. 6d., and at that of the Boys' School in the following July for £166 19s. It was among the absentees in 1894, but in 1893 it gave £131 5s. to the Girls' School; and in 1892, £157 10s. to the Old People, and £34 13s. to the Boys' School. AS SOMERSETSHIRE (26 lodges) bore the heat and burden of the day at last year's Benevolent Festival, when Viscount Duncannon was in the chair, and supplemented its handsome contribution of £1057 17s. 6d. to that Institution with minor subscriptions to the Schools, we are not surprised at its absence on Wednesday. After a total of £1745 0s. 6d. in a single year from a medium-sized Province, a rest for a while is justified, and all the more so, when we know that the Province is frequently, if not invariably, represented, and to very good purpose, at these Anniversary gatherings. SOUTH WALES, WESTERN DIVISION (10 lodges) contributed, per Bro. J. Llewellyn Thomas, £239 19s. 6d. to the Boys' School Festival in the summer of last year; £154 12s. to this Institution in 1894; £177 19s. to the Girls' School in 1893; and £161 1s. 6d. to the Boys' School in 1892. We may look forward, therefore, to finding it represented at one of the School Festivals in May and June respectively. WILTSHIRE (11 lodges) may be reckoned to support at least one Institution every year. Thus in 1892 it raised £483 14s. for the Benevolent Jubilee; in 1893, £185 17s. for the Girls' School, and £110 5s. for the Boys' School; in 1894, £175 14s. 6d. for the Old People, and £126 4s. for "Our Boys"; and last year, £279 6s. for the latter Institution. The remaining absentees were GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY (5 lodges), JERSEY (7 lodges), and ISLE OF MAN (9 lodges), which every now and then send up Stewards, and occasionally with a considerable amount of donations and subscriptions on their lists. The 17 absentee Provinces referred to above comprise in all 288 lodges, which must be omitted from the account in estimating the Provincial Returns on Wednesday.

Taking the represented Provinces in their alphabetical order, we find that five out of the 15 lodges in

BERKSHIRE

contributed amongst them £343, the principal lists being those of Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., who, besides representing lodges and chapters in London and Hertfordshire, did duty as Steward for the Royal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, and who figures for £147, and Bro. W. Bonny, of No. 414, Reading, who returns £68 4s. Last year, the Province raised

£939 6s. 4d., of which £450 17s. was contributed to this Institution in February; £131 10s. to the Girls' School in May; and £356 19s. 4d. to the Boys' School in July. In 1894, the total was £583 13s. 6d.; in 1893, £724 7s.; and in 1892, £954 11s. 6d., of which £661 9s. 6d. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee. Our Berkshire brethren will have to exert themselves in order to maintain the high average of the last four years, but whether they succeed or not, we feel sure they will acquit themselves well.

Only two of the 18 lodges in

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

sent up Stewards on Wednesday, but Bro. and Mrs. James Stephens did duty as Unattached, and the total raised by the four amounted to £61 17s. 6d. Last year the Province began with a modest contribution to the Old People of £52 10s., following it up with £260 to the Girls' School, and £176 4s. 6d. to the Boys' School, the proceeds of the year's work being £438 14s. 6d. In 1894, the total reached £590 16s., of which the Boys' School had the good fortune to receive £429 15s.; while in 1893, it was £479 16s.; in 1892, £705 15s.; and in 1891, the first year of its career as a separate Province, £511 1s. We have no doubt that before the end of June we shall find the Returns for the current year will compare favourably with those of its predecessors. It is worth mentioning that Bro. Stephens acted as Unattached Steward at all the Festivals of 1895.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

is but a small Province with six lodges on its roll, but it has managed during the last few years to do some capital work in support of our Institutions. Last year, for instance, it raised £168 for the Schools, the Girls' receiving £131 5s., and the Boys' the balance of £36 15s. In 1894 and 1893 it distributed its support among the three Charities, the total in the former year being £239, and for the latter £290 17s., while in 1892 it gave its whole attention to the Benevolent Jubilee, for which it raised the handsome amount of £326 8s. On Wednesday it sent up as Steward Bro. W. P. Spalding, his list, as representative of Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, being for £80 16s.

We are agreeably surprised to find

CHESHIRE

in the Returns. True only one of its 46 lodges sent up a Steward, and Bro. H. Nash acted independently, the sum of the two lists being a modest £31 10s. But we have a very clear recollection of the strenuous efforts it made last summer when Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G. Master, presided at the Boys' School Festival, and its 83 Stewards together raised the sum of £2000, while in May it gave £73 10s. to the Girls' School. After such an effort as this it is not to be wondered at that Wednesday's total was so small. In 1891 it raised £1050 for the Boys' School, and the year following £1988 10s. for the Benevolent Jubilee; and in addition it has subscribed a capital of about £3000 for a Benevolent Institution of its own in addition to its Educational Institute, which was founded over 30 years ago.

It is a feather in the cap of

CORNWALL,

which, though it numbers 30 lodges, is not a strong or a wealthy Province, that Bro. James A. Bell, its representative on Wednesday, should have been in a position to hand in a list of £178 10s. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, its Prov. G. Master, presided as Chairman at the Girls' School Festival last year, when the sum raised by the Province was £750, while two months later Bro. Bell, as Provincial Steward, returned £39 18s. to the Boys' School Festival. In 1894 it apportioned £241 10s. pretty equally between the Schools, while in 1893 it raised £225 15s. for the Boys' School. But in 1892, when the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe presided as Chairman at the Benevolent Jubilee, the sum contributed was £776 15s. Thus the record is a good one, and well maintained from year to year.

DORSETSHIRE,

which now has 14 lodges on its roll, had a very worthy and, what is more to the purpose, a very able and experienced representative in Bro. Major W. Watts, who had the pleasure of compiling a list of £150, and this was supplemented by £10 10s., per Bro. S. R. Baskett, as Steward for the Beaminster Manor Lodge, No. 1367, Beaminster. In February, 1895, the same Bro. Baskett, representing Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, handed in a list of £105, and in July Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., D.P.G.M., and Bro. Major Watts made up a total between them of £246 1s., of which £211 1s. was obtained by the former as Steward for the whole of the Province, and £35 by the latter, acting as Steward for Lodge No. 1266, Blandford, the year's total being £351 1s. In 1894, the total was £192 10s., of which £157 10s. was raised by Bro. Dugdale for the Old People, and £35, by Bro. Major Watts, for the Girls' School; in 1893, the sum raised for the Schools was £233; and in 1892, for this Institution at its Jubilee Anniversary £521 6s.

Three Stewards did duty for

DURIAM,

four out of the 36 lodges being represented—Nos. 531, 1852, and 2462, by Bro. F. H. Bennett, and No. 1418 by Bro. C. W. Anderson, Bro. John Robinson, with £21 to his credit, being Unattached. The total returned by two of the three reached £157 10s., the principal item being £105, compiled by Bro. F. H. Bennett. This augurs well for the present year, the Province being a regular and liberal supporter of all three Institutions. In 1892, it raised £1034 5s., of which the Benevolent Jubilee obtained £720 5s.; the Girls' School, £105; and the Boys' School, £209. In 1893, the total stood at £338 2s.; in 1894, at £509 2s.; and last year at £512 8s., of which £330 15s. was subscribed to this Institution, £105 to the Girls' School, and the balance of £76 13s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

A compact body of 11 Stewards did duty for

ESSEX,

nine of them being representatives of seven out of its 33 lodges, one Unattached, and the remaining acting for one of its chapters. The total sum obtained by them is returned at £296 3s., the most important list being that of Bro. Charles Westwood, No. 1343, for £63. The total raised in 1895 was £1272 5s. 6d., of which £324 7s. was compiled for this Institution; £398 3s. 6d. for the Girls' School in May; and £639 19s. for the Boys' School in July. In 1894, the total was £1123, of which £823 13s. was subscribed to the Girls' School; in 1893, when the Provincial Grand Master—then Lord Brooke—acted as Chairman at the Boys' School—it amounted to £2258 3s. 6d., of which all but £102 17s. 6d. was raised in support of his lordship's chairmanship; while in 1892, it reached the still higher figure of £2608 5s., of which £2318 2s. 6d. was raised for the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1891, including £1265 15s. 6d. subscribed to the Boys' School, the total for the year was £1648. Thus in the last five years the lowest contribution to the three Charities is £1123, while in two of the years, it very largely exceeded £2000. Judging from what was done on Wednesday, the prospects for the current year are decidedly encouraging.

Of the 16 lodges on the roll of

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

exactly one-fourth were represented at the Festival on Wednesday, the total of the six Stewards, including Bro. Edwin Lea, Unattached, being £197 8s. Last year the Province did exceedingly well, the total of its Returns to the three Festivals being £598 19s., the Benevolent Institution receiving £44 11s.; the Girls' School £229 19s.; and the Boys' School £324 9s. The totals for 1893 and 1894 were considerably smaller, amounting in the former year to £304 18s. 6d., and in the latter to £428 6s. 6d., but in 1892, when Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., presided at the Boys' School Festival, the total was £1729 11s., of which the favoured Charity received £1645 11s.

Only five out of the 48 lodges in

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

were represented on Wednesday by as many Stewards, the sum total of their Returns being £183 9s. 6d. But there must be occasional relaxation even on the part of such strong and influential Provinces as this. In 1894 the Returns included £142 5s. 6d. to this Institution; £187 15s. to the Girls' School; and £516 8s. to the Boys' School, making a total for the year of £846 8s. 6d. In 1894 they amounted to £951 9s. 6d., of which about one-half was subscribed to the Girls' School, while the remainder was shared between the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School in the proportion of about four parts to the former and five parts to the latter. In 1893 only £680 4s. was raised, but in 1892, when this Institution celebrated the Jubilee of its foundation, it stood at £1650 17s., the sum contributed to this Charity being £1345 19s. 7d. Nor must we overlook the fact that the Province has a very useful Educational Charity of its own which was started a few years since and is very liberally maintained by the brethren.

HERTFORDSHIRE,

which for years past has been doing excellent work, has a larger contingent of Stewards than—as far as we can remember—at any Festival since that in behalf of this Institution in 1893, when Bro. C. E. Keyser, who has been associated for quite 20 years with the Province, acted as Chairman. On Wednesday 10 of its 22 lodges and three of its eight chapters took part in the proceedings, the amount raised by the 12 Stewards being £724 18s. Of this sum Bro. Keyser, representing the Hertford Lodge and Chapter, No. 403, returned £185 16s.; Bro. John Mark, of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, £68 5s.; Bro. C. B. Lumley, of the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, £64; Comp. W. Metcalfe, of the James Terry Chapter, No. 2372, £52 10s. 6d.; and Bro. E. P. Debenham, Halsey Lodge, No. 1476, £9. In 1895 a sum of £452 3s. 6d. was raised by a body of eight Stewards for this Institution; £334 18s. 6d. by eight Stewards for the Girls' School; and £333 7s. 6d. by an equal number of Stewards for the Boys' School, the total thus distributed amongst the three being £1120 9s. 6d., while in 1894 the total was £958 6s. 4d.; in 1893, when, as we have already remarked, Bro. Keyser was Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, £2106 14s., of which £1444 3s. 6d. was subscribed for this Institution; and in 1892, £2135 6s. 6d., of which £1883 6s. 6d. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee. That this Institution should obtain the largest share of support from Hertfordshire is not to be wondered at, seeing that its worthy Secretary has been one of its Provincial Officers for upwards of a quarter of a century, but the figures we have quoted show that the claims of our two Schools are by no means overlooked, and no doubt we shall see this confirmed when we chronicle the doings at the Festivals which have yet to be held in their behalf during the current year.

It can hardly be expected that

KENT

should show to as great advantage as it has in many past years. At the Festival of the Boys' School in July last it had standing to its credit £1896 9s., which, added to the £253 11s. 6d. raised for the Old Folks in the preceding February, and the £240 9s. subscribed to the Girls' School in May, made up the year's total to £2390 9s. 6d. Of this sum it must be borne in mind that £1260 constituted the price of the Perpetual Presentation to the Boys' School in commemoration of the many and distinguished services rendered by Bro. J. S. Eastes, the Deputy G. Master of the Province. This, therefore, is hardly to be looked upon as a contribution proper to one of our Festivals. But the money has come out of the pockets of our Kentish brethren, and is devoted to the service for Kentish purposes of one of our Institutions. As a consequence, the Province is not in a position to subscribe as largely as doubtless it would otherwise have done, and on Wednesday, only four lodges out of a total on the roll of 62 and one chapter with a brother acting as Unattached Steward, are entered in the Returns, and the sum of their contributions is £164 6s. In 1894, the total was £1225 10s. 6d.; in 1893, £2103 12s. 6d.; in 1892, when this Institution celebrated its Jubilee, £3003 13s. 6d.; and in 1891, when Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G. Master, presided as Chairman at the Festival of this Institution, it reached the splendid total of £4018 8s. Our readers may depend upon it that Kent will very shortly be resuming its place among the more considerable donors.

It will be seen in the case of

LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION),

as in that of Kent, that a big subscription for any special purpose of necessity exercises an unfavourable influence on the regular flow of contributions to our Central Charities. Thus, as the average of the Festival subscriptions to these Institutions suffered indirectly by the memorial raised to Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P. G.M. of Kent, so the contributions of East Lancashire to the same Charities suffered last year, and will be likely to suffer for a short time, at all events, by the success of the splendid effort it made in July last in behalf of its Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. At the Festival it then held, a sum not far short of £4500 was raised for the local Charity, while the total of the subscriptions to our three Central Charities was only £265 13s. This is only in the ordinary course of things. However generously disposed people may be, they cannot be expected to give twice over. They gave so largely to their home Charity, that they had but a small sum available for outside purposes. On Wednesday, however, the amount raised by the five Stewards who did duty for the Province and two of its lodges was £369 12s., or considerably more than the total to all three Institutions in 1895. We trust the improvement will be as noticeable in the case of the two Festivals which have still to come.

LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION)

is just a trifle stronger as regards the number of its lodges than the eastern division of the county. It has also not one, but three, local Institutions to which it devotes a large amount of support, and which, in return for the generous measure of support they receive, do a vast amount of good locally. This, of course, explains why the contributions to our general Charities are not in proportion to the strength of the Province. But when occasion arises, West Lancashire knows how to put forth its strength. In 1891—when Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. Grand Master, acted as Chairman at the Boys' School Festival, at Brighton—the Province supported him to the extent of £6126 14s. 6d., the total raised during the year being £6341 19s. 4d. In 1892, the year of the Benevolent Jubilee, it raised £1679 14s. 6d., but in 1893 only £792 18s.; while in 1894—when Bro. Lord Lathom was Chairman at the Girls' School Festival—the sum subscribed was £2768 2s. 6d., of which £2500 was in behalf of "Our Girls." Last year, the

sum distributed among the three Institutions was £516 15s. 6d., while on Wednesday, three Stewards, representing as many lodges, compiled amongst them £49 17s. 6d. We trust that West Lancashire will put forth some of its acknowledged strength in aid of the School Festivals in May and June respectively.

