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### THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The 28th Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Benevolent Fund of Mark Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday evening. Bro. C. LETCH MASON, Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire, presided as Chairman, and the ladies and brethren who supported him as Stewards to the number of 170 had the satisfaction of raising a total of Donations and Subscriptions amounting to £2411 18s. 6d., or between £50 and £60 in excess of the record year of 1890, when the Earl of EUSTON, now Pro Grand Master, occupied the chair, and a Board of 169 Stewards raised a total of £2354 1s. The result must be extremely gratifying to Bro. MASON and his Province which so loyally and generously backed him with contributions to the extent of £751 5s., while London—under which are included the Lady Stewards and General Board as well as the lodge representatives and Unattached brethren—also distinguished itself by raising £630 9s. There were also, irrespective of West Yorkshire, 29 Provinces which figured in the Returns, and these, with two Stewards from a Council of Royal and Select Masters and a Knight Templar Preceptory, furnished subscriptions amounting to £1030 4s. 6d. We most cordially congratulate the Chairman, the Stewards, Bro. C. F. MATIER, Secretary of the Fund, and his staff on a result which is in all respects so satisfactory. The sum thus obtained will, with the interest on invested capital, not only suffice to provide the outlay on the several branches of the Fund, but will likewise admit of a substantial addition being made to the invested capital. We cannot hope that a success like this will be repeated from year to year, but we trust that future Festivals will yield enough for the year's outlay with a fair surplus over and above for investment so that, in the course of time, the Fund may possess a capital proportionate to its wants.

### BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

There is no special virtue that we are aware of in a 33rd anniversary. When a person has completed an existence of 21 years he comes of age. He is no longer an infant in the eyes of the law, but becomes charged with all the responsibilities of manhood and may lawfully exercise its many privileges. It is, therefore, an epoch in his career and is usually celebrated with all the pomp and circumstance which befit his rank and station. Again, custom has ordained that married couples in well-to-do circumstances should celebrate their crystal, silver, golden, and diamond weddings, while institutions, especially those which look principally for their support to the voluntary contributions of

the benevolent, are careful to celebrate the jubilee or centenary of their foundation. But if a 33rd anniversary has about it no particular attribute; if it marks no particular epoch in a man's career, in his tenure of any important office, or in his membership of any important society, there is no reason why it should not be made to serve the purpose of the useful but unornamental peg so that we may depend from it a record or description of any services he may have been able or privileged to render to the community generally or any one of its well-nigh innumerable sections. Thus on Tuesday, the 14th inst., our respected Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, presently residing at Torquay in the County of Devon, who was born on the 13th February, 1841, completed the 33rd year of his membership of our ancient and honourable Society, and we know of no just cause or impediment why we should not avail ourselves of the opportunity thus conveniently afforded us of laying before our readers a full and particular account of the many and valuable services which he has rendered to Freemasonry during the greater part of that protracted period. On second thoughts, indeed, we realise that, though, as we have before said, there is no special merit about a 33rd anniversary, there is one very special reason why this task of describing his services more fitly devolves upon this journal than upon any other Masonic journal or writer. The *Freemason* first saw the light in the month of March, 1869, and from that time forward till now there has hardly appeared a single number which has not contained a contribution of greater or less importance from his pen. Moreover, his contributions have been made voluntarily, without hope or expectation of any fee or reward. He has availed himself of our columns with the purpose of enlightening his brother Masons, and, by so doing, has materially enhanced the value of our publication. We are, therefore, under a deep debt of gratitude to him—not he to us—and it is just possible he will regard this attempt to describe his career in Masonry—which, though emanating from the pen of a partial writer, is neither necessarily nor intentionally partial in its tone and character—as tending in some measure towards a requital of the manifold kindnesses he has invariably shown us throughout the whole period of our existence.

Bro. HUGHAN, who, by the way, though of Scotch parentage, is a Devonian bred and born, was initiated into Freemasonry in the St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 954, Devonport, on the 14th July, 1863, passed F.C. on the 11th of the following month, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. on the 8th September next ensuing. In 1864, having in the meantime gone to reside at Truro, he was elected a joining member of the Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, No. 331, and served it for a time as Secretary, while in 1866 he joined the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, and having been appointed S.W. the following year, he was, in 1866, elected and installed in the chair of Master. Ten years later he was elected to a second term of office in the same capacity, and is still a subscribing member, while the lodge, on its part, has again and again shown its appreciation of his many services, both to itself and the Craft generally, by presenting him with sundry tokens of its affection and respect. In July, 1869, he was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary of Cornwall, and retained the office until 1871, when he resigned it, and declined the further Provincial honours that were offered him; but in 1887, the year of the QUEEN'S Jubilee, he had conferred upon him, by the Earl of MOUNT EDGECUMBE, the brevet rank of Past Prov. S.G. Warden. In the interim, the M.W.G. Master was pleased to express his readiness to confer upon him office

in Grand Lodge, but this Bro. HUGHAN conscientiously declined on the ground of his inability to attend with anything like regularity; but the difficulty was surmounted in 1874, when in recognition of his literary and general services to the Craft, the rank of Past S.G. Deacon was assigned him. Nor must we forget to mention that he has taken an active part in the establishment of lodges of instruction, and, above all, that he was one of the originators of our great literary lodge, the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, to the transactions of which he has been from the very first a regular, and, we need hardly add, one of the most esteemed contributors. He is also an honorary member of many important lodges, both at home and abroad, a life member of the Athole Lodge, No. 413, Glasgow, since 1865, and of Mother Kilwinning, since 1868, on the roll of Scotland; a member of Lodge No. 350, Omagh, on that of Ireland; a Past S.G. Warden of several Grand lodges abroad; and a member of the Veterans' Associations of Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Ohio, to which he was elected in the years 1884, 1889, and 1895 respectively.

In the many other branches of Masonry he has won equal or similar distinction. In the Royal Arch, to which he was exalted in 1865, he ranks as P.Z., having been installed in the chair of First Principal in 1873. The following year he was offered, but declined, honours in Supreme Grand Chapter, but in 1883 his Royal Highness conferred upon him the rank of Past Assistant Grand Sojourner. He is also a Scottish R.A. companion, and since 1872 has held the office of representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania at the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in 1863, and two years later became a founder, and was installed first W.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 78, Truro, of which he is still a member; while in 1867, on the erection of Cornwall into a Mark Province, he was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary, but declined the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master. In 1866 his services were recognised by his appointment as Junior Grand Overseer, and when, in 1872, as already mentioned, he became the representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania at our Mark Grand Lodge, the still higher honour of Past Junior Grand Warden was conferred upon him by patent. In the Order of the Temple, of which he was installed a Knight in 1870, he ranks as Past G. Constable of England, and is Honorary Provincial Prior of Canada, while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, in which he has taken a special interest, and of which he was perfected Rose Croix, 18°, as far back as 1865, he is a Past M.W.S. of the Cornwall Chapter, No. 61, Truro, and in 1879 had the 32° conferred upon him *honoris causâ*. He is also a Knight G. Cross of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, which he joined in 1865; a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since 1867, as well as of the Rosicrucian Society of England, of which, as a P.S.M., 9°, he is a member of the Third Order *honoris causâ*. Lastly, so far as this portion of his record is concerned, he has been a generous friend and supporter of our Masonic Charitable Institutions, both central and local, and in the course of his various Stewardships has not only qualified as Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and Life Governor of the Girls' School, but has also been the means of raising in their behalf subscriptions and donations amounting in the aggregate to about £2000.

But great as have been the services which Bro. HUGHAN has rendered in the numerous offices he has filled in the several systems of Masonry we have specified, they are as nothing in comparison with those he has rendered to the literature of the Craft; nor, though, at divers periods of his career, he has been almost overwhelmed with honorific distinctions of every degree and kind, both in England and abroad, will those distinctions bear comparison with the recognition which he has received ungrudgingly and with admirable impartiality from his English and foreign brother Masons alike, in respect of the many original and independent works he has written or compiled, and the almost continuous series of contributions to our periodical literature which have emanated from his pen during his long connection with our Fraternity. We have already referred, as a reason for publishing this memoir, to the articles, essays, notes, comments, papers, critiques, both signed and unsigned, with

which, as an honorary contributor, he has favoured this journal during the 27 years of its existence. But during the five years which preceded the establishment of the *Freemason*, Bro. HUGHAN will be found to have contributed almost as freely, and, without question, in the same honorary capacity, to the columns of what was then the English Masonic organ of the day—the *Freemason's Magazine and Mirror*; while those who have any acquaintance with the periodical Craft literature which is published in the United States as well as in Canada and the other Colonies and dependencies of the British Crown will bear us out in the statement that there is hardly one of those reviews, magazines, or newspapers of any age and merit which does not from time to time furnish evidence of his great and varied knowledge and indefatigable research. He is, indeed, gifted with "the pen of a ready writer," and is as generous in supplying articles for the edification of his Masonic readers as he is competent to write them. True, the majority of these casual articles deal only with passing events and possess, therefore, only a fleeting interest, but among them will be found many, which, as they concern the more abstruse questions of Masonic History, Usages, and Customs, will always prove of infinite value to all students of the Craft. As regards the more important works which he has compiled or written from time to time, it is enough, but, at the same time, very unfortunate to be obliged to say that of the 11 which have been published up to the present time, the first nine have been for several years out of print. The earliest, on the "Constitutions of the Freemasons" made its appearance in 1869 and at once established the reputation of the author as a writer of exceptional ability and rare judgment. This was followed in 1871 by his "History of Freemasonry in York" and "Unpublished Records of the Craft," and these in turn by the first edition of his "Old Charges of British Freemasons," which was published in 1872 and was the first collection in print of these rare old constitutional rolls, or rather of the score of them, or thereabouts, that were then known to be in existence. In his fifth work, published in 1874, he compiled a number of highly interesting and valuable "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813," and four years later a "Numerical and Medallie Register of Lodges." In 1884, what is unquestionably one of the ablest of his works appeared in the shape of an elaborate essay on the "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry." This is all the more valuable from the light it throws on the Royal Arch and the varying fortunes which that branch of constitutional Masonry has undergone between about 1740, when we first hear of its existence in England, to the year 1817, when our two Grand Chapters were amalgamated as our two Grand Lodges had been four years previously; and as even in the 12 years that have elapsed since 1884, a mass of important information relating to this Degree has been unearthed, we trust that Bro. HUGHAN will find time and the opportunity to issue a second edition of the work. In 1889 two volumes were issued, one containing a reprint of the "Engraved List of Regular Lodges for 1734," with Notes and Comments; and the other a "History of the Apollo Lodge and the R.A. York." These complete the series of nine, which, as we have already said, have for years been out of print, while the tenth—the "History of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, London"—was printed and published by Bro. KENNING for presentation only. There thus remains only his most recent volume, published last year, namely, the second edition of his "Old Charges of British Freemasons." This was carefully reviewed in these columns immediately after its issue, and has since been the subject of independent comment not only in the *Freemason*, but likewise in other Masonic reviews and journals, both at home and abroad. Let it suffice, therefore, if we say that in the opinion of those best qualified to judge, the latest of the many works for which we are indebted to Bro. HUGHAN is also looked upon as the most valuable. Bro. W. WATSON, the Honorary Librarian of the Masonic Library at Wakefield, was not far wrong when, in a commentary on the work which appeared in this journal, he declared that had Bro. HUGHAN written nothing else of moment, the Craft would have been still his debtor in respect of this most valuable compilation. There is also yet another volume in course of preparation, which will bear the title of "Early Records of the Third Degree," and which, when it does make its appearance,

will be the subject of many criticisms that are likely to be all the more elaborate, as well as more searching, from the fact that the question of Degrees is one respecting which there are many and grave divergencies of opinion. But in addition to the works he has written or compiled on his own account, there are but few relating to Masonry by other authors to which he has not been invited to write an Introductory Chapter, and in this way he has acted the part of sponsor to nearly the whole of the Masonic literature which has been published in England during the last quarter of a century. There are, indeed, sundry works by American authors for which he has done this service, prominent among them being the "History of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons and Concordant Orders," written by a Board of Editors, and published at Boston and New York, U.S.A., by the Fraternity Publishing Company, and in London by GEORGE KENNING, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C. Of this important History Bro. HUGHAN is the European Editor, and in this capacity he has written "The Introduction." He is also in regular correspondence with all the literary Masons and Masonic Societies in the United States and throughout the British Colonies, nor is there a debateable question of serious moment on which he is not consulted, and in respect of which his opinion, when given, is not held in the greatest respect, while in most instances it is looked upon as determining the point at issue. Lastly, he is a frequent lecturer on Masonic subjects, and as he lectures without notes, is fluent in his delivery, and both invites and takes part in any discussion that may follow, it is almost superfluous for us to say that his presence in the lodge or lecture-hall is always most cordially welcomed, while his utterances are listened to with the utmost attention and respect. In fine, whether we regard Bro. HUGHAN as the active member of lodges, chapters, councils, conclaves, and preceptories; as a Provincial Grand Officer and Grand Officer; as the willing supporter of our Institutions; as the voluntary contributor to Masonic journals and the author of many works of high repute among learned Craftsmen; as the ready adviser of literary brethren and societies, or as the facile and learned expositor of every variety of Masonic question of interest—in all these characters, whether taken severally or collectively, we find him ever the same true and faithful and learned brother among us. He is a foremost member—if, indeed, he is not the founder—of that school of Masonic students and writers which never allows its imagination to get the upper hand of its reason and common sense, and we trust that for many years he may be spared to enlighten the Masonic world in respect of the numerous difficult problems which still remain unsolved.

