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aging their young *protégés*, awards a silver medal to the child whose conduct and attainments appear to rank highest. There are, at the present time, 10 boys and five girls in receipt of the benefits of this Educational Fund, the amount expended annually in their behalf being about £200. Lastly, there is the Annuity Fund, which provides old and distressed Mark Master Masons and their widows with annuities of £26 and £21 each respectively, together with a bonus of £5 to each brother and widow at Christmas. On this Fund there are, at the present time, nine men and five widows, while the amount distributable amongst them, taking the annuities and bonuses together, is £405. The invested capital of the Mark Benevolent Fund is £16,000, the dividends on which, even at 3 per cent. per annum, are very little more than sufficient to meet the outlay on the Annuity Branch alone, to say nothing of what is expended in connection with the Benevolent and Annuity branches and for the expenses of management, which, however, are on a very modest scale indeed. It is, therefore, most important, that a considerable sum should be raised at these anniversary celebrations, so that, in the first place, the deficiency of income may be made good, and, in the next, that the invested capital may be still further enlarged. As the Mark Degree is very popular and its Benevolent Fund is well organised and ably conducted, we have every confidence that the appeal which it will be Bro. MASON'S duty to address to the Stewards and other guests at the gathering on Wednesday next, will be responded to with that readiness and liberality which have characterised our Mark brethren ever since their Benevolent Fund has been established on its present footing.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday next, the 8th instant, when Bro. C. LETCH MASON, Prov. G. Mark Master for West Yorkshire, will preside as Chairman. The Board of Stewards which will support him will probably be augmented between now and the date we have specified to 150 ladies and brethren, those who have already volunteered their services numbering some 140. We may therefore look forward to there being a total of donations and subscriptions which will compare not unfavourably with those of the last ten or a dozen years, especially when we bear in mind that the Province over which the Chairman presides, though by no means so strong in the Mark Degree as it is in the Craft and Royal Arch, has been organising a Mark Charity Association and otherwise generally exerting itself in order to ensure, as far as possible, the success of this particular Festival. It is on record that last year West Yorkshire contributed £200, and we may be very sure that if it raised so substantial a sum in support of some other distinguished Mark Master Mason's Chairmanship, it will spare no effort "to go one very considerably better" on behalf of that of its own respected chief. And with very good reason, for the cause which Bro. C. L. MASON will advocate, and the ladies and brethren present will support, on Wednesday next, is an excellent one, in every way worthy of the large-hearted help it has received from the brethren of the Mark Degree. The Benevolent Fund of Mark Grand Lodge is organised in three separate and distinct branches. There is, firstly, the Benevolent Fund proper, which distributes temporary relief among distressed Mark Master Masons and the widows and families of such as have died without leaving behind them any or, at least, but very limited means of support. Then there is the Educational Fund, which provides for the education of the children of deceased or distressed Mark Master Masons, and makes each of them an allowance towards clothing and maintenance. There is no Mark scholastic institution, where the children are received, educated, and maintained, but each child is sent to a good school in the neighbourhood of his home, the schoolmaster—or, in the case of girls, the schoolmistress—reporting annually to the General Board of Mark Grand Lodge on their conduct and progress, while the Board itself, by way of encour-

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

It is evident from the prominence that was given to the subject in the speeches both of the Chairman at the recent Festival at Brighton, when he proposed "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and of Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., Chairman of the Board of Management, when he replied to that toast; from the letters we published last week; and from the opinions which we are told have been expressed by different brethren, that the question of removing the School from its present site at Wood Green to one that is likely to prove healthier and afford better accommodation will seriously engage the attention of the Craft for some time to come. It appears to us, therefore, to be quite unnecessary that we should offer any apology for reverting to it, or say more by way of preface to this further article than that we are prepared to offer both to those who differ from, as well as those who agree with, us as to the policy to be pursued, all reasonable facilities, within the limited space at our disposal, for expressing their opinions. However, let us first of all, express our satisfaction at the statement contained in one of our correspondents' letters to the effect that the article we published a fortnight since furnished our readers with information that was greatly needed and enables them to understand the question far better than they have hitherto done: an article which has accomplished this much has not been written in vain. But it seems to us that this plea of ignorance which has been set up cannot with justice be allowed to pass unchallenged, seeing that the sources of information which are open to us have been accessible to those who urge the plea. The speech of the Earl of LATHOM in 1891, in which he advocated the removal on the grounds we specified in our recent article was reported in these columns a few days after it was delivered, and

a reprint of the report containing full particulars of the 1891 Festival proceedings and necessarily of his lordship's speech, was subsequently sent to all who served the office of Steward on that occasion. Similarly, a full report of the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School held on the 8th April, 1892, appeared in the *Freemason* on the 16th of the same month, and in order that there may be no mistake as to the resolution which was then moved by the Chairman, Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past G. Treasurer, and carried, we quote it as follows: "That in view of the favourable opinion that was expressed upon the suggestion of the desirability of changing the site of the Institution, made by the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, at the last Festival, this Quarterly Court authorises the Board of Management to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the estate of the Institution to the best advantage, and to report thereon to the next or, if necessary, to a Special Court." In urging this motion, Bro. EVE is reported to have said, in the course of his speech, that "nothing would be done which would commit the Craft, no contract would be entered into, nothing whatever would be done unless it was first authorised by a Quarterly Court or Special Court, of which every brother would have due notice. All the motion proposed was to give power to the Board of Management to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the estate of the Institution." Objection was taken by Bros. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH and W. A. SCURRAH—who are both, by the way, London members of the Board—but the resolution, as we have said, was carried, and the result we have now before us in the further resolution which was passed at the Quarterly Court in April last, and in reference to which Bro. EVE, who brought it forward, was careful to point out that nothing would be done until it had received the sanction of the Court, that is to say, of the general body of Governors and Subscribers. Seeing, then, that all these matters have been fully reported in the columns of the *Freemason*, and, of course, recorded at length in the minutes of the Institution, we are justified in saying that the North and East Yorkshire Charities Association, had it chosen, could have obtained the information we furnished a fortnight since, either directly from the Secretary, Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, or indirectly, from Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.G.D., who is a member of the Board of Management, and who, we believe we are right in stating, is the representative not only of the Province of West Yorkshire, with which he is immediately connected, but likewise of that of North and East Yorkshire. Under these circumstances, we consider we were correct in describing the latter Province as being, to use a familiar expression, somewhat "behind the age." It was, or to put it in a milder form, it appeared to be in ignorance of the fact that four years ago the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers, which in this matter is the supreme authority, gave full powers to the Board of Management "to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the estate of the Institution to the best advantage." Considering, indeed, that this fact is set forth in the preamble of the resolution which was passed at the recent April Court, we have some difficulty in realising how any brother or body of brethren could have been in ignorance of it. Hence our criticism, which, though it may have been unpalatable, as such criticisms usually are, has this recommendation, at all events—that it is based on recorded facts.

There are other matters mentioned in the letters of our correspondents to which it seems desirable we should offer some reply; but no harm will come if we hold that reply over for a brief space of time.

BRO. BAIN'S MASONIC LIBRARY.

Having had the pleasure lately of glancing through the Masonic library owned by my esteemed friend, Bro. George Washington Bain (of Sunderland and East Bolden), it has occurred to me that a few words thereon would be welcome to readers of the *Freemason*, for it is the first time it has fallen to my pleasure to visit "The Grange," East Bolden, the only regret being that I could not spare more than two whole days in that most delightful occupation.

Bro. Bain was with me the most of the time, and was certainly as much amused at my surprise, as he turned out his treasures, as he was gratified to hear my unstinted praise of his noble collection. What appeared to me the most extraordinary feature of the library was the number of copies of several very rare and valuable volumes. For instance, he made my "mouth water" by turning out a fine copy of the very scarce *first* edition of "Ashmole's Life" of 1717, and a beautiful impression of the premier Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, 1723. Of course, I warmly expressed my pleasure at seeing two such valuable books, the reply being—"Here is another of the *Ashmole* still better (being on "large paper"), and *two more* of the 1723 Constitutions." There are now *four* of this fine quarto volume in Bro. Bain's library, the latest arrival being the best of all, and which apparently belonged to the "Tuscan" Lodge (No. 14), in 1728, provided it met at "Holliswell," London, in that year.

Some of the series of English Books of Constitution are in exceptionally fine condition, and are of special value because of their eventful past, as well as their magnificent binding. The rare 1746 has the still rarer Frontispiece, but that of 1738 lacks that dignity, and is a small paper edition, but as clean as when issued. I had in my hands three copies of the 1756, and having looked at them, put them down, and was handed another *trio* of the 1767—just as quietly and matter of fact, as if quite an ordinary occurrence, though the owner surely knew, as I did, it is not likely such a *six*, with the 1776 appendix in another copy, making *seven* in all, can be equalled elsewhere—and then I placed these aside to examine one out of the 1784 representatives, which has not only the *four* pages, 67, 68 [67] and [68], that were substituted for the cancelled 67 and 68, but has the latter also preserved, a combination new to me.

One of the 1767 copies has the inscription "This Book belongs to the Builders' Lodge, White Lion, Shadwell," which, according to Bro. John Lane's trusty "Masonic Records, 1717—1894," was formed in 1768, but ceased as such to meet some eight years later. The set of Constitutions is complete from 1723 to 1894, and, moreover, includes the *two* issues of the *octavo* of 1769, i.e., the English edition and the rarer one of Dublin, with all the *curious* plates!

The "Ahiman-Resons," England, are complete, *save* the one of 1787, which I naturally and *most innocently* asked for, but *did not get!* Those of Ireland, however, were well in hand, the early Constitutions of 1730 and 1751 being exhibited with delight by the possessor and shared in by me.

The "Operative Constitutions" of Cole's are of great value and beauty, viz., those of 1729, 1731, and 1751; the latter having a Frontispiece, but whether of 1731 or 1751, my memory does not serve me, and I was too eager to see all to take full notes, there being so little time. Alas, the 1762 is needed to make up the quartette, but the beautiful first edition on large paper, is, indeed, a gem!

The "Pocket Companions" are a most numerous and interesting family, of English, Irish, and Scottish origin. Indeed, so many were shown to me, that I am not quite clear as to the few missing to complete all the sets for the three Countries, but I remember that the *small* issue of 1764 was not represented.

The "Blue Blankets," are quite a good family party, one of the relatives being then unknown to me, apart from this set. It is dated 1756, though the declared 2nd edition of the original of 1722 is of the year 1780. This extremely scarce copy was "Printed by and for David Bower, Edinburgh," and cost *six-pence* in 1756. I fancy Bro. Bain would not take that sum for it now!

The Arms (oval) of the "Lodge of Antiquity Acting by Immemorial Antiquity, 24 Feb., 1819," H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, W.M.; caught my eye, and changed the talk from Books to Plates and Masonic Pictures generally. Portraits of Sayer, Desaguliers, Lord Blayney, and other worthies passed before me; a fine set of *Lambert de Lintot* plates, in the original wrappers; the pretty coloured plate of the "Freemasons' School," 1803; Cagliostro (1786), and others too numerous to mention just now.

A document of a most unusual character was exhibited, being one of the "Freemasons' Tontine," 19th September, 1776, for £50, having five seals (*re* Freemasons' Hall), and another was still more curious, viz., the original warrant of the "Argyle's Lodge," of 6th August, 1755, signed by Alex. Dougall, *Grand Secretary* of Scotland, &c. Bro. Bain has the complete set of jewels of this old lodge, and a number of the aprons, which are of a tremendous size.

Another time we talked about the Royal Arch and other

Degrees, when I held in my hand the Song for "Bro. Pugh's Lodge," dated 1765, which alludes to

"The London Royal Arch."

This, after all, as I pointed out to my friend, is *one year later* than "Hiram," *first edition*, in the library, which also refers to that ceremony, and was published in 1764.

The "Light and Truth of Masonry," 1757, by Thomas Dunckerley (of time-honoured memory), is to me, however, much more valuable, and probably still rarer. The address was delivered by this old worthy at the "Pope's Head Inn," Plymouth, in 1757, when he was the Master of the lodge held in that hostelry.

A grand copy of Plot's Staffordshire, A.D. 1686, was *not* in the Masonic part of the library, but I detected it placed with a lot of sumptuously-bound volumes. It is a treasure in any library, but Bro. Bain should secure the volume of Randle Holme's of 1688 to go with it, though I confess it is very difficult to get; and, to make the *trio*, why not add the Roberts' Constitutions of 1722 or an engraved list of 1733? A quartette would be better still, with Dr. Dassigny's "Enquiry" of 1744, having the Frontispiece! When these are obtained, I hope to make another pilgrimage to the county of Durham.

"A Free-Mason's Song" interested me "By the Tyler of Grand Lodge for the Province of Chester, 1777," and also the "Secrets of Freemasonry revealed by a Disgusted Brother," *second edition*, of 1762. The first was of 1759. This one has a list of lodges to 1760, ending with "255 St. Andrew."

A startling title greeted me as follows: "Remarks on a Sermon late Pubd. entitled *Masonry the way to Hell*," 1768. The bane and the antidote are both scarce and curious, and so also are the large number of the so-called "Exposures" in the library, which are valuable in many ways, the lists of lodges they contain being often of considerable utility. There is also a variety of collected songs from 1730, not a few of which are neither poetry nor Masonic, but withal singular productions, and most difficult to meet with in any library.

I noticed an ornately-bound Calendar of the Grand Lodge, formerly owned by George IV., evidently one of a set, the remainder of which, consisting of a goodly array, may be found in the celebrated collection at Worcester. The rare work of 1788, by Gavin Wilson, Poet Laureate of St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh, is also on the shelf, with some other very scarce wee books, such as the "Fame and Confession" of 1652 (two copies) and various Rosicrucian publications of that century.