There can be no two opinions as to the splendid character of the support given by

MIDDLESEX

to its Prov. Grand Master as Chairman at Wednesday's gathering. By a lucky chance the Secretary of the Institution was successful in enlisting the services of Bro. Lord George Hamilton before the result of last year's Festival, and hence his Province was able to make the necessary arrangements at an earlier date than usual. In fact, no sooner had the Boys' School Festival for 1895 been held than some of the most active and influential brethren in Middlesex set about organising a contingent of Stewards that should be able to give account of their Stewardship when the appointed time arrived; and so admirable were these arrangements that every one of the 42 lodges on the roll sent up at least one representative, and many of the chapters did likewise. Then the Middlesex section of the Board on Wednesday numbered in all 73 ladies and brethren, while the sum they had the satisfaction of raising amounted to £3668 14s. 6d., inclusive of £82 10s. as the personal donation of the Chairman. Among the larger contributions must be mentioned £491 9s. from the representatives of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, Feltham, the principal item comprised in this sum being the lists of Bros. T. I. Bird and John Mason for £124 13s. and £152 5s. respectively; £73 10s. from Bro. G. R. Nichols, who also did duty as Steward for the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, Plumstead; £26 13s. from Mrs. E. T. Taylor, irrespective of the £26 5s. raised by her husband, Bro. E. T. Taylor; and £32 11s. by Mrs. John Mason, in addition to her husband's list already mentioned. Bros. Haly and Charles Penny, of the Unity Lodge, No. 1637, Harrow Station, together raised £144 18s., of which £127 1s. appeared on the latter's list, and the balance on that of the former. Bro. C. V. Burgess, of the Raymond Thrupp Lodge, No. 2024, Hampton Court, and Bro. E. R. B. Dennis, of the Herga Lodge, No. 2548, Harrow, are entered, the former for £189 and the latter for £200; Bro. Charles G. Hatt, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, for £137 19s.; Bro. G. Clark, jun., Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, for £127 1s.; Bro. Charles J. Davison, Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, for £190 1s.; and Bro. Herbert Hooper, Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381, for £315. Of the amount of successful labour represented by this total for the Province collectively and these several items it is difficult to form an adequate idea, while it is certainly impossible to speak in terms of exaggerated praise of the efforts which the Middlesex Stewards, collectively and individually, must have put forth in order to produce such a brilliant result. There can be no doubt that the Chairman must fully appreciate the loyalty exhibited towards him personally by the whole of his Province, while the Institution, which has benefited so materially by his lordship's advocacy and their support, will gratefully bear in mind the benefits obtained for it by his and their separate and conjoined exertions. It is the best thing ever done by Middlesex on behalf of any one of our Institutions, and there is no doubt, that as a record, it will be long before it is beaten, even under conditions which may appear more favourable to the accumulation of big figures.

Of the 11 lodges on the roll of

MONMOUTHSHIRE,

five were directly represented by Stewards, while Bro. Lieut.-Col. Charles R. Lyne, D.P.G.M., took the whole Province under his charge, the total sums raised by the six brethren being £246 3s. Last year the Province took part in the Boys' School, the number of Stewards being the same as on Wednesday, but the total of their lists was only £148 11s. 6d. This was smaller than the amount usually compiled, but we accounted for it at the time by the fact that the Province was engaged in raising funds with which to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. In 1894 the amount subscribed to the Girls' School was £297 11s. 6d., in 1893 this Institution was favoured to the extent of £272 8s. 6d., and in 1892 the Boys' School received £316 18s., at the Benevolent Institution, at its Jubilee, £21, the latter Charity having had £325 1s. subscribed towards its requirements the previous year.

There are 20 lodges on the roll of

NORTH WALES,

and of these two sent up Stewards, while Bro. C. K. Benson gave his services, as usual, but independently. The total obtained by these brethren was on a small scale—£45 3s., but last year the Province did exceedingly well, the total subscribed to the three Institutions being £302 8s., of which £57 15s. was in respect of this Institution, £57 15s. to the Girls' School, and £186 18s. to the Boys' School, Bro. Benson being Steward on each occasion. In the previous three years the total was higher still, being £400 17s. 6d. in 1894; £474 18s. in 1893; and £495 12s. in 1892.

Ever since the Earl of Euston became Prov. Grand Master of

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

it has been its good fortune to find, at least, one or two brethren willing to enrol themselves as Stewards at any approaching Festival, the result being that it has rarely, if ever, figured among the absentees, while on particular occasions, as when his lordship presided for this Institution in 1889, or for the Girls' School in 1893, or at the Benevolent Jubilee in 1892, it has contributed in excess of the proportion which might be looked for in the case of a Province having so modest an array of lodges on its roll. Last year the total raised was £147, of which the Boys' School received £105, this Institution £10 10s., and the Girls' School £36 15s. In 1894, the total reached £328 7s., of which this Institution had the good fortune to receive £202 7s., while about four-fifths of the remainder was handed over to the Boys' School. In 1893, the year's total was £1107 12s., of which £1050 was subscribed to the Girls' School in support of Lord Euston's chairmanship, while in 1892, the sum of £388 10s. was raised, the bulk of which was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee. On Wednesday, the two Stewards, of whom one was a lodge representative and the other Unattached, handed in lists amounting together to £36 15s.

We look upon

OXFORDSHIRE

as one of the regular supporters of our Institutions, to be found invariably in the Returns for every Festival. Sometimes the contribution is on an extremely modest scale, as in February, 1895, when the total subscribed to this Institution was only £21 2s. More often the amount is large in proportion to the number of lodges on the roll, while the average is a good one and well maintained from year to year. Thus the £21 2s. just spoken of was followed in May by a total from six Stewards representing three out of the 12 lodges amounting to £159 3s., and this in turn was eclipsed to the contribution of £191 18s. 6d. by seven of the lodges, the years' Returns standing at £372 18s. 6d., as compared with £312 1s. in 1894 and £440 6s. 6d. in 1893. In 1892 the total stood at the exceptionally high figure of £661 19s. 6d., in consequence of the Jubilee of this Institution, for which the large sum of £428 7s. was raised. On Wednesday four Stewards, representing as many lodges, compiled a Return of £77 1s.

The Prov. Grand Master—Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.—Bro. James Vine representing the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury, and Comp. Newman, of the Salopian Chapter, No. 262, meeting in the same town, did duty for the lodges—of which there are 12—and chapters in

SHROPSHIRE,

the sum of their lists being £84, those of the lodge and chapter Stewards amounting to the same figure—£36 15s., while the Prov. Grand Master's was £10 10s. Last year £391 13s. was distributed amongst the Institutions, this one receiving £136 10s.; the Girls' School £63; and the Boys' School £192 3s.; Bro. Sir O. Wakeman being a Steward at the Festivals of the first and last of the three. In 1894 and 1893, the donations and subscriptions were on a small scale, but in 1892 the total raised was £615 15s. 6d., of which £456 1s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee, while in 1891 the aggregate of the Returns was £455 9s. 6d. These are creditable figures for a Province of such moderate strength.

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION),

under the auspices of its new Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Llangattock, has been making considerable progress, and it is not surprising, therefore, that its representative, Bro. George Clarry, of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff, should have handed in the substantial list of £285. Indeed, the amount is rather lower than usual, especially when we take into account that two or three new lodges have been added to the roll. Thus last year, Bro. W. G. Davies, as Steward for the whole Province, compiled a list of £300 for the Girls' School, and in 1894, the same Bro. Davies raised £350 for the Boys' School. In 1893, the Girls' School received £325 10s., and in 1892, the total sum raised was £501 15s. 6d., of which £180 was for the Benevolent Jubilee, and £321 15s. 6d. for the Boys' School. In 1891, this Institution obtained £380 out of a total for the year of £479 15s. However, if Bro. Clarry's list is below the yearly average, it is due, no doubt, to chance rather than to any diminution in the interest of the Province in our Charities.

No doubt, before the year is ended,

STAFFORDSHIRE,

with 32 lodges on its roll, will make as goodly a show of contributions as usual, but on Wednesday only one of its lodges sent up a Steward, and his list would seem to have been limited to his personal donation of £10 10s. Last year the aggregate reached £692 13s. 6d., of which this Institution received £152 5s., the Girls' School £250 10s., and the Boys' School £289 9s. 6d. In 1893 and 1894, the totals were £424 7s. 6d. and £428 8s. respectively, while in 1891 and 1892, they stood as high as £761 15s. 6d. in the former, and £762 2s. in the latter. There is, therefore, a good deal of ground to be covered in order to reach the lowest of these totals, but the Province has an excellent Charity Association, by means of which it raises a goodly average of donations and subscriptions year by year.

Only two out of the 22 lodges in

SUFFOLK

were represented on Wednesday, the British Union Lodge, No. 114, Ipswich, contributing, per Bros. Wainwright and Turner, £115 15s., and the Prince of Wales, No. 959, Ipswich, per Bro. A. R. Trew, £42, the total obtained by the three brethren being £157 15s. In 1895, the Province subscribed in all £851 13s. 6d., of which £655 17s. fell to the lot of this Institution, £135 19s. 6d. to the Girls' School, and £59 17s. to the Boys' School. In 1894, the sum total was £809 5s., and in 1893, £533 9s. 6d.; but in 1892—when this Institution celebrated its Jubilee Festival—the year's efforts yielded an aggregate of £1449 4s., out of which no less than £1291 14s. was subscribed to the Old People.

Of the 41 lodges on the roll of

SURREY

seven sent up Stewards, of whom one—Bro. Frederick Thomas—acted for a London lodge as well, and his return is included in the London Section. The total from all sources amounted to £286 17s., the principal list being that of Bro. John Wayte, who represented the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, and had the pleasure of handing in £117 12s. Last year it distributed the very considerable sum of £1043 1s. among the three Institutions, the Old People receiving £178 3s. 6d.; the Girls' School £265 3s. 6d.; and the Boys' School £599 14s. In 1894, the total stood as high as £1673 4s. 6d., but then the late Bro. Colonel Money, C.B., Prov. G. Master, acted as Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, and in support of his Chairmanship, the Province subscribed £1399 2s. In 1893, only £913 3s. 6d. was raised during the year, but the smallness of this total is to be accounted for by the heavy work done in 1892, when the total raised was £2817 19s. 6d., of which £2148 9s. 6d. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee.

There are some 30 lodges in the Province of

SUSSEX,

and of these eight, represented by nine Stewards, took part in the proceedings of Wednesday. The list of Bro. A. Holding Moore, as Steward for the Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester, which amounted to £70, was the principal item, the total from all sources being £331 13s. 6d. Last year, the total raised for the three Charities was £1254 0s. 6d., this Institution receiving £320 15s. 6d.; the Girls' School, £417 4s. 6d.; and the Boys' School, £516 0s. 6d. In 1894, it amounted to £1477 17s.; in 1893, to £1234 16s.; and in 1892, when this Institution celebrated its Jubilee and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presided at the Girls' School Festival, to £2227 4s. These are tall figures, and reflect great credit upon a Province which is largely agricultural.

Of the 31 lodges on the roll of

WARWICKSHIRE,

three were represented, the sum of their contributions being £164 17s. Of these three, the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, Birmingham, did the lion's share of the work, its nine Stewards compiling a joint list of £122 17s. The total subscribed in 1895 was £1155, including £525 as a Life Presentation to the Boys' School; in 1894 and 1893, it was £637 16s. 3d. and £530 7s. 6d. respectively, but in 1892, the Province exerted itself strenuously and to good purpose, and raised in all £2410 4s., of which £2186 was subscribed at the Jubilee Festival of this Institution.

It is not the first time that

WORCESTERSHIRE

has been rescued from the absentee list by the act of Bro. T. R. Arter. When we first saw the list of Provincial Stewards, Bro. Arter figured under Warwickshire, but this week he has caused his name to be transferred to the contiguous Province of Worcestershire, his list being entered for £21. Last year, when Bro. Arter acted similarly on behalf of the Province, just on the very eve of the Festival of this Institution, the total subscribed was £358, of which the Old People received £42, the Girls' School, £153 5s., and the Boys' School, £162 15s. In 1894 the total was only £193 0s. 6d., but in 1893 the sum of £308 3s. was raised for the Schools, and in 1892, £498 5s. for the three Charities.

We cannot call to mind any Festival at which the Province of

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS),

has figured so conspicuously as at that of Wednesday. There are 33 lodges on the roll, and of these 10 were directly represented by 17 Stewards, while Bros. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; Todd, Prov. G. Treas.; and W. H. Cowper were Stewards for the Province as a whole, and Bro. Hutchence a Steward Unattached. The total compiled by these 21 brethren was £900. This is an achievement which exceeds anything the Province has done in the past, and we venture to congratulate our North and East Yorkshire brethren, but especially those who represented them on Wednesday on the brilliant success of their labours. Last year the sum raised for the two Schools was £155 12s. 6d.; in 1894 it was £441 15s.; in 1893, £424 4s.; and in 1892, £733 4s., of which £711 9s. was raised for the Jubilee of this Institution.

As for

YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING),

the sum raised by the Stewards—of whom 15 were representatives of eight out of 76 lodges and the rest Unattached—was £700, including £210, being the proportion allotted to the Benevolent Institution out of the Henry Smith Testimonial Fund. In 1895, the sum of £1716 8s. 6d. was raised for the three Charities, the Girls' School receiving £921, the Benevolent Institution £441, and the Boys' School £354 8s. 6d., but the preceding year it reached the immense sum of £6697 5s., of which £4559 15s. was contributed to the Boys' School in support of the chairmanship of Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G. Master. We need not go further back for particulars of West Yorkshire's contributions to our Charities. Only on one or two occasions have they been on a small scale.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We have gone so minutely into detail in our task of analysing the Returns, that nothing remains for us but to express our gratification at the success of Wednesday's gathering. We anticipated a large Return, but not so large as it has proved to be, and our congratulations to the noble Chairman, the Stewards, and the Institution are all the heartier in consequence.

MASONIC BALL AT STRATFORD TOWN HALL.

The brethren of the Woodgrange Lodge of Instruction gave a ball last year in aid of the funds of the West Ham Hospital, and were enabled to present a considerable sum to that admirable institution. Encouraged by their first success, the brethren held their second ball at the Stratford Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Over 250 ladies and gentlemen were present, and from the first to the last dance all went with a swing. The arrangements were complete and to the satisfaction of everyone. The floral decorations were tasteful. Bro. Dan Godfrey's band pleased the ear, and, thanks to the untiring efforts of the M.C.—Mr. G. F. Hardwick—assisted by an efficient body of Stewards, everybody worked for one end—the satisfaction of all present, and the hope of securing a substantial balance for the funds of the West Ham Hospital.