CONSECRATION OF THE ZODIAC LODGE, No. 2615.

Not an easy task is the founding of a new lodge, more especially in the London district, unless good and sufficient reasons can be obtained, such as will satisfy H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, that the actual necessity exists for the proposed lodge. That sufficient reason had been shown Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, for the existence of a new lodge at East Ham, E., and that the reasons adduced were sufficient for that distinguished brother to recommend our Royal Grand Master to sanction the founding of such a lodge was sufficiently evidenced on Wednesday, the 1st instant, when, in the presence, and with the assistance of, a large and distinguished body of Masons, the Zodiac Lodge was solemnly consecrated and declared by the Consecrating Officer, Bro. E. Letchworth, duly empowered to make Masons, under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of England, and the Colonies, and dependencies generally.

The grand and impressive ceremony above referred to took place in St. John's Schools, East Ham, the Installing Officer, Bro. E. Letchworth, being assisted in his arduous task by Bros. Jas. Boulton, P.M., G. Purst. Eng., as S.W.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.M., P.A.G. Purst. Eng., as J.W.; the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, M.A., &c., &c., G. Chap. Eng., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D. Eng., D.C.; A. T. Ives, P.M. 1472, as I.G.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, Tyler.

Of Bro. Ives, it may be mentioned as a remarkable coincidence that while the son was acting inside the lodge, the father, Bro. J. Ives, P.M. 1472 (hon.), was filling the important position of Tyler outside, while the younger brother, W. Ives, the J.W. designate, was ultimately invested with the collar and jewel of that office. This by the way.

The lodge was opened by Bro. E. Letchworth, who, with the other officers of Grand Lodge, was received with honours, and the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. The grand and impressive ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, in his opening address, said that it was unnecessary that he should detain them by any lengthy remarks. They had met, on the dispensation of their Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for the purpose of undertaking a most interesting, and, at the same time, a most solemn service, namely, the consecration and dedication of a new lodge to the service of Freemasonry and to the honour and glory of the Most High. He trusted the lodge would be the means of still further increasing the Craft in that portion of the county of Essex, and had no reason to doubt but that it would be a prosperous and honourable addition to the roll of the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

The petition having been read and the brethren (founders) having signified their approval in Masonic form of the officers named on the warrant, the VENERABLE CHAPLAIN gave the following oration:

To all who value the grand principles on which our ancient Order is based, the consecration of a new lodge may well be an affair of thankfulness. It is the centre from which, it is to be hoped, that there will radiate the beams of "brotherly love, relief, and truth." The growth of Masonry of late years has been marked and rapid. The world at large cannot have failed to recognise it, and, whilst in ignorance as to its hidden mysteries and secrets, its symbolism, and its rituals, yet must recognise its fruits, its works of Charity and beneficence, which indicate its true character. In the lodge which we have met to consecrate this evening, we rest assured that the high aims of Masonry will ever be kept in view; that the votive offerings made to-day of corn, oil, and wine will be no empty formalities, but true symbols of the prosperity, the goodwill, the unity which shall mark its future progress; that the salt sprinkled on the emblems of friendship shall never lose its savour. The teachings of Masonry, to all who follow them thoughtfully, are eminently practical, every detail has its bearing on our duty towards God and our neighbours as we pass through life, leading on to that sublime truth, so forcibly impressed on every one of us, that "to the just and virtuous man death hath no terror equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonour." Nor is it a small thing, in days like the present, that Freemasonry insists upon the paramount importance of order and discipline, of loyal obedience to lawful authority. As in the raising of any stately edifice, there are those who direct and superintend the work of the operative mason and craftsmen of different degrees of skill, many of whom, after serving their apprenticeship, must be content to execute some special work assigned to them without knowing exactly how it forms part of the grand design of the master mind of the great architect who drew the plans; so we must most of us be content to discharge life's duties, trusting to the Great Architect of the Universe, who is ever carrying out His vast designs to their perfect completion, though we may not live to see the day. Yet, as far as in us lies, if we have but to lay one brick, it shall be well and truly laid, according to the directions of those set over us in the work; and, lastly, Masonry ever suggests the thought that we are enquiring seekers after that which is lost, which we hope some day may be recovered. The hidden mysteries of nature and science are in this age being marvellously unfolded and something new and wonderful constantly revealed, yet in the very process of discovery we gather that there is ever something beyond hitherto unrevealed and unexplored; that there are "mysteries which the eye of human reason cannot penetrate unless assisted by that light which is from above." So if we are wise we shall ever look onward and upwards to what is higher and better than anything already attained. True as the needle to the pole, by which the mariner steers an unerring course across the pathless ocean, we shall lift our eyes "to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful" and steadfast among men and Masons. May the blessing of the Most High so rest on this new lodge, on its founders, on all who are, or who shall hereafter be members of it, that it may be distinguished not only for its excellent working, but for its fidelity to the grand and ennobling principles of the Order by which not this society alone, but the whole framework of society is sustained and knit together in the sublime design of the Great Architect and Ruler of All.

The corn was scattered, the wine and the oil were poured, the salt was sprinkled, and the lodge was incensed and was declared constituted, and the patriarchal benediction closed a most perfect, sublime, and impressive ceremony.

The W.M., designate, Bro. B. C. Curtis, P.M. 1472, was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Letchworth, to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and was duly inducted into the chair, proclaimed, and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. French Bromhead, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, I.P.M.; Thomas Cowell, S.W.; William W. Ives, J.W.; John Day, P.M., Treas.; G. Sidders, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Dale, S.D.; J. S. Chapman, J.D.; H. J. Bantick, I.G.; H. J. Day, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; C. A. Nicol, Org.; C. Alstrom, T. H. Lait, F. Simpson, and Wm. Henshaw, Stwds.; and John Ives, P.M., Tyler.

Bro. LETCHWORTH then gave the addresses in most eloquent and impressive terms, and so concluded a task which received, as it deserved, the eulogies of all present for which, and for his services as Consecrating Officer, he was awarded a hearty and cordial vote of thanks, the same, as also a vote of thanks to the other Consecrating Officers, being ordered to be inscribed in the minutes of the lodge. The Consecrating Officers were also presented each with a founders' jewel and were elected honorary members of the lodge, for which Bro. Letchworth, on his and their behalf, returned sincere thanks.

A number of nominations, both for initiation and joining were then received, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered, the lodge was closed.

We give a list of the founders and visitors present.

Founders: Bros. B. C. Curtis, P.M., P.Z. 1472; Thos. Cowell, William W. Ives, H. F. Bromhead, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; George Dale, J. S. Chapman, H. J. Bantick, H. J. Day, P.M., C. A. Nicoll, C. Alstrom, F. H. Lait, F. Simpson, W. Henshaw, J. Day, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Sidders, P.M.; F. de Brownless, A. Calvert, M. Hill, J. Evans, W. M. Mead, P.M., Morrison, Dipple, D. B. Thomas, W. Solomon, A. Smith, J. S. Gee, G. A. Smith, and W. A. Lavers.

Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., and Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. Pinder, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Essex; W. Salter, P.P.G. Org. Essex; T. Reeve, W.M. 1472; J. Palmer, J.W. 1472; J. Savage, P.M. 1472; W. Boyce, P.M. 30; T. Whitworth, P.M. 556; W. Beecroft, P.M. 2442; J. Hind, P.M. 217; G. H. Seager, P.M. 781; J. Byford, P.M. 898; G. Lusty, P.M. 1259; B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076; A. Calver, P.M. 933; W. T. Legge, P.M. 898; A. Treck, P.M. 898; A. E. Sallaway, P.M. 552; J. Gordon, P.M. 898; C. Manfred, P.M. 1421; G. W. Gower, S.W. Ixion Lodge; F. Keibott, J.W. 1662; G. T. Stark, 554; W. Reeve, 2274; H. Leekman, 1668; G. Wilson, 861; F. C. Byford, 893; S. Owers, 1811; T. W. Smith, 1472; E. F. Rodwell, 1472; A. Burton and C. Hefford, 1472; R. E. Miles, I.G. 2424; H. Stubbs, 771; A. Tyler, 1624; H. Dutton, 1706; H. Mere, 2349; J. G. Walker, 1805; R. Fergusson, 781; H. G. Titcombe, 2409; C. B. Thompson, 898; J. Richardson, 2291; A. Myer, 1804; G. Longwin, 860; B. H. Spencer, 1076; W. Averre, 860; H. Collan, 1816; W. Gladding, 933; W. Gray, 898; G. Haws, 1816; R. Fenn, 2291; J. Ricketts, 2291; J. Anderson, 2411; A. Loury, 2299; E. Savage, 2291;

H. Edgebright, 144; S. Haddow, 169; C. Tapham, 830; J. Mahoy, 351; F. C. Pearce, 133; J. R. Tijou, 2549; F. S. Colmer, 2291; E. Byford, 212; W. Langman, W. Stenter, 860; C. Jolly, W.M. 2184, P.M. and Sec. 1472; and others.

The banquet was partaken of at the Denmark Hotel, adjoining the schools, the future locale of the lodge, and was, even, though the room was rather crowded, an exemplar of what the proprietor can, and, no doubt, will do in the future, and the banquet having been satisfactorily discussed, and grace sung, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were heartily received and responded to. He spoke of her Most Gracious Majesty's long and glorious reign, of her being Patron of the several Masonic Charities, and of her desire for the continued prosperity of the Order.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order," was given next, and the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in putting it, said his Royal Highness had endeared himself to all Freemasons by the unceasing interest he took in all their concerns, as also in the welfare of "all sorts and conditions of men."

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom" followed, and then that of "The Deputy Grand Master, Earl Amherst, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he wished he had the power of speech necessary to do sufficient honour to the toast, and to speak of the splendid work done for Masonry by the distinguished brethren included in the toast. As it was impossible their Grand Master could always attend to the communications of Grand Lodge, their Pro Grand Master was always ready to do the work, and was, in fact, the right hand of their Grand Master, while the courtesy of their new D.G.M., Earl Amherst, and his large and long experience as the ruler of a neighbouring province made him a worthy successor to their late esteemed D.G.M. That night they were honoured by the presence of Bros. Letchworth, Terry, the Ven. Stevens, Bolton, Tijou, Richardson, and Sadler. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Bolton, and called upon them to drink the toast with enthusiasm.

Bro. BOLTON briefly responded, saying that he was rather surprised at being called upon to respond for the toast, and could only say that that evening they had seen some of the work the Grand Officers were called upon to perform. He hoped that at the end of their year of office the present Grand Officers would be enabled to render a good account of their stewardships.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave the toast of "The Consecrating Officers." He said the distinguished brethren who had that day so grandly performed the ceremony of consecration were the objects of his toast, and, as they were anxious to get to town, his remarks must necessarily be brief. The founders of the lodge were proud, and felt themselves greatly honoured at having such eminent Masons among them, and of having them to do the important work of the consecration of their lodge. As a young Mason, he hardly knew how to express his thanks to Bro. Letchworth not only for his splendid performance of such a grand and impressive ceremony as that he had accomplished that day, while the eloquent oration of Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Stevens would, he felt sure, not be in vain or easily forgotten; his words would be thought of and remembered by the brethren of the Zodiac Lodge, as the guide of their conduct both within and without the lodge. He, in the name of the lodge, thanked the Consecrating Officers, and called upon Bro. Stevens to respond to the toast.

Bro. STEVENS, in response, said he felt the great responsibility that attended him in returning thanks for the toast, so cordially received by the brethren. He thought they must all have felt the dignity and impressiveness with which Bro. Letchworth had conducted the ceremony of consecration, and that to that good brother they owed a debt of gratitude not easily paid. Bros. Bolton and Tijou knew more about Grand Lodge than he did, and would have responded better than he could have done. They had done their part of the ceremony admirably. He could assure them that the Consecrating Officers did not look upon the work as a mere matter of form, but rather as a work that would be for the benefit of Masonry, and especially in that portion of the Province of Essex in which it had that day been established.

Bro. STEVENS then proposed the toast of "Success to the Zodiac Lodge, and the Health of its W.M." They had met that day to launch the good ship "Zodiac," and set her fairly afloat on the ocean of Freemasonry. He had been at the launch of a ship, and just at the moment when everything was ready there was a deep amount of feeling and concern in the hearts of everyone present at that launch; would she spring from her slips and glide without a hitch into her element, or would she stick fast and remain immovable? Some such feeling must rise in the minds of all those who were, as they were, interested in the future of a newly-constituted lodge like the Zodiac Lodge; but he, for one, felt sure that it would go on and prosper, and he wished it "God-speed" on its journey. He spoke highly of the manner in which Bro. Curtis, their W.M., had invested his officers and opened his reign, and was confident that under his care the destinies of the lodge were safe and firmly founded.