Many of the old pamphlets are simply treasures, such as Dr. Rotherham's *address* before the members of the "Union" Lodge, Gateshead, in 1779 (*fourpence each then*), the Rev. W. Johnson's *Discourse* at Doncaster, 1781, &c.

Some of the choice books in this truly magnificent collection I referred to, at more or less length, in an article on "Bro. Bain's Masonic Library" (*Freemason*, May 6th, 1893), and I find that it is as necessary for me to leave much unsaid just as it was then. The old Masonic certificates, prints, clothing, mugs, jugs, plates, bowls, medals, and jewels, &c., must be left for another opportunity, for even the chief books can only be barely noted. I should have liked to say a few words about the *complete set of Lodge Histories*, the very valuable "G. W. Bain MSS.," of the "Old Charges," the several editions of the "Plain Dealer," Le Clerc's Architecture, and certain foreign works and MSS.; but I must bring this article to a conclusion, and make another trial later on. So constantly are additions being made to the collection, that even the exhaustive catalogue of 1893 is now out of date and practically superseded.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Bucks was held at the Masonic Hall, Buckingham, on Thursday, the 25th ult., and proved a very successful gathering. A special train from Baker-street conveyed a number of brethren, and proved a great convenience.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Lord Addington, Prov. G. Master, supported by Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Will E. Chapman, P.A.G.D.C.; J. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec.; Bliss, Prov. S.G.W.; Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.D.; J. Williams, P.P.G. Treas.; Laundry, P.P.G. Reg.; James Stephens, P.P.G.D.; J. Hattersley, P.P.G.D.; Simcox, P.P.G. Org.; Clapshaw, P.P.G. Org.; J. F. D. Towers, P.P.G.D.; and many others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed that the report of the Charity Committee should be received and adopted.

Bro. J. STEPHENS, P.P.G.D., Secretary to the Committee, in seconding the motion, which was unanimously carried, drew the attention of the brethren to the second paragraph. He said it was imperative, if the pro-

vince desired to make itself felt as a power at the elections, that the brethren should organise and send their votes to the Charity Representative.

The P.G. Treasurer's accounts, which were of a very satisfactory nature, were then adopted and an apology read from Bro. J. J. Thomas, Prov. G. Treas., Vice-President Board Gen. Purps., regretting his unavoidable absence.

Bro. JAS. STEPHENS, P.P.G.D., proposed Bro. F. W. Taylor, I.P.M. St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge, for election as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and said it would be difficult to find a brother whose merits would excel those of the candidate he had nominated.

Bro. J. W. BURGESS, P.P.G.D., seconded the nomination, which was unanimously carried.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then announced that he was authorised to confer two jubilee appointments, and he therefore conferred the Past rank of Prov. S.G.W. upon Bros. Willmer and J. E. Bowen, Prov. Grand Secretary.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. H. P. Harris	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Jas. Stephens	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Wyatt	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Kiddle	...	...	...
" F. W. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Bullock	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. E. Bowen	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Mitchell	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. H. Sampson	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. J. Hubbard	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Edginton	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Lewcock	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. MacLean	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Gibbs	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Corpe	...	...	...
" G. F. Whitlock	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Young	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Crowhurst	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Reynolds	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Hambling	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" Holson	...	...	...
" Milne	...	...	...
" Hobbs	...	...	...
" Pulman	...	...	...
" Berry	...	...	...

The Audit Committee was appointed, and Charity jewels and bars presented to the brethren entitled to them.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY announced the receipt of a resolution from the Province of North and East Yorkshire, protesting against the contemplated removal of the Boys' School, which, on the proposition of Bro. J. STEPHENS, seconded by Bro. BURGESS, was ordered to lie on or under the table.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and a banquet was subsequently held at the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Grand Officers" were the first toasts honoured.

Bro. WILL E. CHAPMAN, P.A.G.D.C., replying for the latter, said that was the first time since he had Grand office conferred upon him that he had had the privilege of being with them. On behalf of the body of Grand Officers, he wished the province success in every sense of the word, and felt certain that, as they were now presided over by a Provincial Grand Master who was not only of them, but with them, whose name not only appeared as their Provincial Grand Master, but who was with them in all their undertakings, the future of the province was assured. As a humble member of Grand Lodge, he wished the province all the success and prosperity which the possession of such a Provincial Grand Master was bound to bring.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, Dep. Prov. G.M., proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G. Master." He said it was about 20 years since he had been speaking to them on the same subject, but he was able on this occasion to make an entirely new speech and not inflict any of the 19 old ones. They had now a Prov. Grand Master who worked heart and soul in the province, who did not leave all the work for the other officers and simply preside occasionally at a banquet. There was no one in the whole county who was so acceptable as Prov. G. Master as Lord Addington, for whether they regarded him as a distinguished Mason and citizen, or as Lord High Steward of Bucks, he was received in every quarter with respect and an enthusiastic welcome.

The PROV. G. MASTER thanked the Deputy Prov. G. Master for his kind words. He was put in a doubly difficult position for he had been also addressed in a most musical fashion by the excellent quartet they had heard sing "Come, live with me." He regarded that quartet as a sonnet addressed to him by the Province of Bucks, and should make it his pleasure and privilege to visit the lodges during his term of office. He would re-echo the appeal made by Bro. Jas. Stephens in the lodge that the brethren should support the province by sending in all the votes they could. As Freemasons they were pleased that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had presided at the recent wonderful meeting in behalf of Guy's Hospital when the grand total collected included an amount of £525 sent from Grand Lodge.

In proposing "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said that Bro. Brownrigg had for 20 years been largely doing the Prov. Grand Master's work, and like the son of a soldier, had done his work well.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, Dep. Prov. G.M., in reply, said it was not expected that he should make two new speeches. The province was progressing by leaps and bounds. He remembered that when a few of them tried to obtain a province for Bucks they were told it was absurd for a handful of Masons like themselves to think of it, but in the best days of Berks and Bucks he did not remember having seen a meeting equal to the present one. With the exception of one or two installation meetings they had never had so large a meeting as the present, and this was the more remarkable because they had been told it was impossible to obtain large meetings except in South Bucks. He was a North Bucks man, and they had that day set a record which would be hard to beat. It was always a pleasure to him to do what he could for Bucks, but as old age was coming upon him very fast, he relied on their indulgence to give him as little work as possible, but his poor, humble services, such as they were, were at their disposal.

Bro. H. P. HARRIS, Prov. S.G.W., responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers," expressed their best thanks. Those who had received the honour of Provincial rank owed a special debt of gratitude, and all would do their best to secure for the province large meetings and every success.

Bro. JAS. STEPHENS, Prov. J.G.W., also responded, and said he could not but be deeply sensible of the second honour conferred upon him in the province in so short a period. Evidently his efforts in the cause of Charity organisations had had some little to do with it, and had given satisfaction. They had been told by their beloved Deputy Prov. G.M. that the province was progressing by leaps and bounds. He wished he could say the fact also applied to the Masonic Charity Committee. He had been recently told that Berkshire had again beaten them, and such was unfortunately the case, for they had recently acquired in the person of their esteemed Bro. Keyser a tower of strength in regard to the Masonic Institutions. He hoped the Province of Bucks would take heed of the remarks made in Provincial Grand Lodge, and combine, for unity was strength, and they would make themselves felt as a tower of strength.

"The Health of Bro. Passmore Edwards" having been given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Grenville Lodge," to which Bros. MITCHELL and Bennett replied.

"The Provincial Grand Treasurer and Secretary" was acknowledged by Bros. TAYLOR and BOWEN, and the Prov. Grand Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. H. ROOM, G.S.B.,
PROV. GRAND SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held at the Town Hall, Harrow, on the 27th ult., under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and was attended by over 200 brethren.

The brethren present included Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy P.G.M.; T. Fenn, P.P. Board of General Purposes; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; Sir Trueman Wood, J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Horton Smith, Q.C., D.G. Reg.; Rev. P. Henderson Aitken, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G. Chap.; R. J. Jacobs, Prov. G. Treas.; Howard H. Room, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; H. Sapsworth, Prov. G.S.B.; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D.; G. R. Langley, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Gaskin, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Dr. A. E. Sansom, P.P.G.W.; Dr. Garson, W. Vincent, P.P.G.D.C.; A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W.; Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, P.P.G.D.; and many others.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit report, showing a balance of £171 in hand, was received and adopted.

On the motion of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Jacobs, and was duly acknowledged.

The report of the Charity Committee, which was next adopted, showed that three applications for relief were assisted with grants amounting to £30. Four candidates had been elected to the various Masonic Institutions, the number of votes polled amounting to 13,748.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY said it would not be right to let that matter pass without saying that these results could not have been achieved but for the assistance of the special Secretary for elections—Bro. G. Langley, P.P.G.D.—who had done so much by getting votes outside the province. He should be sorry for the day to arrive when cases were brought forward in Middlesex for election, and Bro. Langley's assistance was required elsewhere.

The PROV. G. MASTER moved a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Langley, and the DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER, in seconding the resolution, which was carried unanimously, said their success at elections was undoubtedly due to Bro. Langley, whose courtesy enabled him to induce the brethren to send in their votes. It was a proud thing to know the province had been able to carry every case on the first application.

Bro. G. R. LANGLEY, P.P.G.D., returned thanks and said he was as pleased as any brother in the province at their success, and trusted they would all assist the provincial cases in order that they should not fall back on the record achieved.

A letter was read from Bro. Col. Blunt, Treasurer of the Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, which was some time ago moved outside the boundary of the province, offering a donation of five guineas to the Charity Fund and an annual subscription of £15., to show the interest the members still took in their old province. This was heartily accepted and acknowledged by a vote of thanks.

Bro. G. R. LANGLEY, P.P.G.D., in proposing Bro. A. Blenkarn, P.M., for election as Prov. G. Treasurer, said that brother was a founder and first J.W. of the Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381, and was now a P.M. and Treasurer, a P.M. of two London lodges, P.Z. and Treasurer of a chapter and Prov. G. Treasurer in the Royal Arch, Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Life Governor of both Schools, and had served on the Board of General Purposes for five years.

Bro. Dr. SANSOM, P.P.G.W., seconded the nomination, which was unanimously agreed to.

In re-appointing Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., as Deputy Prov. G.M., the PROV. G. MASTER referred to his invaluable services in the province for so many years past.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. Guy G. Repton, 770 ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. R. Bartley Denniss, 2548, 1460...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. S. T. H. Saunders ...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. C. V. P. Keene ...	...
" Arthur Blenkarn, 2381...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Edward Swain, 1293 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Howard H. Room ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. M. Wohlgenuth, 946 ...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" C. J. Davison, 1897 ...	...

Bro. R. C. Read, 1309 ...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" W. W. Lee, 2381, 1897...	...	
" G. J. Thomas, 1194 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. G. Hatt ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thos. Thomson, 1597 ...	...	Dep. Prov. G.D.C.
" C. E. Talbot, 1310 ...	...	} Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" D. Hart Davis, 1423 ...	...
" W. Middleweck, 1793 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Captain Perry, 1503 ...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Major Weatherall, 1549 ...	...
" E. J. Everdell ...	...	Prov. G. O'g.
" Swinford Smith ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. W. Lee, 2381, 1897 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. M. Surrige, 2048 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. W. Clarke, 1512 ...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Ralph D. M. Littler, Q.C., P.D.G. Reg.	...	
" Col. Thornton ...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" E. Hislop ...	...
" H. H. Chatterton ...	...
" H. W. Smyth ...	...
" T. Sheppard ...	...
" J. Gilbert ...	...

Past rank was conferred on the following brethren: Bros. Sir William Howard Russell, Past P.S.G.W.; Dr. J. G. Garson, Past P.J.G.W.; Capt. Seyton Scott, Past P.S.G.D.; and A. G. Fleming, Past P. Dep. G.D.C.

The PROV. G. MASTER then said he had a very pleasant and interesting duty to perform, which, for reasons they all understood, was not on the agenda paper. Last year it was a great gratification to them when Bro. Room, their Prov. Grand Secretary, was appointed an officer of Grand Lodge. There were many brethren who were desirous of availing themselves of that opportunity of presenting to him some testimonial, the original idea being that it should take the form of Grand Lodge clothing, but, although the subscriptions were limited, the sum obtained was very far in excess of the amount necessary. After consultation, they came to the conclusion that the balance could not be better invested than in the purchase of a 60-guinea watch. He (the Prov. G.M.) need not refer to the work Bro. Room had done, for he had held the office of Prov. Grand Secretary for upwards of eight years, and each successive year their good opinion was raised and their estimation increased. It was not merely that Bro. Room was most zealous and arduous in the discharge of his duty, but he combined authority with urbanity to as great an extent as anybody he (the Prov. G.M.) ever met. Bro. Room was also an excellent administrator, and his work had tended to the efficiency of the province. To give two instances, it was mainly due to Bro. Room that the Charity Organisation was started, and he had also provided a most useful Masonic calendar, which was of great utility. They asked Bro. Room to accept their gift as a token of their sincere regard and admiration for him, with an earnest hope that for many years to come he would remain one of the pillars of Freemasonry in the Province of Middlesex.