The ball was, for the most part, promoted by the following brethren, who acted as Stewards: Bros. Octavius E. Riche, W.M.; J. H. Brown, I.P.M.; A. R. Trew, P.M.; B. J. Tucker, P.M.; A. J. Hardwick, P.M.; G. Pidduck, S.W.; C. Slater, J.W.; W. Wilkinson, S.D.; E. Bluck, J.D.; H. Lloyd, Org.; R. Box, I.G.; F. J. Brown, J. A. Cooper, W. E. Hutchinson, Jeffrey Stewart, R. T. Tucker, jun., R. Ayton, P. Lynch, all members of the Woodgrange Lodge of Instruction.

Among the many who were present were Bros. Ernest Gray, M.P. for West Ham; C. J. R. Tijou, P.M., P.A.G.P.; Bro. O. E. Riche and Mrs. Riche; Bros. R. J. Tucker, P.M.; R. Ayton, P.M.; Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Davis; Professor Tissack (Trinity College, Oxford) and Miss Smith; Bro. Mead, P.M., Mrs. and Misses Mead; Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Douglas; Bro. F. W. and Mrs. Tew; Bro. C. Reeve, P.M., and Mrs. Reeve; Bro. Jeffrey and Mrs. Stewart; Bro. and Mrs. Church; Bro. and Mrs. J. Blackwell (of New York); Captain and Mrs. Harris; Bro. and Mrs. Poston, and others too numerous to mention.

Where the whole was so well carried out, it is unnecessary to give further detail. Last, but not least, thanks are due to Bro. Henry W. Clarke, who acted as Hon. Sec. to the Ball Committee.

Mark Masonry.

County Palatine Lodge, No. 156.

The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Bro. Arthur Middleton, P.G. Std. Br. England, took the chair, and also acted as Installing Master. The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Buckley Carr, P.M. 1161, was advanced. Bro. A. Pemberton, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Dr. F. D. Foreman, and the ceremony was most admirably performed by Bro. Middleton; in fact, we never saw a more beautiful exposition of the ritual of Mark Masonry.

The following were present: Bros. A. Pemberton, S.W.; Nathan Heywood, J.W.; Thos. Plumptre, M.O.; Alf. Allen, S.O.; R. Thomson, J.O.; A. Middleton, P.M., P.G.D. England, Treas.; A. C. K. Smith, S.D.; W. Charlton, J.D.; Wm. A. Boyer, I.G.; Fred. Grammar, and F. G. Berry. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Jefferis, P.G.D. Eng.; Dr. Thos. D. Foreman, P.M.; Batty, W.M. Chorlton Lodge; Wells, P.M.; Geo. S. Smith, Prov. G. Org.; Evans Williams, W.M. Union Lodge; and J. W. Worsley, 126.

The following were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Nathan Heywood, S.W.; Thos. Plumptre, J.W.; Alf. Allen, M.O.; Robt. Thomson, S.O.; A. C. K. Smith, J.O.; A. Middleton, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; W. Charlton, S.D.; W. A. Boyer, J.D.; F. G. Berry, I.G.; Grammar, Stwd.; and Flower, Tyler.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES presented to Sir T. Lowthian Bell, F.R.S., at Marlborough House, on Wednesday, the Albert Medal awarded him by the President and Council of the Society of Arts, "in recognition of the service he has rendered to arts, manufactures, and commerce by his metallurgical researches and the resulting development of the iron and steel industries." Many members of the Council were present to witness the presentation. Later in the day his Royal Highness went to Windsor on a visit to the Queen.

ON TUESDAY, the 25th inst., a ball, promoted by the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, and was eminently successful. About 150 brethren and friends assembled, and, to cho'c: music supplied by Bro. E. Clayton's band, danced through a programme of 20 items. Bros. D. Gabrielsen, P.M., and Woodhouse, J.W., were M.Cs., being ably assisted by a numerous band of Stewards, under the direction of Bro. M. Aronsberg, P.M. The Hon. Sec. of the Ball Committee was Bro. G. F. Finger, I.G.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

A regular Quarterly Communication of United
Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall on
Wednesday, the 4th prox. The business to be trans-
acted will be for the most part of the usual character,
but the M.W. Pro Grand Master has given notice of
motion to the effect that Grand Lodge should offer
their humble and respectful sympathy to the Queen
on the calamity that has befallen her youngest daughter
the Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg,
by the death on service in a foreign land of her
husband, H.R.H. Prince Henry of Battenberg. Such
a motion will meet with the loyal approval of the
whole Masonic community, not only because the
Queen is the sovereign ruler of this country and be-
cause so many members of her family are or have
been in the front rank of English Freemasons; but
likewise because of those fine womanly qualities which
during the whole course of her long and prosperous
reign her Majesty has exhibited towards all classes of
her subjects. By none is the calamity which has
recently befallen the Queen, her daughter the Princess
Beatrice, and the whole Royal Family more deeply
lamented, and from none will it evoke deeper and more
heartfelt sympathy than from those among her subjects
who are members of the Masonic brotherhood.

As for the business which will come before Grand
Lodge in the ordinary course, there is nothing that calls
for any special remark, unless, indeed, it be that Bro.; W.
H. Bailey will pass from the stage of Grand Treasurer
nominate to that of Grand Treasurer elect without
any of that unseemly disturbance which has occurred
at the March Communication for the past two or three
years. And it is for this reason that we welcome the
re-appearance on the agenda paper of the notice of
motion which Bro. W. F. Lamony gave in December
last, but which the pressure of his private avocations
prevented him from bringing forward on that occasion.

It may not be possible to prevent touting and can-
vassing for votes on behalf of candidates for office, but
a decided expression of opinion against the detestable
practice, such as Bro. Lamony's motion is calculated
to elicit from the members of Grand Lodge, will not
be without its effect. Moreover, we must bear in mind
that though the touting for votes has been most con-
spicuous in the case of the elections to the office of
Grand Treasurer, there are other elections during the
year—to the Boards of General Purposes and Benevo-
lence and the Colonial Board—at which touting has
been more or less openly practised. There are
brethren returned to these Boards who owe their
success not to any special fitness they possess, but
because they do not scruple to obtain support by means
of this obnoxious practice.

The number of lodges for which the M.W. Grand
Master has been pleased to grant warrants of constitu-
tion since the December Grand Lodge is 12. Of these
three are located in the London district, six in the
Provinces, and three in foreign parts, namely, one in
the District of Madras, one in Zululand, and one in the
Canterbury District of New Zealand. The highest
number now on the roll is 2602.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge
of Mark Master Masons will be held at Mark Masons'
Hall, on Tuesday, the 3rd prox. Among the business
to be transacted is the election of a brother to the office
of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and, as more
than one candidate was proposed at the December
Communication, there will be a contest, which, as the
Mark is a far less numerous body than the Craft, will,
we hope, pass off in orderly fashion.

From the Report of the General Board, which will
be presented at the meeting, it appears that warrants
have been granted for five new Mark and two new Ark
Mariners lodges since last December, and that there
were issued during the three months ending 31st
December, 1895, 307 Mark and 83 Ark Mariner
Certificates, raising the total number registered in the
former Degree to 34,085, and in the latter to 4747.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that of
the 32 pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys
who entered for Preliminary Section of the Cambridge
University Local Examinations, as many as 30 passed,
one boy receiving the mark of "distinction" for Geo-
graphy. What makes this announcement additionally
gratifying is the fact that the average age of these 32
was only 13 years and five months. This demonstrates
most clearly the excellence of the educational training
in force at the School. It is also worthy of note that
E. J. Coupland, the senior boy in the School, who is
only 16½ years of age, has passed the Matriculation
Examination for the London University in the first
division. This speaks well for the "retention system"
which has latterly been adopted by the Institution, and
which allows the Board of Management to retain in
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any boy who gives promise of being able to win dis-
tinction in the higher class of scholastic studies.

We have received the fourth and fifth lists of con-
tributions to the Boys' School Scholarship. Owing to
the heavy demands upon our space, we are under the
necessity of deferring their publication till next week.
We may, however, mention incidentally that the latter
of the two lists includes £50 voted by Supreme Grand
Chapter at its Quarterly Convocation on the 5th inst.;
£52 10s. from the Supreme Council, 33^d; £25 from the
Skinners' Company; and £10 from the St. Hilda
Lodge, No. 240, South Shields; while in the former
is included £21 from the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1037.

At the regular meeting of Lodge Quatuor Coronati,
No. 2076, on Friday, the 6th prox., Bro. E. Conder,
jun., will read a paper entitled "The City Company of
Masons."

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for 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 FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reference to the approaching Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, may I suggest that the above lodge might have one Festival in the year when the three Degrees are rehearsed, and perhaps the installation ceremony if time permits. I am speaking as a Secretary of a lodge of instruction situated at a considerable distance from London. We are using Emulation working as strictly as we can, but some of us would like to go up to London occasionally so as to be absolutely correct in every detail. It would take several journeys to hear all the ceremonies, exclusive of the lectures, and I think that the above proposition, if carried out, would greatly tend to improve the Emulation working in the provinces.

February 22nd.

SECRETARY.

WHO IS MY BROTHER?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly insert the list of contributions in support of "Our Brother's Bed" in the Free Home for the Dying, Clapham, with our best thanks? Further donations are much needed, and are specially asked from lodges, as well as from individual brethren.—Fraternally yours,

W. PORTLOCK-DADSON, 1383,
Honorary Secretary.

Office—281, Strand, W.C.,
February 27th.

Reviews.

"THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER, 1896."—This beautifully printed annual, which is issued from the press of Bro. John Bellows, of Gloucester, is commendably early, has been edited by Bro. R. P. Sumner, as usual, and is published by authority of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge. This year's issue contains a choice print of the "Prentice's Bracket" in the south transept of Gloucester Cathedral, which is referred to in the admirable sermon by the Dean of Gloucester (the Very Rev. Dr. Spencer, Grand Chaplain), delivered in June last, when the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in the chapter room for business, and adjourned to the Cathedral for the service. This was a memorable occasion, and hence the edition will be an interesting souvenir of that important event. The Directory also has numerous items of information besides, and is thus an excellent chronicle of matters Masonic in the county, as well as a most useful Directory for the brethren. The work is full of information, ably arranged and condensed, the Charities especially being well represented. There are 16 lodges in the province, returning 697 members, the voting strength being the large number of 4454, being an extraordinary number of votes for a comparatively small province. During the last 10 years the voting strength has increased by over 1300, and doubtless the excellent management of the Provincial Charity Secretary, Bro. R. P. Sumner, Prov. S.G.W., has done much to secure this magnificent result.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 4th prox.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th December, 1895, for confirmation.
2. Election of M.W. Grand Master.
3. To consider the following Notice of Motion from the M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER:

That the Grand Lodge, with feelings of devoted loyalty, desires humbly and respectfully to offer to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen this expression of deep and sincere sympathy on the great calamity that has befallen her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenberg) on the lamentable death, while serving his adopted country in a foreign land, of his Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg, K.G., and this Grand Lodge earnestly prays that the Great Architect of the Universe will, in His compassionate mercy, vouchsafe to her Majesty and to the widowed Princess strength to bear with calmness and fortitude the irreparable loss they have sustained.

4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

5. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:

A brother of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, London	£ 50 0 0
A brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon	50 0 0
The daughter of a brother of the St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, South Shields, on behalf of five infant children	50 0 0
A brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Wykham Lodge, No. 1885, Winchester	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge Hope and Unity, No. 377, Kidderminster	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge De Ogle, No. 636, Morpeth	50 0 0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board has to report that its attention has been directed to the fact that, in violation of the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, centenary jewels had been obtained for certain members of a London lodge elsewhere than at the office of the Grand Secretary. The Board accordingly summoned before it the W. Master, Wardens, and Secretary of the lodge, together with the brother—not a member of the lodge—by whom the jewels had been supplied, and who had offered to procure them for a price less than that named in the Book of Constitutions. The Secretary having stated the lodge was not aware the jewels were not procured by that brother through the office of the Grand Secretary, the brother who procured them was admonished by the Board, and the lodge was cautioned not to permit further purchases of jewels to be made, except in the manner provided by the Constitutions.

The Board has further to report that it had felt its duty to suspend from all Masonic rights and privileges for a period of three months a member of a London lodge for having, in violation of Rule 202, Book of Constitutions, given a certificate or recommendation, to enable a brother in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief.

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks:

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
An Old Masonic Apron	George E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C.
History of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1	Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.
The "Haddon" Manuscript of the Old Charges	James S. Haddon, P.P.S.G.W. Somerset.
Robert Burns and the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning.	William J. Hughan, P.G.D.
Transcript of the "Haddon" Manuscript	
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, &c., 1733—1792	General Lawrence, Past G.M. Massachusetts.
The Royal Arch in the Past	Wm. Smithett, M.E.Z. 58.
Two Past Masters' Jewels	Edward Terry, Past G. Treas.
By-laws of Nos. 84 and 330, 1778 and 1765, MS.	Mr. Henry Phillips, per Bro. Alfred Bannister.
"Dinner Scraps" from Table No. 657	C. de Broë, P.M. 657.
Human Sacrifices in India, &c.	Neville Green, P.M. 1962.

In consequence of the special value and interest attaching to "the Haddon Masonic Manuscript," most generously presented by Bro. James S. Haddon, P. Provincial Grand Warden of Somerset, the Board resolved that a vote of thanks to that brother be engrossed on vellum, illuminated, and framed.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of February instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £6994 7s. 6d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
19th February.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M. 962, 1924—

That the Grand Lodge of England in Quarterly Communication assembled, hereby expresses its strong disapproval of the system of canvassing and touting carried on at the annual elections, and earnestly appeals to its members to discountenance and prevent the continuance of a practice which is contrary to the principles and tenets of English Freemasonry.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- No. 2591, The St. Mary of the Harbour Lodge, New Shoreham.
- " 2592, The Waltair Lodge, Vizagapatam, Madras.
- " 2593, The Hugh Owen Lodge, London.
- " 2594, The Old Priory Lodge, Beeston.
- " 2595, The Trinity Lodge, Buckfastleigh.
- " 2596, The Eshowe Lodge, Zululand.
- " 2597, The St. Alban's Lodge, Christchurch, New Zealand.
- " 2598, The St. Sampson's Lodge, Guernsey.
- " 2599, The Engineer Lodge, London.
- " 2600, The Stanley of Preston Lodge, Preston.
- " 2601, The Holloway Lodge, London.
- " 2602, The Baring Lodge, Cromer.