Bro. CURTIS, who was received with cheers, said he hardly knew how to respond to the toast, and felt sure that if they were in his position they would feel how impossible it was to find words sufficient to thank them for their great kindness in the reception of his name. His career in Masonry during the past 10 years had not been an idle one, but he certainly never expected to be the Master, especially the first Master, of such a lodge as the one consecrated that day. The origin of the lodge came about through their having held an instruction meeting at that house, and then some one suggested "why not have a lodge of instruction"? Why not! Well, they obtained the consent of the Ixion Lodge to hold a lodge of instruction under its warrant. The lodge turned out to be a well-attended and successful one, and then the question arose, "why not have a regular lodge"? Well! Why not? They went to work and secured the services of Bro. Bromhead, their esteemed I.P.M., who promised to get the petition signed by the West Ham Abbey Lodge, if possible; however, he would try to do so, and he did get it signed. Then it was said they would have a difficulty to get a petition accepted at Grand Lodge for a lodge to be held at an hotel. They, however, tried that point, and, as the result showed, that point had been overcome, and their lodge that day received its warrant and had been duly consecrated, dedicated, and firmly established on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Their excellent Bro. W. Ives, their J.W., had, throughout the whole of the work been most indfatigable in securing the success of the lodge, and to his untiring energy he attributed the splendid result that had been accomplished that day. Bro. Ives had given up part of his holiday, and had worked like a slave all that week in carrying out the

arrangements for the consecration. He was proud of his mother lodge—the Henley, No. 1472—where he had passed many happy hours, but was prouder of the position he, through their kindness, held that day, as the first Master of the Zodiac Lodge.

Bros. JOLLY, SAVAGE, GOWER, and others responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. BROMHEAD responded for "The Officers," as did Bros. COWELL, IVES, and others.

Bro. A. T. IVES responded for "The Charities," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. W. Latter, P.G. Org., who was assisted by Bros. H. Dutton, A. Fryer, H. Stubbs, and R. Mills.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The 22nd convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 4th inst. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Grand Supt., the principal chair was filled by Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G. S.B., who was supported by Comps. Colonel Hugh M. Gordon, as Prov. G.H.; Douglas Gordon, J.P., Prov. G.J.; Howard H. Room, P.A.G. D.G.; A. Blenkarn, Prov. G. Treasurer; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E.; Burcham Cooper, Prov. G.D.C.; H. Wharton Wells, P.P.G. Org.; W. G. Kentish; J. Ferguson; George R. Langley, P.P.G. Treasurer; H. Higgins, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Poore, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc.; Dr. J. G. Garson, P.P.G.J.; G. A. Berkeley, P.Z.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.P.S.; S. Richardson, H. 1293; J. M. Small, 1691; E. Leonard, 1691; C. Venning Burgess; General Astley Terry; W. H. Mansfield, 1549; H. Barton, J. 946; C. Fruen, M.E.Z. 1293; J. Bott, 1326; Dr. W. Cock, P.Z.; A. Weller, J. 1423; J. P. Taylor, S.N. 1548; H. James, 946; Major Clifford Probyn, and others.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP then announced that the Grand Superintendent had asked him to express his regret that an important Cabinet Council meeting had prevented his attending Prov. G. Chapter.

The Audit report was received and adopted.

Comp. THRUPP announced that he had been re-appointed Prov. G.H., and Comp. Maj. Clifford Probyn was obligated and invested as Prov. G.J.

On the proposition of Comp. GEO. R. LANGLEY, P.P.G. Treas., Comp. A. Blenkarn was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The following officers were invested:

Comp. W. H. Lee	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Venning Burgess	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" A. Blenkarn (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. Smith	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Mansfield	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" C. Fruen	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Leversedge	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. Bott	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Wells	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Barton	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Plaford	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Hinton, Mus. Doc.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Gilbert	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Audit Committee was appointed, and the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

A banquet was afterwards held, at which the usual toasts were honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the ACTING G. SUPERINTENDENT said they had two Grand Officers with them that night, one of whom—Comp. H. H. Room—was better known as the Prov. G. Secretary of Middlesex. They were both good specimens of the Grand Officers and had fully deserved their honours.

Comp. Col. HUGH M. GORDON, in response, said that was the first occasion upon which he had been present in the capacity of a Grand Officer. With regard to the toast, he was perfectly certain that the Grand Officers performed their duties with the very greatest ability. For some 20 years he had looked forward to attaining the honour of Grand office, and regarded it also as an honour conferred upon the Province of Middlesex. That province recently supported their Grand Superintendent at the Benevolent Festival in such a wonderful manner, that it was doubtless thought that some member from Middlesex should have Grand office conferred upon him. Under those circumstances, he felt it was the province that had enabled him to receive such an honour.

In giving "The Health of the Grand Superintendent and the Prov. G. Officers," Comp. THRUPP said he had already expressed his regret that Comp. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., was not present, and they would all recollect the great strain there was on his time, especially in connection with the subject of India—for he was trying to do the best he could for India and his country. Although he was absent, they wished their Grand Superintendent well, and sincerely hoped that would be the last occasion he would not give the Prov. Grand Chapter the pleasure of his company, for he was a really good Mason, and had the great principle of their Order—Charity—at heart. They hoped that for many years Lord George Hamilton would be spared to reign over them. The Prov. Grand Officers were those who had done good suit and service in the chapters for the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. Major CLIFFORD PROBYN, Prov. G.J., said he was deeply grateful for the great compliment that had been bestowed upon him by the Grand Superintendent, and felt it was not only a compliment to himself but also to the Bard of Avon Chapter, of which he was a member. He trusted that when his year of office expired he should still receive the appreciation they had been good enough to express.

Comp. HOWARD H. ROOM, P.A.G.D.C., responded for "The Visitors," and thanked Comp. Thrupp for the flattering terms in which he had alluded to him. He was almost ashamed to be a visitor but he already belonged to three chapters and had as much Masonic work on hand as he could manage.



Wherever he went in the province he felt it his duty to thank them for the handsome present given him at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. The chapters were so closely associated with the lodges that he felt he must mention the subject. He was pleased to be present and sit under the chairmanship of the Prov. G.H. Comp. Thrupp, who was thoroughly beloved in the province both in the Craft and Royal Arch.

Comp. Dr. W. COCK, P.Z., also replied, and said that for nearly 20 years he had taken a great interest in the welfare of Freemasonry in the Province of Middlesex. He was much obliged to them for the cordial reception he had received.

Comp. C. FRUEN, Prov. G. M. A.S., gave "The Health of the Prov. G.H.," who had acted as Grand Superintendent that day. He said that Comp. Thrupp was always at work endeavouring to promote the welfare of Freemasonry in the province.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THURPP, Prov. G.H., returned thanks, and the proceedings then terminated.

RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following additions to lists have been received since our report of last week:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.	
192	Bro. T. W. Fisher, additional	...	3	13	6
1383	" A. H. Bevan, additional...	...	1	1	0
1677	" Dr. Hunter, additional ...	...	5	5	0
2410	" W. A. Nutt, additional ...	...	2	2	0
(raising his list to £116 11s.)					
PROVINCES.					
HERTFORDSHIRE.					
2323	Bro. Thomas Fenn, additional	...	5	5	0
LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION).					
2229	Bro. G. A. Harradon, additional	...	8	8	0

HARROD'S STORES.

Among the numerous businesses which have latterly started up in various parts of London, and succeed in obtaining a large measure of public support, is that which was established many years ago by a Mr. Harrod, and in 1889 was taken over by a limited company. During the seven years that have since elapsed it has developed into a huge concern, nor is it any exaggeration to say that the sum of one million and a half pounds sterling will hardly suffice to represent the amount of business it does per annum at the present time. It is located in the Brompton-road, and is accessible from all parts of the Metropolis by train, omnibus, or other conveyance. The existing premises are on an immense scale, but additional buildings are being erected, and, when these have been completed, "Harrod's Stores" will occupy an area of some 150,000 square feet, which is equivalent to saying that it is a block of buildings with a frontage of 400 feet and a depth of 375 feet. The premises, too, are proportionately lofty. For a man to ascend without discomfort from the basement to the topmost storey he must be in a fairly good condition as regards training, while it would be difficult to estimate the number of miles he would be called upon to walk, who should resolve on traversing all the various departments into which each floor is divided or sub-divided. As for the business that is done in "Harrod's Stores," we cannot say that it differs materially from that which is done by other firms of equal importance. The company's motto is an ambitious one—*Omnia omnibus Ubique*. That is to say, it undertakes to supply everything to everybody in every part of the world, nor is the undertaking by any means an exaggerated one. A mere glance at the price list will suffice to show that the commodities in which the company deal are arranged in from 70 to 80 departments, which are classed under three principal heads—(a) "Grocery and General Provision Departments;" (b) "General Furnishing and Hardware Departments;" (c) "General Drapery and Fancy Departments." Thus a customer of Harrod's may build and decorate his house and fit and furnish it from attic to cellar; clothe, feed, and adorn the members of his family; engage domestic servants through their agency, hire horses and carriages for their use and pleasure, and provide himself and them with all the necessaries and comforts for travelling by land or water. In short, there is nothing which people require for their own personal use or adornment or for the purposes of the house; nothing that will minister to their comfort or pleasure in the house or out of it, in entertaining friends at home or abroad, when travelling by rail or boat, or on excursions up river or when yachting, which he will have the slightest difficulty in obtaining at Harrod's Stores or through their agency. Then as regards the prices charged for the various goods to be purchased at these Stores, they are such as will suit the pockets of every class of customer, from those to whom the outlay of a few pounds more or less is a matter of indifference, so long as they obtain articles of the quality they desire, down to those to whom the expenditure of a few shillings or even pence is a matter of serious consideration. Harrod's Stores are by no means an expensive firm to deal with, and for this reason, that you obtain full value for the moneys you expend. Whether it be furniture for a palatial residence or for the humble middle-class suburban villa, or articles for the personal use or enjoyment of the millionaire, or for the business or professional man of modest income, you may rely upon it that the goods you purchase both as to character and quality are well worth the amount you pay for them. We had occasion recently to visit these Stores, and by the courtesy of Mr. Naughton, who is the chief Accountant of the Company, we were conducted either personally by him or by some of the principal persons in charge through various branches or departments. We visited the Accountant's own particular branch, in which there are as many as 270 clerks, of whom a considerable number are young ladies, all engaged in keeping accounts innumerable in order and up to date. We traversed sundry of the departments connected with provisions, house furnishing, &c. We were taken to the stables where are to be seen the horses for hire for carriage purposes or for riding, and to the cellars where are the wines and spirits in the wood or bottled, and where men were engaged in preparing the mineral waters—which are made on the premises—ready to be dis-

patched to Henley during the present week; wherever we went, we were brought face to face with evidence which it is impossible to gainsay—that the motto of Harrod's Stores Limited—*Omnia omnibus Ubique*—is, as we said at the outset, no exaggeration, no mere empty boast, but a plain unvarnished fact, the truth of which any one who chooses may test by personal experience.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE GALLERY LODGE,  
No. 1928.

The annual picnic of the Gallery Lodge, held on Saturday last at Broadstairs, must be chronicled as one of the most enjoyable excursions ever organised by that prosperous body of brethren. Leaving Victoria Station at 10.45 by the new Morning Granville of the Chatham and Dover Railway, travelling in saloon carriages, and accompanied by Mr. Francis Walsh, representing Mr. John Morgan, the Secretary of the company, the party reached the most picturesque of Kent watering places, after an exceedingly smart run, with stoppages at Herne Hill and Margate only. Private carriages were waiting at Broadstairs Station, and in these the members of the lodge drove with their friends to the Assembly Rooms, where an admirable champagne luncheon was served by the Army and Navy Co-operative Society, under the direction of Mr. R. W. Wynne, the manager Refreshment Department of the Stores, Victoria-street, Westminster.

The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Percy W. Husk, presided, and the company included Mrs. Husk; Bro. Tarran, S.W.; Bro. W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Duckworth; Bro. W. T. Perkins, P.M., Sec., Mrs. Perkins, and Miss Perkins; Bro. Alfred F. Robbins, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, and Mrs. Robbins; Bro. H. L. Bell, Stwd., and Mrs. Bell; Bro. J. D. Irvine, Stwd., and Mrs. Irvine; Bro. W. H. Ashenden and Miss Ashenden; Bro. R. G. Emery and Mrs. Emery; Bro. G. E. Saunders, P.M., and Mrs. Saunders; Bro. C. H. Smith, Miss Smith and Miss Carlos; Bro. Ernest Hobson and Mrs. Hobson; Bro. T. Lane, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Johnson; Bro. Michael Henry and Mrs. Henry; Dr. and Mrs. Swindlehurst; Mr. W. Collins and Miss Oppitz; Mr. Keir and Mrs. Keir; Mr. O'Keefe, together with the following guests: Mr. Francis Walsh; Bro. W. Cowell, W.M., the Rev. R. A. Fawssett (rector of Broadstairs), S.W. and Chap., J. F. May, Sec., Harvey, I.P.M., Blackburn, P.M., H. F. Ford, P.M., and Whiteing, of 2448.

The toasts were "The Queen and the Craft," "The Gallery Lodge," "The Ladies," and "The Visitors." Bro. COWELL proposed the Gallery Lodge, and on behalf of the Bradstow Lodge, gave the visitors a hearty greeting.

Bro. HUSK briefly responded and reciprocated the kindly sentiments expressed by the proposer of the toast.

Mr. COLLINS asked the company to drink to "The Health of the Ladies," and Bro. ASHENDEN responded.