Bro. HOWARD H. ROOM, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec., said he need hardly tell them it was with the greatest feelings of gratitude that he accepted the gift, the value of which was enhanced immensely by the kind sympathy of the Prov. Grand Master. He ventured to think the practice of presenting Grand Lodge clothing, although an exceedingly kind one, was becoming a severe tax upon the brethren, especially this year, when 21 additional officers were appointed. Last year, when he heard he was appointed to Grand Office, he took certain steps in lodges and chapters to prevent anything being done in that respect, but when he heard the Deputy Prov. Grand Master had been kind enough to suggest to the brethren that this was an opportunity for marking their appreciation, he felt it would be ungracious and ungrateful to take any further steps to prevent it. He was not going to repeat the stereotyped expression and say he did not think he deserved it. In the first place, it smacked a little of hypocrisy, and, secondly, it rather slighted the wisdom and excellent judgment of those who were good enough to think it desirable to make the presentation. He was very much surprised at the large dimensions to which the presentation had grown. It would have been impossible for him to have gained their approbation without the assistance he had received from the Prov. G.M., Deputy Prov. G.M., Bros. Lee and Langley, and the Secretaries of all the lodges. He thanked all the brethren most sincerely for this expression of their approval. When he was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary he made two resolutions—first, that he would do everything in order, and secondly, that he would never do anything calculated to disturb love and harmony. From his heart he thanked them one and all for their handsome present and their kind appreciation of his services, and the generous disposition always evinced towards him.

Bro. J. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., presented the Prov. G.M., on behalf of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with a handsomely-illuminated volume containing a resolution recently passed, thanking him for his kindness in presiding at the Festival in February, when £3726 was raised in the Province of Middlesex.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in accepting the book, said his family would treasure it for years to come.

A sum of 15 guineas was voted to each of the Masonic Institutions, and a donation of five guineas towards the Boys' School Scholarship Fund. A letter was received from the Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, stating that A. E. Bailey—who had been elected from that province—had been retained at the School beyond the ordinary limit of age for the purpose of receiving higher education.

The roll of lodges was called, all being represented, and a vote of thanks was accorded the Herga Lodge for the use of furniture, and Bros. Bartley Dennis and Fisher for their assistance in the arrangements.

An oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. S. T. H. SAUNDERS, Prov. G. Chap., and Prov. Grand Lodge was formally closed.

A banquet was held at the Assembly Rooms adjoining the King's Head Hotel, and was followed by the usual toasts.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said that a great body such as Freemasonry could not exist without effective organisation, and they were well satisfied with the manner in which the affairs were conducted.

Bro. HORTON SMITH, Q.C., Dep. G. Reg., said that, in rising to return thanks, he would detain them but a very few minutes. That toast was always well received, expressive, as it was, of that kindly feeling and that respect for constituted authority, which was pre-eminently the characteristic

of all good Freemasons. For coupling his name with the toast he returned special thanks, at the same time he could not but feel that he was a most unworthy representative of Grand Lodge on the present occasion. At the head of the Grand Officers present was B. O. FENN, who had done so much for Freemasonry, that it was difficult to know where to begin in referring to his Masonic services. There was also Bro. Sir Trueman Wood, so distinguished in arts and sciences, and what would the Province of Middlesex have been without Bro. Thrupp? Bro. Terry was also present, and what would the aged Freemasons have done without him? It was impossible to say anything about Bro. Room, for the brethren had shown their appreciation of him. In returning thanks again, he (Bro. Horton Smith) assured them he should not be likely to forget that before he became Deputy Grand Registrar of England he was their Grand Registrar of Middlesex.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THURPP, D.P.G.M., said he rose to propose the next toast—"The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master"—with a light heart, for every brother in the province would fully appreciate the toast, and give it a hearty and cordial reception. Their Prov. Grand Master had now been with them for some years. It was true he did not come amongst them so often as they could wish, but when the brethren remembered that Bro. Lord George Hamilton was one of her Majesty's Secretaries of State, and that his services were required elsewhere, they would appreciate the fact that he had attended to preside over them that day. There was one thing he especially wished to call their attention to, and that was to assure the Prov. Grand Master that they did not only show their esteem and respect and their love for him by hands and voices, for in February last they evinced it in a practical form by subscribing the largest sum at the Benevolent Institution Festival ever sent by any province. Their Prov. Grand Master appreciated and was grateful for that result, for he wrote the next morning expressing his delight. They were all proud to have such a distinguished nobleman to preside over them, and trusted he would be spared for many years to be their Prov. Grand Master.

The PROV. G. MASTER thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast and also the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his kindly expressions of good feeling. His rule in life had been never to take any post unless he had time and opportunity to perform the duties, and when he became Prov. Grand Master he did not expect to become one of the principal Secretaries of State. The Deputy P.G.M. had alluded to the festival in February at which he presided and at which they beat the record. That festival was a great success and that so large a sum was mainly due to the energy with which he was supported by his officers. It was gratifying to Harrow to know that the Harrow lodges contributed no less than £621. When they recollected that the Province of Middlesex was not one of the largest provinces and that many of the brethren also belonged to London, they must congratulate themselves on having beat the great counties like Lancashire and Yorkshire. As they were aware Saturday was the only holiday for members of Parliament and Ministerialists and if he left before the proceedings were over he hoped they would not attribute it to any want of courtesy. Before he left he especially desired to propose the next toast, "The Deputy Prov. G.M." They had had a very satisfactory meeting that day and the Province of Middlesex worked with such ease and all its wheels were so well greased that he, as Prov. Grand Master, had only to preside on such occasions as these. This was mainly due to Bro. Thrupp and other brethren who had been associated together for many years. It was indeed a matter for congratulation that having attained a high standard of excellence the province was in no way falling from it.

The DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER, in response, said he should continue to discharge his duties to the best of his ability and in conjunction with his colleagues support the Prov. G. Master.

"The Prov. Grand Officers" was next given and briefly replied to by Bros. THOS. FENN, P.P.B.G.P., and Col. BLUNT, after which the Prov. G. Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The arrangements for the comfort of the brethren reflected the highest credit on all concerned and the same remark applies to the musical programme under the direction of Bro. R. F. Tyler, P.P.G. Org., who was ably assisted by Bros. C. Butler, Avalon Collard, Frank Swinford, Prov. G. Org., and Geo. Robins.

**SUMMER OUTING OF THE LEOPOLD LODGE,
No. 1571.**

When the brethren of the Leopold Lodge decided to invite their lady friends to a summer outing, in place of the ladies' night which had been successfully held for the past two years, a new departure was inaugurated, which, it is hoped, will become a standing function in connection with the lodge. Wednesday, the 24th ult., having been fixed upon, the brethren and their ladies assembled at Paddington Station in time to journey to Windsor by the 9.40 a.m. train, to which saloon carriages had been attached. Windsor was shortly reached, but not before a few showers had descended. These only tended, however, to refresh the surrounding country, and before leaving for Marlow, King Sol had asserted himself, making happy and contented the assembled company. The "May Queen" steamed away at 10.45, the lovely scenery, for which the Thames is noted, being highly appreciated, and equally so the bountiful refreshments provided by the Committee. Marlow was reached at 2 o'clock, and the Crown Hotel shortly afterwards, where dinner was served, the catering giving every satisfaction.

Among the company, numbering 71, were the following:
Bro. Meadows, W.M., and Miss Mortimore; Bro. Watts, I.P.M., and Mrs. Watts; Bro. Hampson, S.W., Mrs. Hampson, and Misses A. and B. Hampson; Bro. Morgan, P.M., Sec.; Bro. Morris, J.D., and Mrs. Morris; Bro. Leach, I.G., Bro. Hall, A.D.C., and Miss Hall; Bro. McKenzie, Stwd., and Miss McKenzie; Bro. Clarke, Org., and Mrs. Clarke; Bro. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes; Bro. Bull, Bro. J. B. Paine, and Mrs. Paine; Mr. and Mrs. Peters; Bro. Farmer and Mrs. Farmer; Bro. Whitefield and Miss Tomkins; Bro. Pitt, P.M., and Miss Pitt; Bro. Barker and Mrs. Barker; Bro. Groves, P.M., Mrs. and Miss Groves; Bro. Bentley, P.M.; Bro. Gladwell and Mrs. Gladwell; Bro. Eadie and Mrs. Eadie; Bro. Saunton, P.M.; Mr. Fleming, Mrs. and Miss Fleming; Bro. Duffell and Mrs. Duffell; Mr. and Mrs. Wickham; Bro. Miller and Mrs. Miller; Miss Riley; Bro. Wills; Bro. Munford and Mrs. Mumford; Bro. Pinchin and Mrs. Pinchin; Bro. Cormack and Mrs. Cormack; Bro. Beazley; Mrs. Simmonds; Bro. Anson and Mrs. Anson; Bro. A. Paine, and Mr. W. and Mrs. Paine; Mr. and Mrs. Bridgland; and others.
Grace having been said,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER submitted "The Queen and the Craft," which was heartily received.

Bro. A. WATTS, I.P.M., in asking the company to drink to the health of the W.M., Bro. Meadows, said that the brethren were indebted to him for the sacrifice he had made in giving up his visit to Brighton as Steward to the Festival of the Boys' School that day, which the brethren much appreciated, and tendered to the W.M. the hearty good wishes of all present.

Bro. MEADOWS, W.M., who met with a hearty reception, thanked the company for the cordial manner in which he had been received. They had been favoured with delightful weather, and he sincerely hoped that the gathering that day was only one of many yet to be enjoyed together by the members of the Leopold Lodge and their friends.

"The Ladies" was next proposed by Bro. EDMUND J. MORGAN, P.M., and Secretary of the lodge. He sincerely thanked the ladies for gracing the outing with their presence, and regretted that they could not invite them to their lodge meetings. Unfortunately for the ladies, the fiat had gone forth that, for the present at least, the secrets of Freemasonry were to be confined to the masculine gender. Whether it was that man, the more receptive creature, could better be entrusted to keep a secret than more confiding woman, he dare not, in the presence of the wives of so many Masons, affirm, while, on the other hand, what the possibilities for the ladies might be, even in Freemasonry, in the age of the new woman, which had only just dawned, it was not for him to say. One thing, however, was certain—nothing was more appreciated by the weary Mason after his arduous labours in lodge than the welcome smile of his better half. It was comforting to Freemasons to know that all ladies were not like poor Mrs. Caudle, whose only ambition in life appeared to be to wring from her ill-used husband the fascinating secrets of Freemasonry. There were thousands of ladies who held a high opinion of the Craft, and so long as Freemasons made the ladies sharers in their pleasures and enjoyments as well as providing for them in the hour of their distress, so long would they have them on their side. Others far abler than he had sung their praises. Scott, in estimating the worth of woman, had said:

O, woman, in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,
And variable as the shade,
By the light quivering aspen made,
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou.

While Graham had beautifully sung—

'Tis thine to curb the passion's maddening sway,
And wipe the mourner's bitter tear away,
'Tis thine to soothe when hope itself has fled,
And cheer with angel smile the sufferer's bed;
To give to earth its charms, to life its zest,
One only task to bless and to be blest.

The ladies were then very heartily toasted, and the hope expressed by Bro. Morgan that the Leopold Lodge might have the pleasure of their company on many future summer outings.

Bro. PERCY LEACH, I.G., championed the cause of the ladies, in reply, thanking the proposer of the toast for his eulogy of the gentler sex, and the warm and hearty reception given to his lady friends. To admit that the kind things just said of them were not deserved would be mere affectation. The poetical quotations recited by Bro. Morgan were none too highly embellished, and he (the mouthpiece of the fair sex) would be delightfully candid, and admit it up to the hilt. Slightly altering Longfellow, he would say—"What would the world be to us if the ladies were no more." In conclusion, he sincerely thanked the brethren of the Leopold Lodge for their kind invitation to the ladies that day, and hoped that, as the years rolled on, they might, at least, once a year meet the ladies, as they had done on the present occasion.

"The Visitors" was suitably responded to by Bro. W. R. BENTLEY, P.M. Last, but not least, "The Health of the Secretary of the Outing, Bro. John Hampson, S.W. of the Lodge," was given in felicitous terms by the W.M., who paid a graceful compliment, well deserved, to Bro. Hampson, who had devoted much time and trouble to make that day's gathering a great success, which was clearly indicated by the pleasing countenances of all present.

Bro. HAMPSON, in reply, was warmly received. Thoroughly appreciating the kind words of the W.M., he had done what he could to contribute to the success of the outing, and if his efforts, supplemented by the ready help of the Committee, had been productive of a pleasant day's enjoyment, he and they had been well repaid for any trouble that had been taken. He only hoped that this would be by no means the last occasion on which they would meet the "Ladies," and if possible he would like to see it become a hardy annual with the Leopold Lodge.

The ladies and brethren subsequently repaired to the grounds, where they were photographed by the kindness of Bro. W. L. Barker, S.W. of the Loyalty Lodge.

Time, waiting for no man, caused the company speedily to prepare for the return journey, which was most thoroughly enjoyed, the ladies contributing to the harmony of the occasion.

Windsor was reached in time for the 9.40 train, and many were the expressions of hope on leavetaking at Paddington that the Leopold Lodge would not fail to hold their second summer outing.

The arrangements of the outing were in the hands of a Committee, consisting of Bros. H. T. Meadows, W.M.; John Hampson, S.W. (Secretary of the Outing); Edmund J. Morgan, P.M.; Arthur Watts, I.P.M.; C. M. Morris, J.D.; Percy Leach, I.G.; George Hall, A.D.C.; John McKenzie Stwd.; and R. W. Clarke, Org.; and were everything that could be desired.