CONSECRATION OF THE HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

A desire having been widely expressed among Poor Law officers that the Poor Law Service should have a Masonic lodge specially for its members, a Committee was formed to take the necessary steps to obtain a warrant for the formation of such a lodge, and it was determined, with his kind permission, to name it after Sir Hugh Owen, K.C.B., the permanent Secretary of the Local Government Board. For more than half-a-century the name of Hugh Owen has been honourably connected with the Poor Law Service, which owes a deep debt of gratitude both to the late and the present Sir Hugh Owen for many acts of thoughtful kindness and consideration, and for their efforts to improve the position of every class of officer in the service, and Poor Law Masons throughout the country gladly hailed the opportunity of associating their honoured names for all time with the service for which they had laboured and done so much.

The Hugh Owen Lodge is the latest addition to the roll of the Order, and the consecration took place on Friday, the 14th instant, at the Frascati, Oxford-street.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., as S.W.; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., D.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; H. J. Lardner, as I.G.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, as Tyler.

The founders are the following: Bros. John H. Rutherglen, P.M. 1642; J. W. Hartley, P.M. 1986; H. G. Holland, P.M. 2353; R. H. Nicholls, W. Chapman Grigg, M.D., P.M. 10, 1635, and 1591; H. Roberts, J. W. Hunt, J.D. 2353; H. Ramsbottom, J. Elliott, C. G. Ridgway, E. A. Frith, H. T. Willis, A. E. Lee, R. Brown, P.M. 1558; F. C. Soper, H. Tull, J. A. Battersby, J. Claxton, J. R. Musto, T. Badcock, H. C. Russell, J.W. 1063; A. A. Hunt, E. C. Cryer, H. T. Kobelt, T. P. Warwick, J.D. 145; T. L. Smith, M.D., J. C. Glover, G. Clark, J. C. Morgan, C. Spencer, T. W. Norman, M. F. Cadman, H. D. Aslett, P.M. 1892, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey and S. Fussell, J.D. 1579.

The visitors present were—

Bros. J. Harris, P.M. 1273, P.P.S.G.W. Kent; H. Black, P.M. 1273, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; G. Goble, P.M. 1273, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; H. Morris, P.M. 1273; N. M. Simmonds, P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk; P. Newbould, P.M. 426; H. B. Spaul, 145; J. Larkin, P.M. 3; Dr. R. D. Sweeting, S.W. 10, P.P.G.O.; R. Hendy, 1767; W. B. Neville, P.M. 1767; L. Beale, 1767; C. C. Piper, 2030; W. F. E. S. Stephens, 1567; F. Deering, P.M. 2384; J. Patrick, 2353; M. Huish, W.M. 1642; T. J. Bolton, S.W. 1687; A. C. Banks, P.M. 46; B. Roberts, 503; R. Ridgway, 2353; J. Bartlett, 2030; W. Shurmer, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; C. R. A. Griffin, 2317; T. Hubbard, 829; R. J. Barradell, 2373; A. J. Brown, P.P.G.S.B. Hants and Isle of Wight; V. J. Barlow, 1063; C. M. Collingwood, 1437; C. B. Shelswell, W.M. 2384; W. Lawrence, W.M. 2168; R. S. Cummings, Sec. 2168; James Stephens, P.M., Sec. 2150; W. Craddock, 2150; H. T. Dudman, 1929; J. Scannell, 1384; P. Taverner, 1364; F. W. Hunt, 1636; A. Timothy, P.M. 87; W. Curry, Treas. 2331; G. Paxton, 742; J. Gibson, 2030; E. J. Badderly, 1624; C. F. Chamberlin, P.M. 353; C. H. Bestow, S.W. 2374; H. C. Cuttriss, 217; G. F. Brooking, 1604; G. W. Donson, 1306; E. Sutton, 742; F. Shelton, P.M. 1366; A. A. Millward, 2168; J. Rexworthy, P.M. 1728; W. R. Stephens, 1642; J. Lee, 231; Ben. George, 1287; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2353, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; R. J. Morley, 2589; R. Clay, W.M. elect 766; Nathan

Robinson (L.C.C.), P.M. 55; J. Wells, P.S.G.W. South Australia; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; E. White, J.P., P.M. 177; F. Wint, P.M. 101; C. H. Waterer, 1445; W. Bradford, I.G. 2168; C. J. Taylor, P.M. 1487; G. Eade, 1677; Col. Lockwood, M.P., P.S.G.W.; J. M. Sillitoe, 2353; O. Cooper, P.M. 211; A. C. Gooding, P.M. 1818; A. Appleby, 1706; J. F. Croager, 30; S. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., W.M. 1361; Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., 834; James Bailey, M.P., W.M. 1974; Herbert Schartau, 1569. P.P.G. Org. Middx.; R. Green, P.M., Sec. 1642; A. Kempton, 1287; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge having been opened, and a hymn sung, the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren in a few appropriate remarks, observing that he was there by command of his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. to consecrate the lodge, and he hoped the lodge might have before it a career of great prosperity.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. **STUDHOLME BROWN-RIGG**, P.G. Chap., having delivered a very eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Order, the new lodge was solemnly consecrated and dedicated.

The Consecrating Officer next inducted into the chair the W.M. designate, Bro. John H. Rutherglen, P.M. 1642, who invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. W. Hartley, P.M. 1986, acting I.P.M.; H. G. Holland, P.M. 2353, S.W.; R. H. Nicholls, J.W.; W. Chapman Grigg, M.D., P.M. 10, 1635, and 1591, Treas.; H. Roberts, Sec.; J. W. Hunt, J.D. 2353, S.D.; H. Ramsbottom, J.D.; J. Elliott, Org.; C. G. Ridgway, I.G.; E. A. Frith, D.C.; H. T. Willis and A. E. Lee, Stwds.; and A. Campion Tyler.

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** rose, and in eulogistic terms, referred to the work done that day by the Consecrating Officer, the Grand Secretary, and he asked him to accept a jewel as a memento of that auspicious occasion.

In acknowledging the jewel, the **GRAND SECRETARY** observed that it had given him great pleasure to act as Consecrating Officer.

The Consecrating Officers were afterwards unanimously elected honorary members.

The following were also elected hon. members: Bros. the Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P., the Right Hon. Lord Glenesk, the Right Hon. Sir Chas. Dilke, M.P., James Bailey, M.P., E. H. Llewellyn, M.P., Col. Lockwood, M.P., P.S.G.W. Essex; W. Thompson-Sharpe, M.P., L. Atherley-Jones, M.P., and M. M. Bhowndagree, M.P.

The W.M. read the following letter which he had received from Sir Hugh Owen, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes:

"Local Government Board
"Whitehall, S.W.,
"Feb. 14th, 1896.

"Dear Mr. Rutherglen,

"It has given me much pleasure to receive the beautifully-illuminated copy of the resolution passed by the founders of the 'Hugh Owen Lodge,' as to the association of the name of my father and myself with the lodge which has been established especially for members of the Poor Law Service. I greatly appreciate the fact that the services of my father in connection with the old Poor Law Board are still remembered by Poor Law officers. As to myself, I feel that the indebtedness as to the use of the name is entirely on my part, and the proposal was very gratifying to me.

"I most heartily wish the new lodge all success and prosperity.

"Believe me, dear Mr. Rutherglen,

"Very truly yours,
"HUGH OWEN."

The resolution referred to in Sir Hugh Owen's letter was as follows:

"At a Meeting of the Founders of the Hugh Owen Lodge, No. 2593, held on Thursday, 30th January, 1896, it was Resolved Unanimously,—That the Founders of this Lodge, established especially for members of the Poor Law Service, desire to convey to Sir Hugh Owen, K.C.B., their grateful thanks for his kindness in permitting the use of his name, and to express their pleasure in believing that in all time his name will be thus connected with a Service which owes to him and his father before him a deep debt of gratitude for guarding the interests of Poor Law Officials of every class.

"Signed on behalf of the Founders,

"JOHN H. RUTHERGLEN,
"Worshipful Master Designate."

Many propositions were received for initiates and joining members, and the lodge was closed.

A *recherché* banquet followed, which was well served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. E. Kalla.

The first toast afterwards submitted was "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. observing that she was the first Lady in the world, and he referred to her sad bereavement by the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, who had lost his life in the service of his adopted country.

The W.M. gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," remarking that it was a great honour and advantage to have as their M.W. Grand Master their future King.

In proposing "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. stated that it was a toast which commended itself to all Masons. It had not been his good fortune to have made the personal acquaintance of many of the Grand Officers, but there was no doubt that those appointed were splendid workers. They had a special array of Grand Officers who had honoured the lodge with their presence. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cook had rendered good service in getting the warrant from Grand Lodge, and he took that opportunity to present him with an address on vellum as a small token of what the members felt towards him for his kind services in the formation of the lodge. He also mentioned the Grand Secretary who had appointed Bro. Dr. Pocock one of his Consecrating Officers, which the founders very much appreciated. Bro. Dr. Pocock was a very old friend of his (the W.M.). He had been a very active Mason and was now a most distinguished one, and he associated his name and that of Bro. Col. Cook's with the toast.

Bro. Col. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., on rising to respond was enthusiastically received. He said he hardly thought that when he first heard of the Hugh Owen Lodge that he would have been there to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers. The little service he had rendered did not warrant the address which had been presented to him as what he had done was what one Mason would do for another. His connection with the Local Government Board taught him to appreciate the necessity of the lodge which had been consecrated that day.

Bro. Dr. Pocock, D.G.D.C., stated it afforded him very much pleasure to take part in the consecration of the lodge which had a great future before it. The W.M. was a good man and Mason and he would be able to do everything

to forward the interests of the lodge. He would like to have been a founder and he should watch the progress with much interest, but he felt certain that their initiates would be of the right sort and would keep up the dignity of the Craft.

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** gave "The Consecrating Officers," which he said was the toast of the evening, as without them the lodge would not have been in existence, and on behalf of the lodge he conveyed to them his best thanks for their great services. It would be presumptuous on his part to criticise the working of the Grand Secretary, but might he say that he and all that were present had had a delightful treat and one he should never forget, as it was the first consecration he had ever attended. It gave him very much pleasure to couple with the toast the name of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Letchworth.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm, as was Bro. **LETCHWORTH** on rising to acknowledge it. He said that after listening to his voice for so long that evening he would be very brief. On behalf of himself and those who had so kindly assisted him, he begged to thank them for the way they had been received. Under the rule of the **Worshipful Master**, who had had some experience, the lodge would not fail to be a great success.

Bro. the Right Hon. Sir **CHARLES DILKE**, M.P., proposed "Success to the Hugh Owen Lodge," and said it was a pity that so important a toast should have fallen into the hands of so miserable a Mason as he was, but his time was so much occupied that he could not give any of it to Masonry. It was then 18 years since the W.M. was initiated, and he (Sir Charles) was present, but he little thought to see him founder as well as installed the first W.M. of such an important lodge. He had been connected with him for many years, and he was a most efficient Poor Law Officer, and he had the great support of all those officers throughout the Kingdom. It was most appropriate that the Poor Law Officers should have a lodge of their own. They certainly could not have a better name for their lodge than that of Hugh Owen, who was the head, and rightly so, of Poor Law matters. He could not say too much in praise of Sir Hugh Owen, and the lodge was honoured in having such a good name, and he joined with the toast the name of the W.M.

In response, the W.M., Bro. **RUTHERGLEN**, said that Bro. Sir Charles Dilke had anticipated an apology for the establishment of such a lodge as theirs. It was thought desirable to form the lodge, and he was honoured by being asked to be the first W.M. Although a Mason for 18 years, he had not been an active one, and he supposed it was the little he had done for the whole of the service that he had been elected the Master. No other suitable name could be found than that of Hugh Owen, and both he and his father had been their best friends in the service. Then, as to himself, as W.M., if he had in the past been able to render any service he was glad, and their reception in consequence of having elected him W.M. was, he thought, proof that he was appreciated. He hoped everything would be done in the lodge that would make it perfect in the Masonic world. He referred in eloquent terms to the Charities, and urged all to give liberally, and as he was going up as Steward for the Girls, he hoped to have their great support. There was a movement on foot to form a Scholarship for the Boys, which was good. He wanted to form a Scholarship for the Girls, and he thought the Poor Law Masons would be able to form such a Scholarship. On behalf of the founders, he earnestly thanked them for the way the toast had been received.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," and said they were honoured with the attendance of a large array, many of whom were distinguished. He had received letters from Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Right Hon. Walter Long, Ritchie, Lord Glenesk, Sir Albert W. Woods, and many others, regretting their inability to attend to take part in the proceedings. He mentioned the principal visitors, several of whom were M.Ps., but who had had to return to the House of Commons. Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., had remained, and he was a distinguished Mason. He hoped all their guests had been well entertained, and that they would carry away with them a good impression of what they had seen and heard. He joined with the toast the names of Bros. Col. Lockwood, M.P., and Nathan Robinson.

Bro. Col. **LOCKWOOD**, M.P., responded. He said that it was a most important night in the House of Commons, but he was there, and he intended to stop so long as they made him welcome. The visitors had come from all parts, they had made many sacrifices to be present, and right well had they been received and entertained. He concluded his speech in a very humorous strain, which was received with great laughter.

Bro. **NATHAN ROBINSON**, P.M., L.C.C., said he had nothing but admiration for the splendid ceremony of the Grand Secretary, and for the very able manner the W.M. had invested his officers. The banquet was good and everything perfect, but when he heard he had to respond he felt at a loss. Although he had attended many dinners, he was sadly puzzled to know what he could say in the presence of such intellectual giants. He had had much experience of the W.M., and they could have no one better as the first W.M., and might the Hugh Owen Lodge have long life and prosperity.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by the **TREASURER**, S.W., and J.W., and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a very happy and successful gathering.

The musical arrangements were most ably carried out by Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by Bros. Jno. Bartlett, Arthur Appleby, Wm. Bradford, Miss Claribel Hyde, R.A.M., and Miss Grainger Kerr.

Bro. R. J. Morley was Toastmaster.

DINNER TO BRO. WILLIAM JAFFREY.

On Tuesday night, the 18th inst., a club dinner was given to our old and dear friend, Bro. William Jaffrey, P.P.G.D. E. Lanes., the late Chairman of the Freemasons' Hall Company, Manchester, and who had held that office for 13 years. Bro. William Brookes, P.M., the present Chairman, presided.

During the time Bro. Jaffrey has been Chairman the Club has had many vicissitudes, but he stuck firmly to the helm, and before resigning has brought it to the success which it now enjoys.

It was a very congenial gathering of friends to do honour to the occasion, and many were the speeches which were made and responded to.

During the evening an illuminated address was presented to him, in the

name of the brethren of the Cl b, by Bro. Samuel Moore, P.M., he being one of the oldest friends present. It was couched in the warmest sentiments for the future happiness, for the health and welfare of Bro. Jaffrey. We ourselves trust that he will enjoy the kind wishes tendered to him on the occasion.

He is succeeded by Bro. Wm. Brookes, P.M., who in every respect is capable of making the Club even more successful, if that is possible.