Bro. Rev. R. A. FAWSETT and Mr. F. WALSH replied for "The Visitors," the latter stating that his chief, Mr. John Morgan, the Secretary of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, regretted that he was unable to accept the invitation given to him to attend the picnic.

Bro. PERKINS acknowledged the great facilities offered on this and other occasions to the Gallery Lodge by Mr. Morgan, and thanked Mr. Wynne for the excellent arrangements made for luncheon by the Army and Navy Co-operative Society.

Mr. T. P. Swaine photographed the party in the ornamental gardens on the sea front and they then drove through Ramsgate, Pegwell Bay, and Minster. Tea was served at six o'clock and subsequently one half of the company returned to London, the others remaining to spend the week end at Broadstairs. The latter made the Llanadern Boarding House, 2, Chandos-square, their headquarters, and on Sunday their guests of the previous day—the W.M. and members of the Bradstow Lodge—became their hosts and drove them in brakes to the old town of Sandwich. Throughout the holiday, the weather was delightful and no hitch of any sort occurred to mar the pleasure of the party. The arrangements for the excursion were made by Bro. Perkins, who was complimented on their complete success.

THE GRESHAM LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY,  
LIMITED.

The Gresham Life, like the auriferous Pactolus, of mythology, continues to flow onward, gathering riches and power as the years advance. In its report just issued a gratifying record is furnished of progressive work on a scale of magnitude unsurpassed in any previous year in the company's history, the new premiums for the year having amounted to £140,690 15s. 4d. During the year 8761 policies were issued, assuring an amount of £3,290,692. Following the report, we find that the amount of £190,707 19s. 1d. had been received during the year as purchase-money for immediate and deferred life annuities, and £323 by way of periodical payments of the first year, in respect of deferred and contingent life annuities. The annuity policies sealed during the period represented an annual payment by the society of £17,884. The income of the society derived from premiums, interest, and rents during the year amounted to £1,084,823 9s. 5d., being an increase of £72,036 14s. 11d. upon the previous year. The admitted claims on life policies amounted to £403,310 4s., of which £2000 had been re-assured. The admitted claims on endowments, maturing by age or expiration of term, amounted to £95,328 17s. 4d. The charge upon the society for the surrender of policies (including loans written off in respect of policies which had lapsed) was £48,388 10s. As a result of the operations of the past year, an amount of £362,686 2s. 5d. has been added to the funds of the society. The assets appearing in the balance-sheet amount in the whole to £5,902,483 4s. 4d. The amount of the investment reserve account has been increased to £80,000. The surplus on the valuation period amounted to £78,901 15s. 7d., £78,500 of which ranks for division among the policyholders and shareholders. A sum equal to 90 per cent. of this surplus will, in due course, be apportioned to holders of participating policies in force on December 31st last.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE CRICKET MATCH at Lord's was brought to a conclusion on Saturday last, the Dark Blues winning a splendidly-played game by four wickets. Cambridge had brought itself into very bad odour with the visitors the day previous by contending that its opponents should be in a position to escape a follow on, and for this the Light Blues were hooted. However, they finished the day with 271 runs to the good and two wickets still to fall. On Saturday they completed their second innings for 212, and, as they had a start of 117 runs on the first innings, the Dark Blues had what seemed to be an impossible task before them, namely, to make 330 runs and win the match. Thanks to the splendid play of Messrs. H. K. Foster (34), G. O. Smith (134), C. C. Pillington (41), H. D. G. Leveson-Gower (41), and G. R. Bardswell (33 not out), Oxford pulled the match out of the fire and proved victorious, with four wickets still to fall. The excitement on the ground when the result was made known was something marvellous.

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THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF ONSLOW, G.C.M.G.,  
R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

July, 1896.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at THE ALBANY HALL, FIFTH ROAD, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of JULY, 1896, at FOUR o'clock in the afternoon precisely.  
By command.  
CHARLES T. TYLER, P.M.,  
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.  
2, Bank Buildings, Woking.  
BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.  
To read the Minutes of the last P.G. Lodge.  
To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.  
To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.  
To receive the Report of the Charity Committee.  
To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.  
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.  
General Business.  
Banquet at Six o'clock punctually at the ST. JAMES' HALL, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.  
N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, for which application must be made to the Asst. P.G. Sec., Bro. W. A. LATHAM, at Albert Institute Chambers, Charles-street, Blackfriars-road, S.E.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER**  
OF SURREY.  
THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF ONSLOW, G.C.M.G.,  
M.E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

July, 1896.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at THE ALBANY HALL, FIFTH ROAD, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, in the County of SURREY, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of JULY, 1896, at THREE o'clock in the afternoon precisely.  
By command.  
CHARLES T. TYLER, P.P.G.J.,  
Prov. Grand Scribe E.

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SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1896.

**Masonic Notes.**

It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere of the proceedings at the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School on Thursday that the resolution proposed by Bro. P. de Lande Long, P.G.D., on the unanimous recommendation of the House and General Committees, for granting to Miss Davis, on her retirement from the post of Head Governess of the Institution, which she has filled, with such signal advantage to the School, for 35 years, a retiring pension of £225, was carried with absolute unanimity. This is as it should be, and we congratulate, not only Miss Davis on this further recognition of her exceptionally valuable services, but likewise the Court of Governors and Subscribers, which has fulfilled an

imperative duty in a manner so creditable. We have no sympathy with those, be they individuals or lodges, who look upon a pension to an officer who has discharged her duties for a life time to the undoubted benefit of the Institution either as a waste or misappropriation of funds. Handsome treatment begets handsome service, and those who follow Miss Davis will, it possible, work with the greater heart when they realise that, when no longer, through age or health, competent to bear the burden of office, they will not be turned adrift to fare as best they can.

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We also note that Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough's motion to place the names of two candidates on the list for the October Election was carried. These were the girls whose cases were rejected by the General Committee on the ground that long intervals had elapsed between the times when their respective fathers had ceased to subscribe to a lodge or lodges and their Candidature. In fact, the children were born after their fathers had ceased to subscribe, though in each case they had been members for the qualifying period. We have never thought the rejection of their petitions could be justified by the laws affecting candidates and their qualifications, and we are glad the matter is settled in accordance with our opinion.

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We do not gather from the report of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, that there is any immediate desire on the part of our English brethren to draw nearer to those who have seceded and now form part of the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand. And the reasons which incline them to this view appear to us to be quite just and reasonable. Bro. W. R. Mitchell, Past Dist. G. Secretary, in moving a certain resolution re country lodges transmitting reports of their condition and progress in the event of their Masters and Wardens being unable to attend the Dist. Grand Lodge Communications, is reported to have drawn attention to the fact that there was "a majority of the E.C. Lodges which existed at the time of the secession still working under the E.C." He contrasted this with the state of Masonry in Victoria and other Colonies when their Grand Lodges were formed and recognised, and "the brethren were practically unanimous in their action." It is not likely, then, that while the majority on the part of the E.C. remains, there will be any approach towards a reconciliation with the seceded lodges.

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Moreover, in a letter written by the District Grand Secretary of Canterbury, at the request of the District Grand Master, occurs the following passage: "We understand the New Zealand Constitution have expressed strongly their opinion that they will decline any recognition from the Grand Lodge of England if any condition is attached thereto which would give equal rights to the E.C. Masons of New Zealand." We trust that the Dist. G. Master has been mis-informed in this respect. If the members of the so-called New Zealand Constitution are going to ride the high horse in this fashion, then farewell to all prospects of an ultimate reconciliation of the present conflicting interests of the different Constitutions. What we are desirous of seeing is a determination on the part of all the Constitutions to bring the existing discord—which cannot be otherwise than detrimental to the interests of Freemasonry—to a termination which shall prejudice the interests of no one section, but be honourable to all.

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If, however, the New Zealand Constitution has determined upon adopting this course, "and until such feeling is removed," then, as the letter proceeds to point out, "it is impossible to see how the Grand Lodge of England can consistently pursue any other course than that they are now adopting, however desirous the brethren of the E.C. in New Zealand may be of more fraternal intercourse."

Franklin Lodge, Lebanon, New Hampshire, celebrated the centenary of its constitution on the 13th May last. The Grand Master of the jurisdiction and a number of distinguished members of the Order were among the visitors, and received a most cordial welcome. The lodge appears to have spared no effort in order to ensure the success of the meeting, and not only was there a grand banquet in honour of the event, but choice music and dancing were superadded, and greatly enhanced the pleasures of the celebration. One incident which occurred is worth mentioning, namely, the presentation of a Tyler's jewel, of solid gold, to Bro. Norman C. Hewes, who had tyled the lodge since 1854, and is the only surviving member of that year.

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.

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Would it not be a good plan to reserve the present buildings at Wood Green for London only, the provinces making their own arrangements for educating their own children and assisting their old people? Perhaps some of your correspondents could inform me what necessity there is for the provinces to send their candidates to London.—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The 28th Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. Grand Mark Master for West Yorkshire, presiding. A large number of brethren and ladies sat down to dinner, which was admirably provided, and among them were—

Bros. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.; Viscount Dungarvan, Deputy G.M.; Richard Eve, R. Loveland Loveland, A. H. Bevan, Maj. Clifford Probyn, G. H. Parke, John Barker, Maj. J. Woodall Woodall, Lady Stuart, Geo. Everett, Gen. Sayer, C.B.; Col. John Davis, A.D.C.; Col. A. Thrale Perkins, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, Sir Thomas Roe, Abraham Woodiwiss, Rev. Russell Finlay, Rev. V. P. Wyatt, Rev. C. W. Cree, Maj. C. W. Carrell, Hon. Mrs. Durant, daughter of Sir Hercules Robinson; C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, and Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and J. Matthewman, Secretary of the Chairman's Province.

The usual toasts followed the dinner.

Bro. C. L. MASON in proposing the toast of "The M.W. Pro G. Master, the M.W. Past G. Masters, the R.W. Deputy G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said it had been the good fortune of most Mark Masons to know the services the Earl of Euston had rendered to the Order; he took a prominent part in all Degrees of Freemasonry. It was the same with Viscount Dungarvan. In both they had thorough Masons—Masons at heart. He could only hope and trust that they might have health and strength long to take an interest in Masonry.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, in reply, said as long as it lay in their power the Grand Officers would continue to do all they could for the good of the Craft and its advancement. They were present that night to celebrate a Festival of the Mark Degree and they had a very fine and large assembly. He hoped that when the lists were read out the total would come up to what it ought to be in such a representative assemblage. He could assure the company that whenever the Grand Officers were wanted to do any work they would be only too pleased, if it was in the bounds of possibility, to do it wherever it might be, north, south, east, or west.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON next proposed "The Chairman," which he said he did with much pleasure because Bro. Charles Letch Mason was one who had come forward to serve and aid the Mark Degree and who ruled over a province, not large, but strong, united, and doing good work. He could congratulate Bro. Mason on the way West Yorkshire had come forward to support him, and he wished him long life to rule over it. Bro. Mason had worked very hard in his province to make this festival a success and it was to be hoped he would go back to his province thoroughly satisfied. God bless him in everything he undertook!

Bro. C. L. MASON, in acknowledging the toast and its hearty reception, said he had felt, and he thought his province had felt it a great honour that he was asked to preside at this festival and to take part in anything that tendered to the welfare of the Mark Benevolent Fund. West Yorkshire was not, as Lord Euston had said, a large Mark province, seeing that it had but 13 Mark lodges and its muster roll of members was about 417; but he was glad to say that some 52 Stewards had come up from the province that day, and perhaps not the least gratifying fact was that 14 were ladies. It was a great advantage to have ladies take part in these festivals, and he felt most flattered in the knowledge that many of those ladies had done good work. The lady on his right—Lady Stuart—brought up £60. It was a very great honour that the brethren and ladies in such a distant province took so great an interest in Masonry. As far as they in West Yorkshire were concerned, they would do all they could to promote the prosperity of the Mark Benevolent Fund. He now came to what was the most agreeable part of his duty—to propose "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund." Brethren, as Freemasons, endeavoured to carry out, as far as they possibly could, the "excellent gifts of Charity," and they held it an imperative duty to help a brother in distress and to assist him in misfortune or need. For that purpose they had the Mark Benevolent Fund, which came to his assistance or to the assistance of his widow. They had also an Educational Fund, which helped to educate his children, and an Annuity Fund for brethren and widows. That night he came to advocate the claims of all three branches—the Benevolent, the Educational, and the Annuity. The Benevolent Fund was established in 1868, the Mark Grand Lodge having been formed in 1856. The brother who was most useful and energetic in establishing that charitable part of the Order was the late Canon Portal—a name which would always be received with affection. Bro. Portal was initiated when he was an Undergraduate at Oxford, and from that day and after he had received the Mark Degree he became a most enthusiastic Mason, and did all he could for the welfare of the Order. The Mark Benevolent Fund went on for a few years without much improvement, and perhaps it would not be felt tedious if he narrated the amounts realised. The first festival, which was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, in 1869, realised what they now thought a small sum—£97. The Fund did not seem to have prospered much for five years, for in 1874 they found the result of the festival was £92. In 1879 it reached the sum of £537. In 1884, when the Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, Bro. Major Woodall, whom he was pleased to see now present, presided, they topped any previous amount by reaching the sum of £832. But a year afterwards, when Bro. Matier, to whom they owed so very much, became Secretary, the amount more than doubled itself, and the amount had never gone back from that date. In 1889 £2086 was raised, and in 1894, by a peculiar coincidence, the amount got together was £1894. Last year they raised £2108. The largest sum they ever collected was in 1890, when the present M.W. Pro G. Master was in the chair, and under Lord Euston's presidency they raised the sum of £2354. It was not