**SUMMER OUTING OF MOUNT CALVARY
ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**

The summer outing of this old encampment was held at the celebrated riverside hostelry, the Mitre, Hampton Court, on the 16th ult. Among the members present were Sir Knights Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., E.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of Guards, Reg.; Basil Stewart, Expert; W. Maple, I.P.E.C.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.C.; C. Slater, P.E.C.; N. Prower, P.E.C.; E. F. Roberts, Org.; A. R. Carter, and J. R. Ubsden; the visitors being Bros. T. Simpson, P.M.; D. Jackson, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Trehearne, P.M.; Chapman, P.M.; and Harvey, P.M.

The banquet was served in the manner which has made this old house of public entertainment world renowned. The Eminent Commander, who posed simply as the chairman over the pleasant gathering, was exceedingly happy in his several utterances. The visitors, too, were not to be outshone by their host. They all rose to the occasion and their remarks were of a witty nature.

The whole proceedings were altogether successful—first the banquet and wines were good, secondly the weather was all that could be desired, thirdly, the *post-prandial* utterances were far above the average, and lastly music exercised its charms, as Bro. Egbert Roberts was in good form and kept the brethren amused from "start to finish."

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SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1896.

Masonic Notes.

A Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 9th inst., at noon, for the transaction of ordinary business, and to approve and declare the list of candidates for the October election and the number of vacancies which will then be filled. A motion for a pension to Miss Davis on her retirement will also be brought forward.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m., for the transaction of ordinary business, to approve and declare the list of candidates for the October election, and to determine the number of boys then to be elected. We may add that the Board of Management purpose issuing to the Subscribers at an early date a full statement of the reasons for the removal of the School from its present position, as sanctioned by the last Quarterly Court.

A Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, this (Friday)

evening at 7 p.m., when, after the transaction of formal business, there will be an election of 15 children on the Educational, Combined, and Advancement Funds of the Institution.

In the few remarks with which Bro. McLeod pre- faced his announcement of the Lists at the recent Boys' School Festival at Brighton, he mentioned that among the numerous letters he had received from brethren expressive of regret at their inability to attend the gathering, was one from his predecessor in the office of Secretary—Bro. F. Binckes. In this letter Bro. Binckes referred to the chairmanship of the Duke of Devonshire—then Marquis of Hartington—at the Festival held at the Crystal Palace in 1885, and the pleasure and pride he had experienced in describing the splendid results then achieved under his Grace's auspices; and to this was added the hope—since so amply realised—that the result of the Duke's second chairmanship would be attended with still greater success. The prominence given to this letter is as honourable to Bro. McLeod as are its contents generally, and the good wishes therein expressed in particular, to the writer.

In these days events pass rapidly, and it is the custom to speak of those which happened only a few years since as "ancient" history. But we trust the time will never come when the services of incalculable value which Bro. Binckes rendered to Freemasonry during the 29 years that elapsed between 1861 and 1890 will be forgotten. During that period he laboured as few have known how to labour and with a success which it would be difficult to exaggerate, to promote the interests of the Boys' School, of which he was elected Secretary in the first-named year; and what will materially enhance the admiration which all good Masons and true must feel at the results of his official labours is the knowledge that concurrently with his Secretaryship of the Boys' School, Bro. Binckes fulfilled the duties of Grand Secretary to the Mark Grand Lodge, whose lodges increased in number during his administration of that office from about 53 to 415.

In referring thus pointedly to the services rendered by Bro. Binckes, we have no desire or intention of detracting from the merits of those who have succeeded him. Bro. McLeod, during the six years he has held office under the new régime, has achieved successes which even the most sanguine among us could never have anticipated. But "*Vixere fortes ante Agamemnona.*" Bro. McLeod's services are in full career, while those of his predecessor are completed, and as we have said before, we trust the time will never come when those which the latter rendered are forgotten.

The Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, which has rendered valuable service both to the Central Institutions and locally, has completed an existence of 25 years, and the members rightly intend celebrating its 25th anniversary on Wednesday, the 15th instant. The celebration will take the form of a Garden Party, which, by the kind permission of the Duke of Sutherland, will be held in the private grounds of his Grace's seat at Trentham, the whole of the Italian gardens, park, and grounds being open to members of the Craft and their guests on the occasion. The band of the Queen's Own Staffordshire Yeomanry has been engaged, and the Apollo Glee Union will recite glees, madrigals, and part songs. At 2 p.m. there will be a cold collation in a marquee, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G.M., while, at 6 p.m., high tea will be served; during the whole of the afternoon and evening a refreshment buffet will be open to all visitors.

The special object which our Staffordshire brethren have in view in thus publicly celebrating this auspicious anniversary is to increase the usefulness of the Association "by an extension of the 'B' or 'Local Aid' Fund," and it is hardly necessary for us to add that the meeting has our heartiest good wishes for its success. A separate circular as to the railway arrangements south of Stafford will be issued in due course, but it has already been settled that "Excursion Fares" shall be charged, while brakes will meet the trains at Trentham Stations and convey visitors to the ground. Brethrens' and visitors' tickets, "to include admission to the Park, Gardens, and Grounds, Luncheon and Tea," at 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the Secretary of every lodge in the Province; from Bro. H. Percy Smith, Hon. Festival Secretary; or from Bro. J. B. Ashwell, Hon. Secretary to the Executive Committee, Brook-street, Stoke-on-Trent.

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 REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I venture to express my entire agreement with the views of "Life Governor" and "Ex-Secretary, P.M.," in your number of Saturday, 27th inst.

The time has gone by when there was any necessity for erecting a huge school in the neighbourhood of London, to which boys from the whole of England must be compulsorily sent, regardless of distance and expense. There are now good schools affording ample choice in the nature of the education afforded—classical, commercial, or general—in all parts of the country, and a sum representing far less than the cost of education at the R.M.I.B., expended in the local education of the boys, would be a much greater relief to those on whom they are dependent, while in a large majority of cases such an arrangement would be far better for the boys themselves.

Call it what you may, the School is a "Charity School," and experience has shown, and the fact is everywhere (except, possibly, amongst the Managers of such Schools) recognised, that it is far better to keep children amongst their friends in ordinary mixed Schools than to herd them together in a special flock.

In the opinion of a large number of the supporters of the (Charity—by no means confined to Yorkshire—it would be far better that a much more extensive use should be made of Laws LXXXV., et. sec., enabling Boys to be educated out of the Institution, and that the contribution—at present limited to a maximum of £20 per annum—be extended to a more adequate sum, say £30 to £40. As the average cost of each Boy maintained in the School is now upwards of £50 per annum, even the larger amount cannot be considered excessive.

I have had some experience of the Scholastic Charities, Craft and Mark, and I have not the least hesitation in saying that the latter, adopting exclusively the principle advocated, does—proportionately to the amount expended—by far the most good.

The arguments used by the Committee are, shortly: the neighbourhood has depreciated; the soil is clay; we are cramped for room and cannot extend.

The first may offend the æsthetic tastes of the Visitors, who go down to see Sports, &c., but can hardly, alone, be considered a sufficient reason for removal. The second might be conclusive in the case of the original selection of a site, but hardly for sacrificing the principal portion of our large property, accumulated over so many years. With respect to the third, my answer is—"Do not extend; keep the building as it is, accommodating a reasonable number of Pupils, and develop the principle of payments towards education and maintenance elsewhere.

In conclusion, let me urge the Council to adopt the suggestion of ascertaining the views of all Governors and Subscribers by means of voting papers. If a substantial majority support the views of the Council they may fairly appeal to, and will, doubtless, obtain, the support of the Craft in general. If they fail in obtaining such support, they will know how to retire gracefully from their position. But unless some such means is adopted for enabling the Provincial Brethren to express their views—it is absurd to say they can attend in London for the purpose—there will be every great dissatisfaction, and Provincial Educational Funds will become general.—Yours fraternally,

D.P.G.M. AND PAST GRAND OFFICER,

(Life Governor and Past Steward of all the Charities).

Bristol, 29th June.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to see that some members of the Craft call attention to the fact that the proposed scheme does not find favour with the provincial brethren. I have ascertained the views of a good many, and would strongly urge that before anything is done, voting papers should be sent to all the supporters of the Institution. The proposed change means a loss of £60,000 to the Craft. May I suggest that a certain number be educated in the present building and the remainder provided for, as in the Mark Degree, by paying fees, &c., the boys remaining with their friends.

The number of candidates for the benefits of the Institution must increase, and can we be sure that, apart from the other Masonic Charities, the Craft can afford to lose the £60,000 and find, say, £100,000 for a new building site and fittings, with the largely increased expenditure each year for the larger number of boys.

It would be very serious if some of the larger provinces withdrew their support, and this great and useful Charity failed for lack of support.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

Herne Hill, S.E.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

The doubt expressed by "Ex-Secretary P.M.," in his letter of your last issue as to the Board of Management of the Boys' School "representing very fairly the opinions of all sections of the Craft," may easily be removed by a reference to the list of its members.

I find the Board consists of 30 elected and five ex-officio members.

Of the 30 elected, 15 are directly nominated by Provincial Grand Lodges and must thus be admitted as "fairly representing" the provinces. Fifteen are London brethren, but of these I observe the majority are also prominent workers in the provinces, viz., Bros. Attenborough and Langton (Surrey), Glass (Essex), Stephens and Thomas (Bucks), Scurah and Pitchard (Middlesex), Spaul (Shropshire), and Hudson (Sussex), leaving only six whose qualifications are from London alone.

In addition, the Chairman of the Board (Bro. Eve), and the Treasurer of the Institution (Bro. Keyser), are alike rich in qualifications both for London and the provinces.

Surely, therefore, with such a representative Board, the Subscribers may have every confidence that a progressive action will be carried through with every regard for economy and efficiency.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

VICE-PATRON.

July 1st.

GRAND LODGE HONOURS—DISTRICTS ABROAD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I noticed, in one of your May issues, a letter from a "Past D.G.L. Officer," re the appointments to rank in Grand Lodge, and your remarks thereon. I quite agree with you, and am certain that Grand Lodge does not view Colonial brethren with the off-handed contempt suggested in the letter in question, but am

inclined to go with the writer to the extent of thinking that an occasional crumb from the rich man's table, in the form of periodical gifts of Past Grand Lodge rank would do much to make the Colonial brethren feel that they were held in estimation at head-quarters, and not "out of sight, out of mind."

Strange to say, three or four days before I saw the letter I refer to, I had ventured to mention the matter in a letter to an English brother, and suggested a course which I thought would meet the difficulty, and would show that Colonial brethren, working for the same ends as those in England, but often under far greater difficulties, were equally eligible and able to receive honours at the hands of the M.W. Grand Master. My proposal was roughly this: There are some 32 District Grand Lodges, I believe, but call them 35 for calculating purposes. These might be broken up into sections of seven, and dealt with in rotation—thus every year seven past honours would be given to Colonial Masonry, and once in every five years each District Grand Lodge would have its turn. The appointment, as to individuals, to be on the recommendation of the District Grand Master, but the actual past rank given to be decided by the home officials, having regard to the past services, status, &c., of the Masons recommended to the M.W. Grand Master for preferment. This would in no way injure Grand Lodge by giving present rank to those unable, by distance, to perform the duties, nor would one appointment in each District every five years render the honours cheap or common, and thus remove the high distinction which such appointment now gives. This course seems to me workable, if there was any desire to reward the hard workers abroad, and I firmly believe that an occasional honour so conferred would give the various jurisdictions deep satisfaction, and more closely bind together the Districts to their Grand Lodge. Unfortunately, when 5000 to 10,000 miles away from home, Grand Lodge, though loyally looked up to, is apt to become merely a name to the rank and file of Craftsmen, and anything calculated to make it more tangible should be encouraged.—Fraternally yours,

ANOTHER D.G.L. OFFICER.

Cape Town, June 6th.

Reviews.

"A PERAMBULATION OF THE ANCIENT AND ROYAL FOREST OF DARTMOOR, &c., by the late SAMUEL ROWE, M.A. Third Edition, revised and corrected by J. BROOKING ROWE, F.S.A., F.L.S. Illustrated from Drawings by F. J. WIDGERY." (Exeter: James G. Commin; London: Gibbings and Co., Limited, 18, Bury-street.)—This is a magnificent volume, published by the enterprising bookseller, Mr. Commin, of High-street, Exeter, and lavishly illustrated by the well-known Devonshire artist, Mr. Widger. It is a thick octavo, of over 500 pages, with an excellent Sketch Map of the Forest (with the Border Parishes and Stannary Towns), and four long Sectional Maps, on a scale of an inch and a quarter to the mile, enlarged from the Ordnance Survey, to date. "Rowe's Perambulation" has been out of print for several years; the second edition is now as difficult to procure as the first; the latter, by the Rev. Samuel Rowe, M.A., being published in 1848, the second edition following some eight years after. Even when a copy of either edition is secured, it is most unusual that the plates will be found intact, and it is probable a similar fate awaits this sumptuous issue of 1896. It is difficult to resist the desire to remove several of these very choice illustrations and have them framed, all of them, including the most artistic frontispiece, being very charming views of the historic and famous Dartmoor. Mr. J. Brooking Rowe has done his part so admirably and efficiently that even possessors of the earliest editions will feel compelled to subscribe for this one, at the extremely low price of 15s. nett, bringing this most needed work within the reach of all lovers of this most deliciously entrancing Forest and Moor, described as "a large mountain squeezed down, and in the process split asunder, until the whole is one hilly wilderness, showing ever and anon strange half-buried shapes striving to uplift themselves towards the sky." There are a score of chapters, which divide amongst themselves the whole of the treatment of the subject by the two Rowes, the successor and junior ably following in the steps of the original author, whose name and fame are indissolubly connected with this wild and picturesque spot. First and foremost, the extent of the moor is noted; then its early inhabitants—the Druids—their predecessors and successors; the monumental relics, huts, forts, roads, &c.; complete perambulations rendering the pedestrian independent of any other guide, either human or in book-form. Then follow a series of chapters of a most interesting, instructive, and entertaining character on the geology, petrology, mineralogy, soil, agriculture, birds, wild quadrupeds, fishes, botany, &c., of Dartmoor; the convict prisons, the churches, the literature and historical documents, &c., the whole of these divisions being to date, and thoroughly handled by a real and constant lover of the forest. The numerous vignettes and woodcuts are little gems, and are all carefully protected with tissue paper cut to size to prevent rubbing. From first to last, this valuable work realises the most sanguine anticipations based on the circular announcing its advent, and historically, typographically, and artistically the volume is a credit to all concerned. Its circulation is bound to be very large, and will doubtless result in many more visitors to this most attractive portion of the lovely county of Devon. Copies may be ordered from the publisher, sixpence extra being forwarded for postage.

THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY'S TOURIST GUIDE TO THE CONTINENT. Issued by Authority. Edited by Percy Lindley. Illustrated and with Maps. London: 30, Fleet-street; 22, Cockspur-street, W.; and the Continental Department, Liverpool-street Station, E.C.—This is the 17th annual issue of one of the completest and best-informed Tourist Guide Books it has been our privilege to see. It has been specially and, we may add, very ably, compiled for the use of those who visit the Continent *via* Harwich, or, in other words, under the auspices of the Great Eastern Railway Company, and within the modest compass of some 160 pages, the Editor has succeeded in compressing a mass of useful and interesting information respecting the countries to be visited. These are Holland, which has a chapter to itself; North Germany and South Germany, which are treated in the sections of the next chapter; Belgium; and Switzerland, the last two having each a chapter to itself. A few pages are devoted to the subject of "Cycling on the Continent," and there are several excellent maps, which, indeed, are the special feature of this edition, and which, with the numerous illustrations with which the letter-press is interspersed, very materially increase the value of the Guide. Be it added that the price of this admirable publication is only sixpence, and that it is of handy size and easily portable. We may safely say that of its kind the "Great Eastern Railway Company's Guide Book to the Continent" will not be easily matched either for the information it contains or the manner in which it is described.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The "Blue Girls" have been exceptionally fortunate in having splendid weather for all their social functions. The Prize Day and Stewards' visit in May was perfect in this respect, and Ex-Pupils' Day on the last Saturday in June was especially so, the afternoon bringing together a larger gathering of ex-pupils than ever before, induced, no doubt, by the fact that Miss Davis would, as Head Governess, receive them for the last time. On Monday the girls visited the Crystal Palace, at the expense of the Board of Stewards of the late Festival, and the weather being delightful, and the Palace authorities very kind and liberal, a very happy day was spent. Bros. J. H. Matthews (Chairman), Frank Richardson, Charles Hammerton, R. Loveland Loveland, and Sir John Monckton, of the House Committee, and Bro. W. G. Kentish, of the Audit Committee, with Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, were present, and did their best to minister to the enjoyment of the young people.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. DAWES, P.M.,
P.P.G. REG., P.P.S.G.W., &c.

On Thursday, the 18th ult., the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, the brethren of the Wellington Lodge mustered strong at a lodge of emergency to do honour to Bro. Wm. Dawes, their oldest and one of their most esteemed members, by presenting him with a watch. The W.M., Bro. Rev. A. J. W. CROSSE, B.A., vicar of Rye, in making the presentation, said Bro. Dawes was initiated a member of the Wellington Lodge more than 32 years ago. He had thrice been elected W.M., viz., in 1865, 1876, and 1893; from 1865-8 he served as Prov. G. Steward, and as Prov. G. Reg. from 1868-70. In 1885 the Prov. G.M. appointed him P.S.G.W. For a period little short of 20 years he had been their Secretary, and of his work in that position it was impossible to speak too highly, as in him each successive W.M. found a kind, sympathetic friend, on whose sound advice he could implicitly rely. Bro. Dawes' interest in our Masonic Charities was well known and throughout Sussex there was no warmer supporter or more earnest advocate of their claims. He had served Stewardships for all three Institutions, R.M.I. for Girls 1885, R.M.I. for Boys 1889, R.M.B.I. 1892, and had always taken up very handsome lists, that for the Girls being considerably over £100. The present gathering was purely a Wellington Lodge affair but if they looked outside their own lodge they would find Bro. Dawes well known and appreciated throughout the Provinces of Kent and Sussex, both as an orator of no mean Order and as a high authority in Masonic laws and customs. He was a P.M. of both the Weald of Kent and St. Leonards Lodges. The W.M. then, in the name of the brethren of the Wellington Lodge, begged Bro. Dawes acceptance of a watch with every good wish from his brethren.

The watch bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Dawes, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.P.S.G.W. Sussex, by the brethren of the Wellington Lodge, No. 341, Rye, as a mark of affection and gratitude for valuable services rendered during the past 32 years. June 18th, 1896."

BRO. DAWES, who was much affected and replied with difficulty, thanked the brethren and said the only mark of appreciation he desired was that which day by day had been extended to him, viz., the sympathy and loving kindness of the brethren and a silent and considerate passing over his many faults and shortcomings, of which he was fully conscious. A quarter of a century was a big slice out of a life time and to that they must add seven years, and it was a matter of pride to him that during that period he had been able to retain the esteem of the brethren of his native town, as evinced by their kindness to him that evening.

At the close of the lodge the brethren gave an open dinner, the principal guests being Bro. Wm. Dawes and his two brothers, the Lord Bishop of Rockhampton and Mr. Walter Dawes, Town Clerk, and Bro. Dr. Trollope, P.G.D. Eng.

The toasts were, of course, non-Masonic. Bishop DAWES in a most happy speech, replying to the toast of his health, said that in spite of the zealous care with which the secrets of Freemasonry were guarded some had got abroad. He had met one secret face to face in nearly every little bush-town or back settlement where members of the Order were to be found. The mystery they could not help revealing was their true fraternity, kindness of heart, generosity, and all the virtues which bind man to man.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT DUDLEY.

The members of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, at their ordinary lodge meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd ult., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, took part in an interesting presentation to Bro. Samuel Smith, P.P.S.G.W., on the occasion of his resigning the office of Secretary of the lodge.

The W.M., Bro. J. SIDAWAY, presented to Bro. Smith a beautifully-illuminated address, accompanied with a purse of gold. The former was a very clever piece of penmanship, and expressed the high esteem and appreciation of the brethren for Bro. Smith's valuable services rendered to the old Harmonic Lodge during the 13 years he had acted as its faithful, painstaking, and energetic Secretary. At the foot of the address were the autograph names of every member of the lodge.

BRO. SMITH, in responding, said: I rise with a full sense of my inability to give adequate expression of my thanks for the very kind words which the Worshipful Master and our Wor. Bro. E. Turner have spoken of me, or a fitting acknowledgment in regard to the other gratifying tokens of your brotherly good will; but I know your great willingness to make every kind allowance if I fail to say what I wish, or what I ought to say, for throughout the 36 or more years in which I have joined in the harmonious gatherings of this Harmonic Lodge I have always seen that—

"The brethren have vied with each other,
In love ever hearty and true,
To cheer and encourage a brother
Who has laboured for two-fifty-two (252)."

This, and many pleasant experiences of days past, are as links in a golden chain of happy memories of my Masonic life, recalling the early and fascinating allurements to study and to labour for the good old cause, and be lovingly devoted to our old mother lodge; also the glad feelings that attended my passing through the several offices in the lodge, and the added gladness as preferment came, and higher position in Provincial Grand Lodge was granted to me, bringing the glow of enhanced gratification at receiving such assurance of the appreciation and approval of those whom we all delight to serve and honour as our rulers, judges, and dispensers of the rewards which most brethren desire to obtain. But age and failing health have come to terminate this pleasurable service, and have compelled me to give up the office I was privileged to hold so long, but I am grateful to think that the last office held by me was the one which was also the last held by our late lamented and much honoured Bro. Bristow, and that he, and other honoured leaders of the past, always regarded the office as one of considerable importance. And now that I have retired from the position, I wish to take the opportunity to say that I have always regarded it as an important office, although it is, I believe, but little coveted, because, perhaps, it does not afford such opportunities for displaying eloquent power and ability as one that admits of taking part in the rendering of the ritual of our sublime ceremonies so as to gain the applause of the assembled brethren, and cause a warm thrill of pleasurable emotion in the breast of the gratified performer. Nevertheless, very much depends upon the Secretary and the full discharge of his duties, for any oversight on his part, any omission of requisite inquiry, any slackening of thought or care for matters which some may think of little importance, or any inattention to details, may hinder and greatly

mar the best efforts of the Master and his officers to do credit to themselves and to uphold the credit and honour of the lodge. He has also to give time and attention to correspondence beyond the many matters pertaining to the lodge business, for I remember to have received letters from many parts and many conditions of men relating to various subjects, and, although there may be no compulsion in respect to satisfying all demands of this kind, one's human nature, with its yielding susceptibility and brotherly courtesy combined, is apt to prove exacting and to constrain one to be compliant. These references to the Secretary's duties are not made from any desire to claim special credit for myself, but merely as showing that my successor, or any brother who takes up such an onerous position, has a very strong claim to the kindly consideration and indulgence of all the brethren in the case of there being some oversight or other inadvertence on his part. I very gratefully acknowledge that you have always been thus kind to myself, and it is pleasant to me to think of the several occasions on which distinguished brethren in the province, as well as in my mother lodge, have spoken of my secretarial work in special terms of approval and of praise. But my present object is more especially to thank you for the latest proof of your kindness, and in so generously rewarding the services I have been able to render to the lodge. You have greatly magnified the value of my service, and have passed over all my shortcomings, and thus added to the debt of gratitude which I feel I cannot repay. I can only plead that I have ever striven to do what was required of me with an earnest intent to do it fittingly to the best of my ability, so that neither the work nor the workers of the lodge should suffer hindrance or discredit, but rather that our course might be kept clear for the best work, best results, and a growing fame for the Master and the officers of the lodge. Your very flattering appreciation of my efforts to justify the confidence and trust that you repose in me most assuredly claims my best acknowledgment, and, therefore, I beg to tender to you my warmest, sincere, and heartfelt thanks for your conferring upon me the honour of a free life membership of my dear old mother lodge—for the very kind terms of the address presented to me, so beautifully illuminated, and so handsomely framed, and also for the generously added cheque. Considering the occasion and attendant circumstances, I feel that your generous thought and bestowal of them at such a time, and in such a manner, have conferred added grace and value to the gifts, and I shall ever treasure them in heart and memory, and whenever I look upon or think of them, I shall surely recall, and joyously dwell upon, the gladdening thoughts of the many happy hours I have spent with the well-beloved brethren who gave them to me. Of course I have saddening thoughts on giving up active service in the lodge; but I hope that I may still join you, my brethren, at some of its meetings, and again participate in the joy that all must feel when gathered together at the old mystic shrine, to listen to the sublime teaching of the old and golden lessons that are meant to lead us, and to keep us in the best and sweetest way of life, so that—

"With heart to heart tenderly clinging,
And cheered by sweet Brotherly Love,
Our souls may be hopeful of winging
Their flight to the Grand Lodge above."

MOSQUITOES IN ENGLAND.

Most travellers in foreign countries know full well the horror attached to the dreaded insect pests known as mosquitoes, and now, horror of all horrors, they will learn that these pests have made their appearance in England, but whether to become permanent settlers or not remains to be seen. That they have already made their appearance in Hertfordshire is a fact, for the writer has caught them in his own room at Barley, Royston, where he will be pleased to show the specimens to anyone doubting the fact that mosquitoes have invaded our island. These mosquitoes are very similar to the large midges so commonly seen dancing in the air on a warm summer's day, the only difference being that the mosquitoes have a proboscis or trunk three-sixteenths of an inch long, containing two fine saws, a tube for drawing blood, and another tube for secreting a poisonous fluid into the wound inflicted, while the ordinary midge has only tufts of fine hairs on its head and no proboscis, and hence is harmless. The mosquitoes seen at Barley are a quarter of an inch long in the body, which becomes inflated with blood when filled, and have slender wings and legs about half an inch long. The specimens caught have every characteristic of the foreign mosquito, especially the American variety. Their custom is to make a musical hum when they approach one's hand, face, or ear, evidently delighted at the prospective feast of blood on the unsuspecting victim, as they have been observed to do during the last month at Barley. They are most active at night time in the dark, when, by reason of the cool night air, and perhaps the scent of blood, they enter houses, and especially bed-rooms, and hover round the sleeper's face and hands, pouring out their musical strains, which once heard will never be forgotten. The hum, or buzzing, resembles very much the sound given forth by a weak-voiced blue-bottle fly.