The following assembled to honour the occasion: Bros. William Brookes, P.M. (Chairman); Wm. Jaffrey, P.P.G.D.; G. V. Blakie, P.M. 152; David Conway, P.M.; J. Heywood, W.M. 1055; Walter Kelly, Geo. Wragge, Thos. Plumpton, S.W. 2554; G. W. Davies, I.P.M. 1459; Abram Clegg, P.P.G.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Max Weingenthaler P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. E. and W. Lancs.; E. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Suffolk; J. Crossland, P.M. 1009; Ernest Heywood, 999; Nathan Heywood, P.M.; R. W. Routley, P.M.; George O. Brookes, John E. Lees, P.P.G.T.; Samuel Moore, P.M.; and others.

ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT OF THE GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

The brethren of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, on Saturday last gave their annual entertainment to the ladies of their families, at Anderton's Hotel, where the meetings of the lodge are held. The Worshipful Master of the year is Bro. Percy W. Husk, a very popular Master, and the brethren resolved that the gathering should be a grand success in the whole of the entertainment, the reception, the banquet, and the concert which was to follow. The arrangements which were made were excellent, but there was no cause for any surprise at this, for the organisers and Committee were experienced hands, as they had taken part in the production of previous similar entertainments.

The programme showed a capital Reception Committee, and the members of that Committee who attended were the W.M. (Bro. Percy W. Husk), Bros. Chas. Lock, I.P.M.; George Tarran, S.W.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treasurer; Samuel James, S.D.; E. A. Peachey, J.D.; Rev. J. S. Barrass, Chaplain; H. E. Peacock, Organist; F. W. Brodie, I.G.; H. L. Bell, J. D. Irvine, W. G. Kirby, and A. E. Baines. Stewards—Bros. George Saunders, P.M.; J. Hurdell, P.M.; J. E. C. Lane, John Martin, Cornwallis H. Smith, T. O'Neill Lane, and W. T. Perkins, P.M., Sec.

The company arrived about six in the evening, when it was found it comprised the above names, and in addition the names of Bro. J. Passmore Edwards (who is to be proposed as a joining member of the lodge at the next meeting of the lodge), Mrs. C. Lock, Mrs. Tarran, Mrs. W. M. Duckworth, Mrs. W. T. Perkins, Mrs. Samuel James, Mrs. E. A. Peachey, Mrs. H. L. Bell, Mrs. J. D. Irvine, Mrs. W. G. Kirby, Mrs. A. E. Baines, Bro. Henry Massey, P.M.; Bro. E. E. Peacock, P.M., Mrs., and Miss Peacock; Mrs. George Saunders, Bro. Gordon Hunter, Acting Steward; Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. T. O'Neill Lane, Bro. John Bune and Mrs. Bune, Bro. A. Bettany and Mrs. Bettany, and Bro. Ernest Hobson and Mrs. Hobson.

The banquet was appointed for half-past six p.m., and punctually to that hour the brethren and ladies sat down to an admirable repast in the lodge-room, served by Bro. A. Clemow, the proprietor of Anderton's, under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. E. Evans.

During dinner, Bro. A. E. Baines, assisted by Bros. H. E. Peacock, Organist, and Gordon Hunter, distributed to the ladies bottles of Langdale's scent, supplied in ornamental souvenir boxes by Bro. Cove, a present which was much appreciated.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The W.M. and Gallery Lodge" were proposed.

Bro. PERCY W. HUSK, W.M., in proposing the first of these toasts, said the brethren and ladies were there that night to entertain and to be entertained, and consequently the toast list was a very small one. The order of the evening would be few toasts and very short; the music very plentiful and very long. But they could not get away from the fact that at every meeting of the Gallery Lodge certain toasts had to be proposed, and the first toast was that one which invariably figured at the head of Masonic toast lists—"The Queen and the Craft"—a toast which required no words of commendation from him, as he knew it would be received in the heartiest manner.

Bro. CHARLES LOCK, I.P.M., after this toast had been enthusiastically honoured, and the National Anthem sang, said it now became his pleasure to submit to the company a toast which, no matter under what circumstances the Gallery Lodge met, was never omitted, the toast of "The Worshipful Master," a brother who so worthily presided over them that night. Bro. Husk had intimated that short speeches were to be the order of the evening, that the company had attended rather to hear singing and to be amused than to hear prosy observations; but he (Bro. Lock) could not give this toast without saying that Bro. Husk had personally shed honour on the office of W.M., and that he embodied the dignity of a lodge which was dear to the hearts of all the brethren of it. The charter granted by Grand Lodge had never lost any of its lustre. Having said this much he would simply add, with respect to the W.M., that they were all proud to see him in the chair. Bro. Husk was, as he (Bro. Lock) himself was, an initiate of the lodge, had worked up through the various offices to the position he now occupied; that in the work of the offices his work commended itself to the brethren. Up to the present time they had not had much opportunity of seeing what he could do in the chair of W.M., but from what he had done in the chairs below, they felt certain he would discharge the duties that devolved upon him with the same credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren as he had in his other positions.

Bro. PERCY W. HUSK, W.M., in response, said he admitted the soft impeachment that up to the present they had not seen what he could do of the work of the lodge; but when the time arrived they would see some working that the lodge had never yet seen. However, it was of no use that the W.M. worked well if he was not backed by good officers. Fortunately, he had very good officers. He was very pleased to say his year had opened in the most happy fashion. At the very beginning he was presented with a balance-sheet which showed the right side of the ledger. At the next meeting the brethren were informed that two good men and true—two brethren—were going to join the lodge—Bros. Lord Glenesk and Passmore Edwards. He had a little information which he would now disclose besides, which would gladden the heart of the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Some time ago, through the instrumentality of Bro. Baines, the junior officer, the Gallery Lodge was presented with a handsome picture, and through him and Bro. Timothy O'Neill Lane, there would be a handsome sum to come to the Benevolent

Fund. In conclusion, he begged to thank the company for the extremely cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

Bro. PERCY W. HUSK, W.M., next rose and presented to Mrs. Lock, wife of the I.P.M., a handsome gold bracelet in the name of the lodge, as a souvenir of her husband's very successful year of office. In doing so, he said it had fallen to the lot of the W.M. for the time being for the past few years to present a testimonial to the Immediate Past Master's wife on behalf of the Gallery Lodge. For the first time—perhaps the only time—in his life that duty fell upon his shoulders, and it was with extreme gratitude and pleasure he had to present that evening to Mrs. Lock a very handsome souvenir. On behalf of himself and the Gallery Lodge, he had much pleasure in thanking Mrs. Lock for allowing her husband to attend the lodge meetings.

Bro. CHARLES LOCK, I.P.M., in acknowledging the gift on behalf of Mrs. Lock, said he had to assure the brethren he would very much rather Mrs. Lock would stand up and return thanks herself for the very handsome gift which the brethren, in the kindness of their hearts, had been pleased to make her; but Masonry, as the brethren would at once realise, although the ladies might not be so quick to appreciate what he meant, was a thing which was exclusively confined to members of the male sex, and although they were delighted, as members of the Gallery Lodge, once a year to meet, as they met that night, having the ladies with them, all the ancient traditions of Masonry [must be observed, and notwithstanding it went to the brethren's hearts to exclude the ladies so often from their presence, yet as they were the creatures of circumstance, they had to oblige the Divine ordinance that came down to them. He had had one or two pleasant duties to perform in his year of office, and one or two difficult duties; but he thought the present duty was one of the most pleasant. His wife, as Past Masters would realise, during his year of office had seen very much less of him than she had previously seen. Whether she was grateful to the brethren or whether she was not, he would not on that occasion disclose. He could only say that he hoped and trusted that the little gift which the brethren had given her would do something towards assuaging the regret which possibly she had had at his absence, and that she would wear the gift, as he could assure the brethren he should wear the P.M.'s jewel they had decked him with, with pleasure and satisfaction under all circumstances and at all times. He could say very much more, but the fulness of his heart would not permit it. He again thanked the brethren most sincerely on his own behalf for their kindness.

The company then adjourned to the concert hall, where a remarkably successful entertainment was given by the following professional artistes: Bros. Franklin Clive, Templer Saxe, James Budd, W. L. Barrett (flautist), Fred Everill, Walter Churcher, Will Edwards, E. J. Wood, A. E. Baines, Mr. John Proctor, Mr. Gurney Russell, Miss Kate James, Miss Annie Cheal, Miss Ray Husk, and Bro. Tom Physick (accompanist).

During the entertainment Bro. W. T. PERKINS, Sec., proposed "Our Entertainers," and in the name of the lodge tendered grateful thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who, in some cases at considerable personal inconvenience, had attended to contribute to an unusually delightful programme of music and recital.

Bro. F. EVERILL responded.

Bro. J. E. C. LANE proposed "The Ladies," and the toast was responded to by Bro. H. E. PEACOCK, who assured the brethren that the ladies had been very pleased to come among them, and he hoped he was not going too far when he said that the W.M., officers, and brethren had endeavoured to make the evening a very successful one. As long as they had brethren of that kind in their midst the memory of that evening would remain green with those that came among them.

Bro. Wagstaff, of the corps of Anderton's Hotel, acted for Bro. Very, the Tyler, in his absence.

Craft Masonry.

Constitutional Lodge, No. 55.

This ancient lodge held its installation meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on the 20th inst., when there was a good attendance. The members present included Bros. J. O. Jacobs, W.M.; Walter G. Langlands, J.W.; R. P. Atkins, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., Sec.; F. Richardson, S.D.; T. B. Manning, J.D.; T. B. Roberts, I.G.; Jubal Webb, P.M.; Nathan Robinson, P.M.; W. Vogt, P.M.; W. H. Tipstale, P.M.; H. W. Roath, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; H. Hendricks, 2190; F. Young, 1524; E. R. Capon, 2422; G. Wilson, 2422; A. Pettit, 1932; R. Foskett, 1625; J. Kerfoot, 172; E. Robinson, 134; J. Freeman, P.M. 1399; W. H. Andrews, W.M. 852; J. G. Albert, P.M. 227; W. Dawson, P.M. 1328; W. E. Spark, 1764; R. G. Robinson, I.G. 1531; H. Jays, P.M. 174; R. J. S. Breton, P.M. 788; J. Andrews, P.M. 2412; J. Emerson, 723; R. Trotter, 957; L. A. Francis, S.W. 1194; W. Scott, 857; H. W. Clemow, P.M. 1589; F. W. Faulkner, 475; E. L. Horne, P.M. 207; H. Richardson, P.M. 149; D. P. Holness, P.M. 1478; W. F. Grimmett, P.M.; N. Fortescue, P.M.; W. Hughes, 2374; F. Stephens, W.M. 1548; J. Collingwood, W.M. 1769; H. W. Newman, 1507; J. B. D'Ardenne, 560; W. J. Bull, 1706; F. A. Sterne, P.M. 174; W. J. Mason, 2455; W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report adopted. Bro. J. Fortescue was passed to the Second Degree, after which Messrs. W. A. King and C. F. J. Trew were initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. W. G. Langlands was presented as W.M. elect, and impressively installed into the chair by Bro. J. O. Jacobs, I.P.M., who thus concluded his year of useful and excellent work. The following officers were invested: Bros. F. Richardson, S.W.; T. B. Manning, J.W.; R. P. Atkins, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., Sec.; T. B. Roberts, P.M., S.D.; J. Akers, J.D.; G. A. Robinson, I.G.; J. Spethman, D.C.; W. Amies King, Org.; and Henry Thomas, Tyler. A petition, asking for a new lodge to be established in connection with the London County Council was formally recommended for the consideration of the M.W.G.M. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from the Grand Secretary and other brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A choice banquet was served in the large hall, and the customary toasts subsequently received hearty recognition.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas, acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said a deep responsibility devolved upon him, as the only Grand Officer present, to properly return thanks. It was a great honour to be in the position of Grand Treasurer, to which he was elected eight or nine years ago, and he was glad the occupant of that office was elected annually, and that a brother did not hold the office for a number of years. It was the one office to which brethren might aspire, and the Grand Treasurers who had been elected were desirous of doing honour to the high position. He visited that old lodge when Bro. Nathan Robinson, P.M., was placed in the chair, and was glad to attend again. It was a lodge which dated back many years, and there had been many lodges formed since the Constitutional Lodge first held its present number of 55. He was glad to find that in numbers and influence it still maintained its prestige, and that it still contained distinguished brethren like the I.P.M., the present Worshipful Master, who had yet to show his colours, and Past Masters who had so ably upheld the position of Freemasonry like Bros. Atkins and Farthing. He was also glad to learn that the I.P.M. had made a deep impression upon the minds of the initiates, who had expressed to him the wonderful way in which that ceremony was performed. No Mason could fail to be impressed with the religious and moral links that lay at the bottom of all their ceremonies, but all must feel the greatest pleasure in being one of a brotherhood of men which permeated all parts of the world. He noticed that that old lodge was without a Grand Officer amongst its members, but they must endeavour to make a deeper impression in some quarters in order to receive an honour of that kind for one of their Past Masters. Old, respected, and useful as the lodge had been in the past, it ought not to be forgotten, and he trusted that in a few years, when

he visited them again, he should find another Grand Officer with them appointed by the Grand Master.

Bro. J. O. Jacobs, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he felt in somewhat an invidious position, for he remembered the old saying—"The King is dead, long live the King." He (the I.P.M.) had never stood upon his feet in any room with greater pleasure than he did that evening to offer to their notice that toast. He was proud to think he was the means of introducing Bro. Langlands to Freemasonry, and to that important, respected, and honoured lodge. He knew perfectly well that their W.M. felt the honour of belonging to that lodge. As an honour not by any means to be despised, but on the contrary, one to be treasured up and appraised at its proper value. He had known Bro. Langlands for many years as a sterling good fellow, whose one object, in whatever position he undertook, was to carry out that which was right. The W.M. would do nothing which would in the slightest degree detract from the honour of the lodge, but do everything to support, pure and unswerving, those principles of which the lodge and the Craft were so proud. It might be that owing to nervousness the W.M. had not shown himself in his true colours and he was evidently impressed with the song about to be sung, "When the heart is young." Bro. Langland's heart was young as a W.M., but his heart was in the right place, and when a little more matured he would render the ceremonies in the manner in which they ought to be given.

Bro. W. G. Langlands, W.M., returned thanks, and said the I.P.M. had been far too flattering in his remarks. The I.P.M. had told them some truths which were highly coloured, but was quite correct in saying he was suffering from nervousness, but he felt the brethren would sympathise with him, for that was one of the greatest honours that a Mason could have to become the W.M. of his mother lodge. It was but eight years ago that he was proposed by the I.P.M. and initiated by Bro. Unitt, P.M. During those years he had endeavoured to the utmost of his power to acquire as much knowledge of the mysteries of Freemasonry, but as they were well aware, he had a very great deal to learn, and it would be his ambition to acquire the knowledge which the W.M. of an ancient lodge like the Constitutional should possess. During the coming year he believed there would be some work to do, and he hoped to keep the working up to the standard of past years. The I.P.M. had set him a difficult example to follow, as his work had been admirable. He asked the Past Masters and members to bear with him and give him their sympathy and support, and he would endeavour to give them as good working as he had seen during the time he had been a member. He thanked them in the most sincere manner possible for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said Bro. Jacobs, I.P.M., had rendered most excellent work in the lodge during his year of office, and had proved himself a real good Mason in upholding the tenets of the Craft in every respect. There had been a great deal of work to do, but the beautiful rendering of the Three Degrees must have cost Bro. Jacobs an immense amount of time in keeping up his knowledge of the ritual. To show the great respect in which the I.P.M. was held, and in recognition of his excellent working, a Past Master's jewel had been unanimously voted to him, and, in presenting him with that jewel, the members hoped he would wear it for many years as a memento of his year of office.

Bro. J. O. Jacobs, I.P.M., in reply, said he had begun to think that the position of I.P.M. was even more enviable than that of W.M. He felt he had, to a certain extent, passed through the fire unscathed, and that he had been able to do something that would carry forward the traditions of the Constitutional Lodge. He was proud to join the ranks of the Past Masters of the lodge, and thanked them cordially for the jewel presented to him. He also thanked them for allowing him to represent that lodge for two of the Masonic Institutions, for which he took up something like £200.

"The Initiates" was duly given and responded to, and was followed by "The Visitors."

Bro. W. H. Andrews, W.M. 857, in responding, thanked the I.P.M. for inviting him. He attended with a double pleasure—first, to visit the lodge again, and secondly, to hear Bro. Jacobs work the ceremonies, for it was a credit to the lodge. He listened with a great deal of pleasure to the speech of Bro. Eve, P.G. Treasurer, with reference to the impression made by the initiation ceremony upon candidates, as he could personally testify to the fact, having made up his mind on the day of his initiation to endeavour to be a better man, and act up to the tenets of the Craft.

Bros. Fortescue, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; Richardson, and Grimmer, P.M., also replied.

Bro. Jubal Webb, P.M., and Unitt, P.M., replied to "The Past Masters," and Bros. Atkin, P.M., Treas., and Farthing, P.M., Sec., briefly responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

"The Officers" was acknowledged by Bros. F. Richardson, S.W., and T. B. Manning, J.W., and the Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

Bro. Fred. Stephens directed the musical arrangements, and was ably assisted by Madame Alice Lovenez, Miss Florence Venning, and Bros. Miles Mole, W. H. Webb, J. Alsepti, and W. Amies King, Org.

Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771.

A large and influential gathering of brethren assembled in the beautiful Temple of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor, on the 11th inst., to honour the installation of Bro. Ernest Marshall as W.M. There was a full attendance of the members of the lodge, and an especially large number of visitors, among whom were some brethren of distinction in the Craft, for we noticed as having signed the attendance book Bros. Morland, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. in Charge; Keyser, P.G.D.; J. W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; Margrett, Sec. of the Provincial Charity Committee; Purkiss, W.M. 209; Benny, W.M. 414; Ridley, W.M. 1101; Hambling, W.M. 1501; Batting, W.M. 1566; Legros, W.M. 1894; Goodman, W.M. 1900; Lawes, W.M. 2043; Molyneux, W.M. 2437; and Hume, P.M. and Sec. 209.

The lodge being opened, the W.M. announced that the D.P.G. Master was without, and directed a deputation of Past Masters to attend upon him and conduct him into the lodge. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Gardner, P.M. 771, 1900, 2120, and 2536, P.S.G.W., P.S.G.D. Surrey, took the chair as Installing Master, and duly installed Bro. Ernest Marshall into the chair of K.S. The newly-installed Master then invested the following officers: Bros. Dyson, P.P.G. Org., S.W.; Layton, J.W.; Goddard, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Nottage, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Page, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; Warrell, A.D.C.; Kington, S.D.; Budgen, J.D.; Sammons, P.M., I.G.; Akerman, Org.; Barber and Durant, Stwds.; and Nowell, Tyler. The W.M. then raised Bro. Barry, working the ceremony in a most finished and impressive manner. The first address was delivered by Bro. Nottage, and the second and third by Bro. Page. The W.M. having presented to the I.P.M. a jewel voted him by the lodge, the lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes" had been offered by the visitors.

The brethren then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where an elegant banquet was served, at which the W.M. very ably presided.

The menu card was an elaborate composition of beautiful design, and special care had evidently been given to this detail, as we noticed some capitally appropriate Masonic quotations at the heading of each course.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

In giving the toast of "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," the W.M. remarked upon the exceptional presence of two Grand Officers, Bros. Morland and Keyser.

Bro. Keyser replied (Bro. Morland having been obliged to leave to catch his train), and gave an interesting account of his Masonic career, especially in connection with the Charities.

"The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. Martin, Prov. G. Sec., who reported that the province was in a flourishing condition, and he took the opportunity of congratulating the Windsor Castle Lodge upon its maintained success, and argued that, from the very able manner Bro. Marshall had not only carried out the usual duties of a newly-installed W.M., but also had impressively conducted the ceremony of raising before a large audience, he was confident the position of the lodge was ensured for the coming year.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Gardner.

The W.M., on rising to respond, received an ovation from the brethren, who evidently felt they had an exceptionally able ruler for the ensuing 12 months.

A capital programme of music was given under the direction of the Organist Bro. Akerman, F.C.O., which materially added to the enjoyment of the evening.

In every respect this installation was a decided success, and the lodge fully deserves the hearty congratulations which were freely bestowed on its Master and officers at the close of the first meeting of what promises to be a red-letter year for the Windsor Castle Lodge.

The visitors were much struck with the specially-designed and symbolically-fitted temple, which is certainly not only beautiful, but almost unique, and we should advise any member of the Craft who happens to be visiting Windsor to take the opportunity of inspecting it; they will be very agreeably surprised, and will understand how such surroundings must add to the dignity of our impressive ritual. We will only add that the W.M. or the Secretary will gladly conduct any brother over the building.

Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614.

The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 18th inst., the meeting having been postponed from the 11th inst., by dispensation from the M.W.G.M., in consequence of the lamented death of Bro. J. W. Belsham, W.M. This melancholy incident naturally produced a tinge of sadness in the usual festivities, but there was a good attendance to witness the installation of Bro. C. Offord Burgess, P.M., P.S.G.D. Surrey, W.M. elect, who is well-known in the Metropolis as an active and zealous worker, and a generous supporter of the Charities.

Lodge was opened by Bro. Geo. C. Bond, I.P.M., supported by Bros. C. O. Burgess, P.M., P.S.G.D. Surrey, P.M., S.W.; John Mayo, J.W.; G. Coleman, P.M., Treas.; Homer Price, S.D.; H. G. Walker, J.D.; Geo. H. Foan, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Thrussell, Org.; A. L. Bullen, P.M.; S. Hewitt, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Cogliati, W.M. 1559; J. H. Mayo, P.M. 2222; J. A. Adams, I.G. 2361; C. W. Kingley, 2218; C. Woodrow, P.M. 1708; W. Harbert, J.W. 1987; W. Dennis, S.W. 9; J. Rowe, 2191; J. R. Cleave, W.M. 2473; H. J. Foan, Org. 2473; J. Skinner, W.M. 2191; S. H. Meyers, W.M. 9; N. Dakas, 2398; G. Moorman, P.M. 2540; F. Kedge, P.M. 2191; E. W. Hubbard, 879; C. G. Sherwood, S.D. 2473; H. Moss, 2021; S. J. Skelton, 2021; W. Hancock, P.M. 2191; S. R. Walker, P.M. 733; J. Knox, 2222; W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897, &c.; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Mr. T. McIntyre was initiated into Freemasonry, and Bros. Citroen and Vowles were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. C. O. Burgess, P.M., was then installed as W.M., and invested the following officers: Bro. John Mayo, S.W.; Homer Price, J.W.; G. Coleman, P.M., Treas.; H. G. Walker, S.D.; J. Wise, J.D.; G. H. Foan, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Keen, I.G.; W. J. Thrussell and A. Oddenino, Stewards; and R. F. Potter, Tyler. Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec., was unable to attend owing to indisposition. Votes of condolence and sympathy were passed to the families of the late Bros. J. W. Belsham, W.M., and G. Stacey, P.M.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet was subsequently held in the Victoria Hall.

Bro. G. C. Bond, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said it was a very pleasing duty to perform, as Bro. Burgess was a Prov. S.G.D. of Surrey, Vice-President of the three Masonic Charities, W.M. elect of the Ascot Lodge, P.M. of the Molesey Lodge, and a member of many chapters. In their W.M. they might rest perfectly assured that the interests of the lodge would be studied, and they could look forward to a year of prosperity, such as had not been previously enjoyed. Bro. Burgess was well known, had worked through every office in the lodge, and was a lover of Masonry, willing to do all he could in the cause of Charity—which should be the main-spring of every man. All the brethren present would drink the W.M.'s health in such a manner as to give him that confidence, and show him that love he deserved.

Bro. C. O. Burgess, W.M., P.S.G.D. Surrey, thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind and cordial terms in which he had been good enough to propose the toast, also the brethren for the kind reception given him. He felt somewhat in the position of the Emperor of China, who, on the occasion of any extraordinary or imperial function, was preceded by his herald announcing the various dignities and distinctions he had attained. The I.P.M. had heralded the dignities he had arrived at in a very able manner, but when a man was attached to Masonry he gravitated to various degrees and orders. However, he had never had occasion to regret any step he had taken, and the last he should regret would be joining that lodge, because there he had found many personal friends and kindly sympathisers, who had given him a pleasant and joyous view of life. He always attended with a keen feeling of anticipation, and had never been disappointed in spending a pleasant evening. The members were inadequately represented that night owing to a well-known cause—a cause they all deeply regretted—but these functions must be held, and the W.M. must be installed. He had been installed that evening according to ancient custom, and had been received in the most generous manner, and he begged to thank them for their cordial reception.

The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," and said he approached the task with diffidence, for, as the I.P.M. had spoken of him in complimentary terms, any remarks he made might be construed as a reciprocal compliment. Bro. Bond, I.P.M., was one of the most esteemed and beloved Past Masters in the lodge, being imbued with genial and kindly qualities, which marked him as a leader of Masons. When it became the I.P.M.'s duty to install his successor, he readily undertook it, and the way in which he performed that duty had met with the satisfaction of all present. Personally, in the many communications he (the W.M.) had had with him he had always found him a most genial and accomplished gentleman.

Bro. G. C. Bond, I.P.M., returned thanks for the kindly reception of the toast. What he had done in the past he would be only too ready to do in the future for the good of the lodge.

"The Initiate" was next given and duly replied to by Bro. McIntyre.

Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors" and thanked the W.M. for the opportunity afforded him of being present. He congratulated the lodge on the excellent working seen and wished the W.M. a pleasant year of office.

Bros. Skinner, P.M.; Hancock, P.M.; Cleeve, P.M.; and Cogliati, W.M., also replied.

Other toasts were given before the proceedings terminated.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Henry J. Foan, Org. 2473 (son of Bro. Foan, P.M.), who is to be heartily congratulated on the success of his first undertaking. Bro. Foan efficiently performed the duties of accompanist, and was assisted in the other items by Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Edith Courtney, Mr. Herbert Phillips, Mr. Thos. Abel, Miss Maude Harper (violin), and Messrs. Ambrose, Thorne, and Geo. Blackmore.

Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765.

A regular meeting of this lodge took place at 13, Mandeville-place, W., on Thursday, the 6th instant, Bro. John Bennett, W.M., presiding. The members present were: Bros. H. V. Geary, I.P.M.; J. Mills, S.W.; J. S. Eidmans, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Sarjeant, P.M., Sec.; M. M. Taylor, S.D.; W. G. W. Goodworth, J.D.; W. A. Sargeant, I.G.; R. Sladjan, Org.; G. Callingham, D.C.; J. R. Hammon and W. S. Holder, Stwds.; S. J. Weltord, P.M.; Sinclair Dunn, F. G. Westmorland, G. C. Alcock, A. W. Tickle, F. Bottomley, C. J. Jones, J. M. Patterson, and Luigi Meo. The visitors included: Bros. H. J. Ives, 781; G. Watts, 1563; A. C. Gooding, 1818; Alfonso Meo; and others.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. Luigi Meo was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. C. P. O'Doherty, D. J. New, and G. B. Smith were initiated.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" having been proposed and heartily received,

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Geary in brief and appropriate terms. He referred to his past services in the lodge, and could refer to his work in lodge of instruction as an earnest of what his working as W.M. of the lodge would be. He was sure he would reflect credit on the lodge, and in no way depart from the good old traditions of Trinity College.

The W.M., after rendering thanks, expressed his satisfaction to see so good a meeting on that his first night since his installation. He also was pleased to welcome his first three initiates and hoped to see many more during his year of office. He would do his best for the success and prosperity of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren.

For "The Past Masters" Bro. J. A. Hammond responded in his wonted genial way, adding a few words by anticipation respecting his duties as Treasurer, wishing that his duties were heavier and that the funds at his disposal were in proportion.

Bros. Geary, I.P.M., S. J. Welford, and Sargeant also spoke in terms fit but few.

For "The Initiates," each of the three newly-made brethren expressed his views of the evening's work. The remaining toasts followed.

During the intervals a capital musical programme was carried out. Bro. Luigi Meo gave three violin solos with admirable effect, including a "Rêverie," and variations on "Yankee Doodle" by Vieuxtemps, the latter of which was largely rendered in pure harmonies with great delicacy and brilliancy. A bright piece by Papini was also given. Bro. Sinclair Dunn, whose visits have lately been like those attributed to the angels, sang in his very best form, "I trust you still," by D. A. Barnard, and "Gae, bring tae me a pint o' wine," Burns the versatile. Bro. J. B. Sargeant gave his unique rendering of "Simon the Cellarer," and Bro. Goodworth warbled in his sweetest tenor notes. As usual Bro. Sladdin did yeoman's service on the organ and the piano, both as accompanist and solo player.

The Tyler's toast came—like the income tax collector's call—before it was expected or wanted, and "Auld Lang Syne," put in proper form by Bro. Sinclair Dunn, closed the proceedings.

Iris Lodge, No. 2545.

The installation meeting of this new lodge, which was consecrated 12 months since, was held on Monday evening, the 17th inst., at the Rainbow Tavern, Fleet-street, under the presidency of its first W.M., Bro. Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C. The meeting was numerously attended. Besides the W.M., there were present Bros. P. H. Waterlow, P.G.D., I.P.M.; George J. Fowler, S.W.; Paul L. Waterlow, J.W.; W. G. Holloway, P.M., Treas.; T. M. E. Armstrong, Sec.; H. L. Chaplin, S.D.; Edgar L. Waterlow, J.D.; Charles F. Holloway, I.G.; Isidore de Solla, Org.; Arthur H. Engelbach, Stwd.; A. F. Howard, P.M.; Robt. More, E. P. Maul, J. Proctor Mountmorris, Arthur Chapman, Thomas Narston, C. Lyttelton Chubb, W. S. Thompson, Ed. E. Harding, C. H. Knight, and John Murray. Visitors: Bros. Admiral Albert Hastings Markham, Dist. G.M. Malta; Wm. Fookes, P.M. 2033; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; F. G. Mellows, W.M. 2430; C. W. A. Trollope, P.M. 1826, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; George A. Pickering, P.M. 29, P.G.S.; W. J. Fisher, P.M. 2190; Wm. Crawford, 171; C. Gordon Frazer, 135; Lionel Cooke, S.D. 2108; Peter de L. Long, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; A. W. Peckham, P.M. 99, P.G.S.; Thomas Christy, P.M. 5; and F. H. Cheesewright. Bro. Lennox Browne initiated Messrs. William Beardmore Redfern, Frank Webb, and Henry Stubbings. Bro. Dr. Holloway, Treasurer, delivered the charge most impressively. Bro. Lennox Browne afterwards installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. George Jefford Fowler, S.W. and W.M. elect, who was presented to him by the acting I.P.M. Bro. Lennox Browne received the collar of I.P.M., and later on was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. Bros. Paul L. Waterlow was invested as S.W.; H. L. Chaplin, J.W.; W. G. Holloway, M.D., P.M., Treas.; T. M. E. Armstrong, Sec.; Edgar Waterlow, S.D.; C. Terry Holloway, J.D.; A. F. Howard, P.M., D.C.; Arthur H. Engelbach, I.G.; Isidore de Solla, Org.; and Robert More and C. H. Knight, Stwds. Bro. Henry Evenden, P.M., being unavoidably absent, was not invested as Tyler. Bro. Lennox Browne concluded his year's work by admirably delivering the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bro. Dr. Holloway produced the Treasurer's and Audit Committee's report, which was eminently satisfactory, as there was a balance at the bankers of £40 1s.—a prosperous result of the first year's work.

The brethren then adjourned to a choice banquet, which was succeeded by the usual toasts, interspersed with a superior vocal concert, under the direction of the Organist of the lodge, assisted by Misses Haidee and Blanche de Solla, daughters of Bro. Isidore de Solla; and Bros. F. H. Cheesewright, I.P.M. 907; Kelson Trueman, and Templer Saxe.

Bro. G. J. Fowler, W.M., prefaced his proposal of the toasts by saying it was one of the by-laws of the lodge that they were to have no speeches. That might appear to be, but it was not actually correct. They had no speeches except from visitors. That was at the ordinary meetings of the lodge; but at the installation meeting it was different—they had the usual speeches, but they were to be short. He did not know whether that meant shorter than usual or longer than usual; but he meant shorter than usual to apply to himself, although not to the visitors, because the Iris Lodge was always pleased to hear anything the visitors had to say. He then gave "The Queen and the Craft." When that had been honoured, he proposed "The M.W.G.M.," and said if there were any young Masons present who might be under the supposition that the Prince of Wales was merely an ornamental head of Freemasonry, it would interest them to know that during the 21 years he had been Grand Master he had taken, and he still took, the keenest interest not only in the three great Charities, which were the pride of Freemasons, but in every thing that concerned the Craft. It was the wish of every Freemason that his Royal Highness's connection with the Craft might continue as long as he lived.

Bro. Admiral A. Hastings Markham, Dist. G.M. Malta, in responding to the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said it gave him a great deal of pleasure to be afforded the opportunity of being present in order to wish Bro. Fowler personally his congratulations on his accession to the chair. From what he had heard in the lodge room with regard to the balance-sheet, he thought he could offer his congratulations on the success of the lodge, considering it was only 12 months since it was consecrated. But its prosperity was assured when the brethren placed at their helm Bro. Lennox Browne. He asked to be pardoned for using a nautical phrase, but he had been listening to legal phrases all the evening, and he thought he would get his profession in too. He was very proud and pleased to think that he, although in a humble capacity, assisted to give birth to the lodge. With regard to the toast, it was one that was always very cordially and warmly received in all assemblies of English Freemasons—and why? Because everything that the Grand Officers (excluding himself), from the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master downwards, carried out the duties of their respective offices to the very best of their ability, to the best interests of the Craft, and to the satisfaction of the brethren. As he had not been limited to time he would like to say one word with regard to Grand Officers' work abroad. He had just come home from the performance of his Masonic duties in the Island of Malta. The district of Malta, Masonically, was not very large, but he thought it was doing very good and useful Masonic work, especially among the naval and military brethren, in spite of the difficulties which Masons had sometimes to contend with—difficulties in the case of the district he represented which were in a great measure due to the hostility evinced towards Freemasonry by the Maltese, caused largely by the domination of an uneducated and therefore bigoted priesthood. He would give a little instance which had recently occurred. Some three weeks ago he organised and originated an entertainment on a somewhat large and elaborate scale in order to obtain funds for the English Masonic Charities. To carry this design to a successful issue he was able to obtain the loan of the opera house, a large and fine building, which was kindly placed at his disposal free of charge by the impresario, who was not a Maltese but an Italian. He also allowed two of his prime donne, who had offered their services gratuitously to assist at the entertainment. There was an unprecedented demand for tickets and there was a promise of a bumper house. On the Sunday they were thrown on their beam ends and dumbfounded by the issue of a proclamation or mandate from the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Malta denouncing Freemasonry in no measured terms and threatening to excommunicate—whatever that might mean—all who might take part in the entertainment, either going to it or distributing tickets for it, or having anything to do with the programmes or tickets. It also boycotted any milliners who were making dresses for the artists, and also threatened to boycott the opera house manager. The consequence was they were obliged to abandon the entertainment there; but, thanks to the kindness and civility of the military authorities, another theatre, much smaller, was placed at his disposal, and the entertainment took place and was a great success, notwithstanding the uncharitable conduct of the Roman Catholic Archbishop, an intolerant priesthood, and the animosity of the people of Malta. He merely mentioned that to the brethren in England to show them some of the hostilities exhibited to the Craft abroad. He concluded by wishing the W.M. a very happy and successful year of office, and congratulating the initiates that they should have been admitted to Freemasonry in a lodge under the rule of a W.M. who promised so well.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., who was also called upon to reply, said it was hardly necessary for another Grand Officer to speak after so eloquent and interesting an address as that the brethren had just listened to. The Grand Office had not always the good fortune to be in a hostile community as Admiral Markham had just shown he had been most successfully. Some of them in the past had been able to proclaim the truths of Freemasonry, and even under more disadvantageous circumstances than just recounted. It was his privilege some years ago to hold a special Masonic lodge in the City of Rome,

where, to the great astonishment of the community, Freemasons assembled to welcome him as an English Mason. At that special lodge speeches were made with an amount of freedom and an admiration of liberty which he believed had not been heard in that sacred city before. He had the honour of being denounced personally by the orthodox organ of opinion, and it always remained with him a strength and a satisfaction that he was the only English Mason who had the satisfaction of proclaiming the truths of Masonry in that particular city. Pardon personal reminiscences—but the highly interesting anecdote with the preceding speaker rendered so admirably, brought the fact to his mind; the Grand Officers had been amply responded for. It was with him a personal feeling of satisfaction to see a new, young, and vigorous lodge starting upon its promising career. Invited by the brother on his left (Bro. P. H. Waterlow), it was a profound satisfaction to him to see two other brethren of Bro. Waterlow's name appointed to office in the lodge. One of the warmest feelings of a Freemason's heart, perhaps, was to see all that he had gone through himself at various times in his life reproduced before him—the kaleidoscope might be shaken, but the primary colours were all there; and as the ceremonies, one by one, were performed before him, he lived again in the vigour of youth. There was not an incident in a lodge, not a ceremony carried on, which was not the cause of the older Masons feeling their youth renewed—whether it was the sight of the Masonic apron of the initiate or the skilled work of the Past Master who installed—they all felt and appreciated it, as they had all gone through that experience themselves. It was a great satisfaction to see a young barque like the Iris Lodge launched upon such a prosperous career. He must congratulate the lodge upon its Master. It was impossible to mistake the signs and symbols of success. They saw them in that lodge—whether it was in the excellent promise of work which the W.M. had given, or in the music of his voice, or in the attentive assiduity of his office—they felt that the Iris Lodge had embarked on a long and prosperous career.

Bro. Lennox Browne, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said he was going to begin by saying something which was new to three brethren in the room—that when the brethren saw the gavel in the Immediate Past Master's hands they would know what toast he was going to propose. In future those three brethren he had referred to would know it was the toast of "The W.M." He had been, so far as that lodge was concerned, for the last six months getting up and proposing toasts by name only. When he was asked to make a speech in the Iris Lodge, he thought it was a very distinguished feature of the lodge that they did not have speeches; they had a pleasant evening, thanks to their Organist and numerous musical friends. One of them, he thought, was the W.M. after what Bro. Parkinson had said as to the W.M.'s voice, as to which they all agreed, and in which they all would agree. He had been asked by a brother that night who the W.M. was, and said some had said he was a barrister; was he a Q.C.? He (Bro. Lennox Browne) said "no; but he charms clients just the same." Bro. Fowler had charmed them in the lodge all the same. The brethren had all an assurance of it that evening, they saw he knew his work, and that he had all the enthusiasm of youth, and also the level-headedness of an experienced Mason. He need not speak of Bro. Fowler's qualifications or his virtues; he was one of those who were born Masons, he was to all the brethren a dear friend. They were quite sure he would rule the lodge with judgment and discretion; they knew he was exemplary in conduct, courteous in manner, easy of address, and they also saw he was well credited. He prophesied for the lodge a distinguished year under Bro. Fowler's Mastership; it was needless to hope for success, that was already assured. There was but one other qualification necessary—good health during his year of office.

Bro. G. J. Fowler, W.M., who, on rising to acknowledge the toast was received with general applause, said although his natural modesty compelled him to disclaim, to some extent at any rate, all those very kind attributes with which Bro. Lennox Browne so freely credited him, if it was not presumption, he ventured to infer that the extremely kind manner in which Bro. Lennox Browne had spoken of him and the flattering reception the brethren had given to the I.P.M.'s remarks, his (Bro. Fowler's) occupancy of the chair was not distasteful to the members of the Iris Lodge, for they might believe, that however inefficient he might be in discharging the duties of his office, at any rate he would do his best. For many reasons it was desirable for a brother who reached the chair to have served every office in the lodge from I.G. upwards; but from the circumstance of his being a founder of the lodge and taking a prominent part in its formation he found himself, from no merits of his own, now in the chair of the Iris Lodge. If he could not congratulate the brethren on their W.M. he could congratulate the Iris Lodge on the position it stood in that night. They were then celebrating their first birthday, and when they commenced 12 months ago they had 12 members. The membership of the lodge then, notwithstanding some resignations, was 26 or 27. They might congratulate themselves on that. There was a feature of the Iris Lodge which was very special indeed. They knew it was not a particularly easy matter to get a warrant for a new lodge in London, because there was a feeling that those who wished to join the Craft might go into one or other of the existing lodges; but he remembered when he saw the Grand Secretary and told him it was projected that the Iris Lodge should be composed of brethren who were intimate friends, the Grand Secretary said "That is the kind of lodge his Royal Highness likes to grant a warrant for." The Iris Lodge was that, and those who had joined it since were intimate friends of members of the lodge, and they were all friends of every member of the lodge. Let him then pass from that topic to one more congenial—to ask the brethren to drink with him "The Health of their I.P.M." It was no exaggeration to say that but for Bro. Lennox Browne there would have been no Iris Lodge in existence; Bro. Lennox Browne was in every sense the father of that lodge. Bro. Lennox Browne it was, when the idea was suggested, who at once took it up in the most enthusiastic manner, and brought his influence to bear until the Iris Lodge was a *fait accompli*. Since then he had done a great development of work in the lodge; the brethren might judge of him by the way he performed the installation. Bro. Lennox Browne was always punctual in the discharge of his duties, and set the brethren an example in every respect, and if the Iris Lodge went on and prospered as it had, it would be largely due to the work of Bro. Lennox Browne. It was for that reason he asked the brethren to join him in drinking the health of the first W.M., the Installing Master, and the Immediate Past Master—three single gentlemen rolled into one.

Bro. Lennox Browne, I.P.M., replied. He would in very few words thank all the brethren for their cordial support during the past year. It was all very well for Bro. Fowler to say that he (Bro. Lennox Browne) was the father of the lodge; but he was present at Bro. Fowler's initiation in the St. Alban's (a Grand Stewards') Lodge, No. 29, and he then gave the brethren a measure of what he was when he said he did not take up Masonry as a plaything. He (Bro. Lennox Browne) was glad to be the first Master, for he was told there was plenty of work. He had initiated 12 in that lodge, and there had been several joining members also in his year, so the brethren would see there was a *raison d'être* for the lodge in its inception. He was very proud of all his initiates he had had the honour of introducing—those of whom were now officers, and very promising officers. He was very proud also to have installed the W.M. If he was asked to pass and raise the initiates of that evening, he should be ready to do it, but he should not take the work away from the W.M. He had had the warm support of the Treasurer, who was a young Mason, who was initiated by Bro. Dr. Trollope, of Hastings, who was present at the consecration. He saw Bro. Holloway installed in St. Leonard's Lodge at Hastings, and they were proud to see Bro. Palmer, the W.M. of that lodge, then present. Bro. Holloway was an Emulation Lodge of Improvement brother—and here he might say the annual festival of that lodge would be held on the 28th instant, the tickets for which were 5s. each—and he recommended the brethren to go to it, as they would have "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," besides a good supper. He (Bro. Lennox Browne) had never worked the tracing boards, and had never quite mastered the charge to the initiate. In that respect he had been very fortunate in having Bro. Dr. Holloway, who had never failed to give the charges or the tracing board. If it had not been for Bro. Dr. Holloway he could not have had such a successful year of office.

Bro. Fowler, W.M., in proposing "The Initiates," said it was not necessary in these days to justify Freemasonry, but if it were necessary, it would only be requisite to point to the three great Masonic Charities, which were collecting between them from £60,000 to £70,000 a year. He would tell the initiates that the institution they had joined that day was an ancient institution and a great institution, but it was never so grand or powerful for good as it was now, and that placed on brethren the obligation to see that those who joined them were fit and worthy members. They had had strong evidence in favour of the initiates that night; all of them were personal friends whom he was delighted to welcome; they had been, as Bro. Lennox Browne had said, Masons at heart; they were now Masons in fact.

Bros. Webb, Stubbings, and Redfern briefly responded. Bros. Palmer, Pickering, and Fooks responded to the toast of "The Visitors;" the Senior and Junior Wardens replied to the toast of "The Officers;" and the Tyler's toast followed the last song.

LODGES of INSTRUCTION (Metropolitan)

MONDAY, MARCH 2.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. Cripple-gate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8. Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7. Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30. Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8. Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8. Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7. Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. Egyptian, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8. Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8. Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7. Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney, 8. Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8. Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8. Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Pincknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7. Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, at 8. Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8. Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burygoe, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highbury, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30. Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Montmore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.

St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. Luke's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8. Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30. Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill, 8. Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7. Queen's Westminister, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6. Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7. Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8. Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—Cambridge University Local Examinations.—Just as we go to press, we hear the gratifying news that "Our Boys" have scored well in the Senior and Junior Cambridge Local Examinations. Eight boys were entered for the Senior, and all have passed. In the Junior Division, two Second and seven Third Classes and 21 Passes, with three "Distinctions," have been secured, making a total of 38 certificates.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—An equally satisfactory result was attained at the same examination by the girls, of whom 19 entered, whilst all passed with six honours and 11 distinctions.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK left town on Saturday last on a visit to the Queen at Windsor. Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied by Prince Edward and the infant Prince Albert.

MR. ALDERMAN SAMUEL has consented to preside at the festival dinner of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots, which will take place on Wednesday, May 13th, at the Fishmongers' Hall, kindly granted for the purpose by the Court of Assistants.

A SPECIAL MEETING has been arranged by the Duchess of Sutherland, to be held at Stafford House, on Thursday, the 23rd April, with a view to promoting the work of the Ragged School Union among the necessitous and crippled children of London.

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A TABLET bearing the inscription—"John Keats, poet, lived in this house, B. 1795, d. 1821," which has been placed over the door of the villa in John-street, Hampstead, known as "Lawn Bank," where Keats lived and worked, was unveiled on Saturday last by Professor Hall Griffin, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir Walter Besant.

A NEW MASONIC HALL is being built in the Nile Court, Ayr, from designs by Bro. John Eaglesham, the official architect of the lodge. The chief room will be 42 feet by 30 feet. The contract for masonry has been taken by Messrs. Andrew Willie and Sons, and that for joinery by Messrs. J. and D. Meikle. The cost will be about £2000.

THE ROYAL AQUARIUM management on Monday last inaugurated a renewal of Living Tableaux, a series of pictures of great magnificence and variety, consisting of 30 subjects from well-known works of the best artists, faithfully portrayed and deservedly applauded, the whole testifying to the immense amount of time and labour which must have been devoted to attain the perfection shown.

GREAT EXCITEMENT prevailed at Plymouth during Sunday last, it being known that Dr. Jameson and his officers would arrive on the Victoria during the day, while the troopers who had served under him arrived on the Harlech Castle. The latter landed, and most of them left by train for their homes, but great precautions were taken by the Port authorities to prevent communication with the Victoria.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to bestow the dignity of a Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath upon General C. T. Du Plat, who as far back as 1854 was an Equeerry to the late Prince Consort, and has been for so long a period connected with her Majesty's household. Her Majesty's gracious intention was promptly announced to the General in a letter from the Duke of Connaught.

COL. SWAINE, lately military attaché to the British Embassy in Berlin, took leave of the Emperor on Saturday last. The Colonel was afterwards received at luncheon by the Emperor and Empress, among those present being the British Ambassador and Lady Lascelles, other members of the Embassy staff, and several officials of the Court and Household. Lieut.-Col. Grierson, R.A., who succeeds Col. Swaine, has already arrived in Berlin, and will shortly be received by the Emperor.

A CONCERT WAS GIVEN at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday evening last by the London Sunday School Choir, which was established some 25 years ago for the purpose of encouraging part singing among Sunday School teachers and scholars. The choir, which numbers upwards of 1000 voices, was supported by the Sunday School orchestra, and an excellent programme, chiefly of sacred songs and music was admirably carried out. The soloists were Mesdames Kate Cove and Alice Goring, and Mr. Ben Davies.

IT HAS BEEN arranged that the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Chancellor of the University of Wales shall take place in the course of the coming summer. The date has not yet been fixed. The locality of the ceremony was left by his Royal Highness entirely to the choice of the University Court, which was decided at a meeting held last week to select Aberystwith, the three of the oldest constituent colleges of the University. His Royal Highness has formally confirmed the selection.

ESTATE DUTY has been paid on £26,153, the net value, the gross value being £48,685, of the personal estate of Sir George William Elliott, of 17, Portland-place, and of Scruton Hall, Bedale, Yorks, second Bart., J.P. and D.L., colliery proprietor, for several years Master of the Bedale Foxhounds, M.P. for Northallerton, 1874-85, and for the Richmond Division, 1886-95, who died at 11, Clifton-street, Folkestone, on the 15th November last, aged 51 years, the son of the late Sir George Elliot, of Houghton Hall, Durham, first Bart., M.P.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS, 1896.—The Great Northern Railway Company have issued a handy and compendious list of the principal agricultural shows to be held throughout the country during the year 1896, and to and from which they carry. Their representatives will attend on the show grounds, and be prepared to give full particulars of rates, times of transit, &c. The list is mounted on linen card, conveniently folded for pocket, and copies may be had on application to the Company's agents, or to Mr. L. Brightman, Chief Goods Manager's Office, King's Cross Station, London, N.

AMONG THE GUESTS at the dinner given by the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury at their residence in Arlington-street were the Italian and Spanish Ambassadors, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh, Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper, Lord Warkworth, and Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P. At Lady Salisbury's reception which followed, there were present Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Halsbury; Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, the Marchioness of Headfort, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Feversham, the Countess of Donoughmore, Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, Bro. Lord Stanley, Bro. Lord and Lady Amphil, Bro. Lord and Lady Arthur Hill, Bros. Lord Herschell, and Gerald Balfour, M.P.

"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS."—Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, G. Chap. for the Province of Sussex, preaching in the Chapel of St. Barnabas last Sunday, gave some rules for keeping Lent profitably, and amongst other things that he thought might be given up or curtailed were amusements. He, however, said there was one notable drama now being acted in London which might be well regarded as an exception to any general rule. He alluded to that wonderfully powerful, deeply instructive, and most solemnising play by Mr. Wilson Barrett—"The Sign of the Cross." Many clergymen of influence and great piety had written letters commending this drama, and some had made it the subject of sermons. He had waited until he could judge for himself, and he could now add his testimony that a more instructive and deeply reverential drama he had never before seen on the stage. He had been so impressed with its influence for good that he strongly recommended all who had not visited the Lyric Theatre to do so at once. Several of the scenes were quite overpowering. The audience seemed carried away as the love, the purity, and the faith of the Early Christians was forcibly portrayed by the actors. "Faithful unto Death," through the power of the Cross, was the great lesson taught in the most beautiful and impressive way, and he heartily thanked Mr. Wilson Barrett and his powerful company for having produced a drama that cannot fail to have an ennobling and most beneficial effect on the crowded audience that throng the Lyric Theatre every night.

WONDERS WILL NEVER CEASE we are told; but it cannot be denied that Holloway's Pills are the greatest wonder of modern times. They correct bile, prevent flatulency, cleanse the liver, and purify the system, strengthen the stomach, increase the appetite, invigorate the nerves, promote health, and reconstitute the weak to an ardour of feeling never before experienced. The sale of these Pills throughout the globe astonishes everybody, convincing the most sceptical that there is no medicine equal to Holloway's Pills for removing the complaints incidental to the human race. They are indeed a blessing to the afflicted, and a boon to those who suffer from disorders, internal or external. Thousands of persons have testified that by their use alone they have been restored to health, after other remedies had proved unsuccessful.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT has fixed Wednesday, March 25th, for the annual field-day of the Public Schools Volunteers with the regular troops at Aldershot.

THE M.I. GRAND SOVEREIGN of the Imperial Grand Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and appendant Orders, has appointed Comp. Frederick A. Jewson as the Grand Organist.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, who met with a most cordial reception, visited the East London Hospital for Children and Dispensary for Women, on Wednesday, for the purpose of opening the in-patients' wards which have been closed for some months past.

LADY EDITH MONTGOMERIE, daughter of the Earl of Eglinton and Winton, who met with an accident on Tuesday while following the Eglinton Foxhounds, has sufficiently recovered from the injuries she received to allow of her removal from Fullerton House, Troon, to her father's seat, Eglinton Castle.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE presented new colours to the North Staffordshire Regiment at Ghezireh, in the presence of Lord Cromer, Major-General Knowles, Col. Sir H. H. Kitchener, and their respective staffs. The ceremony was witnessed by thousands of spectators. His Royal Highness afterwards addressed the men.

BROS. THE RIGHT HON. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Wednesday morning.

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL GUESTS at the 18th anniversary dinner of the South London Licensed Victuallers' and Beersellers' Trade Protection Association, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday evening, were Bros. Lord Addington and the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, Mr. H. M. Stanley, M.P., Mr. J. Bailey, M.P., and Major d'Albiac, M.P.

GUILDHALL HAS AGAIN been lent by the City Corporation for that which is always a most interesting occasion—the gathering of the Juvenile Collectors of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to celebrate on Saturday week the 92nd birthday of that body. Bro. the Lord Mayor (with whom will be the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs) will preside, and the Lord Bishop of London has promised to give the address on the occasion.

THE QUEEN received Sir John Millais, the new President of the Royal Academy, at Windsor Castle on Thursday. Mr. F. A. Eaton, the Secretary, accompanied his chief, and delivered to her Majesty the medal and chain of the office, which had been in his keeping since the death of Lord Leighton. The Queen handed them to Sir John, whose investiture as President thus became complete. Lord Churchill and General Lyndoch Gardiner were in attendance on her Majesty.

AT THE SALE ROOMS of Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge on Wednesday, a copy of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales," printed by W. Caxton about 1478, first edition black letter, comprising 353 leaves, the last containing Chaucer's retraction, was knocked down for £1020. The book, some of the leaves of which were wanting, while two had the corners torn off, was sold with all faults. A copy wanting 16 leaves was sold in 1861 for £300.

THE RIGHT HON. THE SPEAKER of the House of Commons gave his first full-dress Parliamentary dinner of the session on Wednesday evening. Among the guests were Bros. Lord Stanley, Lord Arthur Hill, Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, the Right Hon. Walter H. Long, the Right Hon. Gerald Balfour, Sir W. Walrond, Sir J. Stirling Maxwell, William Macartney, and W. Hayes Fisher.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York, and attended by Sir Dighton Probyn, Col. Stanley Clarke, and Lady Mary Lygon, visited the Shire Hall Society's Show, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Wednesday afternoon, among the notabilities present being Bro. Lord Llangatlock, Lords Tredegar, Belper, and Beauchamp, Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Walter Watkin and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Victor Cavendish, Sir J. Blyth, and Sir Nigel Kingscote.

THE PROPOSED MASONIC FESTIVAL.—A meeting was held on Saturday last in connection with the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, which has been in existence a quarter of a century. Bro. Mathias Barker presided, and there were also present Bros. J. Bodenham, J. B. Ashwell (Treasurer); Percy Smith (Secretary); and Charity Representatives from the various lodges. The question of holding a festival during the summer in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Association—a matter which was first considered at the Masonic gathering held at Smethwick in the previous week—was further discussed, and an affirmative resolution was passed as a definite step towards holding a festival at Trentham or some other convenient place as may be eventually arranged during next summer. The Stewards' subscription was fixed at five guineas each, and it is hoped that every one of the 32 lodges in the province will furnish at least one Steward.

SINGULAR BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.—In Dublin on Monday, before Mr. Justice Murphy and special jury, a singular breach of promise case came on for hearing. The action was brought by Mr. William Tavener, who had for some years been chief officer on a steamer on the Allan line, to recover £500 damages from Miss Elizabeth O'Sullivan, daughter of the late Mr. William Henry O'Sullivan, M.P., for county Limerick, for breach of promise of marriage. The correspondence between the two was of a very amatory character, and was productive of much laughter in court. From the evidence it appeared that the promise was not denied, but that the defendant claimed that it was made conditionally on her receiving permission from the Roman Catholic Church, to which she belonged. This permission was refused, it appearing that the plaintiff was a Freemason. The letters of the defendant stated that to obtain the dispensation would be impossible, and she complained that he had hidden from her the fact that he was a Freemason. Afterwards the plaintiff, who was a Protestant, wrote that he was willing to give up his religion and his soul to make her happy, but the defendant replied that this statement made her think much less of him than before. The further hearing of the case was adjourned.

ON TUESDAY MORNING the hearing of the case was resumed in Dublin before a very crowded court. The Rev. Thomas O'Dea, formerly Professor of Theology in the College of Maynooth, was placed in the witness box to give evidence for the defendant. He stated that he was acquainted with the canon laws of the Catholic Church, but the evidence being objected to, he was not allowed to state whether it is necessary that a Catholic girl about to marry a Protestant should get a dispensation from the Pope. Judge Murphy said that though it might be necessary under the laws of the Catholic Church, it did not follow that the contrary was not the law of the land. He could not admit any evidence at all as to the law of the Catholic Church. It was a matter for the defendant's conscience, and they could not consider any penalties that her religion might impose upon her. His lordship said he would direct the jury that, on the evidence and letters, there was an understanding that the marriage would not take place without a dispensation. Eventually the jury could not agree upon a verdict, and were discharged.

THE BICYCLE IN ART.—"Ever since trousers became universal as articles of clothing, they have been a source of grief and perplexity to the artist," says a writer in the March number of *Pearson's Magazine*. "He is now confronted with something still less susceptible of artistic treatment—the bicycle, and it can be ignored now no more than the garments with which a prosaic generation of men has decided to clothe its nether limbs. The bicycle has made its way to the front as a factor in contemporary life, and art, the mirror of life, must begin to reflect the iron steed's flashing spokes. The illustrator has already had to tackle the problem of its treatment; but he is generally a hardened individual, who, having got over his early enthusiasm, has grumblingly settled down to the inevitable, and plays second fiddle to the author with as much good grace as his temper will allow. Especially in its higher branches, art is slow to assimilate new material, and painters have hitherto avoided the flying wheel; but we must expect to see it in future exhibitions. A bicycle by itself would not be so deterrent; it is light and not ungraceful, but the moment you perch men and women atop, with their knees going up and down in a graceless mechanical movement, the bicycle becomes a desperate thing for painter to have to produce in his composition, and he will be a clever man who succeeds in the attempt. We have called the cycle 'new' material, but a correspondent recalls the fact that in the little church at Stoke Poges, there is a stained glass window, said to date about a century back, in which is represented a man riding a bicycle, while a crowd of spectators look on with awesome interest."