for him to say what Bro. Matier would reveal when he read the lists that evening, but he hoped that as when the Provincial Grand Master of the other Province of Yorkshire presided they topped the list, the Province of West Yorkshire would then do so. The educational branch of the fund was not commenced until 1878, after Major Woodall's chairmanship. Let him commend to the brethren most earnestly and sincerely the welfare of the Mark Benevolent Fund; he did so strongly and conscientiously. In that very utilitarian age it was often remarked that although the Masonic Charities were excellent in aim and intention and were nobly supported, yet they failed to carry out the good they might do if they were reorganised and put on a proper basis. He was not going to say anything about that, but they in the Mark Degree were quite content with the lines on which the Mark Charities were conducted. What were they doing? They were then educating 16 children, and, in addition, were giving their parents £5 a year towards their clothing. They had educated, or assisted in educating, since the formation of the Education Fund, some 75 children. The Fund had not yet celebrated its centenary; it was only a small society, and they were beginning to celebrate their 29th anniversary, and they had furthered in life many children, and they had not failed. They had nine aged annuitants—men—at £26 a year each, and eight widows at £21 a year each, and at Christmas they gave them another £5 each gratuity. Their Benevolent branch stepped in and alleviated the sorrow of those who were in distress by making immediate grants. He might say that the invested funds were not large, and he appealed to the brethren to come forward and subscribe liberally. Canon Portal said if they could raise £1000 for the Benevolent Fund they would do good work; but societies, like individuals, when they increased in years their wants got larger and their aspirations higher; he was sure of this, that although the Mark Benevolent Fund had more than doubled the amounts yearly collected, if it was then £4000 or £5000 a year it would be beneficially spent. He asked the company to give active loyal support and to take what he had said to heart. He then proposed the toast of "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund."

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND responded, and said, as President of the General Board, he was supposed to be the Chairman of the Benevolent Fund, and in returning thanks for the toast, and to Bro. Mason for taking the chair, said that the Chairman had taken immense pains for the Fund, had given valuable time to it, and had come a long distance to preside. Bro. Mason had set before them in a very vigorous way the many branches of the Fund. Although they asked the brethren to subscribe to that particular Fund, they felt they were not taking money away from those grand Charities—the Girls' and Boys' Schools and the Benevolent Institution—because in distributing their money the Mark had no institution, no office expenses, and the money given for the education of young children was placed in the hands of those who would look after those children at home. The children were sent to schools in their own neighbourhoods, and there were many delicate children who would be unfit to be candidates for the Masonic Schools. For then the parents could select their schools, and have their children at home under their own supervision. There was another feature that, perhaps, some people might think a good trait. It had been said—he would not say with truth—that some children had a better education at the Grand Masonic School, and that when they got home they looked down upon home. Well, that was not a blot upon the Mark shield. They saw the children properly educated. He could speak from experience, because he had had a good deal to do with the examination of those children; the papers had passed through his hands, and the reports had come under his view, and the selection of those children, boys and girls, to whom they gave the medals, was done according to the reports of the master or mistress of the School in favour of it. He thought that that said much in regard to the educational branch of the fund. With regard to the Old People and those who sought temporary relief, they gave to those who urgently wanted help, and the manner of their distribution was so well-known to all the brethren, that it was not necessary to go into it. He would now thank the Chairman most heartily for his kindness in coming to preside that evening. The way in which he had been supported by his province in not only sending so many Stewards, but also such large amounts, was a good example to other parts of England, which he hoped would follow his example.

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" Gratton	...	...	...	Grand Stewards Bro. Walter E. Williams ...	21	0	0
" Holdsworth	...	...	...	1 Bro. W. F. Stuttaford ...	15	0	0
" T. G. Howell (see West Yorks.)	...	...	...	8 " W. B. Fendick ...	5	5	0
" Lingard	...	...	...	104 " H. C. Borradaile ...	11	11	0
" C. L. Mason	...	...	...	239 " James Spell ...	12	12	0
Miss Mason	...	...	...	361 " Capt. H. M. Dunstan ...	27	16	0
Mrs. C. F. Matier	5	5	0	363 " Col. John Davis ...	21	0	0
" Gordon Miller	...	...	...	399 " The Earl of Euston (see Norths, Hunts, and Beds) ...	...	...	...
" W. J. Morris	...	...	...	399 " Viscount Dungarvan ...	10	10	0
" G. H. Parke (see West Yorks.)	...	...	...	399 " Earl of Portarlington (see Dorsetshire) ...	...	...	...
" J. Rhodes	...	...	...	399 " G. C. W. Fitzwilliam (see Norths, Hunts, and Beds) ...	...	...	...
" W. E. Smithies	...	...	...	399 " A. H. Bevan ...	52	10	0
Stewart Brown	...	...	...	400 " Belgrave Ninnis ...	6	6	0
Lady Stuart (see London) ...	...	...	...	411 " Capt. G. Hearn ...	11	11	0
GENERAL BOARD.	...	...	...				
Bro. R. L. Loveland (see Hants and Isle of Wight) ...	...	...	...				
" Frank Richardson	10	10	0				
" The Earl of Euston (see Norths, Hunts, and Beds) ...	...	...	...				
" Viscount Dungarvan	...	...	...				
" Victor C. W. Cavendish, M.P. (see Derbyshire) ...	...	...	...				
" Charles Belton	10	10	0				
" A. Stewart Brown (see Middlesex) ...	...	...	...				



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SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES. Table with columns for province name and amount (£ s. d.). Includes Grand Total of £2411 18 6.

Bro. JOHN BARKER, Dep. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, proposed "The Ladies." As a Mason it was with extreme pleasure he saw ladies present at the side of the brethren. It added greatly to the delight and pleasure of the brethren, and when they knew that ladies were interesting themselves in this glorious Charity and had done so much to aid in the grand success which the Grand Secretary had just announced, the brethren, he was sure, would drink "The Health of the Ladies" with the heartiest enthusiasm.

Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, in the course of his reply for the ladies, said that unless he was assisted by the remarks of the ladies between whom he sat, he should not have ventured to address the company; but he was bold to say that Mark Masonry could not get on without the ladies. He defied any Mark Mason to deny it. The ladies had taken the greatest interest in that Degree, and ever since the first year the Benevolent Fund started they had graced those meetings with their presence. The amounts had steadily increased. The President of the General Board, in speaking of the educational branch, had referred to the benefit of the children having motherly care. He had had the benefit of motherly care, and it remained impressed upon him all his life. He was pleased at the phenomenal success of this festival, and he thought they ought to be phenomenally happy. He congratulated the Chairman on that success, and on his strong support by West Yorkshire. In thanking the brethren for the toast of "The Ladies," he begged to say the ladies would always be pleased to come to a festival where they were so heartily received.

Bro. C. L. MASON proposed "The Board of Stewards," and in the course of his remarks said that Lord Euston had said that if the lists of the year when he presided were exceeded, he would take the chair again. His lordship would now have an opportunity of doing so. It was extremely gratifying that the efforts of the Stewards had been so successful. He had to thank them all, and he was glad to say that if it had not been for the efforts of the Lady Stewards, the year of his presidency would not have been so successful.

Bro. G. H. PARKE acknowledged the toast, and said it was a proud night for the Stewards as well as for the Chairman. It must also be a proud night for the ladies. He hoped the subscriptions would increase year by year.

Bro. Gen. SAYER, C.B., responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and the brethren and ladies then adjourned to an excellent concert, in which Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Florence Venning, and Bros. J. A. Brown, Edward Dalzell, Robert Hilton, and Frederick Bevan took part.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

The hope we expressed in our analysis of the returns at last year's Festival, that the upward tendency then noticeable in the total amount of the Donations and Subscriptions would be continued, has been realised. In 1893, when the late Bro. Col. Money presided, the total was £3166 19s. 6d. In 1894, the chair was occupied by the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G.M. for Lincolnshire, and the Board of 154 Stewards, which supported his lordship, raised £1894. Last year Lord Skelmersdale, Past S.G.W., with his father's Province of Lancashire at his back, raised a total of £2108 9s. 6d., the Board of Stewards being 169 strong. On Wednesday, under the auspices of Bro. C. Letch Mason as Chairman, supported as he was by 170 Stewards, the Returns reached the still higher figure of £2411 18s. 6d., or, as we note elsewhere, only between £50 and £60 more than in Lord Euston's year (1890), when the Donations and Subscriptions amounted to £2354 1s.

LONDON,

As regards LONDON, its contingent of Stewards numbered 51, of whom 24 were representatives of 20 lodges, 11 brethren Unattached, and those among the ladies and members of the General Board, whose lists were not included elsewhere, the total they compiled being £630 9s. Of this £36 5s. was contributed by six ladies; £42 by four members of the General Board; £457 14s. by 20 of the lodge representatives—the others placing their lists in the Provincial section of the Returns—and £94 10s. by the Unattached brethren, the most important lists being the following: That of Lady Stuart, acting as Steward for the Justitia Lodge, No. 476, for £61 1s.; that of Bro. A. H. Bevan, of the Euston Lodge, No. 399, for £52 10s.; and Bro. Capt. Woollett's, United Service Lodge, No. 487, for £47 5s.; while Bro. Major Clifford Probyn, of the same lodge, has £26 5s. to his credit, the total of the two representatives of No. 457 being £73 10s. Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Secretary, and Secretary of the Fund, who was Unattached, handed in a list of £47 5s.; Bro. Capt. Mainwaring-Dunstan, representing the Onslow Lodge, No. 361, £37 16s.; and Bro. W. E. Chapman, who did duty for the Savage Club and Dramatic Lodges, Nos. 469 and 439 respectively, £34 2s. 6d. Bro. Boswell, Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 458, has £23 2s. to his credit, while Bro. Walter E. Williams, Grand Stewards' Lodge, and Bro. Col. John Davis, of the Ruspini Lodge, No. 362, tied with £21. Last year London, with 65 Stewards, returned £662 19s. 6d., or more by £30 and upwards than was obtained on Wednesday.

THE PROVINCES

Last year THE PROVINCES furnished 104 Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists amounted to £1445 10s., while on Wednesday the sum of £1781 9s. 6d. was raised by a contingent of 119 Stewards. Thus the excess on this section of the Returns considerably more than compensates us for the slight falling off in London.

The Dep. Prov. G. Master, with Stewards from three out of the six lodges in

## BERKS AND OXON,

compiled a total of £47 4s. 6d., the principal list being that of Bro. W. Bonny, W.M., of the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, Reading, for £19 18s. 6d. Last year the sum raised from the same number of lodges, with the Deputy P.G.M.'s assistance, was £72 15s., the largest list being that of the Steward from the same Leopold Lodge for £36 15s., while in 1894, five Stewards compiled a total of £46 5s. 6d. Two Stewards from the CHANNEL ISLANDS together compiled £31 10s., out of which Bro. C. E. Malet de Carteret, of Lodge Cæsarean, No. 74, St. Heliers, Jersey, was responsible for £26 5s. There were also representatives from two of the eight lodges in CHESHIRE, whose Returns amounted to £16 16s., while the sum raised by Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Prov. G. Master of CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND, and a Steward from one of 10 lodges—the Inglewood, No. 462, Penrith, reached £36 5s., his lordship's list being for £31.

## DERBYSHIRE,

which musters six lodges, returned the highly satisfactory total of £112 4s., three of the lodges being directly represented, while the brethren Unattached were nine in number, including Bro. A. Woodiwiss, J.P., Prov. G. Master; Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P., Past G. Warden; Bro. Percy Wallis, Past G. Treasurer; and Bro. Sir Thomas Roe. The chief lists were those of Bro. J. Howell, Dove Valley Lodge, No. 353, Ashbourne, for £21, and Bro. T. E. Yeomans, W.M. Derby Lodge, No. 302, for £18 4s. Last year Derbyshire inaugurated its existence as a separate Province, by contributing £140 1s. 6d., the number of Stewards being 10, of whom seven, including the Prov. G.M., Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P., and Bro. P. Wallis, who were Unattached, and the representatives of the same three lodges as are represented in these Returns. DEVONSHIRE, with Bros. John Taylor and F. B. Westlake as Provincial Stewards, handed in between them £49 2s., of which the former was responsible £33 7s., as compared with a total of £38 2s. raised by the same Bro. Taylor in 1895; while DORSETSHIRE, which contributed £52 10s., per Bro. Atkins, last year, figures for £5 5s., per Bro. the Earl of Portarlington. Three of the 13 lodges in EAST ANGLIA together raised £28 7s., as compared with the £25 4s. from two lodges at last year's Festival; while GLOUCESTERSHIRE and HEREFORDSHIRE, which in 1895 sent up £10 10s. by the hands of its Past and Present Provincial Grand Masters, is entered on this occasion for £5 5s., the contribution of Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, Prov. Grand Master. There were three Stewards hailing from HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT, of whom Bros. R. Eve, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and R. Loveland Loveland, Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master, were Unattached, while Bro. G. A. Mursell represented the Albany (T.I.) Lodge and the Medina, No. 140. The total reached £52 10s., of which Bro. Mursell raised £26 5s. Last year the total from four Stewards, amongst whom were the three just mentioned, was only £21. Last year HERTFORDSHIRE sent up three Stewards, two of them being lodge representatives, with Bro. Keyser Unattached, the total being £10 10s., but the return from one of the lodge Stewards was placed in the Middlesex lists. On Wednesday, the amount was £7 7s. from Bro. E. Apelt, Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 367, the Rose and Lily Lodge, No. 354, being represented by Bro. A. Stewart Brown, whose list will be found under Middlesex.