At a fitting opportunity, and when ready to begin the feast, the mosquito suddenly pounces on the face or hands, and quickly saws its proboscis into the flesh, and fills itself with blood, leaving a poisonous fluid behind, which quickly causes the wound to itch and swell up to the size of a pea, marble, or walnut. On striking a light it vanishes almost like a dream, but soon after, as a rule, is seen to settle on the ceiling, or blind, or go into some dark recess. If, on the ceiling, or blind, the only way to catch it is to dab it with a slightly wet handkerchief, it being almost impossible to catch a mosquito with the dry hand. The cure for a bite is to rub on salt and vinegar, or tobacco steeped in salt and vinegar, or vaseline. Essence of peppermint and tobacco smoke are effectual in keeping them away, especially if the former is rubbed on the face, neck, or hands; but in foreign countries mosquito curtains, over the bed are certainly the best means of keeping them away to secure a good night's rest. In America, where myriads of mosquitoes fill the air, I have caught as many as 50 in a night in my room before daring to go to sleep. But to return to our English mosquitoes. How have they got into England? One way of explaining this, is, perhaps, owing to their being brought over with timber, for in foreign parts, the logs of timber which are usually carried down the rivers, have on them mosquito eggs gathered from the surface of the water where they breed, and so in this manner are transported to England, where the sunshine hatches them out, and they fly away. Another reason, is owing to their coming over with the ships entering our ports, or by means of their eggs being secreted among the cargo. There is no denying the fact that mosquitoes are with us, as other persons besides myself have observed them in Barley and the surrounding district.

Since writing the above, a friend of mine, just returned from London, says he saw many mosquitoes there, while another friend states that when a ship lands in London from foreign parts the inhabitants near the docks have to run and close their windows to keep them out. They have also been seen in Devonshire and other parts. That mosquitoes have been found so far inland as the Barley Royston district, which is 40 miles from London and the sea, is the strangest part about it, and proves that they are gradually working their way from the ports

into the inland districts, and in course of time may develop into a national pest. Our island has for centuries enjoyed an immunity from these terrible pests. Some persons cannot, and even will not believe the fact, that they are in our land, and even I would hardly have believed it had I not seen and caught them for myself nearly every morning during the last month. I have generally caught them under the bed-room blind, while others I have caught under the drawing-room and sitting-room blinds in the early morning, where they usually resort in their endeavour to get back again into the open air. Many persons on the East Anglian heights have got up in the morning and found painful blisters on their faces and hands, and have wondered what have caused them—the sore places lasting about a week—when it has been the work of these blood-thirsty gnats during the night. One means of keeping the pest down would be for every person to carefully examine his bed-room window in the morning and kill them, as by so doing they would be prevented laying their eggs and so breeding others. Now is the time to act to prevent them spreading. They may easily be known by their resemblance to gnats, but having a long trunk or proboscis and by making a humming noise when approaching the face or hands of a person.

BENJAMIN HOYLAND.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Monthly Council Meeting of Life Governors was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., Vice-Patron, being in the chair. Amongst others present were Bros. Burgess, Stephens, Le Feuvre, Cummings, Pulman, Fitzgerald, Dr. Mickley, Attenborough, Margrett, Rev. H. A. Hebb, and J. M. McLeod, Secretary.

It was reported that a further sum of £4000 had been invested, free of brokerage charges, by Bro. Thomas Fenn, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

The Board of Management reported its intention to issue very shortly to the subscribers a statement of the reasons which had led to its decision—confirmed by the last Quarterly Court—that it was desirable to move the School from Wood Green.

The SECRETARY having reported the result of the 98th Anniversary Festival, at which 512 Stewards had handed in lists amounting to £18,777 10s., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, the Duke of Devonshire, and the Stewards for so eminently satisfactory a result.

The PETITIONS COMMITTEE reported on the case of Kinloch Griffiths that they could not alter their previous decision "not to recommend the case." After considerable discussion and division it was resolved to accept the case, and the name was added to the list.

The list of candidates for the October election was closed, there being 44.

The BOARD OF MANAGEMENT reported that in the ordinary course there would only be 10 vacancies in January next, and recommended 14 boys to be elected—the extra places being found by reducing from 16 to 12 the boys retained for higher education.

A vote of condolence with Lady Harris on the death of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, a former member of the Provisional Management Committee, was passed, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Craft Masonry.

Buckingham Lodge, No. 591.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Aylesbury. Present: Bros. J. J. Edgington, P.P.G. Org., W.M.; E. T. Mackrill, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; J. Reader, S.W.; H. Callan, J.W.; H. Martin, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. J. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. H. Bridgman, J.D.; R. White, I.G.; S. G. Payne, P.M.; L. Sims, P.M.; Col. T. Herwood, P.M.; J. K. Fowler, P.M.; Surflect, Hustler, Rowe, Taylor, Ball, Leaman, Gibbo, Robinson, Sherwin, Page, and others. Visitors: Bros. Lord Addington, J. Stephens, P.M. 2420, P.S.G.D., Charity Sec.; J. H. Norridge, W.M. 1321; J. J. Simcox, W.M. elect 1501, P.P.G. Org.; H. Turnham, 2420; H. Turner, 2420; H. Frith, 276; R. Lockett, 2420; and F. Smith, 2420.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read. The Secretary informed the lodge that the P.G. Secretary had written sending a dispensation for that evening, but the resolution altering date of meeting could not be received, as it was not in accordance with the by-laws. It was proposed by Bro. E. T. Mackrill that notice be put on the agenda for next lodge, and, if necessary, another dispensation must be applied for—this was carried. Bro. J. Reader, S.W., was then installed into the chair, the work being ably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Martin, P.M., and Mackrill. The P.G. Master was saluted, and the lodge closed.

A banquet followed in the lower hall, at which the usual toasts were given.

Great satisfaction and pleasure was expressed at the surprise visit of the P.G. Master to the lodge.

Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 706.

Bro. Surgeon-Col. C. W. Moore-Keys, M.D., a veteran Mason, and one held in the highest estimation in the Masonic and military world, especially in the Woolwich district, was installed W.M. of the above excellent lodge on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Royal Mortar Hotel, New-road, Woolwich, in the presence of the élite of the Craft there, and to the gratification of every one who had the honour of his acquaintance, either in his official or private capacity. The lodge was opened by Bro. Alan Burnett, W.M., who finished his reign by passing Bro. Baker. Bro. W. Livesay, P.M., then, by special request, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in due course installed Bro. Moore-Keys in to the chair of K.S. He then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Burnett, I.P.M.; G. F. Fishenden, S.W.; F. S. Thomas, J.W.; Rev. C. Swainson, Chap.; H. Christie, P.M., Treas.; F. G. Nichols, P.M., Sec.; E. Lonergan, S.D.; H. G. Mason, J.D.; Dr. H. L. Bernays, P.M., D.C.; E. Wood, I.G.; D. G. Jelley, A.D.C.; and L. F. Webber, E. G. Kimber, and E. M. Foster, Stewards. Bro. Livesay then delivered the charges in a most impressive and eloquent manner, and so ended a perfectly rendered ceremony. The I.P.M. was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office, and as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and Bro. Livesay was tendered a cordial vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and after "hearty good wishes" had been given by the representatives of the several lodges present, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of in the fine Assembly Room of the establishment, it was perfectly served, and comprising, as it did, the choice of the markets, both viands and wines were much enjoyed.

Among the other brethren present and not above mentioned were Bros. S. Horton, P.M.; H. Howes, R. Wilcox, C. Scantlebury, R. Vick, G. H. Livesay, Dr. Kent, D. G. Lilley, and G. Standing, all of the lodge; Capt. Woollett, P.M., P.G. Stwd., F. Hulley, W.M., and H. Croudey, S.W., of 2399; A. F. Smythe, P.M., 2195, P.P.J.G.W., W. A. Anson, W.M., and A. H. Russell, S.W. of 13; G. R. Nichols, W.M. 700; G. H. Porter, S.W. 700; W. Campbell Taylor, P.M., Sec. 913; J. O. Cook, J.W. 913; J. Chubb, P.M. 709; W. Hubbard, P.M. 167; G. Dyer, J.W. 2399; and C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472, W.M. 2134; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, Bro. Woollett, as Past Steward, responded for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Burnett, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said it was his great privilege and honour to have to propose the toast, and more especially in that instance, not only on account of the pleasure it afforded him to have an opportunity of welcoming their esteemed W.M. back to the lodge, after many years of foreign service, but because he felt sure that under the rule of Bro. Moore-Keys, even from the little they had seen of his working, they might safely look forward to a very successful year of office. Their W.M. had been connected with Masonry for many years, and had taken high honours, and they promised him every support possible, so that his year of office might be a prosperous and pleasant one.

The W.M., who was received with cheers, said he thanked them for the generous manner in which they had received the toast, and could assure them that he was sensible of the high honour they had conferred upon him in electing him Master of so important a lodge. He felt that he had a difficult task set him, especially in that lodge, on account of the many excellent Masters who had preceded him. The difficulty lay in following them in the excellence of their working, for it was not an easy task, and he felt the responsibility of the position. However, he intended to try with all his heart and strength to emulate their excellence, and if he succeeded in keeping up the prestige of the lodge to the same level he found it, he felt sure they would acknowledge that he had done his duty.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer." He said that Bro. Livesay was an old Mason, who had, nine years ago, installed Bro. Nichols, their Sec., as W.M. of the lodge, and had done good service to the lodge in other ways. He asked them to do honour to the toast.

Bro. Livesay thanked the W.M. for giving him an early opportunity of responding to the toast, as he was anxious to catch his train. So far as the installation of Bro. Nichols was concerned, in installing that brother he had had the honour of installing one of the best Masters the lodge had ever had, and now that he had installed Bro. Dr. Moore-Keys, he felt sure that he had installed a Master who would do his duty and be an honour to the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said that a lodge would be nowhere without its Past Masters, who were its pillars. He coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Burnett and Bernays.

Bro. Burnett said he was the oldest member of the lodge present, and at one time never expected to have the honour of responding to the toast of the Past Masters. He thanked the brethren for their universal kindness to him during his year of office, and tendered his best thanks to Bro. Horton for his valuable assistance as I.P.M. He congratulated the lodge on having such a good Mason as their W.M. to preside over them, one who, he was certain, would keep it up to its present high pitch.

Bro. Dr. Bernays also responded.

Bros. Anson, Nichols, Hulley, Cook, and Smythe responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Jolly for "The Press."

"The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Thomas, and the harmony was ably sustained by Bros. Mason, Jolly, Kent and Nichols.

Concord Lodge, No. 1135.

At a meeting, on the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Ilfracombe, the Festival of St. John was duly celebrated. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. S. Jones, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., who placed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing 12 months Bro. Major W. Taitam. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested as his officers Bros. E. J. Tamlyn, I.P.M.; J. C. Clarke, S.W.; A. H. Fisher, J.W.; W. Walters, P.M., Treas.; J. Myatt, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; H. R. Grover, P.M., P.J.G.D., Charity Steward; J. Lugg, P.M., D.C.; W. H. French, S.D.; C. H. Browning, J.D.; J. T. Gardner, P.M., P.G.O., Org.; R. M. Rowe, I.G.; and Chadder and Kelly, Stewards. The retiring W.M., Bro. E. J. Tamlyn, was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, enclosed in morocco case, and engraved thereon was the inscription: "Presented to Worsl. Bro. E. J. Tamlyn, P.M. of Lodge Concord, No. 1135, in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office. 24th June, 1896." Another interesting incident was the presentation of a beautiful marble time-piece, with bronze equestrian group on top, and a pair of bronze figures, on marble bases to match, to Bro. J. Blackford, for his long services to the lodge as Tyler—a post he has with dignity held for close on a quarter of a century. A suitable inscription on a brass plate was affixed to the clock.

The banquet took place at the Ilfracombe Hotel, at which a large number of Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers attended, supported by all the officers of the lodge and a number of visiting brethren from various provinces.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the musical arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. J. T. Gardner, P.M., P.G.O.

The catering reflected great credit on Bro. Grover, P.M., P.J.G.D., the worthy and esteemed manager of the Ilfracombe Hotel Company, whose high capabilities as caterer and manager are well known.

Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ultimo, in the Masonic Rooms, Crowle. Present: Bros. H. L. Burtonshaw, W.M.; W. Chamberlain, acting I.P.M.; W. Pickering, S.W.; J. Hemingboro, acting J.W.; R. Wood, Sec.; M. R. J. Behrendt, acting S.D.; G. Tyack, J.D.; J. Lee, Org.; W. T. Oates, I.G.; J. Turner, Stwd.; W. Burtonshaw, P.M.; J. Constable, P.M.; C. Fox, P.M.; Dowson, Cundall, Waite, Wressell, Cranidge, and others. Visitors: Bros. Fretwell, Turner, and Mends.

After the minutes had been confirmed, a long discussion took place respecting a candidate for the ballot, which was ultimately postponed until the 7th instant. The election of W.M. next took place, when Bro. Hemingboro, P.M., was unanimously elected, Bro. Wade Pickering, S.W., having declined to "go up." Bro. Hemingboro thanked the brethren for the honour conferred. Bro. Stanforth was elected Treasurer in the place of Bro. J. F. Watson, who had resigned from failing health. Bro. G. Naylor was unanimously re-elected Tyler. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Present: Bros. E. Macbean, W.M.; C. Kupferschmidt, A.G.S.F.C., S.W.; C. Purdon Clarke, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; S. T. Klein, S.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; E. Conder, jun., I.G.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M.; and Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D. (I.C.). Members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. Dr. T. Charters White, Rev. G. H. Malden, M. T. Tuck, J. P. Richards, W. Hasberry, E. Conder, C. H. Bestow, R. P. Couch, G. S. Criswick, G. Powell, T. E. Edmonds, C. H. Rosher, F. D. Davy, H. J. Thompson, E. Armitage, H. B. Chamberlin, F. W. Wright, W. H. Colman, J. A. Gartley, W. J. Songhurst, J. Wakelin, G. Greiner, J. W. Barnes, C. B. Barnes, F. W. Mitchell, C. H. Barnes, T. Adams, W. S. Boteler, Dr. D. Baynes, Dr. E. Haward, E. C. Stimson, S. W. Noakes, Mount Brown, F. F. Giraud, M. A. Tweedie, and R. A. Gowan. Visitors: Bros. W. Vincent, P.M. 1194; J. Joslin, 1705; H. Curzon, 720; J. Hudson, 2331; W. B. Stoneham, P.M. 2046; S. Lichtenfeld, P.M. 2353; W. J. Armitage, 859; and J. H. Montague, W.M. 2030.