Five out of the 20 lodges on the roll of

## KENT,

with Bros. F. Hughes-Hallett and the Rev. Hayman Cummings, D.P.G.M., as Provincial Stewards, are entered for £55 13s., the principal items being the £21 compiled by Bro. W. J. D. Best, W.M. of the Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 152, and the £21 of Bro. Edwin Croser, W.M. Holmesdale Lodge, No. 129, Ramsgate. In 1895, the total was £125 12s., the number of Stewards, including the D.P.G.M., being six, while in 1894 the Stewards from six lodges together raised £127 14s. In 1891, nine Stewards raised £178 3s., and in 1890, the total obtained by 11 Stewards was £117 1s. It should be noted, however, that the list of Bro. Orwin, M.D., of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 44, is placed to the credit of the Knights Templar.

Last year

## LANCASHIRE

may be said to have occupied the place of the "Chairman's Province," and contributed the handsome total of £262 10s., the list of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, the son of the Prov. G. Master, who presided as Chairman, being £115 10s. This year, five of the long array of 36 lodges took part in the proceedings, and together raised £47 5s., the three brethren who did duty as Stewards for the County Palatine Lodge, No. 156, handing in a joint list of £31 10s., while Bro. George H. Parke, Furness Lodge, No. 36, has placed his return under West Yorkshire. There were two Stewards from LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, among them being Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M., whose list appears under Northants, Hunts, and Beds, of which he is also Prov. G. Master, the total being £5 5s., as compared with £45 5s. in 1895. LINCOLNSHIRE, per Bro. the Rev. E. M. Weigall, is entered for £5 5s., as compared with the £21 raised last year by the Stewards, of whom Bro. Weigall was one. In 1894, as the Chairman's Province, it supported the Earl of Yarborough, its P.G. Master, to the extent of £214 5s. 6d., of which his lordship's own list of £78 15s. was the principal item.

## MIDDLESEX

with only three Stewards did well in returning £51 9s. Bro. Lane's list, as representative of the Hampton Court Lodge, No. 448, being for £24 3s., and Bro. George Everett's for the Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181, for £21. Last year the total was £42; in 1894, £27 6s.; and in 1893, £83 3s. 6d. One of the three lodges in MONMOUTHSHIRE figures for £5 5s., and one of the 12 lodges in NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM for £36 15s., while as regards,

## NORTHANTS, HUNTS, AND BEDS,

the total returned was £54 12s., Lord Euston's list being for £12 12s., and Bro. Dorman's, also Unattached, for £10 10s. Bro. the Rev. V. P. Wyatt, one of two Stewards, hailing from the Stuart Lodge, No. 434, also returned £10 10s., and so did Bro. G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, Dep. P.G.M., as Steward for the Lodge, No. 477, which bears his name. Last year, the total was £44 2s., the five Stewards who raised that sum being included in the six who acted on Wednesday.

The Province of NORTH WALES, per Bro. Maj. G. Gordon Warren, is entered for £16 16s.; from that of SHROPSHIRE, per Bro. W. Lascelles, Southwell, of the Shropshire Lodge, No. 44, no list has come in; and STAFFORDSHIRE, which sent up two Stewards, Bro. J. F. Pepper, Deputy P.G.M., representing the Province, and Bro. W. Davis, the Wulfruna Lodge, No. 186, for £46 4s., Bro. Pepper's list amounting to £31 10s., and that of Bro. Davis to £14 14s. NORTH WALES, which was not included in last year's Returns, had an excellent representative in Bro. W. H. Williams, whose list for the whole Province amounted to the handsome total of £80 2s. 6d., while SOMERSETSHIRE, which last year contributed per Bro. S. R. Baskett, £26 6s., was represented by Bro. Col. A. Thrale Perkins, whose list amounted to £32 11s.

There were six Stewards hailing from

## SURREY,

of whom Bro. F. West, D.P.G. Master, was Unattached, while the other five did duty for three out of the eight lodges on the roll. The total was £53 15s. 6d., the three representatives of Kintore Lodge, No. 333, handing in lists which reached together £33 16s. 6d., while Bro. H. S. Wellcome, of Hiram Lodge, No. 13, figures for £11 11s. The total from eight lodges in 1895 was £43 11s. 6d., and in 1894, it was £49 16s. 6d. from five Stewards. In 1893, when the late Bro. Col.

Money, C.B., Prov. G.M., presided as Chairman, his Province supported him handsomely to the extent of £247 8s. 6d.

There were two Unattached Stewards; and two acting for lodges from the Province of SUSSEX, the sum raised by one of them being £6 16s. 6d., as against £67 15s. 6d. in 1895. WARWICKSHIRE returned £31 10s., of which £21 figured in the list of Bro. T. R. Arter, Unattached, and the rest in that of Bro. H. J. Collins, of the Howe (T.I.) Lodge. The Godson Lodge, No. 330, in WORCESTERSHIRE, returned, per Bro. Joseph S. Morris, £35 5s. 6d.; and YORKSHIRE (N. and E.), per Bro. T. B. Whythead, £16 16s. Comp. W. Briant, of the Matier Council, No. 3, of Royal and Select Masters, is entered for £24 3s., and Sir Knight A. W. Orwin, M.D., P.E.P. St. George's Preceptory of Knights Templar, for £26 5s.

As for the Chairman's Province of

## WEST YORKSHIRE,

which we have reserved to the last, the result it has achieved is greatly in excess of what was generally expected, though, under any circumstances a large Return was anticipated. The Stewards, including 14 ladies, numbered in all 52, Provincial Grand Lodge and every one of the private lodges taking part in the good cause. Britannia Lodge, No. 53, with seven Stewards, raised £104 14s.; Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, with 11 Stewards, £95 11s.; Integrity Lodge, No. 110, with seven Stewards, £119 14s.; Copley Lodge, No. 111, represented by Bro. Mason, Prov. G.M., and Mrs. and Miss Mason, £100 16s.; the Portal Lodge, No. 127, with six Stewards, £112 2s. 6d.; and the Lodge of Truth, No. 137, with seven Stewards, including Bro. Barker, D.P.G.M., and Mrs. Barker, £91 10s. 6d. These are the principal amounts, while the total from all sources reached £751 5s. This is the highest Return from any single province since these Festivals have been held. Well done, West Yorkshire, its Prov. G. Master, and its lodges, severally and collectively!

## Craft Masonry.

## Mariners' Lodge, No. 249.

The annual installation meeting of the members of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when there was an attendance of about 150 brethren, including numerous representatives of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Thomas D. Amos was effectively installed W.M. by Bro. E. Routledge, who retired from the chair, assisted by Bro. R. G. Bradley, P.P.G.D.C. The following officers were invested: Bros. Edmund Routledge, I.P.M.; John S. Halliwell, S.W.; Thomas Dickson, J.W.; J. Hayes, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Edward T. Gee, Sec.; J. O. Mouldsdales-Williams, S.D.; Thomas Lawton, J.D.; H. Brown, D.C.; A. B. Ewart, P.P.G. Org., Org.; James Jones, I.G.; G. Jones Roberts, Robert A. Busby, George W. L. White, Alfred Draper, Alfred Rowlands, and C. Bridson, Stewards; and Robert Shacklady, Charity Representative. In the course of the evening, the I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel and a gold watch as a mark of the esteem in which he is held.

An excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. J. Casey, and the after-dinner musical programme was given by Bros. David, Beard, Wright, Busfield, Brown, Ramage, and A. B. Ewart, Organist.

## Pattison Lodge, No. 913.

Bro. R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., who has just concluded his second year of office as W.M. of the above lodge, he having first presided over its fortunes in the year 1881, must be congratulated upon the *éclat* with which his second year's ruling was crowned, not so much for the number of initiates added to the roll of the lodge as for his untiring efforts, and the success of those efforts, to please and gratify the brethren under him. Every meeting night some of the best of both local and London talent was engaged by him, at his own cost, to entertain the brethren, and every meeting night, after labour and refreshment, music, both vocal and instrumental, and of the highest order, delighted the brethren of the lodge and its visitors and gave unlimited pleasure to all who had the privilege to attend.

The installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 2nd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, and was attended by brethren from far and near. Bro. Cook opened the lodge, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dr. E. Bryceson, P.M., who assumed it as Installing Officer, by request. The W.M. elect, Bro. Daniel K. Summers, S.W., was presented to the doctor to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course Bro. Summers was installed, proclaimed, and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. Robert J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; John Oliver Cook, S.W.; John James Murphy, J.W.; Augustus Jackson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Chas. Coupland, P.M., P.J.G.W., Treas.; W. Campbell Taylor, P.M., Sec.; William Sanders, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Edward Moseley Taylor, S.D.; Arthur Moore, J.D.; James Graham Tucker, D.C.; John Henry Bull, A.D.C.; Frederick Hoar, A.D.C.; Sidney Horton, P.M., Org.; Robert E. B. Saunders, I.G.; Henry J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R., William Henry Chaney, Bertram Hammond, George Roberts, and John J. Messent, Stwds.; and Charles Warren, Tyler. Bro. Bryceson then furnished a splendid bit of working by giving the beautiful and impressive addresses, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and for which he returned thanks. Bro. Cook, I.P.M., was presented with a vote of thanks, engrossed and illuminated on vellum and splendidly mounted and framed, also with a solid gold bar, with date of second Mastership, attached to his original Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the esteem and affection of the brethren, and for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office, for which Bro. Cook returned his heartfelt thanks. Bro. Coupland was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. Various donations were voted to the local charities, and then the lodge was closed.

The brethren then journeyed to Charing Cross by special carriages, and banqueted at the Holborn Restaurant.

Among the other brethren present, whose names could be deciphered from the attendance book, were Bros. A. Penfold, J.P., L.C.C., P.M., P.P.S.G.D., H. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.R., W. Busbridge, P.M., C. J. Clapham, P.M., Col. W. H. Graham, V.D., P.M., P.M. 700, E. Morris, P.M., P.M. 1789, G. H. Letton, P.M., P.M. 615, C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472, W.M. 2184, H. Tomms, W. Folkhard, R. Bartral, L. Mills, F. Gurling, F. Kirkman, T. Turton, T. Griffiths, A. D. Capon, R. Turrell, J. Taylor, J. Stratton, G. Frost, G. Lockwood, M. A. Bliss, W. J. Squires, B. Littlewood, G. Laurance, Dr. J. Clarke, T. Arnold, A. Hiccock, W. Sallenger, J. Rose, C. Stone, Dr. R. Williams, W. H. Pryce, T. J. Nell, T. Hardy, P. Goman, A. Eton, F. Mitchell, W. Richardson, and others, all of the lodge; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.J.G.W.; R. J. Pugh, W.M. 2147; O. O. Dale, W.M. 299; F. Hulley, W.M. 2399; H. S. Syer, P.M., Treas. 13, P.M. 829; J. A. Whitfield, W.M. 77; G. Ingle, W.M. 1536; H. Tufnell, P.M. 700; G. Terry, P.M. 991; G. R. Nichols, W.M. 700; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas. 700; J. Macgregor, P.M. 545; J. Fiullade, W.M. 2041; A. H. Russell, S.W. 13; A. McQueen, J.W. 13; A. J. Warry, S.W. 742; R. C. Flynn, S.W. 2260; G. H. Porter, S.W. 700; R. Fowler, S.W. 1536; F. Reed, J.W. 1536; F. Ritter, J.D. 173; H. Crowdy, S.W. 2399; L. F. Webber, 706; F. S. Thomas, J.W. 706; F. B. Benson, I.G. 1158; F. Nutall, 534; A. Wadsworth, 1558; Ford, 2005; Cooke, 987; C. Churchill, 548; F. B. Limb, 1789; J. H. Woodley, 13; J. P. O'Connell, 1715; W. C. Skully, and others.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been honoured, the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the D.P.G.M., Earl Amherst; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was drunk with much enthusiasm, the name of Earl Amherst, who is also P.G.M. of the Province of Kent, of which province the Pattison Lodge is on the roll of lodges, being received with long and continued cheering, his lordship being deeply seated in the affection of the brethren of the Pattison Lodge.

Bro. Busbridge, P.M., in whose hands the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was placed, said they had an excellent W.M., but he had made a mistake in placing the toast in his (Bro. Busbridge's) hands. They had already heard a brilliant

exposition of what Masonry should be that day in the installation ceremony worked by Bro. Bryceson, P.M., and must acknowledge that Masons were all jolly good fellows, while, at the same time, they were of those "to whom the burdened heart might pour forth their sorrows, to whom the distressed might prefer their needs." As for the Provincial Grand Officers, they were the *élite* of the Craft in the province, and that fact was fully shown at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge at Folkestone. The estimation in which the province was held was also shown by the choice made by their Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, of Earl Amherst for the position of D.G.M. of England. They were honoured by the presence amongst them that night of Bros. Spinks and Jackson, beside Past Masters of their own lodge. He should not take up their time longer, but would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Jackson.

Bro. Jackson, in response, after adverting to the valuable services rendered Freemasonry and the province by Earl Amherst, said that for himself he could say that he was always received with great cordiality by every lodge he visited in the province, and was ready to do anything in his power for the interest of Freemasonry in the Province of Kent.

Bro. Cook then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," referring to the fact that 12 months ago, by their will, he, for the second time, occupied the chair now so well filled by the W.M., Bro. Summers. Their W.M. had achieved the height of his ambition as Master of the Pattison Lodge. Bro. Summers had the respect of the whole of the brethren of the lodge, and he asked them to drink his health most cordially.

Bro. Summers, who, on rising to respond, was cheered lustily, said, after thanking them for their hearty response of the toast, that they had conferred a very great honour on him by making him W.M. of their lodge. He urged upon the officers the necessity of their punctual attendance, and with the introduction of good candidates, he hoped to be enabled to keep up the reputation of the lodge. He looked forward for the support of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren in the prosecution of his onerous duties. They had a grand array of Past Masters, officers, and rank and file. He needed the hearty support and practical sympathy of the brethren, so that at the end of his year of office they would have something to congratulate themselves upon in the sustained progress and dignity of the lodge, and acknowledged that he had endeavoured to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his abilities.

Bro. Cook, I.P.M., then proposed in eloquent terms the toast of "The Installing Officer," and

Bro. Bryceson, in response, said he need hardly say that he felt it a very great honour to be selected to act as Installing Officer. He also felt it a very great pleasure to perform the duties of such an office in the case of their esteemed Brother Summers, therefore, he had to thank their I.P.M. for allowing him to perform the duties of Installing Officer that day, and for the second time in his career, and he thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Cook, I.P.M., in responding for "The Past Masters of, and belonging to the Pattison Lodge," compared the brethren of the lodge to a bundle of sticks, which was bound up by and with their W.M., and so long as they were so bound and united, so long would the lodge maintain its prestige and unity among the lodges of the Province of Kent and the Fraternity at large.

Bro. Penfold said their I.P.M. had compared them to a bundle of sticks, but they were not dry sticks. They that day celebrated another anniversary, and he was sorry that he was unable to be present in the lodge to witness the ceremony of installation. He hoped as time went on to see many others of their members arrive at the position achieved that day by their W.M.

Bro. Morris said he had passed the chair in another lodge, but congratulated himself on belonging to such a comfortable and socially inclined lodge as the Pattison. He wished Bro. Summers's year of office would be a very successful one. He joined the Pattison Lodge because he admired the character of the Past Masters and brethren of the lodge. He was very proud to see an old friend and good Mason, Bro. Colonel Graham, amongst them. Their desire was for the progress and harmony of the Pattison Lodge. They enjoyed the social evenings so beautifully provided for them during the time of the esteemed I.P.M., Bro. Cook. It lengthened their days and brought the words of an old friend of his to mind, "never look for the time when you must go, but enjoy life while you have it." The happiest moments of his life were spent amongst them, and to witness the happy manner in which they enjoyed themselves. He hoped to be with them for many years to come, and thanked them most heartily for their reception of the toast.

Bro. Butler proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was duly responded to, as was the toast of "The Officers."

Bro. Hoiton presided at the piano, and the artists engaged were Mrs. E. Bryceson, and Miss Annie Wilson, Bros. O. Nell, C. J. Butler, and Fowler, and Mr. Tilbury.

**Boscombe Lodge, No. 2158.**

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th ult., at the Masenic Rooms, Hengistbourne Club, Boscombe, when Bro. J. Sandell was installed W.M. in succession to Bro. A. E. F. Francis, the Installing Master being Bro. C. T. Miles, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Having been duly proclaimed and saluted, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. A. E. Francis, I.P.M.; Charles W. S. Collins, S.W.; Francis Hew Cottam, J.W.; Rev. Arthur Krauss, Chap.; John Grant Shepherd, Treas.; Charles T. Miles, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., Sec.; Augustus G. Grosutt, S.D.; James Atkinson Hosker, J.D.; Donald W. Preston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; D. H. W. Robson-Burrows, I.G.; John Claude Cormack and Walter Gybbon Stileman, Stwds.; and W. J. Holloway, Tyler.

After the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Burlington Hotel, where the installation banquet was served. The W.M. presided, and the customary toasts were duly honoured.

The following brethren took part in the ceremonies of the day: Bros. H. J. Atkins, P.M. 1764, P.P.S.G.W. North and Hunts; H. W. Thomas, P.M. 195, P.P.S.G.D. West Yorks; James Druitt, jun., P.M. 195, P.P.J.G.W.; A. D. George, P.M. 114, P.P.G.R. Suffolk; J. J. Brazier, P.M. 2208; F. Mapp, W.M. 195; W. J. Dowden, W.M. 2208; C. J. Whitting, S.W. 195; C. Pearce, S.W. 2208; Lt. Demble, S.W. 2559; A. McArthur Butler, 195; C. T. Miles, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., C. Hodges, P.M., F. H. Cridland, P.M., C. W. S. Collins, F. H. Cottam, A. C. Grosutt, J. A. Hosker, J. C. Cormack, W. G. Stileman, J. G. Brett, and Guy Heaton, all of the lodge.

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.]

**Obituary.**

**BRO. THE REV. R. N. SANDERSON, PAST G. CHAPLAIN.**

It is with sincere regret we record the death of Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Past G. Chap., whose funeral took place in Wyverstone Churchyard, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Moira Lodge, No. 92, on the 26th February, 1856. In 1858 he joined Perfect Friendship Lodge, No. 376, Ipswich, and shortly afterwards was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Suffolk, being annually re-elected to the same office till 1865 inclusive. Later on we find him W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, and he has also served as Chaplain of the British Union, No. 114, both these being also Ipswich lodges. In Royal Arch Masonry he attained equal distinction, having been exalted in the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 376, Ipswich, in 1858, and filled the chair of Z. in the Royal Alexandra Chapter, No. 959, Ipswich, in the years 1863, 1869, 1872, 1873, 1877, 1878, and 1883; while as regards the province, he was Provincial G.S.N. in 1878, and Prov. G.H. in 1883. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in March, 1866, in the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 70, Ipswich, he has been still more

successful. He was a P.M. of No. 70, having occupied the chair of W.M. in the years 1867, 1868, 1870, 1871, 1875-6-7-8-9, a subscribing member of the Freeman Lodge, No. 105, Bury St. Edmunds, which he joined in 1870, and founder and first W.M.—in 1872—of the Constantine Mark Lodge, No. 145, Colchester. He was Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge in 1869, and again in 1881, and was Prov. Grand Chaplain of the Mark Province of East Anglia. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite, in which he attained the 30°, he was perfected in and was a Past Most Worshipful Sovereign of the Victoria Rose Croix, No. 22, Ipswich, and in Templar Masonry Prov. Sub-Prior of East Anglia. In April, 1885, at the celebration of the Grand Festival, the rev. brother was appointed, in conjunction with the late Rev. Canon Portal, Grand Chaplain of United Grand Lodge, and at the Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter a week later he received the collar of 1st Asst. G. Sojourner in the Royal Arch. Since then he has continued the services he had so ably rendered to Masonry in the Province of Suffolk. By none will his death be more severely felt or his memory more sincerely respected than by the brethren in Ipswich and elsewhere in the county with whom he had been brought in contact, and who showed their respect for his worth by attending at the graveside and witnessing the last sad honours that were paid to him. Amongst those present were Bros. Percy F. Wainwright, W.M., T. Banks Read, I.P.M., G. G. Elliston, P.M., and B. P. Gwinsey, P.M., Sec. of British Union Lodge, No. 114; Bros. G. Abbott, P.M., and H. Cockrell, P.M., St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225; Bros. N. Tracey, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., and H. C. Monteith, P.M., Lodge of Perfect Friendship, No. 376; Bro. H. Unsworth, W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959; Bros. F. C. Peacock, W.M., Christopher G. Hayward, P.M., and C. C. Tuck, P.M., of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 516, Stowmarket; Sir Knight N. Tracy, Chancellor, representing the Very Eminent Provincial Prior of East Anglia in the Order of the Temple, and Sir Knights W. Chapman, E.P., H. Cockrell, Registrar, J. Legge Corvert, Sub-Marshal, and other members of the Prudence Preceptory. The brethren and other friends met at the Rectory, from which the funeral procession started at about three o'clock, the coffin being conveyed in a glass-pannelled hearse, the beautiful wreaths with which it was covered being visible through the glass. In the churchyard and the church itself were congregated a large number of parishioners awaiting the arrival of the procession. The officiating clergy were the Rev. H. L. Todd and the Rev. T. Holt Wilson, the Rev. Canon Frere, who was expected to take part in the mournful service, was prevented by indisposition from attending. Amongst the other clergymen present, several of them in their surplices, were the Revs. A. J. Spencer, S. H. Thornton, Kemble, S. B. Reynolds, Sandys Reed, A. E. Stantial, W. H. Sewell, T. Archbold, W. C. Humbley, and others. Mrs. Notley presided at the organ, and as the funeral cortege was entering the church she played "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The church choir, augmented for the occasion by the Bacton choir, was in attendance, and the 90th Psalm having been chanted, the Rev. Horatio L. Todd read the first part of the burial service, and Hymn No. 221, "Let all saints on earth," was sung. As the mourners were leaving the church, Mrs. Notley played the Dead March in "Saul." The remainder of the service was read at the graveside by the Rev. C. Holt Wilson, and Hymn No. 231, "For ever with the Lord," was sung by the choir and friends. The grave is situated at the east end of the church, and is by the side of the one in which the deceased brother's mother lies interred. The coffin, which bore the inscription, "Robert Nicholson Sanderson, died June 27th, 1896, aged 62 years," was covered with beautiful wreaths and crosses sent by numerous friends, amongst them being "From the officers and brothers of the Phoenix Lodge Freemasons, Stowmarket, with sincere sympathy and deep regret," and "With deep sympathy of brethren and companions of the Prince of Wales's Lodge and Royal Alexandra Chapter," and "With fraternal sympathy of the Priory E.A."

**BRO. LORD FITZHARDINGE.**

The funeral of Bro. Lord Fitzhardinge took place at Berkeley, Gloucestershire, in the mausoleum adjoining the parish church. The funeral procession left Berkeley Castle at three o'clock, the mourners including, beside personal friends, representatives of Freemasons' lodges, the Berkeley Troop of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, his late lordship's tenants, medical attendants, servants, and representative bodies. The coffin was borne by eight non-commissioned officers of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. The Lord Bishop of Gloucester, who officiated at the service, was assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon of Gloucester and the Rev. J. L. Stackhouse, vicar, and Chaplain to the deceased nobleman. Amongst those present were Dowager Lady Gifford (sister), Mrs. Armytage (sister), Hon. Chas. Berkeley (brother and successor to the title), Col. Armytage (brother-in-law), Miss Armytage (niece), Mr. Percy Armytage (nephew), Lord Gifford, V.C. (nep.ew), Hon. Mrs. Butler (niece), Major Butler, Hon. Mrs. Dansey (niece), Col. Dansey, Hon. Mr. Kingscote, Mr. Thomas Kingscote, Major-General Trotter, Col. Sir Nigel Kingscote, Lord Suffolk, Lord Westmoreland, Sir G. B. Jenkinson, Bart., Hon. E. B. Gifford (nephew), Lord Worcester, Earl Bathurst, and Bro. Sir J. E. Dorington, M.P.

**Lodge of Instruction.**

**LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.**

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 1st instant, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. C. Parker, W.M.; Geo. Hill, P.M., S.W.; G. A. Sturgess, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; J. Mason, S.D.; M. Beedle, J.D.; A. A. Butcher, I.G.; W. Proctor, P.M., Tyler; L. S. Genese, F. G. Evans, and Marmont. Bro. Shayer, 1608, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Paul, Preceptor, and the 2nd by Bro. G. Hill, P.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Mason being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. Geo. Hill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Shayer, 1608, was elected a joining member. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

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.]

THE MASTER MASONS' HANDBOOK.—We have received a copy of the Master Masons' Handbook, by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G. Org. Devon, which is published by George Kenning, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. The book is neatly bound in blue cloth, and contains a frontispiece of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. That it has been appreciated by members of the Craft is shown by the fact that the work has run into a second edition. There is a mass of information, given in a concise and readable form, as to the early history of Freemasonry, the origin of Grand Lodge, the chief Masonic institutions, &c., which should prove interesting, not only to Freemasons, but to the general reader. The volume is published at 1s. and is well calculated to incite a taste for the literature of the Craft, as Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, remarks in the introduction.—*Newcastle Journal.*



## Masonic and General Tidings.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**—A Committee consisting of three brethren from each of the Leeds lodges has been formed for the purpose of considering the proposed removal of the Boys' School, and also of enquiring into the working and expenses of the Charities generally.

WE HAVE GREAT PLEASURE in announcing that Bro. J. M. McLeod has succeeded in enlisting the services of Bro. Lord Henry M. Cavendish Bentinck, Prov. G. Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, as Chairman at the 99th Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1897.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Fareham on Tuesday, August 11th, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Provincial Grand Lodge has not met at Fareham since 1868.