The following two lodges and 55 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle: Lodge Torres Straits, 820 (S.C.), Thursday Island, Queensland; Star of the Rand Lodge (D.C.), Johannesburg, S.A.R.; Bros. C. A. Lambert, 818 (S.C.), Warwick, A. J. Eden, 932, Rockhampton, P. H. Parke, 820 (S.C.), Thursday Island, and C. Holt, W.M. 1590, Townsville, Queensland; R. Uphold, 170, Watah, and J. Arthur, Grand Deacon, Condobolin, New South Wales; Dr. Cole, P.M. Deloraine, Tasmania; J. C. Greaves, 8, Castlemaine, E. Thomas, 40, Ballarat, and F. W. W. Morton, P.M. 752 (S.C.), Fitzroy, Victoria; A. W. H. Bellingham, W.M. 1951, Tientsin, North China; E. L. Mahon, 2576, Coorg, H. A. Sim, 150, L. E. Buckley, 150, R. M. Thurley, 273, F. I. Walters, W.M. 1990, and W. E. S. Bishop, 119S, of Madras, India; T. N. Bailey, 2478, Johannesburg; H. C. Crozier, 1068, Cairo; J. S. Alfred, P.M. 191, New Orleans, J. S. Thibaut, 251, Donaldsville, Louisiana, Dr. J. W. Corbett, 29, Camden, South Carolina, C. A. Hotchkiss, 31, Palestine, Texas, and C. F. Nettleship, 1, Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A.; S. J. A. Hammerich, 1747, Nyborg, Denmark; W. M. Battersby, S.G.D. Ireland; R. Stephens, 125 (I.C.); H. Manley, G. S. Tatham, 1074; Rev. G. R. Johnson, P.M. 1829; Col. C. S. Dean, P.M. 321; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; J. Clayton, P.M. 89; W. Symons, W.M. 557; G. T. Phillips, 2437; J. T. Morland, Acting P.G.M. Berkshire; J. M. Moleworth, 284; T. C. New, P.M. 2133; Col. S. W. Cooke, P.M. 234; Rev. W. Cree, P.M. 1074;

L. Hansard, P.M. 1506; Dr. Sinclair (Archeacon of London), P.G.C.; M. A. Tweedie, W.M. 92; W. J. Boyce, 1385; T. W. Chant, 2128; F. C. Van Duzer, W.M. 1635; R. Plumbe, G.S. of W.; A. MacQueen, 13; W. Bradly, 140; R. Marr, 238; A. C. Dandridge, P.M. 871; F. Vandertaelen, Major H. M. Abud, 45; F. D. Davy, 1447; and H. Curzon, 720.

The following brethren were admitted to the membership of the lodge, viz.: Bros. Gotthelf Greiner, author of "German Freemasonry in the present Era"; the Rev. John William Horsley, M.A., J.P., author of "Jottings from Jail" and other well-known works on penology, sanitation, &c.; and the Rev. Charles Herbert Malden, author of "Freemasonry on the Ceromandel Coast." Bros. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., D.C.L., Past S.G.D., and G. Sec. of Grand Lodge of Instruction Ireland; and G. Greiner were then invested as A.D.C. and J. Stwd. respectively. The W.M. said that the acceptance of a non-progressive office by Dr. Chetwode Crawley afforded great satisfaction to the Committee, as it would constitute him a member of that body, and thereby bring his ripe experience in all branches of Masonic knowledge to bear more actively on the concerns of the lodge; and he congratulated Bro. Greiner on having placed a first step on the ladder of promotion to the chair. A letter of thanks was read from the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, thanking the lodge for the volumes of Transactions and Reprints recently presented to him. Bro. Sydney T. Klein, F.R.A.S., read a paper entitled "The law of Dakhiel and other curious customs of the Bedowyn," which, starting by explaining on the grounds of the custom of Dakhiel the curious incident related of Abah and Ben-Hadad in the Book of Kings, went on to give a description of many other Arab customs, which showed a strange analogy to those of the Craft. He did not argue for any direct connection between the two, but thought that the resemblances were worth noting for future reference, and concluded by pointing out that learning was kept alive in Europe by the Moors, and that their influence on the spirit of the middle ages might possibly account for some of the puzzles of the Masonic archeologist. The subsequent discussion was marred by want of time, but Bros. Gould, Chetwode Crawley, Conder, jun., and Speth each had something to say both in praise of and dissent from the paper, and lengthier comments will appear in the printed Transactions in due course. A hearty vote of thanks was carried, and the lecturer shortly replied and thanked the brethren.

The brethren dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th ult., at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, when there were present Bros. C. Sims, W.M.; C. Lamb, S.W.; J. Coote, J.W.; H. Visger, Treas.; E. Hall, Sec.; J. A. Shelton, S.D.; H. Lewis, J.D.; W. C. Tyler, I.G.; C. W. Wilkes, Org.; H. Cole, and W. T. Price Taylor, Stwds.; J. S. Gregory, Tyler; H. T. Bridges, G. W. Perry, F. W. Quandt, D. Bartlett, W. Clark, H. Kortlandt, J. H. Minson, A. Reichenheim, J. T. Wise, H. B. Brooman, J. H. Laing, T. Hinds, S. R. Cook, E. C. Cook, R. R. Cook, and N. Poirin. Visitors: Bros. A. O. Kiver, W.M. 206; T. Bugler, W.M. 1155; W. G. Simmons, I.P.M. 1155; A. Brown, P.M. 350; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; F. V. Catt, P.M. and Sec. 1558; T. Taylor, P.M. 1558, Treas.; S. Lancaster, P.M. 1668; R. F. Mitchell, 340; P. M. Black, 1446; J. H. Anderson, 2272; and W. H. Carter, 813.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot then took place for Bros. H. Ponter, 700, and Thos. Hinds, 813, as joining members, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bros. W. Clark, H. B. Brooman, H. Kortlandt, and J. H. Minson were raised by the W.M. The ballot took place for Messrs. E. C. Cook, S. R. Cook, R. R. Cook (three brothers), and N. V. P. Poirin, and having proved unanimous in their favour, they were duly initiated by the W.M., both ceremonies being very impressively rendered.

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

Bro. W. C. Tyler, in responding for "The Charities," thanked the brethren for the kind and generous support they had given to his list for the Boys' Institution, and stated he hoped to take up 100 guineas at the festival.

The harmony of the evening was contributed by Bros. H. T. Bridges, C. Lamb, Price-Taylor, Simmons, D. Bartlett, H. Kortlandt, C. W. Wilkes, and E. Hall, Sec.

A GRAND MASONIC TEMPLE is being arranged for at the new Trocadero Restaurant which Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. are now completing at Piccadilly Circus. Special and complete accommodation will be provided for large and small lodges, and the tariff will be strictly in accord with the moderation which has hitherto characterised J. Lyons and Co.'s charges. The cuisine will fully sustain the high reputation this company have already earned, and the decorations and comforts of the whole place will mark a new era in the record of Masonic gatherings. Inquiries as to particulars, should be addressed to the proprietors, J. Lyons & Co., Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[ADVT.]

Royal Arch.

St. Magdalen Chapter, No. 242.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 26th ult. Present: Comps. J. Constable, M.E.Z., P.G.O.; G. Brooke, P.P.G.T., acting H.; J. W. Fretwell, J.; J. Fitzgerald, S.E.; H. Foster, S.N.; H. A. Fenton, P.S.; R. Drew, A.S.; J. H. Pawson, F. Webb, and C. H. Woodhouse. Bro. G. S. Tyack, 458, was a visitor. Bro. C. B. Castle, 242, was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a R.A.M. The M.E.Z. announced that the next chapter would be held on September 25th.

Light refreshment was afterwards partaken of in the ante-room.

Urmston Chapter, No. 1730.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Longford Temperance Hotel, Stretford, on Monday, the 22nd ult. In the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. John Slyman, P.Z., took the chair, assisted by Comps. J. Chadderton, as H., and J. Hardwicke Marsh, as J. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Hugh Campbell Stuart, and being favourably received, he was exalted to the H.R.A. by Comp. Slyman. The Treasurer's accounts, which were considered and adopted, were found to be in a very prosperous state, there being a good balance in hand, and as usual with this excellent chapter, they have not forgotten the Charities, having contributed 10 guineas to the Alps Institution. Comp. Wm. Goodacre assumed the chair to instal the First Principal. He appointed as Installing Officers Comps. T. W. Rice, as H.; H. Crosby as J.; and Geo. Alfred Myers, P.P.A.G.D. of C., as S.N. Comp. Slyman installed the Second Principal, and Comp. J. W. Leathley, the Third Principal. The newly-installed Principals were proclaimed by Comp. Goodacre. Comp. Slyman presented the warrant and addressed the Principals and companions. The following were invested for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. Fred. Batty, M.E.Z.; G. R. Lloyd, H.; R. G. Stringleman, J.; Harold Nickson, S.E.; R. Swindells, S.N.; Wm. Goodacre, P.Z., P.G.S.B. Eng., Treas.; J. Ormrod, P.S.; Evans Jackson, 1st A.S.; R. H. Ibbotson, 2nd A.S.; C. Cooper, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., D. of C.; Wm. Tooms, Org.; John Walton, J. S. Whitley, and F. R. Bowley, Stwds.; and Wm. Chesshyre, Janitor. Present: Comps. J. W. Leathley, M.E.Z.; Fred. Batty, H.; G. R. Lloyd, J.; R. E. Stringleman, S.E.; Harold Nickson, S.N.; J. Ormrod, P.S.; R. Swindells, 1st A.S.; Evans Jackson, 2nd A.S.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Treas.; R. H. Ibbotson, Org.; G. A. Myers, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; J. Chadderton, P.P.A.G.S.E.; John Slyman, P.P.G. S.N.; J. H. Marsh, F. Riddale Bowley, T. W. Bone, P.Z.; W. Tooms, and E. W. Barrett. Visitors: Comps. J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.P.S.; Jas. Crosby, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Rice; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; Fred. Renshaw, P.Z.; and H. G. Ward. After all business had been attended to, the chapter was closed by the M.E.Z.

Subsequently the companions were conveyed to the Swan Hotel, Bucklow Hill, for tea, and enjoyed a game of bowls.

Great praise is due to Comp. Stringleman for the energy he had displayed in making arrangements for the comfort of the companions, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Mozart Chapter, No. 1929.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Grayhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 15th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. Lieut.-Col. T. Tully, P.Z., M.E.Z.; James Boulton, P.Z., A.G.D.C., H., M.E.Z. elect; G. R. Beardmore, J., H. elect; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., S.N., J. elect; Cain, P.S. elect; and Lane, Janitor. Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. Lieut.-Col. T. Tully inducted Comp. J. Boulton as First Principal; Comp. Major T. W. Richardson installed Comp. G. R. Beardmore as H.; and the latter inducted Comp. Major Richardson as Third Principal. Comp. Capt. Walls was invested as S.E., and Comps. Cain, P.S., and Lane, Janitor. The other investitures were postponed till the next meeting. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Lieut.-Col. Tully, and a vote of thanks passed to Comp. Major Richardson for his services as an Installing Principal. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. H. H. Shirley, P.Z., and R. P. Thomas, P.Z. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed. The M.E.Z. presided most genially, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE GLORIES of the old Trocadero in its best days are to be more than revived, as Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. have erected upon its site at Piccadilly Circus one of the grandest restaurants to be found in Europe. For elegance and convenience of construction, splendour of decoration, and the comfort and completeness of the general appointments it would be difficult to find its peer. The cuisine of J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., has earned for this Company the title of The Only Perfect Caterers, and the Trocadero Restaurant will be a distinct acquisition to Masonic lodges. Applications respecting bookings should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., Cadby Hall, Kensington, W.—[ADVT.]

Mark Masonry.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 19th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, and was a very pretty and pleasant exposition of the favour in which the Degree is held in the locality. Bro. F. Reed, W.M., P.P. A.G.D.C., opened the lodge, and the usual preliminaries having been carried out, Bro. James Farrier, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in due course and with the usual ceremony, Bro. Farrier was placed in the chair of A. and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Frederick Reed, I.P.M.; Edwin B. Hobson, S.W.; George H. Porter, J.W.; George Kennedy, P.M., P.G.R.M., Sec.; Chas. Coupland, P.M., P.S.G.W., Treas.; Chas. H. Canning, M.O.; Wm. John Crowdy, S.O.; Richard Fowler, J.O.; James Wheatley, R.M.; George F. Taylor, S.D.; Jos. D. Brooks, J.D.; John Sanderson, D.C.; William Chambers, A.D.C.; George Willcock Townsend, I.G.; William Lawson and Henry Jacobs, Stwds.; and Charles Warren, Tyler. Bro. Reed was highly complimented on his excellent working of the installation ceremony. Of course it was his first attempt, and therefore might be improved on with practice, but he was cordially thanked and presented with a Past Master's jewel, for which he returned thanks.