LORD RUSSELL OF KILLOWEN has consented to preside at the annual dinner of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, which will take place in the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on the evening of Friday, the 17th inst.

ON MONDAY, Bro. Lord Henniker, Lieut.-Governor of the Isle of Man, presided at the first Tynwald held since his appointment to the Governorship of the island. The Tynwald ceremony is one of great historic interest. It is annual, and is at least one thousand years old.

BRO. AND MRS. WILHELM GANZ gave a small musical party, to meet Madame Adelina Patti-Nicolini, on the afternoon of the 3rd inst., among those present being the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, the Countess of Lathom, the Countess of Chesterfield, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Lady Arthur Hill, Lady Glenesk, and others.

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN (Bro. the Earl of Lathom) has been authorised to announce that the marriage of her Royal Highness the Princess Maud of Wales with his Royal Highness Prince Charles of Denmark will, by her Majesty's command, be solemnised in the Chapel of Buckingham Palace at 12.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 22nd instant.

LI HUNG CHANG, the Chinese Envoy to Europe, arrived at the Hague on Saturday afternoon last, having been met on the frontier by representatives of the Queen and Queen Regent. After being welcomed at the station by the authorities, he was driven in a Court carriage to the Hotel des Indes, and in the evening dined with the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

AMONG THE PASSENGERS who arrived at Plymouth on Saturday night last from the Cape by the Union Line steamer Athenian was Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., who was shut up in Gwelo for seven weeks, and afterwards proceeded with Bro. Cecil Rhodes to Bulawayo. It will be remembered that the brevet rank of Past G.W. was conferred on Bro. Egerton at the June Communication of Grand Lodge.

THE DISTRIBUTION of prizes to the pupils of the Warehousemen, Clerks, and Drapers' Schools took place on Saturday last, the ceremony being very gracefully performed by Miss Hind. The report for the past year, which was in every way satisfactory, showed that 10 boys sent up for the Senior Cambridge Examination all passed, one with honours, while 10 of the 14 girls sent up for the Junior Cambridge passed, five taking honours and one being placed second among the 707 candidates, while another won the prize in the essay competition at the Crystal Palace, offered by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Princess Maud and other members of the family at Sandringham, drove over to Appleton Hall on Saturday last for the purpose of inspecting the preparations that are being made for the future residence of Prince Charles of Denmark and the Princess Maud. The hall is a modern structure, and until lately was occupied by Gen. Stanley Clarke, but for several months past it has been in the hands of the builders and decorators. It is about a mile from Sandringham House, in a valley between West Newton and Flotsham.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, as President of the Foundling Hospital, presided on Sunday, when "Foundlings' Day" was celebrated and a number of young men and women, formerly inmates of the Institution, but now earning their livelihood in various situations in life, were presented by his Royal Highness with the customary gifts of £5. Subsequently the visitors looked over the Hospital, saw the children at dinner, and inspected the many pictures with which the walls of the Hospital are decorated, conspicuous among them being Hogarth's "March to Finchley" and his portrait of "Captain Coram," the founder of the Institution.

BY COMMAND of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales held the last Levee of the season at St. James's Palace on Monday, his Royal Highness, attended by Bros. Lord Suffield and Sir Francis Knollys and Major-General Ellis, being escorted to the Palace from Marlborough House by a detachment of the Royal Horse Guards. Among the members of the Royal Family present were the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, the Duke of York, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, and the Duke Ernest and Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein. Among the great officers in attendance were the Earl of Pembroke, Bros. the Earl of Lathom and the Duke of Portland, Viscount Curzon, M.P., Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., the Earl of Coventry, Lord Harris, and many others. The Diplomatic and General Circles were numerous attended, while guards of honour of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards and the Royal Horse Guards were on duty in the Court of the Palace and the Mall respectively, the regimental bands being in attendance in both cases.

VISIT OF FREEMASONS TO THE MASON'S CAVE.—Some time ago the brethren of St. Thomas' Lodge, No. 40, resolved to resuscitate the old custom of observing Midsummer St. John's at the Masons' Cave, Scotland. This practice has not been observed for a number of years, and the members of No. 40 are to be congratulated on its revival. On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the brethren, to the number of about 50, including several members of Panmure Lodge, assembled in the Lodge Room, where the lodge was opened and immediately put in charge of the Junior Warden. Brakes were in readiness for the conveyance of the party. A short distance from the cliffs the brethren left the machines, and, forming into processional order, marched to the cave, which was well lit up with candles, and presented a comfortable appearance. Bro. Wilson, R.W.M., addressed the company, and made reference to the object of the gathering. He thought it was a good thing to revive so interesting and ancient a practice, and expressed the hope that the visit to the cave would become a yearly custom of the Freemasons of Ayrshire, and that all the lodges would unite to carry it out. Bro. Wilson then gave an interesting account of the history of the cave, which had again begun to figure in Masonic practices. A loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toast list was then gone through—"The Queen and Craft," "Prince of Wales," "Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge," and "Army and Navy," being given by the R.W.M., Bros. D. S. Napier and G. Wilson replying for the two latter; "Brethren from Sister Lodges," given by Bro. Ellis, S.W., replied to by Bro. Soutar, Panmure Lodge; "Absent Brethren," by Bro. G. Patterson, J.D.; "Brethren from a Distance," by Bro. Nicoll, Sec., replied to by Bros. J. D. Morton and Stewart; "Town and Trade of Ayrshire," by Bro. Soutar, replied to by Bro. E. Scott; and "The R.W.M." by Bro. Ellis, replied to by Bro. Wilson. In the course of the evening Bros. Soutar and Petrie entertained the company with song and recitation, while Bros. Napier and Kear gave interesting accounts of the past Masonic meetings in the cave. The brethren then returned to the lodge room, where the Craft was recalled to labour and closed in due order. The outing proved a great success, being much enjoyed by one and all.

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THE TROCADERO RESTAURANT will shortly be opened by Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, after a lengthened period of preparation. Every effort is being made to make this the handsomest and most perfectly-equipped dining palace in Europe, and the arrangements for Masonic meetings will be made a special feature. Applications respecting bookings should be made as early as possible to the proprietors, J. Lyons and Co., Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington, where all inquiries should be addressed.—[ADVT.]

THE MEETINGS of the North London Chapter at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, are adjourned until the 1st Monday in October.

THE MANSION and grounds at Avery Hill, Eltham, owned and occupied by the late Col. J. T. North, are to be sold. The mansion is a new structure, and cost an enormous sum to build and fit up.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to confer the dignity of a peerage upon the Right Hon. Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G., Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, and her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner for South Africa.

THE ANTIQUE PERFORMANCES and ceremonies associated with the installation of the Lord Warden, of the Cinque Ports, are officially fixed to take place in connection with Lord Salisbury's succession to the position, on August 15.

BROS. THE RIGHT HON. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

THE BROTHERS at Sidmouth held their annual installation banquet at the York Hotel, Sidmouth, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. At the installation held subsequently at the Masonic Hall, Bro. F. Goss was duly installed W.M. The W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John Opie, I.P.M.; H. Passmore, S.W.; W. Cook, J.W.; F. W. Mitchell, Sec.; J. Hayes, S.D.; T. W. S. Holden, J.D.; J. Russell, D.C.; Ridge, I.G.; and W. Newbury, Tyler.

WE UNDERSTAND that Rayne Butler's latest work, "In the Power of Two," which gained so much success and popularity in serial form, is shortly to be published by Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, and Co. The novel deals with hypnotism, is of absorbing interest, and throws a curious and decidedly new light upon this much questioned subject. It may interest our readers to know that the above author is a daughter of the late Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M. of Norths and Hunts, &c.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK presided at the opening of Lady Henry Somerset's International Farm Colony for Inebriate Women, at Duxhurst, near Reigate. In the course of the proceedings, her Royal Highness received a number of purses containing £5 upwards, the contents of which amounted to upwards of £600. Among those present were the Duchess of Bedford, the Duchess of St. Albans, Sir Wilfred Lawson, and Lady Catherine and Mr. Somerset.

SATURDAY LAST was kept as Hospital Saturday in the Metropolis, and about 2500 ladies, in very many cases accompanied by children, were distributed at prominent places—street corners, outside railway stations, &c., soliciting contributions from the passengers. It is believed that about £5000 was thus raised, while the collections in houses of business and other contributions will, it is believed, raise the total of the fund to about £25,000.

BRO. D. P. CAMA, who some few years ago was elected to the position of Grand Treasurer, has forwarded to Bro. the Lord Mayor a cheque for 100 guineas for the Mansion House Poor-box Fund, with a letter in which he states: "To-day being the anniversary of my mother's death, to mark the solemn occasion I am desirous to do some charitable act, as taught me by my religion." This is the third occasion within a comparatively short period that the Mansion House Poor-box Fund has benefited by this brother's benevolence.

THE MARCHIONESS OF LANSDOWNE, accompanied by Lady Beatrice Fitzmaurice, opened an attractive Sale of Indian Art Wares at the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday, the object being to encourage and preserve the beautiful handicraft of the East. Among those present either at the stalls or as visitors were the Marchioness of Dufferin, the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, Lady Reay, Lady Wenlock, Lady Harris, Lady Frederick Cavendish, and others.

THE DEAN OF ROCHESTER has just received from a few of the leading brethren of the United States the sum of 130 dollars, which they have requested him to expend at his discretion on something for Rochester Cathedral. It is believed that the Dean will purchase with the money a processional cross. At the festival of parochial choirs in the cathedral, the procession was headed by a crucifer in girded alb, attended by two acolytes, similarly vested. But the cross was borrowed.

AFTER PROVIDING for the amortization of leases, depreciation of plant, sinking fund for the redemption of debentures, the payment of debenture interest, and carrying £15,000 to general reserve fund, and £5000 to amortization of leases in advance, the report of Spicers and Pond, Limited, recommends the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. and a bonus of 3s. per share, less income tax, for the year ending the 31st March, 1896, leaving £9820 12s. 2d. to be carried forward to next year. The warrants will be posted on the 15th inst. The share transfer books are closed from the 29th June to the 13th inst., both inclusive.

THE ROYAL SOCIETIES CLUB, under the presidency of Sir Clements Markham, gave a banquet on Saturday evening last in honour of the newly-elected Fellows of the Royal Society and the Royal Academicians. The Italian Ambassador and Sir Henry Johnston replied for the toast of "The Visitors." A reception followed, at which between 500 and 600 guests were present, among them being Bro. Lord Suffield, Sir H. Havelock-Allan, Bro. Tomlinson, M.P., Sir Donald Smith, High Commissioner for Canada, Admiral Sir Erasmus Ommanney, Sir William Hunter, Sir Bartle Frere, and others.

THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY of Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., which is an offshoot from the Honourable Artillery Company of London, arrived, to the number of 345, including band, off Queenstown, on Monday evening, on board the Cunard steamer Servia, and proceeded in the vessel to Liverpool, whence they took train to London, where they are quartered at the Hotel Cecil, and are entered for a series of fêtes, in which the parent company in the Metropolis will take the lead as hosts. They will also be inspected by the Prince of Wales, who is Colonel and Captain General of the London H.A.C.

JUBILEE OF SEMPER FIDELIS LODGE, No. 529, WORCESTER.—This lodge was consecrated on July 4th, 1846, and therefore completed its 50 years on Saturday last. To celebrate the event, the W.M. (Bro. W. E. Williams), Wardens, and brethren, with their lady friends, assembled on Monday for a river trip to the ancient and interesting town of Tewkesbury and a picnic at Pull Court. The excellent weather and complete arrangements left nothing to be desired, and the function therefore passed off to the enjoyment of all present and satisfaction of the brethren, who were able to consider that they had favourably marked an interesting occasion in the history of their lodge, which at the present moment is numerically the strongest in the Province of Worcestershire.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—On Friday, the 3rd instant, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. J. Kelleit-Smith, P.P.G.R., a meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when there was a large attendance. After the transaction of the business of the various Committees of the Institution, eight children were elected on the educational fund, four on the combined fund, and six children received grants for advancement in life after leaving school, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Committee. A change in the by-laws was adopted, on the proposition of Bro. R. H. Leake, P.M. 1547, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Smith for presiding.

FREEMASONRY IN THE WEST.—The installation of Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., as Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, will take place in Exeter on Wednesday, the 12th August next. The installation ceremony will be performed by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, and Past Deputy Grand Master of England. The present Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. G. C. Davie, P.M. 251, P.A.G.D.C. England, has consented to continue to hold his important office. Bro. John Stocker, P.M. 39, P.P.J.G.W., has accepted the Prov. Grand Master's invitation to act as Prov. Grand Secretary, in succession to Bro. John Brewer, P.M. 251, who retires. A large gathering of the brethren is anticipated on account of the popularity of the appointment, and the fact that there has been a very considerable increase in the memberships of the lodges in the larger towns of the province since Bro. Viscount Ebrington succeeded the late Bro. Rev. John Huyshe as Prov. Grand Master of the county. Bro. John Stocker's acceptance of the office of Prov. Grand Secretary will give considerable satisfaction. He is in close touch with the Craft throughout Devon, and is held in high esteem in Masonic circles. Sir Stafford, by accepting this appointment, becomes the Prov. Grand Master of both Craft and Mark Masonry in Devonshire—a distinction accorded to few.