The banquet was served at Bro. W. Chambers' comfortable hostelry, the Star and Garter Hotel, Powis-street, Woolwich, and was much enjoyed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Captain G. Spinks, P.M., P.P. A.G.D.C.; W. Moulds, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. Jolly, P.M., P.M. 309, P.P.G.D.; J. Warren, P.M.; J. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Garland, S. Horton, S.D. 44; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Mark lodge toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. C. Jolly responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," congratulating them upon having such an excellent Mason and gentleman as Bro. Viscount Dangarvan to preside over them as their chief in the province. He also spoke enthusiastically of the long and valued services rendered by their esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., P.G. Chap. England, &c., and prophesied that under the rule of those eminent brethren, the Mark Degree would increase and prosper more than ever in the Province of Kent.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said he did not intend to trouble them with a long speech, but he could not help saying that it was with very great pleasure he rose to propose the toast, more especially because he knew they were aware that in Bro. Farrier they had a good W.M., and one that would do credit to the lodge. Bro. Farrier had worked well and worthily in the junior offices he had filled, and in his hands the lodge would go on and prosper.

Bro. Farrier, in response to a very flattering reception, said he thanked them most heartily for their exceedingly kind reception of the toast, and could assure them that he should always endeavour to emulate the splendid working of his predecessors. He only wanted work, good candidates, and the assistance of his officers and the Past Masters, and then, if he had that, it would be his own fault if he did not hand over to his successor the lodge, even, if possible, more successful than when he took over the responsibilities of his present high and important office.

Bro. Reed, in responding to a hearty reception of his name as "The Installing Officer and the Past Masters," said he had rather a strong feeling that it was the duty of a W.M. to install his successor, and in continuation of the response for the Past Masters, congratulated the W.M. upon having such excellent Past Masters to support him. He trusted that the W.M. would be more successful than he had been in getting candidates. Unfortunately, he himself lived at a distance from the lodge, and that, no doubt, militated against his chance of getting candidates, but their W.M. lived in the neighbourhood where he was well known and respected, and where his civic and parochial life brought him in communication with many excellent Masons, who were stamped with "the mark," and whom, no doubt, he would be able to introduce to the lodge during his year of office. He trusted it would be so, and that Bro. Farrier's year would be a record one in the annals of the Excelsior Lodge.

Bros. Spinks, Moulds, Kennedy, Jolly, Warren, and Roberts, also responded. Bro. Horton responded for "The Visitors," and Bros. Hobson, Porter, and Crowdy for "The Officers."

The singing of Bros. Hobson, Spinks, Kennedy (Craft), and Crowdy, was much admired.

THE OLD TROCADERO went the way of all things but in its stead there has been raised a Trocadero which bids fair to altogether eclipse the memories of the old favourite place of amusement. A magnificent restaurant has been raised upon its site, and Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, have succeeded beyond their anticipations in making this the most attractive and comfortable resort of the kind in Europe. A Masonic Temple is included in its many attractions and exceptionally good arrangements are being made for the convenience of lodges. Application for particulars should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons and Co. Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[ADVT.]

Lodge of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, E.C., when there were present Bros. Greig, W.M.; Kinipple, S.W.; Wise, J.W.; Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Jas. Smith, Sec.; A. J. Rippin, S.D.; Drake, J.D.; Colton, I.G.; Thomas, P.M.; Da Costa, Moss, Fishleigh, Lockett, Underwood, and Shipman.

The W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and an Bro. Fishleigh answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and Bro. Fishleigh was raised to the Degree of W.M. The lodge was then closed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.).

A meeting of this council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 19th ult. Among those present were Bros. George Graveley, W.M.; G. Powell, S.W., W.M. elect, Treas.; E. Shepherd, J.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; B. Stewart, Org.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; W. G. Lemon, J.P., P.M.; A. McDowall, P.M.; W. H. Toye, and John Smith.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dr. J. Frye was admitted to the Degrees of St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople, and the Red Cross of Babylon, the ceremonies being ably performed by Bros. H. J. Lardner and John Smith. The former also installed Bro. George Powell as W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. Graveley, and votes of thanks passed with acclamation to Bros. Lardner and Smith for their valuable services. The resignation of Bro. Major Hansard was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; L. Steele, J. J. Pakes, Nelson Prower, M.A., the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., and others. Among the officers appointed and elected to office were Bros. Shepherd, S.W.; L. Steele, J.W.; G. Powell, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; N. Prower, Conductor; J. J. Pakes, S.D.; A. W. Humphreys, J.D.; B. Stewart, I.G.; W. H. Toye, D.C.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., Org.; and Mills, Sentinel.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine.

In the absence of the W.M., Bro. G. Graveley, I.P.M., ably presided. A few toasts were given.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following new lists, and additions to lists, have been received since the publication of our report of the Festival:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, new list	...	6	6	0
917 " H. E. Sanders, additional	...	2	2	0
(raising his list to £66 3s.)				
1118 " Rev. Dr. H. R. Cooper Smith, new list	...	22	11	0
Unattached				
Bro. George Everett, new list	...	10	10	0
" Thomas Chant, new Steward	...	5	5	0
PROVINCES.				
BERKSHIRE.				
414 Bro. A. H. Bull, additional	...	5	5	0
(raising his list to £47 15s. 6d.)				
771 " G. A. Barry, additional	...	10	19	0
(raising his list to £37 4s.)				
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.				
2421 Bro. H. G. Clarke, additional	...	5	5	0
(raising his list to £57 15s.)				
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.				
839 Bro. R. P. Sumner, additional	...	15	15	0
(raising his list to £89 5s.)				
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				
698 Bro. E. D. Oppert, additional	...	11	0	6
(raising his list to £22 11s. 6d.)				
7158 " Charles Hodges, additional	...	1	1	0
(raising his list to £110 5s.)				
HERTFORDSHIRE.				
504 Bro. F. Q. Lane, additional	...	3	3	0
(raising his list to £39 18s.)				
SUFFOLK.				
71 Bro. W. J. Wilton, additional	...	1	0	0
(raising his list to £126.)				
SURREY.				
1315 Bro. W. E. Robinson, additional	...	1	1	0
(raising his list to £28 7s.)				
SUSSEX.				
1110 Bro. R. H. Sutton, new Steward	...	10	10	0
WARWICKSHIRE.				
1016 Bro. G. H. Middleton, new Steward	...	10	10	0
1016 " Thomas Evans, new Steward	...	10	10	0
1782 " Peter Fryer, new list	...	10	10	0
WORCESTERSHIRE.				
2034 Bro. * Charles Bishop (omitted)	...	—	—	—
YORKSHIRE (WEST).				
61 Bro. R. M. Houldsworth	...	No	Returns.	
458 " H. Wilson	...	—	—	—
1018 " H. H. Healey	...	—	—	—
1019 " F. Simpson	...	—	—	—
2069 " L. J. F. Watson	...	—	—	—
2321 " T. H. Bedford	...	No	Returns.	
Unattached				
Mrs. R. M. Houldsworth	...	—	—	—

PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. LOVEGROVE.

Instead of following the common custom of presenting full dress clothing, the members of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge (Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, W.M.) presented to Bro. Lovegrove a very handsome silver salver inscribed, "Presented to W. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z., by the members of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241, on the occasion of his receiving rank as an officer of the Grand Lodge (Grand Sword Bearer), and also as a slight mark of esteem and recognition of the many valuable services rendered by him as Secretary of the Lodge and to the Craft in general."

THE QUEEN held a Council at Windsor Castle on Monday afternoon, at which Bros. the Duke of Devonshire, Lord President, the Earl of Kintore, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and Lord A. Hill were present. Professor Max Müller and Mr. Andrew Graham Murray, O.C., Lord Advocate, were introduced, and sworn in members of the Privy Council. Subsequently Bro. the Duke of Devonshire had an audience of her Majesty.

THE PRINCESS VICTORIA OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, attended by Viscountess Downe, distributed the prizes at the annual exhibition of the Windsor, Eton, and District Rose and Horticultural Society, which, by permission of the Queen, was held near the slopes of the Castle, on Saturday afternoon last. On the arrival of her Royal Highness, who was received by Bro. Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, Master of the Royal Household, the hon. Treasurer and Secretary of the Society, and others, the Royal Military College Band played the National Anthem.

Obituary.

THE FUNERAL OF BRO. SIR AUGUSTUS HARRIS, PAST GRAND TREASURER.

The remains of our late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, Past Grand Treasurer of England, were interred in Brompton Cemetery on Saturday last, the procession, which included the hearse followed by upwards of 24 mourning coaches and several hundreds of private carriages, being one of the most imposing ever seen in London, while crowds thronged the streets along the line of route from St. John's Wood to the Cemetery, and reverently saluted the casket containing the body as it passed. Among those who received invitations from Lady Harris and accepted seats in the coaches were Bro. Charles Harris, Bro. James Willing, Bro. Sir E. Lawson and the Earl of Londesborough, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Bro. James Fernandez, Bro. S. B. Bancroft, and Bros. Edward Ledger and W. S. Penley, while among those who were present at the graveside or sent wreaths were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Raincliffe, Bro. Lord and Lady Glenesk, Sir Richard Quain, Sir Henry and Lady Hawkins, Bro. Sir E. and Lady Lawson, Bro. the Earl of Kilmorey, Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, Bros. James Willing and James Willing jun., Bro. and Mrs. Kuhe, Bro. Sir H. Isaacs, Bro. Barton McGuckin, Bro. C. Morton, Bro. Lionel Brough, and many others. The service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Ker Gray, assisted by the Rev. F. K. Porah and Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., Chap. 2127. The coffin bore the simple inscription, "Sir Augustus Glossop Harris. Born March 5, 1852; died June 22, 1896." Among the wreaths the most prominent were those sent by the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the widow's (Lady Harris)—which alone was committed to the grave—the Grand Lodge of England, Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, the Loriners' Company, of which our brother was Master at the time of his death; Bro. Sir Henry Irving, Bro. Henry Russell, the artists and staff of Drury Lane, Covent Garden, Olympia; St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455; the Haymarket, St. James's, and Criterion Companies; the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, "In memory of a dear friend"; the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, "In sympathetic memory of a respected colleague"; the Pattenmakers' Company, the Actors' Association, the Savage Club, the trustees and directors of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, Madame Albani, Bro. Harry Nicholls, and many others. On Sunday a memorial service was held at St. George's Chapel, Albermarle-street, at which the Rev. Dr. Ker Gray preached an eloquent sermon, in which he dwelt on the numberless acts of kindness done by the deceased. It may be added that the directors of the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company have passed a vote of condolence with Lady Harris, and further, that there is some talk of erecting a statue or memorial in some other form in honour of our late brother.

BRO. ROBERT JENNINGS, P.P.G.S.B. ESSEX.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Robert Jennings, of Romford, who passed away on Monday, the 22nd ult., after a lingering illness, from consumption. The deceased, who was 39 years of age, had resided in Romford for about 20 years. He was a member of the Romford Urban District Council, being elected upon that body in December, 1894. Of late, however, ill-health had prevented him from taking that active part in the affairs of the town that he otherwise would have done. Bro. Jennings was a prominent member of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, of which he was a Past Master, and Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer Essex, besides being P.Z. of Sir Francis White Chapter, No. 1437, and Past Prov. Assistant Grand Sojourner Essex. Bro. Jennings's early death has created deep-felt sorrow among a large circle of friends, by whom he was highly esteemed, and great sympathy is expressed with the widow and three children whom he leaves. At the funeral, which took place on Friday, the 26th ult., the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, was represented by the following brethren: Bros. J. W. Amour, W.M.; T. Humphries, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. D. Child, I.P.M.; J. Spencer, jun., J.W.; G. B. Gilbey, P.M.; Theo. Davey, P.M.; G. W. Patmore, P.M.; R. K. Bull, C. H. Woodcock, W. Baker, G. Hobday, P. Reynolds, E. Goodchild, A. Dowsing, and A. Knox. The members of other lodges present were Bros. F. S. Guy, 1343, P.P.J.G.W.; and C. P. Reynolds, 1421.

BRO. THOMAS SAMUEL WARNE, P.M., P.Z.

It is with very great regret we announce that a short while since Bro. Thomas Samuel Thorne, P.M., P.Z., the Vestry Clerk of Rochester, dropped dead suddenly while in the act of drinking a cup of tea. Our deceased brother was a Mason of fully 30 years' standing, and was very highly respected not only in Rochester itself, but also throughout the Province of Kent. He was, we believe, initiated into Masonry in the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, and was elected and installed in the chair of W.M. in 1868. He was likewise a member of the Beacon Court Lodge, No. 1967, New Brompton, and of the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2404, Chatham, and in the year 1886 was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden. In Royal Arch Masonry he was a P.Z., having occupied the chair of First Principal of the Royal Kent Chapter of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, in 1873. He was a member of Gundulph Chapter, No. 1050, Rochester; of Military Jubilee Chapter, No. 2195, Dover; and of Royal Naval and Military Chapter, No. 2404, Chatham; and held the office of Prov. G. Scribe E. in the Prov. Grand Chapter of Kent. In Mark Masonry he had won similar distinction, having filled the chair of A. in United Service Lodge, No. 69, Chatham, and being a subscribing member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 237, Rochester. In 1879 he was honoured with the appointment of Prov. S.G. Warden. Bro. Warne was 70 years of age at the time of his death. We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends, and brother Masons of our late respected brother.

A STATE CONCERT was given, by command of the Queen, at Buckingham Palace on Monday. T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Maud, arrived at the Garden entrance from Marlborough House, escorted by a detachment of the Royal Horse Guards, and among those present were the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and Princess Victoria and Prince Christian, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne, the Duchess of Albany and her sister, the Princess Elizabeth of Waldeck-Pyrmont, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife) and Bro. the Duke of Fife, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and others, and in attendance were Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain.