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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The 109th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held on Wednesday, under the auspices of Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK, Prov. G. Master of South Wales, Eastern Division, passed off far more successfully than at one time we were inclined to hope. As will be seen from the ample report and the Stewards' Lists we publish elsewhere, there were on this occasion 395 Stewards, and the result of their efforts is represented by a grand total of Donations and Subscriptions amounting to £16,026 6s. 6d., there being no very material difference between the totals contributed by London and the Provinces respectively. We are pleased that matters have turned out thus favourably, firstly because it will remove all anxiety from the minds of the School authorities on the subject of ways and means for the present year; secondly, because the sum obtained is large enough to defray the expenditure of the Institution, and at the same time augment the invested capital; and lastly, because in this year of years, when her Majesty the QUEEN, Chief Patroness of the Institution, is completing the 60th year of her reign and everybody is desirous of celebrating that auspicious event in some special way or by an extra amount of zeal and energy in behalf of his favourite Charitable Institution, it is satisfactory to find that the Freemasons of England have not been behindhand in their support of the Institutions of which they are so justly proud. We congratulate the Chairman on the able manner in which he discharged his very responsible duties and his Province of South Wales, East, on the loyalty with which they seconded his efforts; the Board of Stewards generally on the success of their canvass, and the lodges and brethren who so generously responded to the appeals addressed to them in behalf of "Our Girls." Nor must we leave unrecognised the labours of Bro. HEDGES, the experienced Secretary of the Institution. He did all that a Secretary could do in order to ensure the success of this Festival, and he now has reward in the knowledge that his labours have resulted in a total of contributions by no means unworthy of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Festival in celebration of the 109th Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Llangatock, Provincial Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division). A large party of brethren supported his lordship, among whom were—

Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Major J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; E. Terry, P.G. Treas.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; James Stephens, D.G.D.C.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; Dr. Orwin, A.G.D.C.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. F. Parker, D.G. Superintendent of Workings, Sydney; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B., Trustee of the Institution; R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C.; W. A. Scurrell, P.G.S.B.; W. Lake, A.G. Sec.; James Boulton, P.G.P.; Dr. Le Cronier, J. H. Whadcoat, James Willing, jun., Stanley J. Attenborough, F. P. Telfer, T. P. Dorman, Thomas J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; Col. H. M. Gordon, P.G.S.B.; Walter Martin, A.G.P.; A. C. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br.; H. H. Bemrose, M.P.; Percy Wallis, Colonel C. R. Lyne, Marmaduke Tennant, P.A.G.D.C.; Major Ricardo, J. Campbell Johnstone, J. Faulkner, A. W. Duret, James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.I.B.; and F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. of the Institution.

A large number of ladies, among whom was Lady Llangatock, were entertained at a separate banquet in company with the Ladies' Stewards.

When the brethren had concluded their banquet in the large hall of the Tavern, grace was said by Bro. the Rev. H. A. HEBB, Head Master of the Boys' School, and the toasts were immediately proceeded with.

Lord LLANGATTOCK, in giving the toast of "The Queen," said: Brother Masons, the first toast that I have to offer for your acceptance is the health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. This toast is often given and often received in every quarter of the globe, and yet we Englishmen are never tired of receiving it. It is always a delight to us to have an opportunity of testifying once more our love for the Queen and our respect for the Sovereign who reigns so well and so graciously over our hearts. (Hear, hear.) Surely, brethren, in this year—this most historical year—when all the world are doing honour to our beloved Queen, do not our hearts warm more, if possible, than ever in love and respect for a Sovereign under whose reign so many blessings have been showered upon us? As a lady we give her love and respect; as a Sovereign we give her admiration and gratitude. (Applause.) I will ask you, brethren, to fill your glasses and join with me—all hearts uniting in one—in our wishes, in our prayers, that our beloved Queen may be spared for many years to reign over a happy and prosperous people! I give you "The Health of her Majesty the Queen." (Applause.)

The toast having been enthusiastically honoured, was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Lord LLANGATTOCK again rose, and said: Brother Masons, having by our first toast done honour to our Sovereign our thoughts turn naturally in the next place towards his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The first subject of the realm and nearest to the throne, our Prince has been the first to learn the lesson of constant and unselfish devotion to duty which has been so splendidly taught him by his Royal mother. No man in the kingdom works harder than the Prince of Wales and no one works with more cheerfulness. (Hear, hear.) By his kindness, by his genial sympathy with all classes, he has made for himself a lasting home in the hearts of the English people. (Applause.) We, as Freemasons, feel ourselves specially bound to his Royal Highness by special ties. He is not only the beloved heir to the throne; he is more; he is our brother Mason and head of our splendid and Ancient Order. (Hear, hear.) I give you the toast of "Bro. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England."

This toast likewise was most heartily received.

Lord LLANGATTOCK proposed the next toast. He said: Brother Masons, my privilege is to propose as the next toast "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." To us Freemasons the name of Lord Lathom is indeed familiar. We propose his health at all our banquets and we always drink it with enthusiasm. No one could have filled the office with such dignity, no one with such suavity and dignity, as Lord Lathom. (Hear, hear.) It is a particular pleasure to me to propose his health as I had the pleasure to be with him at Oxford where he was received with respect and beloved by all.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.W., who was called upon to respond, said: Right Worshipful Brother in the Chair and Brethren, I regret very much that the response to this toast should have fallen upon a brother in so humble a position as myself. (Cries of "No, no.") I believe that my brother on my left, Sir John Monckton and myself who have filled the office of President of the Board of General Purposes for 10 years each, are perhaps better able to testify to the special interest which the Earl of Lathom takes in everything connected with the Craft, and his willingness at all times, even at personal inconvenience, to discharge the duties which devolve

upon him in his high position. (Hear, hear.) With respect to our Deputy Grand Master, he is comparatively new to the office, but he has filled the chair on many occasions in Grand Lodge, and he has sufficiently assured us of the way he discharged those duties, and the office assigned to him is peculiarly well filled by our Deputy, Earl Amherst. For the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, I can only say, from an experience of upwards of 30 years, that they are always willing to undertake the duties they are called upon to perform to the best of their ability, not only willing, but actually desirous on all occasions, such as we have had recently at the Royal Albert Hall, and again are to have on the 14th June—the Grand Officers are always willing and desirous of helping and assisting to the best of their ability. I therefore venture to think, Right Worshipful Brother in the chair, that the compliment it is usual to pay them on these occasions is not undeserved, a compliment which you have so gracefully repeated this evening.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., next rose and said: Brethren,— You have received my name very kindly, as my brother Masons always do; you will receive the toast I am about to propose to you even more enthusiastically: it is "The Health of our Chairman, the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock." I hope the Welsh brethren will take notice that I have studied the pronunciation, and have got as near to it as a mere Englishman can hope to do. (Laughter.) I may say we have two or three or more—half-a-dozen, little Welsh lassies in the School, and we on the House Committee are able to get a little Welsh for nothing now and then. (Laughter.) The subject of the toast is the most estimable nobleman, and one of the best and kindest-hearted Masons this country contains. (Applause.) When first, many years ago, I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of his lordship, before he was "his lordship," it was at his own house, at his own hospitable board, at a gathering assembled by him to further and benefit the needs and the interests of one of our Masonic Institutions—I mean the Old People. He may forget it; I do not. Well, here we have his lordship to-day complying most kindly with a request which is always a large order to anyone who has much to do in the country—a request that he would preside this year at the festival of our Little Girls. He has kindly acceded and he has done it in a most thorough way. Not only did his lordship say he would attend with Lady Llangattock at the Stewards' gathering on Monday, but he added like a man of business—a shrewd west-countryman—"I should like not merely to come down when all this gaiety and conviviality and so on are going on; I should like to go down and look over the place." His lordship did come down one day last week and he nearly ran our Matron off her legs; he calculated they travelled two miles going through corridors and passages and over all parts of the building and the effect of all his lordship saw you will hear from him presently. It is now again my duty to propose his health, as I do most heartily and sincerely, as heartily and sincerely as you will receive it, and I thank him for his great kindness in being our Chairman in this notable year 1897.

The toast was drunk with three cheers, and one more for Lady Llangattock.

Lord LLANGATTOCK, in acknowledging the toast and its reception, said: Brother Masons, I am always at a loss for words to express my thanks when my health is drunk; but how much more so must I feel it on this occasion, when you have received it with such kindness and heartiness, and, I may say, enthusiasm? I only wish I was an orator, that I might in more fitting words express my thanks to you, Sir John, for the kind manner you have brought my name before this great assembly, and you, brother Masons, for the warm and hearty welcome you have given me, and kindly signs on all sides. (Hear, hear.) I do not intend to say a word about myself to-night, except to tell you how proud I feel at the great honour which was so graciously conferred upon me as Provincial Grand Master of the distinguished district—the Eastern Division of South Wales. (Applause.) And I wish to tell you how proud I am of my 21 lodges, and of the spirit and energy that pervade the whole province, and that we are all working so happily and harmoniously together. (Hear, hear.) One word more—although no words that I use can express my feelings of praise for my splendid Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant. (Applause.) None of you can imagine how loyal he has been to me, and what an immense assistance he is in the working of our province. I have often to thank him privately; but I am glad of this opportunity of expressing to the brethren the wonderful assistance he has been to me, and my most devoted thanks to him. (Cheers.) I take this opportunity of thanking the Stewards of my province for the great assistance they have been in bringing the money to this great meeting, and I also thank the Stewards of all the other divisions for their kindness and the work that they have done. (Hear, hear.) I know that this has been a most difficult year—a year unhappily of famine, and happily of Jubilee; and I know how generous you all have been and what great calls have been made upon you one and all, and I cannot expect that this festival will be as successful as those of the past gone by. And now I come to the toast of the evening which is "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Applause.) Your applause is a great relief to me, for I feel it will not require from me many words of recommendation on this occasion. We all know we have an Institution which is an honour to the Society which maintains it with such loving care and unbounded generosity. If you have read that little book which was published by the aid of our good Secretary, Bro. Hedges, I ask you, who can read that book without a thrill of joy and pride? seeing that from such a small beginning it has grown to such splendid proportions at the present time. Founded in 1788 at the suggestion of the Chevalier Ruspini and opened in a small house, it contained 15 children. Then it was removed in 1793 to St. George's Fields, where it laboured with all sorts of difficulties, where it had ups and downs and all kinds of trials, until in 1852 it was founded on a rock at Wandsworth, and now it is one of the most useful and successful Institutions in the whole country. (Applause.) I had the great pleasure of going down to the School. I think no one has an idea what that School is until they have visited it. I had the pleasure of going down on two occasions, and I nearly killed poor Miss Buck, the Matron. She kindly walked all over the place with me. We went into all the dormitories, the sitting-rooms, the class-rooms, the laundry, the carpenter's shop, where they mend the children's watches—(laughter)—the kitchen, the scullery, and I thought we must have been all over the place, and I asked her whether she could show me the chamber of horrors—the switching-room. She said there was no switching-room. (Laughter.) How different from the old days—the good old times when all the children used to be whipped every Monday morning. (Laughter.) That was why it was called black Monday. Then they said you should always whip a little boy, because if he had not done

any harm he would. (Laughter.) How changed it is all now! What a wonderful change! Now they are taught with loving care; their lives are made happy; their lessons are made a pleasure to them instead of a pain and penalty. (Hear, hear.) I cannot speak too highly of Miss Buck, of Miss Redgrave, of Mrs. Roworth, and Miss Gibson. I have seen them all at their different tasks and their different ways of teaching; but their way of teaching is to make everything happy and pleasant; the children enjoy their lessons and exercises just as much as receiving their prizes. It was exceedingly gratifying to see the prizes given away, and I am happy to tell the Welsh brethren that the last prize was taken by a chubby little girl from South Wales of the name of Norah Rhys. Now I wish to say one word more—that the whole School, the teachers, the children, were like one large happy family, and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing that the career of this Institution may be one of increased and continued prosperity. (Cheers.) And now brethren I must not detain you, but I cannot resist saying one word which is to express what immense pleasure it has been to me to be among you this evening and to see such a splendid number of Masons. I am sure that such meetings as these cannot but be useful and profitable to us all, where we can throw aside all difference of opinion and meet with that unanimity and brotherly love, without which, Masonry cannot exist. (Hear, hear.) Let us continue to show what Masons are, that we do not merely meet together to put on our fine clothing and eat good dinners, but that we endeavour to carry out the principles of the Craft, which we all know are founded on the Volume of Sacred Law. Let us bear in mind, brethren, that we belong to a Society, the oldest on record, one which demands of us to be firm and faithful in our allegiance, walking uprightly in the world, respecting ourselves, and thereby insuring the respect of others. I give you "The Health and Success and Prosperity of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," and, in the unavoidable absence of Sir Reginald Hanson, the Treasurer, who is at the Festival of the Sons of the Clergy, I call upon Bro. Peter Long, the senior member of the House Committee to respond.

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D., in reply to the toast, said: My Lord and Brethren,—I have made many speeches at festivals in years gone by, but I must confess that, before I say one word in reference to the toast, I must congratulate the R.W. Chairman on the very admirable manner in which he has proposed this toast to you, brethren. It is not the ordinary *ad captandum* speech you occasionally hear from the chair; but our Chairman has shown and demonstrated pretty strongly that he has thoroughly identified himself with our Institution and its working before he addressed you in a very kind manner, so far as our School is concerned, to-night. We, brethren, have been carrying on that Institution for very many years past, and indeed it is most gratifying to myself and the other members of the House Committee to hear the Institution so well spoken of as our Chairman has spoken of it to-night. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) We can only hope that, brilliant and satisfactory as has been its career, and the results of our work hitherto, our prospects are equally hopeful. Of course, I feel now that it labours under a great disadvantage, for this reason. I should like to say a few words, perhaps many, with reference to the work and the curriculum of this great Institution, but I know that you are assembled here for a great purpose, namely, to provide us with the sinews of war, and as soon as I sit down you will then have disclosed to you the results of your labours of love on behalf of the children of our great Fraternity. I express, as the mouthpiece of the Institution to-night—and this is one I have taken great personal interest in for now a quarter of a century—that we thank you heartily and sincerely, my lord, for your efforts on our behalf, which I have every reason to believe will result in a great and unqualified success. My anticipations, I hope, will be realised and prompt us to make this great and good work greater and better and the future of this Institution, if possible, more brilliant than the past. (Cheers.)

Bro. HEDGES then read the following

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SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

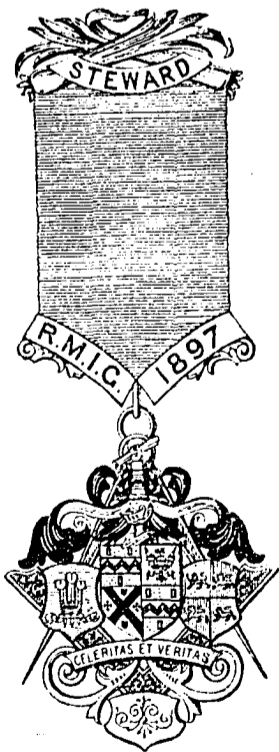
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Perkshire...	194	5	0	Middlesex ...	260	8	0
Buckinghamshire ...	171	4	0	Monmouthshire ...	346	10	0
Cambridgeshire ...	10	10	0	Norfolk ...	110	5	0
Cheshire ...	110	5	0	Northants and Hunts ...	78	10	0
Cornwall ...	68	5	0	North Wales ...	68	5	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	10	10	0	Oxfordshire ...	51	7	6
Derbyshire ...	327	7	0	Shropshire ...	176	8	0
Devonshire ...	35	10	0	South Wales (East Division)	1050	0	0
Dorsetshire ...	72	9	0	Staffordshire ...	225	5	0
Durham ...	52	10	0	Suffolk ...	227	10	0
Essex ...	303	0	0	Surrey ...	622	7	6
Gloucestershire ...	286	18	0	Sussex ...	205	9	6
Hampshire and Isle of Wight..	153	6	6	Warwickshire ...	210	0	0
Hertfordshire ...	399	7	0	Worcestershire ...	199	10	0
Kent ...	219	19	0	Yorkshire (North and East)	127	15	0
Lancashire (East Division) ...	250	15	0	" (West) ...	120	0	0
" (West Division) ...	224	14	0	Jersey ...	241	10	0
Leicestershire and Rutland ...	320	5	0	Foreign Stations ...	126	10	0
182 STEWARDS—LONDON					£8083	2	6
213 STEWARDS—PROVINCES					7943	4	0
GRAND TOTAL					£16,026	6	6

Lord LLANGATTOCK: I had no intention of saying another word, but I cannot help saying another word—"Magnificent." I thank you all in the name of the School for the magnificent subscription you have given to it. I think there is a special blessing attending this Girls' School. I only hope I may live to see it have a permanent income of £10,000, when I think we may all be happy. We want to be ready against any bad times, there may be bad times; there may be illnesses in England, and we want to be free from ill. Some day we may not get such magnificent subscriptions as these.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., proposed "The Other Masonic Charities," in place of Bro. C. E. Keyser, who had left. He congratulated the Chairman on the splendid result of the present meeting; it was beyond his anticipation. He felt that whatever the brethren did they were capable of still greater things in the future. They had worked magnificently. During this year, over which they had not got yet, it was astonishing that notwithstanding the number of subscriptions they were called upon for in every direction, these collections should be so large. It was wonderful where the money came from. But they were well delighted with the result. He appealed for assistance for the Boys' School. They all desired the greatest amount of good for that Institution, which was always in their memory. Masons had also another Institution—that of the Aged, of which Bro. James Terry was Secretary. He thought Bro. Terry had swept the board when he got £19 100 with the Duke of Connaught in the chair; but yet they had got more than £16,000 for the Girls that night. He hoped there was still a large sum left for the Boys' School. Bro. J. M. McLEOD responded.

Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT proposed "The Stewards," who had by their noble efforts gathered together such an amount as the brethren had heard announced. Lord Llangattock had said many kind words with regard to him, but he (Bro. Tennant) wished to disabuse their minds upon one point, viz.—he had nothing whatever to do with the large amount which had been sent up in his province.

Bro. EDWARD TERRY, P.G.T., acknowledged the toast, and the brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where they were presided over by Lord Llangattock, who had Lady Llangattock on his right, and a grand concert was given under the direction of Bro. Franklin Clive, by the following performers: Miss Esther Palliser (prima donna Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden), Miss Florence Bethell, Miss Ethel Bevans, and Miss Lydia Care; Bros. Herbert Grover, Reginald Groome, Robert Grice, Franklin Clive, and Frederic Upton, humourist; at the piano and organ—Bro. Turle Lee, and Mr. Richard Walthew.



The foundation of the badge is the square and compasses, and upon this are placed the arms and crest of the Chairman, Lord Llangattock, enamelled in correct colours. Upon each side appears a shield, that on the left contains the Prince of Wales's plume and feathers, and that on the right the arms of the Principality of Wales. The upper part of badge is formed by the mantling flowing from the helmet, whilst at the base appear two scrolls, embracing a ribbon, bearing the motto—"Celeritas et veritas." The hanger is of white ribbon, having a top-bar composed of two leeks, in saltire, and showing a white enamelled scroll, with the word "Steward." The bottom bar is an ornamental double scroll bearing R.M.I.G. 1897.

The above jewel was specially designed and manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

There can be no question, as we point out elsewhere, as to the result of the Girls' School Festival on Wednesday having exceeded the general expectation, and hence we experience the greater pleasure in examining the Returns. The Board of Stewards numbered 395, or within only a few of the record Board of last year, and the total of the Donations and Subscriptions obtained by their efforts was £16,026 6s. 6d., this being the second highest Return ever announced at the Festivals in behalf of this Institution, the Centenary Festival in 1838 being alone excepted. Towards this result London, represented by 182 Stewards, contributed £8083 2s. 6d., and the Provinces, with 213 Stewards, the sum of £7943 4s., the general result as compared with that of last year, when the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G. Master of Lincolnshire presided, being in favour of the present occasion by rather more than £600.

LONDON.

as we have said contributed £8083 2s. 6d., by the hands of 182 Stewards, the lists ranging from £100 upwards being as follows, Bro. George Pidduck, W.M., of the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, securing the place of honour with £233. For the second place Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, a member of the House Committee, and representing the Lodge of Fellowship, No. 2535, and Bro. Frank Richardson of the House Committee, tied with the excellent total of £210, Bro. J. B. Cleave, W.M. Marciano Lodge, No. 2648, standing next with £182 14s. Then we have our worthy Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br., handing in a list of £170. Bro. H. Hyde, Upton Lodge, No. 1227, with £157 10s.; Bro. Charles Davis, W.M., Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, with £152 15s.; and then Bro. W. J. Mason, W.M. Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150, with £141 15s. Bro. F. C. Van Duzer, as Steward for the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, of which he is W.M. elect, and Columbia Lodge, No. 2397, of which he is W.M., had the pleasure of returning £135, while Bro. G. Scott Miller, W.M. of the Old Boys' Lodge, No. 2500, is entered for £130, including his own personal donation of 45 guineas. Bro. J. Barrett, Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, is entered for £127 1s. Bro. J. A. Witthaus, W.M. of the Barnet Lodge, No. 2509, with seven brethren of the same lodge, returned £126, and the same amount, including a personal donation of 50 guineas, and 50 guineas from the Supreme Council, 33°, comes from Bro. A. H. Bevan, who, not for the first time, represented the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383. Bro. James Tollworthy, of the Guardian Lodge, No. 2625, which was only consecrated on the 15th January of the present year, and Bro. G. H. Porter, Nelson Lodge, No. 700, were each of them successful in raising £120 15s. Bro. Capt. G. Morrison, of the Cheerybles Lodge, No. 2466, figures for £115 10s., and Bro. P. Saillard, of La France Lodge, No. 2060, for £115, of which 65 guineas has the personal donation of Bro. Saillard himself. Bro. James Lawson, Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, raised £111 16s., and Bro. J. H. Collingridge, Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, £110 5s., while the four following brethren close the array each with a list of £105, namely, Bro. Charles Hammerton, of the House Committee; Bro. T. N. Morris, W.M. Domestic Lodge, No. 177; Bro. O. Heinemann, Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627; and Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, Unattached, the list being, in fact, his own personal donation. This is a somewhat longer array than usual of lists exceeding £100. The following have also done well: Bro. Walter Dennis, Albion Lodge, No. 9, £75; Bro. H. Rapken, Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, £80 15s.; Bro. John Davidson, Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, £90; Bros. Rippin and Williams, Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, £76; Bro. H. Whitney, Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, £70 10s.; Bro. W. H. H. Jessop, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, £73 10s.; Bro. Ralph Clutton, of the House Committee, representing St Peter's Lodge, Westminster, No. 1537, £85 1s.; Bro. Schifferdecker, of the Clarendon Lodge, No. 2769, £89 3s.; Bro. James Randall, Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, £94 10s.; Bro. Henry Yates, Avondale Lodge, No. 2395, and Bro. A. J. Thomas, Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, each with £73 10s. to his credit; and Bro. Sir George D. Harris, London, County Council Lodge, No. 2603, with £78 15s. All these brethren must have worked hard to obtain their lists, and we congratulate them, one and all, on their success.

It is now time that we gave our attention to THE PROVINCES,

of which 35, with a few outlying Stations, were represented by 213 Stewards, and raised together £7943 4s. The following 11 Provinces, comprising in all 153 lodges, took no part in the proceedings; but their absence is, in nearly every instance, excusable. Thus BEDFORDSHIRE (seven lodges) figured in the Returns at the recent Benevolent Festival for £66 3s., while last year it raised £42 for the Old People and this Institution. In 1895 the Old People and "Our Boys" had £148 1s. apportioned between them, in the proportion of about five parts to the former and two to the latter; in 1894 all three Institutions participated in the benefits the Province was able to confer, a sum of £238 9s. being shared amongst them, while in 1893 the sum raised was £183 17s. 6d., and in 1892—for the Benevolent and Girls' Institution—£152 5s. BRISTOL (nine lodges) has done nothing since 1895, when it raised £10 10s. for the Benevolent Institution, and £107 8s. for the Boys' School. In 1894 it was very successful in its support of the Girls' School, for which it compiled the large total of £441, giving a few weeks later £16 16s. to the Boys' School, while in 1892 and 1891 it favoured the latter Institution, and in those two years raised for it as much as £911. HEREFORDSHIRE (five lodges), is in its usual place—among the absentees, while LINCOLNSHIRE (24 lodges), is there by way of a rest after the handsome part it played last year in supporting this Institution, whilst its Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, occupied the chair, and the Province subscribed £1500. Moreover, it was in the Benevolent Returns in February for £10 10s.; NORTHUMBERLAND (28 lodges), was represented at the Benevolent Festival for £36 15s., while at the Girls' School Festival in May, 1895, it raised, by Bro. Richard Holmes, P.G.T., D.P.G.M., no less than £2315 5s., and in the following June, £106 18s. for the Boys' School. Last year it raised £52 10s. for this Institution. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (18 lodges) took part in the Benevolent Festival in February, when an Unattached Steward raised £78 9s., while last year it supported this Institution to the extent of £232 4s., and the Boys' Institution, with £163 2s., and in 1895 the Old People received £107 12s. 6d., and the Boys' School £166 19s. We must confess to being somewhat surprised at the absence of SOMERSETSHIRE (26 lodges), from the two Festivals that have been held this year, especially as in 1896, it contented itself with raising £36 15s. for "Our Girls," and £87 3s. for "Our Boys," or together, only £123 18s. Of course, we bear in mind that in 1895, when Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G. Master, presided at the Old People's Festival, it loyally supported his lordship and raised no less than £1657 17s. 6d. for that Institution, the smaller sums it contributed to the two School Festivals, augmenting the year's total to £1745 3s. 7d.. We are also influenced by somewhat similar feelings in respect of SOUTH WALES, WESTERN DIVISION, not because it is by any means a strong Province, for it has only 10 lodges on its roll, but because the Chairman on Wednesday was the Prov. G. Master of its immediate neighbour South Wales, Eastern Division, and the two are so intimately associated that we imagined a little help, if only out of neighbourly affection, might have been forthcoming on this occasion. However, last year it subscribed £210 for this Institution; in 1895, £239 19s. 6d. for the Boys' School; and in 1894, £154 12s. We shall doubtless, therefore, hear of it next month as taking part in the Boys' School Festival. WILTSHIRE (11 lodges), fulfilled its part in February when it contributed £205 to the Benevolent Institution, this Institution having had its

turn in 1896, when £210 was raised for it. In 1895, the Boys' School received £279 6s., and in 1894, the Benevolent £175 14s. 6d., and the Boys' School £126 4s. GUERNSEY and JERSEY took part in the Old People's Anniversary to the extent of £126. In 1892, it raised £210 for the Benevolent, and £57 10s. for this Institution, and has been entered for smaller amounts at several of the Anniversaries that have been held since that year, while the ISLE OF MAN (9 lodges), is entered from time to time for fairly good amounts.

As regards the represented Provinces, it will be remarked that

BERKSHIRE

had two of its 15 lodges included in the Returns, each of them having two Stewards, the Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading, contributing per Bros. the Rev. J. Stewart and Capt. Tupman £105, and the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury per Bros. Major Ricardo and C. E. Keyser £73 10s., the principal item being £105, standing to the names of Bro. Stewart. In February, as many as eight of its lodges sent up Stewards, who amongst them compiled the excellent total of £455 3s. 6d. Bro. Keyser's £110 5s., as Steward for Lodge 414, being the highest list. Last year the Province distributed £1010 19s. 6d., amongst the three Institutions, the Boy's School being the recipient of the largest sum; while in 1895 the amount of £939 6s. 4d. was raised. In 1894, £583 13s. 6d. was returned; in 1893, £724 7s., and in 1892, £954 11s. 6d., of which the Benevolent Jubilee very properly obtained the largest portion; £661 9s. 6d. In 1891 it raised £385 1s., but then it had only just been created a separate Province. These Returns from a Province of such moderate strength do not stand in need of any commendation, they commend themselves to all who are partial to good work in the cause of Charity.

Five of the 18 lodges in

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

are included in the Returns on Wednesday, one of the lodges—the Buckingham, No. 591, Aylesbury—having three Brethren to represent it. The total of the lists handed in by the seven Stewards is £171 4s., which, added to the £250 8s. 6d. subscribed to the Benevolent Festival last February, gives us a total for this year up to the present time of £421 12s. 6d. In 1896 the sum of £429 11s. was distributed amongst the three Institutions, the Benevolent receiving £61 17s. 6d.; this Institution £186 11s.; and the Institution for Boys £181 2s. 6d. In 1895 the Old People received £52 10s., this Institution £210, and the Boys' School £176 4s. 6d., making a total for the year of £438 14s. 6d.; in 1894, including £429 15s. to the Boys' School, the year's total stood at £590; in 1893, at £479 16s.; in 1892, at £705 15s., of which £291 18s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee; and in 1891, at £511 1s., of which £300 was raised for this Institution in support of the Chairmanship of Bro. Lord Carrington, then Prov. G. Master. Thus the present year appears to promise well so far.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

though it has but half-a-dozen lodges, began this year famously, the three brethren who had its interests in charge at the Benevolent Festival compiling a total of £302 10s. 3d., or more than £50 per lodge, the principal list—that of Bro. Chennell, who acted as Steward for the Province generally—amounting to £219 11s. It is not surprising, therefore, that on Wednesday only two Unattached Stewards in the persons of Bros. W. and G. Briggs, who figure frequently at these celebrations, should have done duty for the Province. In 1896 Cambridgeshire subscribed in all £364 5s.—that is to say, £101 15s. to the Old People, £73 10s. to this Institution, and £189 to the Boys' School. In 1895 only £168 was contributed very unequally between the Schools, "Our Girls" obtaining the lion's share; but in 1894 and 1893 all three were benefited, to the extent of £239 in the former, and to that of £290 17s. in the latter. In 1892 the Benevolent Institution had it all to itself, the sum of £326 8s. being subscribed towards its Jubilee.

Three out of the 48 lodges on the roll of

CHESHIRE

took part in Wednesday's meeting and these with two Unattached brethren together subscribed £110 5s., while in February six lodges subscribed amongst them £94 10s. Last year's total, for very sufficient reasons was on a modest scale amounting to no more than £237 6s., and of this the Girls' School was fortunate enough to receive £184 16s. In 1895, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G. Master, presided as Chairman at the Boys' School Festival, and the Province, with its accustomed loyalty, backed up his lordship by contributing towards that Institution the good round sum of £2000. In 1892, it raised £1988 for the Benevolent Jubilee, and the preceding year £1050 for "Our Boys;" while in the years in which it was an absentee from these various festive gatherings it organised a Benevolent Institution of its own and started it with a capital of over £3000, while, as our readers are well aware, it has had an Educational Institute for the last 30 years and upwards, which has done some neat and effective work in its time for the children of deceased and indigent Cheshire Masons. Thus the Province has made for itself a good reputation and will doubtless take care it is well maintained.

There are 30 lodges on the roll of

CORNWALL

and for these collectively Bro. E. D. Anderton, by no means for the first time, acted as Steward, the donations and subscriptions which he was successful in obtaining from the lodges and brethren amounting to the goodly total of £68 5s. In February Major J. G. Shanks was the Provincial Steward, and had the pleasure of handing in a list of £179 16s. Last year it raised at two out of the three Festivals £305 11s., the Benevolent receiving, per Bro. James A. Bell, £204 15s. in February, and the Boys' School, per Bro. Anderton and another, in June, £100 16s. In 1895 the total raised was £789 18s., of which £750 was contributed to this Institution in support of the Chairmanship of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M. England, its Prov. G.M. In 1894 the sum of £241 10s. was apportioned between the two Schools, while the preceding year the Boys' School had the field to itself, and obtained £225 15s. In 1892 the Earl of Mount Edgumbe presided as Chairman at the Benevolent Jubilee, and Cornwall showed its loyalty to his lordship by raising £776 15s.

We were not prepared on this occasion—any more than we were at the Benevolent Festival in February last—to find that any of the 21 lodges on the roll of

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND

would be included in the Returns, knowing, as we do, that Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Prov. G. Master, has arranged to act as Chairman at the approaching Boys' School Festival. However, it is needless to say that the surprise we have experienced in both cases is agreeable, though in February its list was only the personal donation—as we imagine—of an Unattached Steward, while on Wednesday the amount contributed by the Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale, did not exceed £10 10s. Last year the Province had no part in any one of the Festivals, but in 1895 it raised £102 18s. for the Benevolent Institution; in 1894, £178 10s. for this Institution; in 1893, £63 8s. for the Boys' School; and in 1892, £420 for the Benevolent Jubilee.

DERBYSHIRE

with its 27 lodges, played the part of "Chairman's Province" so successfully in June of last year, when his Grace the Duke of Devonshire presided at the Boys'

Festival, that it would in no wise have detracted from its prestige had it rested for a time from its labour in this particular branch of Masonic duty. However, the Province itself does not seem to have thought any rest was necessary, and in February the Arkwright Lodge, No. 1475, Matlock, Bath, was returned as subscribing, per Bro. H. Knowles, £30 8s. 6d. On Wednesday, six lodges were represented, and the seven Stewards including Bro. George Fletcher, Unattached, raised together £327 7s., the principal list being that of Bro. A. Butterworth of Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, for £100. In 1896 it raised £1642 2s. for the Boys' School; in 1895, £550, distributed equally among the three Charities; in 1894, £647 15s. 6d., of which £600 10s. 6d. was for "Our Boys," and the balance for "Our Girls;" in 1893, £1025 8s. 6d. amongst the three; and in 1892, £1738 14s., of which the bulk was subscribed to the Benevolent Jubilee.

There has latterly been great activity in the Province of

DEVONSHIRE

Only last week we reported the consecration of two additional lodges, and there is reason to hope that a corresponding increase of support to our Institutions will be developed. It looks, indeed, as if that increase had already commenced with the present year. In February, Bros. F. B. Westlake and John Lane, representing lodges, and Bro. Major Shanks, Unattached, together raised £130 4s., while on Wednesday the same Bro. Westlake, as Steward for the whole Province, and Bro. Fisher, Unattached, handed in lists amounting together to £35 10s. In 1896 Bro. Westlake for the Girls' School and Bro. Shorto for the Boys' School compiled lists of £115 10s. and £75 respectively, or together £180 15s., while in the three preceding years the totals were on a similarly modest scale, reaching £226 16s. in 1895, £135 12s. in 1894, and £181 2s. in 1893; but in 1892 the year's contributions was worthy of so strong a Province, amounting to £923 8s. 6d., of which £807 18s. 6d. was raised for the Benevolent Jubilee. We do not, of course, lose sight of the fact that the Province has its own Educational and Annuity Funds, which do a large amount of good locally, but at the same time we heartily welcome the greater interest which is apparently being taken in the Central Institutions, and as there are now 56 lodges on the roll, we trust the interest will be maintained.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of

DORSETSHIRE

and two of its 14 lodges were represented by a brace of Stewards, of whom Capt. A. C. Chapin acted for the P.G. Chapter and the Lodge of Amity, No. 137, Poole and Bro. Oldfield for Friendship and Sincerity, No. 472, Shaftesbury. Their lists together amounted to £72 9s., and as the Province figured in the Benevolent Returns last February for £137 11s., our Dorset brethren have acquitted themselves thus far well during the present year. In 1896 the Returns totalled £173 2s., comprising £160 10s. for the Old People, and £12 12s. for this Institution; in 1895 they reached £351 1s., of which Bro. S. R. Baskett, Steward from Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter raised £105, and Bro. W. G. Brymer, M.P., Deputy P.G. Master, with Bro. Major Watts to help him, £246 1s.; in 1894 they fell short of £200, Bro. Dugdale's list for the Benevolent Institution being £157 10s., and that of Bro. Major Watts for the Girls' School, £35. In 1893 there was apportioned £233 between the Schools, while in 1892 the large sum of £521 6s. was subscribed for the Benevolent Jubilee.

The Province of

DURHAM

with its 36 lodges, is entered for £52 10s., the name of the Steward who represented not having been published as yet. In February it returned £253 1s. to the Benevolent Institution, while in the four preceding years it figured in 1896 for £566 10s.; in 1895 for £512 8s.; in 1894 for £509 2s.; and in 1893 for £338 2s. In 1892 it raised altogether £1034 5s., of which £720 5s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee.

ESSEX

with its roll of 38 lodges, has a very fine record, and present appearances incline us to believe that that record will be maintained. In February seven of its lodges subscribed £414 19s. 6d., the best lists being those of Bro. G. S. Daunton, N.J. 2255, for £138 10s., and Bro. E. J. Bowmaker, No. 1000, for £90. On Wednesday three lodges and the chapter attached to a fourth sent Stewards, and there were likewise three brethren Unattached, the total from all sources being £323 9s., while the highest individual list was that of Bro. A. J. Marden, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, Shoeburyness, for £141 15s. In 1896 the total was large, amounting to £1433 11s. 6d., the Benevolent Institution receiving £296 13s. 6d., the Girls' School £950, and the Boys' School £186 18s. In 1895 the three Institutions, in the order of their Festivals, received £324 7s., £308 3s. 6d., and £639 19s., or amongst them £1272 10s., and in 1894 the total was £1123, of which this Institution had the good fortune to receive £823 13s. In 1893, when the Prov. G.M.—then Lord Brooke—presided, at the Boys' Festival the year's figure stood at £2258 3s. 6d., of which £2155 6s. 6d. was raised for the favoured Institution, while in 1892 the efforts of our Essex brethren yielded a total of £2608 5s., of which £2318 2s. 6d. was subscribed to the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1891 the total was £1648, of which £1265 15s. 6d. was raised for the Boys' School.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

is a medium Province, with only 16 lodges on its roll, but it has acquitted itself more than medium well for many years past. In 1896 the total it raised for the three Institutions was £544 19s., which was not so very unequally apportioned amongst them; in 1895 it reached £598 19s., of which the Boys' School received £324 9s., this Institution £229 19s., and the Old People £44 11s.; and in 1894 and 1893 the figures were £428 6s. 6d. and £304 18s. respectively; but these smaller figures are to be accounted for by the greater exertions put forth in 1892, when Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., was Chairman at the Boys' School Festival, and the Province supported him to the extent of £1645 11s., the total for the whole year amounting to £1729 11s. In February two lodges together subscribed £84 10s., and on Wednesday five lodges, with the D.P.G.M. acting independently, amongst them raised £286 18s., Bro. S. Ryland, of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, being responsible for £131 5s.

The strong Province of

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

began the year indifferently, only one of its 48 lodges sending up a Steward, whose list amounted to £57 15s. On Wednesday, a better show was made, there being four Stewards from as many lodges and the sum of their lists amounting to £153 6s. 6d. Last year, the contributions from this Province amounted together to £1149 12s. 6d., the Benevolent Institution receiving £193 19s. 6d.; the Girls' School, £256 12s.; and the Boys' School, £699 1s. In 1895, the total was £846 8s. 6d., of which the Boys' School obtained £516 8s., while the balance was apportioned between the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions. In 1894, the returns totalled £951 9s. 6d., and in 1893, £680 4s., but in 1892, the year of the Benevolent Jubilee, the sum of £1650 17s. was raised, the Old People having as their share over three-fourths, or precisely £1345 19s. 7d. We bear in mind that there is a Provincial Educational Fund, which of necessity absorbs a considerable portion of the brethren's money, so that if the present year promises unfavourably as compared with others we have known, we must look to matters being set straight next year, when the Boys' Centenary will be celebrated, or later when the Province has more funds available.

As for

HERTFORDSHIRE

there seems to be no end to the enlargement of its contributions, and we are very far from wishing to see the end. In February last, 10 of its 22 lodges, and three of its eight chapters, with two Stewards Unattached, together raised £857 4s. 6d., while on Wednesday there were included in the Returns nine lodges, whose lists amounted in the aggregate to £399 7s., and raising the total thus far for the present year to £1256 11s. 6d. Last year a body of 13 Stewards raised £744 8s. 6d. for the Benevolent Institution; eight Stewards £295 3s. for this Institution; and nine Stewards £498 15s. for the Boys' School; making the total for the year £1538 6s. 6d. In 1895 the amount was £1120 9s. 6d., made up of £452 3s. 6d. for the Benevolent Institution; £334 18s. 6d. for the Girls' School; and £333 7s. 6d. for the Boys' School. In 1894 the total was £958 6s. 4d., while in 1893 and 1892 the figures ranged very high, the sum of £2106 14s., including £1444 3s. 6d. for the Benevolent Festival, held under the auspices of Bro. C. E. Keyser, having been raised in the former, and £2135 6s. 6d., of which £1883 6s. 6d. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee, in the latter. These are formidable returns from a Province which has no more than 22 lodges on its roll with an aggregate subscribing membership of about 800 brethren.

KENT,

with its roll of 62 lodges, has not been figuring quite so conspicuously of late. The total for 1896 was considerably below the average, amounting to only £798 19s., of which £164 6s. was subscribed for the Old People, £196 7s. 6d. for this Institution, and £438 8s. 6d. for the Boys' School. The preceding year it reached the excellent sum of £2390 9s. 6d., the Benevolent Institution receiving £253 11s. 6d., this Institution £240 9s., and the Boys' School, including £1260 raised for the Eastes' Perpetual Presentation, £1896 9s. In the four preceding years the totals were: in 1894, £1225 10s. 6d.; in 1893, £2103 12s. 6d.; in 1892, £3003 13s. 6d.; and in 1891, when Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M., presided as Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, £4018 5s. This year the figures have been so far on a more modest scale, the four lodges and a chapter which took part in the Benevolent Festival in February raising amongst them £212 3s., while the seven lodges and an Unattached Lady Steward—Mrs. R. W. Walker—together compiled £219 19s., of which Bro. W. Hawker, representing the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, Gravesend, is responsible for £75.

A contingent of 15 Stewards, including Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P., the newly-appointed Junior Grand Warden, at its head, did duty for the large and important Province of

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION),

six lodges being represented by one or more Stewards, and the sum subscribed amounting to £250 15s. In February 17 Stewards, of whom 14 acted for 20 lodges and three were Unattached, together raised £464 6s., so that the current year promises to rival, if not to surpass, that of 1896, when the subscriptions to the three Festivals reached £912 9s. In 1895 they yielded only £265 13s., but the smallness of the sum was accounted for by the grand effort which our East Lancashire brethren made on behalf of its own local Institution, raising nearly £4500 at the Festival held in Manchester on the 1st July. If the sum contributed to the Boys' School next month is on the scale of this and the February contributions, the year 1897 will show up fairly well.

The Stewards hailing from

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION),

which, like its Eastern neighbour, has considerably over 100 lodges on its roll, were 10 in number, six being lodge representatives and four Unattached, the sum total of their lists being £224 14s. In February, four out of the five brethren who acted as Stewards returned together £52 10s., so that so far during the present year the contributions to our central Institutions have not been on a very formidable scale. Nor were the figures high last year or the year before, the subscriptions amounting to only £530 13s. 6d.—of which the Boys' School obtained £448 5s.—in the former, and to £516 15s. 6d. In 1894 the sum raised was £2768 2s. 6d., of which £2500 was raised for this Institution, which had the good fortune to secure the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G. Master, for its Chairman. In 1892, when the Benevolent Institution celebrated its Jubilee, the total was £1679 14s. 6d., while in 1891, when Lord Lathom presided as Chairman at the Boys' School Festival, at Brighton, the year's donations and subscriptions reached £6341 19s. 6d., of which £6126 14s. 6d. was raised for "Our Boys."

Bro. Edward Holmes must have thrown a good deal of energy into his work as Steward for the Province of

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

seeing that the list he handed in contained donations and subscriptions amounting to £320 5s. As there are only 14 lodges on the roll, such a return as this is eminently satisfactory. Last year the Province supported the Boys' School, but as it was engaged in raising the Kelly Memorial Fund the total was smaller than usual—£231. In 1895, it subscribed £300 6s. for the Old People; in 1894, £330 10s. for this Institution; and in 1893, £267 10s. for the Boys' School, while in 1892, it raised £388 10s. for the Benevolent Jubilee. It will be seen from these brief particulars that Leicestershire and Rutland does its duty liberally by each Institution in turn.

The Province of

MIDDLESEX

acquitted itself so splendidly last year, more especially in the sum raised for the Benevolent Festival, at which Bro. Lord George Hamilton presided as Chairman, that though it musters in all 42 lodges, the Province might with justice have rested for a time. Yet, in February, seven of its lodges with an Unattached Steward, compiled a total of £352 11s., while on Wednesday six lodges each represented by a Steward, together contributed £260 8s. Last year's total reached £3967 15s. 6d., of which no less than £3705 15s. 6d. was raised for the Old People. In 1895 the Province was making the needful preparations to support its Prov. G. Master, and its contributions to the three Institutions amounted to £493 8s., but in 1894 they reached £1043 17s. 6d.; in 1893 £630 18s.; and in 1892, including £1315 9s. for the Benevolent Jubilee, £1619 15s. 6d.

MONMOUTHSHIRE,

with its modest list of 11 lodges, was represented as a whole by the Dep. P.G.M.—Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. R. Lyne—whose list amounted to £94 10s., while eight of the lodges had each of them its own representatives, whose Returns, together with the Deputy's, made up a total of £346 10s. In 1896 the Province helped the Old People, for whom it raised £246 3s., and in 1895 the Boys' School, which obtained support to the extent of £148 11s. 6d., while in 1894 this Institution was helped, and obtained in all £297 11s. 6d.

Bro. Capt. Frederick Mills acted as Steward for the Province of

NORFOLK

as a whole and for the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 943, Norwich, in particular, and very energetically he discharged his duties, the amount standing to his credit being £110 5s. In 1896 it took part in the Festivals of the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions, raising £35 14s. for the former, and £105 for the latter. In 1895 this Institution was the recipient of £205 5s., and in 1894 the Boys' School obtained £134 13s. In 1893 £78 15s. was subscribed to this Institution, and, doubtless, the amount would have been on a larger scale, but in 1892 the Province worked hard for the Benevolent Jubilee, for which it raised £426 5s.

One of the 15 lodges on the roll of

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS

—the Chicheley, No. 607—Thrapston—was represented by Bro. P. Mitchell, and Bro. T. Phipps Dorman was an Unattached Steward, the latter's list being entered in the Returns for £78 10s. In February the sum of £141 15s. was subscribed for the Benevolent Festival, the same Bro. Dorman, Unattached, giving 100 guineas, the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M., 25 guineas, and a lodge representative the remaining 10 guineas. In the preceding four years the totals were: In 1896, £183 15s.; in 1895, £105; in 1894, £328 7s.; and in 1893, £1107 12s., of which this Institution, which had fortunately secured the services of the Earl of Euston as Chairman, received £1050. Such Returns as these are very creditable to a Province which is by no means strong in point of numbers.

NORTH WALES

had a veteran Steward in the person of Bro. C. K. Benson to represent its 20 lodges, and that brother's exertions were seconded to very good purpose by Bro. J. Porter, who acted for Lodges 755 and 2569, the total raised by the two being £68 5s. In February Bro. Benson and another Unattached Steward with the representative of one of the lodges returned a total of 50 guineas (£52 10s.). In 1896 the total raised for the three Festivals was £307 15s. 6d., of which the Old People received only £45 3s., this Institution £84, and the Boys' School the considerable sum of £178 12s. 6d.; Bro. Benson being a Steward on each occasion. In 1895 the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions received each of them £57 15s. and the Boys' School £186 18s.; the product of the year being £302 8s. In 1894 the total was £400 17s. 6d., in 1893 £474 18s., and in 1892, when the Benevolent Jubilee was held, £495 12s. Thus North Wales, though it does not contribute largely, is a regular supporter of our Institutions.

Four of the 12 lodges in

OXFORDSHIRE

raised a total of £51 7s. 6d., but the smallness of the amount can hardly be matter for surprise when we bear in mind that in February nine lodges—among which were the four represented on Wednesday—altogether raised £240 15s. 6d. In 1892 the subscriptions amounted to £661 19s. 6d., out of which the Benevolent Institution secured £428 7s. for its Jubilee; in 1893 they reached £440 6s. 6d.; in 1894 £312 1s.; in 1895 £382 18s. 6d.; and in 1896 £351 8s. 6d. Thus, as the Boys' School Festival has yet to come, we doubt not this Province will maintain its average.

There are 12 lodges in

SHROPSHIRE,

and of these the Castle, No. 1621, Bridgnorth, represented by Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell and the St. Alkmund, No. 2311, Whitchurch, with Bro. W. Baxter in charge of its interests, took part in Wednesday's meeting, while the respected D.P.G.M., Bro. Rowland G. Venables, was Unattached. The three lists amounted to £176 8s., Bro. Baxter's representing £144 18s. of this sum. In February, the Prov. G. M., (Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.) and his Deputy were Stewards, and between them contributed £31 10s. Last year the Province raised in all £263 11s., of which this Institution obtained £63; the Old People, £84; and the Boys' School, £116 11s. In 1895 the total was £319 13s., of which the Benevolent received £136 10s.; the Boys' School, £192 3s.; and this Institution the balance of £63. The contributions in the two preceding years were on a more modest scale, due to the fact that the Province raised £615 16s. 6d. in 1892—of which £456 1s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee, and in 1891, £455 9s. 6d. Thus the record is in every way most creditable.

The last time that

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION)

enacted the part of Chairman's Province, was in 1888, when the then Provincial Grand Master—the late Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart.—presided at the Benevolent Festival, and his Province backed him up to the extent of £865, of which the Chairman himself contributed £126, while the balance of £739 was raised by nine Stewards, headed by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, Dep. P.G.M. Since then, however, it has done some very good work, having raised £501 15s. 6d. in 1892, the Benevolent Jubilee receiving £180, and the Boys' School, £321 15s. 6d. In 1893 this Institution obtained contributions amounting to £325 10s.; in 1894, the Boys' School was the favoured Charity, and received £350; and in 1895, the Girls' School was supported with £300, while last year £285 was subscribed for the Benevolent Institution. In February the Province was very naturally among the absentees, seeing that it was holding itself in reserve for this Festival, at which its Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Llangatock, had arranged to preside, and on Wednesday it certainly acquitted itself most creditably, the total of its contributions, including the Chairman's personal donation of £100, reaching £1050, the number of Stewards being ten, of whom Bro. George Clarry had charge of the Province as a whole; eight of the others did duty as lodge representatives, and the remaining one—a lady—was Unattached; the most important lists being those of Bro. G. Clarry, Provincial Steward for £604 6s., and Bro. A. L. Roberts, Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, for £76 7s.

Of the 32 lodges on the roll of the Prov. G. Lodge of

STAFFORDSHIRE,

three were represented by four Stewards and a fifth Steward acted independently, the total of their lists being £225 5s.; and as Bro. M. Barker represented the Province as a whole at the Benevolent Festival in February and handed in the very capital list of £115 10s., the total raised by Staffordshire during the year to date is £340 15s. Last year the contributions reached an aggregate of £604 11s., the Boys' School being fortunate enough to secure £441 16s., and the Girls' School £152 5s., while the Old People received the balance of £10 10s. In 1895 the total was not far short of £700, the precise amount being £692 13s. 6d., while in 1894 and 1893 it was £428 8s. and £424 7s. 6d. respectively. In the two previous years there was only a fractional difference between the amounts raised, the year 1892 yielding £762 2s. and 1891 £761 15s. 6d. These are, on the whole, very creditable Returns.

SUFFOLK,

though it is an agricultural county, and comprises but 22 lodges, is always effectively represented. In February last five of these lodges furnished a total of £173 14s., while on Wednesday, besides Bros. C. J. N. Row and T. Bates, who acted as Stewards for the Province generally, and the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, in particular, and in doing so handed in £157 10s., there were two other lodges represented, whose contributions swelled the total to £227 10s. Last year there was subscribed £157 15s. towards the Benevolent Institution, £100 16s. towards this School, and £388 10s. towards the Boys' School, or together £647 1s. In 1895 the amount was £851 13s. 6d., of which the Benevolent Institution received £655 17s., while in 1894 the total was £809 5s. In 1893 the brethren were somewhat more reserved, and distributed only £533 9s. 6d., but this was the natural result of the greater exertions put forth in 1892, when the Province raised altogether £1419 4s., of which £1291 14s. was subscribed on behalf of the Benevolent Jubilee, and the modest balance was shared between the two Schools.

If the contributions to the Boys' School Festival next month are on about the same scale as those which have been made already to the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions,

SURREY

will have good reason to be satisfied with its efforts during the present year. In 1892 the Returns, including £2148 9s. 6d. in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee, amounted to £2817 19s. 6d.; in 1893, to £913 3s. 6d.; in 1894, when the late lamented Bro. Col. Money, C.B., P.G.M., presided at the Benevolent Festival, to £1673 4s. 6d., of which £1399 2s. was for the favoured Charity; in 1895, to £1043 10s.; and last year to £1068 4s. In February six of the 41 lodges on the roll, the chapter attached to a seventh, and two Unattached Stewards compiled a total of £325 12s., while on Wednesday 11 lodges and the chapter attached to one of them, together with a brother acting on his own account, together raised £622 7s. 6d., the principal lists being those of Bro. E. L. Berry, of the Molesey Lodge, No. 2473, East Molesey, for £115 10s.; Bro. John Ellinger's, as Steward for the Frederick West Lodge, No. 2222, East Molesey, for £91 7s.; of Bro. W. B. Hayward, George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon, for £81 18s.; Bro. Francis Neale's, Arnold Lodge, No. 1981, East Molesey, for £70; and of Bro. G. R. Scott's, Dobie Lodge, No. 882, Kingston-on-Thames, for £65 12s. 6d. Thus the total raised up to the present time is £947 19s. 6d.

After the hard work connected with the Benevolent Festival in February last, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of the Province, occupied the chair, and the lodges and brethren supported his Royal Highness to the extent of £1263 2s. 6d., it would not have been surprising if

SUSSEX

had contented itself with a very modest Return. Yet seven of its 31 lodges entered an appearance on Wednesday, and the Stewards who represented them raised in all £205 9s. 6d. Thus the total at these two Festivals exceeds the totals for the whole of 1896, viz., £1052; 1895, amounting to £1254 9s. 6d.; 1894, viz., £127 10s.; and 1893, viz., £1234 10s. In 1892, when the Benevolent Festival celebrated its jubilee and the Duke of Connaught presided at the Festival of this Institution, the total was £2227 4s., the Benevolent Institution obtaining as its share of this sum £1155 6s., and the Girls School, £1026 5s. In 1891, the total made up of £291 6s. to the Old People, £323 18s. 6d., to this Institution, and £731 17s. 6d. to the Boys' School, was £1344 2s., so that a very large sum has been raised during the six years and upwards to which we have referred, and the Province has every reason to be proud of the success of its efforts on behalf of our Cental Charities.

WARWICKSHIRE

has done well so far during the present year. In February five out of its 31 lodges, represented by 16 Stewards, together raised £235 15s., and on Wednesday, three lodges which sent up nine Stewards compiled a total of £210, of which £136 10s. was handed in by Bro. Cornelius Chambers and his associate Stewards of the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, Birmingham; the two brethren who acted for the Fletcher Lodge, No. 1031, also of Birmingham, raising £61 15s., and Bro. W. Hillman, of the St. Alphege Lodge, No. 1431, Solihull, the remainder. Last year, the Province distributed £981 13s., of which the Boys' School received not far short of one half, while in 1895, the amount was £1155, including £525 paid for a Life Presentation to the Boys' School. In 1894 and 1893, the totals were £637 16s. 3d. in the former year, and £530 7s. 6d. in the latter, but in 1892, there was subscribed in all £2410 4s., of which the Benevolent Jubilee absorbed £2186.

WORCESTERSHIRE

which, since the consecration of the lodge named after the late respected Bro. Thomas R. Arter, has 14 lodges on its roll, did great service to the Benevolent Institution in February last, by subscribing towards its support a sum of £504, the Provincial Steward, Bro. Abraham Green, raising £336, and Bro. Arter £84. In 1896, the total was £653 2s.; and in 1895, £358; in 1894, £193 0s. 6d.; in 1893, £308 3s.; and in 1892, £498 15s. On Wednesday these lodges sent up lists amounting together £199 10s.

The Province of

YORKSHIRE (N. & E.)

was not represented at the Benevolent Festival in February, but on Wednesday there was a Steward acting for the Province as a whole, and three other brethren acting for as many lodges, the number on the roll being 34. These four together compiled a sum of £127 15s., of which £36 15s. was on Bro. Hutchence's list as Provincial Steward, and £70 on that of Bro. Harrowing, Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby. Last year N. & E. Yorkshire raised £900 for the Old People, and smaller amounts, which increased the year's total to £1022 19s. for the two Schools. In 1895 the contributions were on a moderate scale, but in 1894 they reached £441 15s.; in 1893, £424 4s.; and in 1892, £733 4s., of which £711 9s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee.

There is no need for us to describe at length the sums raised year by year by

YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING)

for our three Institutions. Our readers are familiar with the efforts it makes in behalf of each of them. In February it contributed £608 15s. to the Old People, the number of Stewards being 26; and on Wednesday £420 to this Institution by the hands of 22 Stewards representing 13 lodges. Last year the total subscribed to the three Charities was £2107 10s.; in 1895 it was £1716 8s.; and in 1894 £6697 5s., of which £4559 15s. was raised for the Boys' School, at whose Festival Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G.M., presided as Chairman. There is, as we have said, no need to go minutely into particulars, in the case of a Province which does such work as this.

There are but seven lodges in

JERSEY,

and moreover, it is a Province which we do not seem to expect to include in these Returns. However, on Wednesday it subscribed £241 10s. by the hands of Bro. Dr. le Cronier, and on previous occasions it has rendered equal or even greater service to this or the other Charities, as for instance in 1893, when it contributed £263 to the Boys' School. Such lists as these are very welcome and highly creditable to so distant a Province.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

There are four Stewards hailing from lodges in Foreign parts, of whom Bro. W. E. Cook, from Malta, is entered for £115 10s., while the total from all sources, so far as is known to the present time, is £126 10s. This sum, and especially Bro. Cook's portion of it, is also welcome, and we dare say Bro. Hedges would willingly enrol 40 such Stewards instead of four.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

It remains for us to express the hope that in our task of analysing the Returns and commenting on such points as seem to have called for comment, we have discharged our duty without in the slightest degree offending the susceptibilities of those concerned.

THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION held a banquet at the Trocadero Restaurant, on the 5th inst., to celebrate its jubilee. The President, Mr. Beresford Pite, presided, and was supported by a very large number, including members of the Craft, Bro. Jas. Edmeston and R. Plumbe, P.G.S. of W.; Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; T. E. Colcutt, T. Blashill, T. C. Yates, W. Heelis, E. Sacks, A. F. Wrighton, J. S. Mathews, and others. Bros. Edmeston, Plumbe, Blashill, Mathews, and Lovegrove have completed over 30 years of membership.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE KING HAROLD LODGE,
No. 1327.

The brethren of the above lodge entertained the ladies at a banquet followed by a musical entertainment, on Monday evening last, at the Great Eastern Railway Hotel, Liverpool-street. Among those present were Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W., Sec. R.M.B.I., &c., Mrs. and Miss Terry; Bro. G. S. Metcalfe, W.M., and Mrs. Metcalfe; Bro. W. Metcalfe, P.M., P.P.G.P., &c., and Miss Metcalfe; Bro. Sproat, P.M., P.P.G.P., and Mrs. Sproat; Bro. Edwards, P.M., P.P.G.P., and Mrs. Edwards; Bro. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Bro. Mark, I.P.M., and Mrs. Mark; Bro. Newman and Mrs. Newman; Bro. Nash, Bro. Medway and Mrs. Medway; Bro. Brown and Mrs. Brown; Bros. W. Robinson, Chittenden, Thompson, Froud, Leaman, Berry, and others.

After the banquet, which was served in the excellent manner usual to the management of the Great Eastern Railway Hotel, the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The first part of the musical programme was then proceeded with, at the close of which

Bro. MARK, I.P.M., proposed "The Ladies" in a few well-chosen words applicable to the occasion.

The toast was responded to, on behalf of the ladies, by Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., who very humorously carried out this duty. In the course of his remarks, he expressed the very great pleasure it gave him and Mrs. and Miss Terry to be present on that occasion, and congratulated the W.M. on having arranged such a very happy evening. He hoped also that the King Harold Lodge would repeat the celebration annually.

The second part of the musical programme was then proceeded with, the principal artistes in which were Miss M. Metcalfe, Miss Marie Kehrein, and Bros. Froud, Leaman, and Berry.

The programme was arranged and very tastefully got-up by Bros. Robinson and Boggis.

The ladies on retiring were each presented with a large bottle of Warrick Fries' celebrated wallflower perfume.

Royal Arch.

Wycombe Chapter, No. 1501

The installation of Principals and officers of this flourishing chapter was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, High Wycombe. Present: Comps. J. Bliss, M.E.Z.; E. T. James, H.; O. J. Grace, J.; E. Margaret, P.Z.; J. Williams, P.Z.; J. Powell, P.Z.; R. Nicholson, I.P.Z.; J. J. Simcox, J. 591; C. Bating, H. H. Sherwin, F. Johncock, Jas. Williams, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was read, which showed a balance of £4 9s. 6d. in hand. On the proposition of Comp. Simcox, seconded by Comp. Bliss, it was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Comps. E. T. James, J. J. Simcox, and H. H. Sherwin were duly installed into the respective chairs. A dispensation having been granted to Comp. J. J. Simcox to take the H., the installation ceremony was taken respectively by Comps. J. Powell, J. Williams, and Margaret, the ceremonies being very ably performed. The following officers were then invested and saluted: Comps. J. Bliss, I.P.Z. and S.E.; F. Johncock, S.N.; A. Ball, Treas.; C. Bating, P.S.; W. Scott Miller, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. C. Coppock, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Jas. Williams, D. of C.; D. Wilton, Stwd.; and J. N. Hodgkinson, Janitor.

A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Bliss by the M.E.Z. for the splendid services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry during his year of office.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions afterwards dined together.

Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777.

A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., when there were present Comps. E. H. Gale-Crowdy, M.E.Z.; M. W. Dodge, H.; F. Dowse, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, Scribe E.; and Alfred Gibbs, Comp. R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, after which, in the unavoidable absence of two candidates for exaltation, the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to a capital banquet which had been prepared for them, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Matier Lodge, No. 400.

A meeting of the above lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. Geo. E. Lake, P.M., W.C.N.; Chas. E. Keyser, P.M., Japhet; Raymond Tucker, P.N., acting Shem; Charles M. Jessop, P.N., Scribe; Henry Wright, P.N., Senior Deacon; G. P. Parker, Guardian; Hy. W. Kiallmark, P.N.; and Dr. P. S. Abraham, B.Sc.

After the minutes were confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Bernard Hamilton, 469; D. Jacob Pickett, 400; and Major Woolmer Williams, W.M. 499. The ballot was unanimously favourable, and the brethren, being present, were elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner by the W.C.N. The W.C.N. vacated his chair in favour of Bro. Henry W. Kiallmark, P.N., who, as Installing Officer, enthroned Bro. Charles Edward Keyser, P.N. 241, according to ancient custom. The newly-enthroned W.C.N. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. George E. Lake, I.P.N.; H. Wright, P.N., Japhet; G. P. Parker, Shem; Belgrave Ninnis, P.N., Treas.; C. M. Jessop, P.N., Scribe; D. P. S. Abraham, S.D.; Bernard Hamilton, J.D.; D. Jacob Pickett, Guardian; and E. J. Mills, Warder.

Letters of apology for sudden and unavoidable absence were read from Bros. Belgrave Ninnis, P.N., and A. W. Peckham, P.N.; also resignation from Bro. Lennox Browne, P.N., which was accepted with regret.

At the last meeting of this lodge, the W.C.N., Bro. Geo. E. Lake, presented the lodge with 10 jewels, six of which were attached to collars presented on the present occasion by Bro. Belgrave Ninnis to the lodge. The full complement of collars will be completed for the next meeting of the lodge.

The brethren afterwards dined together at Freemasons' Tavern, when the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were proposed and responded to.

A LARGE FORCE of sailors and marines of the Royal Navy will be present in London on the Jubilee. Of the former, irrespective of the guards of honour, placed one at Buckingham Palace, and the other at St. Paul's Cathedral, there will be battalions 400 strong, with about 100 petty officers stationed in Trafalgar-square, and another 300 strong in St. George's Circus, Blackfriars-road. Of the latter, there will be a battalion of R.M. Artillery and one of R.M. Light Infantry, each about 400 strong, stationed in Trafalgar-square. In addition, there will be a company of 100 men, with officers, of the Royal Naval Reserve, while a number of naval cadets from the Britannia, and of engineer students from the Training College at Keyham will be placed at Buckingham Palace.

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Masonic Notes.

We publish elsewhere the circular letter which by command of the M.W.G. Master the Grand Secretary has addressed to Masters of lodges on the subject of the proposed meeting in the Royal Albert Hall on Monday, the 14th June, for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to her Majesty the Queen

on the completion of the 60th year of her reign. The most material points in this letter were announced in these columns in our issue of the 1st instant, but in general terms only; the circular now furnishes the necessary details as to the arrangements that have been made.

The meeting will be held under the presidency of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, and in accordance with the precedent of 1887, when the brethren met in the same Hall for the purpose of voting a similar Address in respect of her Majesty's Jubilee; with this difference, however, that, instead of the whole proceeds being assigned to the Masonic Charitable Institutions, one-half will be distributed amongst them, and the other half handed over to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London. The fee for admission will be, as then, one guinea, while the number of tickets available for each lodge is restricted to five. Application must be made for tickets to the Grand Secretary by Masters of lodges before the 20th May instant, and, if more than five are wanted, the extra number must be stated, so that any surplus arising from lodges not requiring the full number of five may be distributed *pro rata*.

The meeting will not be a Grand Lodge, but an assembly of the brethren and the arrangements as to clothing, &c, will be the same as in 1887. Moreover, it is, we are told, the opinion of his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master that as the address to be voted on this occasion must be considered as emanating from the whole body of English Freemasons, local addresses will be both unnecessary and inexpedient.

The M.W.G. Master has further approved of a Special Jewel being worn by every Freemason who is a subscribing member of a lodge under the Grand Lodge of England on the 20th June, 1897, when her Majesty will complete the 60th year of her reign, and by way of commemorating the event, brevet rank as Grand Officers will be conferred on distinguished brethren, the number of such being limited to 60, of whom 25 will be chosen from the lodges in London, 25 from the Provinces, and 10 from Abroad.

The reception and banquet by the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, to our Colonial brethren who will visit this country during the approaching Jubilee festivities gives promise of being one of the most representative gatherings of the Craft ever held in England or elsewhere. In addition to the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, who has promised to attend should his official duties as Lord Chamberlain permit, acceptances have been received from Earl Amherst, Deputy G. Master; the Right Hon. Chief Justice S. Way, M.W.G. Master of South Australia; the Hon. Thomas Playford, Sir Malcolm Fraser, and the Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agents General respectively for South Australia, Western Australia, and New Zealand; Sir Quayle Jones, of Sierra Leone; the Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, Grand Treasurer; and other brethren, Present or Past Grand Officers of England.

As already announced in our columns, the gathering will be held at the Hotel Cecil, on the evening of the 14th June, after the meeting in the Royal Albert Hall. Those Indian and Colonial brethren who may be desirous of being present on the occasion are referred to Bro. Lennox Browne, Past Dep. G.D.C., the principal founder, P.M. and present Secretary of the Empire Lodge, who is in charge of the arrangements, and will be happy to furnish any information that may be desired. Bro. Browne's address is 15, Mansfield-street, W.

We have not yet heard of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, having arranged any plans for the coming season; but, as there is to be a very large influx of American visitors during Jubilee time, and as it is certain that among them will be many who hold high rank in their several Grand Lodges, we shall doubtless have news sooner or later of this distinguished and popular lodge being prepared to do its part loyally towards the entertainment of the American brethren. The Anglo-American was founded with the idea of being a lodge of welcome to Masons from the United States, and on several occasions it has had for its guests brethren of the very highest distinction, such as the late Bro. McCulla, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania; Bro. General Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland and others. Columbia Lodge, No. 2397,

was also founded on similar lines, and we feel sure will not be behindhand in showing due courtesy to American Masonic visitors.

It was a graceful act on the part of the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237, when it organised a special meeting for the entertainment of those Masonic members of the National Union of Teachers who were present at the annual conference of that body in Swansea last month. Moreover, it was not only a graceful act, but a most successful one, and will always be remembered as one of the most pleasant in the annals of the lodge. The W. Masters of the other two Swansea Lodges—the Talbot, No. 1323, and the Caradoc, No. 1573—as well as those of five of the Cardiff Lodges—the Glamorgan, No. 36, the Bute, No. 960, the Tennant, No. 1992, the Duke of York, No. 2423, and the Llangattock, No. 2547—were present to assist in doing honour to the occasion, and among the more distinguished brethren were Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, who is a member of No. 237; Sir J. Jones Jenkins, M.P., a P.M. of the Talbot, and Past Prov. J.G.W.; Sir J. T. Llewellyn, Bart., M.P., a former member of No. 237, who is about to rejoin it; the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. W. Whittington); D. Brymnor Jones, Q.C., M.P., of the Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge, No. 1724, and Bro. E. Gray, M.P. The National Union of Teachers furnished 45 and reciprocated the kindness and hospitality they had received by presenting Bro. Herbert Davies, W.M., No. 237, with a cheque for 10 guineas to place on his list as Steward for the Girls' School Festival on Wednesday. Evidently, in its courtesies and hospitality to brethren who visit Swansea, Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237, is in every way worthy of its name, and as one of the speakers at the meeting very kindly remarked, as efficient in the discharge of its lodge duties as it is indefatigable.

The Masonic service to commemorate the Record Reign of her Majesty the Queen, which, as we have before announced, will be held in the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Ascension Day (Thursday, the 27th instant), and which will be attended by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G. Master, bids fair to prove one of the most interesting of the Masonic functions arranged in connection with the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Very Rev. Dr Hole, Dean of Rochester, G. Chaplain, and invitations have already been sent out to Grand Officers to attend his lordship on the occasion. Applications for tickets to be present must be addressed to the Grand Secretary by to-morrow (Saturday), and full particulars will then be forwarded to applicants with the tickets.

The distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which always forms the inaugural part of the Anniversary Festival, took place at the School, Battersea Rise, on Monday afternoon. The prizes were given away by Lady Llangattock, who was supported by her husband, the Festival Chairman of the year, and it will be gathered from the speeches made by both Lady and Lord Llangattock that they were delighted with everything they saw and heard. No greater tribute could be paid to the excellence of our Girls' School than is to be found in the remarks they both made as to the manner in which the School is conducted; the uniform kindness shown by the Head Governess and her staff and the Matron and others to the children; the care they take of them, and the feelings of affection with which the children themselves regard those in authority over them. The School has always acquitted itself well in the public examinations for which its pupils have been entered, but we are inclined to think the testimony of Lord and Lady Llangattock as to the manner in which the Institution is managed and the happy relations existing between the teachers and the taught will be in the highest degree gratifying to the friends of the Institution.

It is worthy of mention that previous to the Festival on Wednesday, Lord Llangattock held a kind of *lèvee* at which the Stewards from his Province of South Wales (Eastern Division), and those from the Province of Monmouthshire, within the confines of which he resides, were successively presented to his lordship and were warmly thanked by him both for their devotion to the interests of the School and their desire to promote its welfare as well as for the regard they had always shown to him personally and their efforts to ensure the success of his Chairmanship.

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.

BRO. KEYSER'S MUNIFICENT MASONIC GIFT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of the 1st inst., in again calling attention to Bro. C. E. Keyser's gift of 5000 guineas for the purpose of erecting a chapel in connection with the new Masonic Institution for Boys, you say "the Provinces of Berkshire and Hertfordshire have special cause to congratulate themselves in reference to this generous gift inasmuch as they will have perpetual scholarships in the school." You do not, however, state how, or in what manner, this is to be accomplished. The value of a perpetual presentation to the Boys' School is at the present time about £1500, so the cost of the two would be, say £3000. Where is this amount to come from? If from the Keyser gift, what about the chapel?—Yours fraternally,

HORS DE COMBAT.

Reviews.

"MANNING'S MASONIC REGISTER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR 1897."—This most compact and useful annual of some 350 pages is so well arranged, that its size is only 2½ inches by 4 inches, and is issued by the well-known Masonic Publishing Company of Dock-street, Philadelphia, U.S.A. (Proprietors and Publishers of the *Keystone*). It is a wonderful compilation, giving as it does the names of the chief officers, all the Past Masters, Trustees, place, and time of meeting of each lodge (*considerably over 400 in number*), chapter (exceeding 120), council—*Royal and Select Masters* (22), commanderies—*Knights Templar* (23), &c., all Masonic bodies being duly represented and described. When it is remembered that Pennsylvania is the third as respects size as a Grand Lodge in the United States of America, having nearly 50,000 members on its roll, one-third of the number being Royal Arch Masons, it will be evident that these varied and interesting particulars cannot fail to be of immense advantage to many thousands of Craftsmen who consult the pages of this accurate and ably-edited directory. The Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Commandery, as well as all the other governing bodies, are also carefully noted, and all needful particulars supplied, so that the "Register" is a necessity for all members of the Fraternity in the "Keystone State."

"BELL'S CATHEDRAL SERIES." No. 5, Oxford. This handsomely-illustrated and well got-up Handbook of "The Cathedral Church of Oxford, a description of its Fabric and a brief History of its Episcopal See" is written by the Rev. Percy Dearmer, M.A., and, as with the others of this remarkable series, is edited by Messrs. Gleeson White and E. F. Strange, for Messrs. George Bell and Sons, Covent Garden, London. The volume extends to 136 pages, and is not only fully illustrated (many of the full-page plates being very choice), but the author has also done his part most thoroughly, and having learnt the best of what he knows within Christ Church walls, it has been most pleasant [for him] to gather these notes of the Cathedral's history and architecture. The publication of this handy and instructive work is not like adding to the "world's overcrowded library" needlessly, because "certain recent discoveries in the Cathedral have thrown the best of the old books out of date, and made it necessary for someone to weave together the older and the later knowledge." This Mr. Dearmer has ably done, and having had the advantage of the assistance of Mr. J. Park Harrison (who made these special discoveries, and has generously allowed the substance of them to be incorporated in the present issue), it will be evident that this, the fifth of the series, is of the utmost value to those who desire the latest and best about this famous lane. The author has been equally fortunate in obtaining permission for the reproduction of several important drawings and photographs. "The Cathedral Church of Christ, in Oxford," was originally built for the small Monastery of St. Frideswide, but was raised to the rank of a Cathedral in the 16th century. Its eventful History is faithfully and lovingly portrayed in the early chapters, and in subsequent ones its present condition is graphically described, the illustrations, as far as possible, fitting in most appropriately with the text. As to the exterior, the author feelingly alludes to its being hidden as a "Cathedral" in a rather intricate environment of College buildings and private gardens; "but the one feature which in part rises above its misfortunes is the *Spire*," but entering the building by passing under the screen, *all is changed*, "we find ourselves in one of the most charming and distinctive interiors of a country of interesting churches." But we must leave the author to tell his own tale, as he does most admirably, simply stating that copies of this beautiful little volume, and the others of the series, may be had for eighteenpence each.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

On Monday afternoon the Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for the present year paid the usual Stewards' visit to the School at Battersea Rise to view the School and witness the presentation of prizes to the children by Lady Llangattock, wife of the Chairman of the 109th Festival, Bro. Lord Llangattock, Prov. G. Master of South Wales (Eastern Division). His lordship accompanied Lady Llangattock, and a very large party of ladies and brethren also attended. Members of the House Committee received Lord and Lady Llangattock and Miss Rolls, and among them were Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, R. Loveland Loveland, Frank Richardson, Edward Terry, H. A. Hunt, Ralph Clutton, Sir Reginald Hanson, A. C. Spaul, E. Letchworth, Col. James Peters, and J. H. Matthews. Bros. Colonel Gordon, H. A. Tobias, James Stephens, W. G. Kentish, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and Jas. Boulton, P.G.P., were also with the party.

There was an alteration in the usual programme, the calisthenics playing the principal part of the first division of the entertainment. In addition to the ordinary drill, a new figure, designed specially for the occasion of the Diamond Year of the Queen, was introduced, which consisted in the girls who formed the corps arranging themselves so as to produce first the year 1837, the date of the Queen's accession, and then 1897, the year of her Majesty's Diamond Anniversary. The evolution was vociferously and enthusiastically cheered.

Bro. EDWARD TERRY then called up the girls to receive the prizes at the hands of Lady Llangattock, which they did in the following order:

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Gold Medal for Proficiency (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn)—Constance Green.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn)—Selina Booth.

Cambridge Local Examinations (41 entered, 38 passed).
Senior—Mabel Bohl. Class III. Honours. Distinction in Religious Knowledge.
Junior—Constance Green. Class I. Honours. 1st Division. Distinction in English, French, and Religious Knowledge—Agnes Anthony, Eleanor Blott, Alice Cash, Ethel Brine, and Rose Davies.
Preliminary—Mabel Collins. Class III. Distinction in Religious Knowledge.
Gladys Jones—Distinction in English.
College of Preceptors' Examination (31 entered, 25 passed)—Jessie Richards.
Proficiency in Lower Classes—3rd, Ada Mathew; 4th, Margaret Sims; 5th, Bertha Sanders; 6th, Agnes Robinson.

PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Religious Knowledge (Bro. Robert Grey)—Mabel Bohl, Constance Green, and Mabel Collins.
English Subjects (Bro. A. C. Spaul)—Constance Green, and Margaret Vivian.
Arithmetic and Mathematics (Bro. Thomas Fenn)—Eleanor Groombridge, and Selina Booth.
Mental Arithmetic (Bro. G. W. Kentish)—Catherine Castle.
Music, 1st Prize (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Gwendoline Robson.
Music, 2nd Prizes (The "Wentworth Little")—Mabel Messenger, and Jessie Richards.
Singing (Mrs. Robert Brown)—Ethel Davis.
French (Bro. Eugene Monteuuis)—Constance Green.
French, Special Prize (Bro. Oscar Philippe)—Mabel Bohl.
Drawing (The "John Boyd")—Eliza Pether, Mabel Messenger, Mary Harrison, and Mary Maslen.
Shorthand and Type-writing (Bro. R. Loveland Loveland)—Florence Gauntlett.
Needlework (The Misses Tobias)—Selina Booth, Edith Morgan, Ruby Butcher, and Elsie Kilpin.
Fancy Work, First Prize (Mrs. Henry A. Hunt)—Lizzie Simcock.
Fancy Work, Second Prize (Mrs. Homewood Crawford)—Edith Buck.
Good Conduct—1st Prize (The Supreme Council, 33°)—Jessie Codling.
Good Conduct—2nd Prizes (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Hilda Collard and Kitty Randall.
The best Prefect (Bro. E. Letchworth)—Florence Gauntlett.
Order and Attention (Bro. Ralph Clutton)—Ethel Davis, Hetty Arkell, and Jessie Hicks.
Cookery—1st Prize, £5 (Bro. D. P. Cama)—Lizzie Simcock.
Cookery—2nd Prizes (Bro. Henry A. Hunt)—Mary Prince and Edith Winterbottom.
Usefulness in Domestic Duties (The "Yates," St. James's Lodge, No. 842)—Emma Branthwaite.
Calisthenics and Department (Bro. Col. James Peters)—Kate Rath.
Swimming (Lady Monckton)—Beatrice Turner, Clare Whettam, and Violet White.
Amiability (Bro. John Faulkner) (Selected by her Schoolfellows)—Alice Cash.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

General Proficiency (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Gladys Hogg.
Arithmetic (The "Henry Levander")—Noel Platt.

The fortunate recipients were received with great applause as they advanced to take their rewards.

Bro. EDWARD TERRY then proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Llangattock. He said the brethren all felt greatly indebted to her ladyship, as did also the pupils, for attending on this occasion. Lady Llangattock had expressed her admiration for the Institution, and for everything she had seen in it, and she had assured him that it had given her, as well as Lord Llangattock, great pleasure to attend.

Lady LLANGATTOCK, in acknowledging the vote, which was heartily agreed to, said: Mr. Terry, ladies and gentlemen, I can assure you that it gives me very great pleasure to be here on this interesting occasion, and I consider it a great honour to be asked to present the prizes to the girls that belong to such a grand and efficient Institution as this is, the management of which, from what I have seen and heard, reflects the greatest credit on the responsible officers. They may well be proud of such an Institution. I trust this may not be my last visit by many to this interesting School, for, having seen it, I shall always take the greatest interest in its welfare. I thank you extremely for the kind way you have spoken of us, and the hearty welcome you have given us.

Lord LLANGATTOCK also spoke. He said, although it was always delightful to hear the eloquence of a lady yet he should have been somewhat disappointed if he had not been allowed the opportunity of delivering a speech which he had been preparing all the morning—(laughter)—thinking that he would be called upon to return thanks for his wife to a vote which he knew would be passed. It was a sign of the times that a wonderful change in the position of ladies had taken place in the last 60 years. The ladies were not so dependent on their husbands now as they used to be, and perhaps during the next 60 years they would take even a more prominent part in the business and affairs of the world than they did now. But as he was to be Chairman of the Festival on Wednesday he would say a few words on his own account and thank the company for their welcome to his wife and for the extremely happy day he had passed at that Institution last week and the kindness he had received. He was delighted to receive that kindness, and with all he had seen of the School, the children in it, and with the tone of the place. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that those who had not received prizes would not be disheartened, but try their best to win prizes in the future. He felt that every future visit he paid to the Institution the greater would be the pleasure he would experience. Last week he was afraid he nearly killed poor Miss Buck, walking at least two miles round the building visiting the various departments. He saw the dormitories, the kitchen, scullery, the laundry, the carpenter's shop, the swimming bath, &c., and he looked with astonishment at the staff. Miss Buck was heart and soul he could see in making every one in the building happy and comfortable. Miss Redgrave, the Head Governess, who taught the children; Mrs. Roworth, who educated them in music, he could not but praise, and that day the company had seen what a splendid leader in music Mrs. Roworth was. As to the physical drill they had just seen, how creditable it was to Miss Redgrave. The children went through it without any sign of having been so beautifully taught. He could see that their lives were made lives of happiness. He had not forgotten the wonderful work he saw from the gallery last week which was repeated to-day when the children formed the 1837 and the 1897. He wondered whether our ancestors ever thought of and realised, if they could realise, the wonderful changes that had taken place in this country between those two years. In the first place there was the wonderful growth of this great school. There were some who might recollect that it was very small. Going to another subject there was in 1837 no discovery of gold in California and Australia, and steam was in its infancy. In the early days of the Queen if one wanted to go to America or Australia he might be tossed about for months on the waves if the weather was not favourable. Now they could go to America in seven days. There was a wonderful difference in the railways, in the early part of those sixty years there was not much comfort on railways, but now there was comfort, whatever

class you might travel by, and they could go at 60 miles an hour. In the days of his grandfather, when one had to come 150 miles from Monmouthshire to London, they had to come on the top of an old coach with a piece of straw to keep them warm, and they were lucky if they got to London without being stopped on Hounslow Heath by gentlemen who demanded their money or their life. Then he came to the electric telegraph, and the progress made with that until a message could now be sent to any part of the world for a few shillings. There was also now the motor car, and last the great improvement in the system of education. There were people in the world who said that England had seen its best days and that it was going down in the world; but he did not believe them. While there were such schools as the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, with such instructors, as he had mentioned that day, like Miss Redgrave, Miss Buck, and others, and a good and faithful Secretary like Bro. Hedges, there was not much to fear. The children were taught religion and love of their God, and if they tried to follow the example of our beloved Queen and to lead pure and unselfish lives as she had done, there would be not much to fear. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He hoped they would all have good health and happiness, and asked them to value this beautiful School, and to follow up the labour of love in which they were taught. For the School he wished an unbroken career of continued prosperity, and he and Lady Llangatock and their daughter would look forward to coming down another year and see the acceptance of prizes by the girls as gracefully and perfectly as it had been that day.

The party then proceeded to partake of tea and refreshment, and in the evening listened to the following selection of music—(pianoforte pieces on eight pianos): Part song, "Jubilee song," C. Egerton Lowe; duet, "March No. 3," Schubert; trio, "Le secret" Gautier; part song, "Chorus of fairies," Mendelssohn; solo, "Polonaise in C-sharp minor," Chopin; part song, "After the rain," Pinsuti; solo, "Impromptu, Op. 90, No. 2" Schubert; duet, "Valse, Styriennes," Kirchner; part songs, "Hill tops," Horrocks, and "Spinning," Abt; duet, "Ungarische Tanze," Brahms; and solo, "Gade," Greig.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

VISIT OF THE M.W. THE PRO GRAND MASTER.

From the various reports of lodge consecrations and other events connected with Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire which have from time to time appeared in our columns, it must have been rendered clear that this Degree has been making steady and consistent progress in that province. Were other evidence needed, the numerous attended and successful meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of that body, which took place on the 4th instant at Sheffield, will afford it. Sheffield, as the reports in the *Freemason* will show, is in Masonic, as in other matters, practical, energetic, and earnest. When, therefore, it was known that the annual meeting of the province would be held in that city, and that efforts would be made to induce the Earl of Euston in his official capacity to pay West Yorkshire a visit, the Worshipful Master and brethren of Britannia Lodge at once put their shoulders to the wheel, and resolutely determined to give to the M.W. Pro Grand Master such a reception and such a welcome as the importance of the occasion demanded.

Of the 14 Mark lodges which the province comprises, Britannia claims to be one of the oldest. Its warrant bears date 1861, which is 10 years before the Mark Province of West Yorkshire was constituted. Its fortunes have, of course, varied during its nearly 40 years of existence, many of its founders and earlier members having fallen away from it, yet it has always shown signs of vitality even when the Degree was by no means flourishing, and has been a steady and consistent supporter of the Mark Benevolent Fund since that useful Charity was established.

If Sheffield was enthusiastic in welcoming the Earl of Euston, equally so was the province. Every lodge was represented, and it is, perhaps, no exaggeration to say that the meeting of Mark Masons in the Masonic Hall on this occasion was the largest West Yorkshire has ever witnessed.

The W.M., Bro. Thos. Rowbotham, and the brethren of Britannia mustered at 4.15 p.m. At half-past the Prov. G. Master, Bro. C. Letch Mason, entered and opened Provincial Grand Lodge. He was accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. John Barker, P.G.I. of W., and supported by a large body of Prov. G. Officers, present and past. Amongst these were the following:

Bros. W. E. Smithies, P.M. 493, who, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., acted as Prov. S.G.W.; G. H. Parke, P.G.S., J.G.W.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.G. Std. Br., M. J. Dodworth, P.M. 53, Chas. Woottons, P.M. 110, J. W. Monckman, P.M. (T.I.), P.G.S., J. H. Gration, J.P., P.M. 127, H. J. Garnett, P.M. 53, P.G.D., and John Unwin, P.M. 53, P.G. Inner Guard, Past Provincial Grand Wardens; W. J. Morris, P.M., 58, Prov. G.M.O.; Dr. Samuel Jacob, J.P., as Prov. S.G.O.; G. Wragg, P.M. 53, Prov. J.G.O.; R. Hodgson, P.M. 58, Thos. Norfolk, P.M. (T.I.), J. E. Darling, P.M. 53, and Henry Beaumont, P.M. 14, P.P.G.Os.; the Rev. J. M. Walton, 501, who acted as Prov. G. Chap., and the Rev. G. H. Stock, 398, P.P. G. Chap.; Thomas Robertshaw, P.M. 58, Prov. G. Treas.; W. W. Clayton, P.G. Treas., who acted as Prov. G. Reg.; W. Langbridge, P.M. 398, and J. P. Hewitt, P.M. 53, P.P.G. Registrars; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; F. Bateman, P.M. 352, Prov. S.G.D.; W. C. Fox, 53, Prov. Junior Grand Deacon; T. Uttley, P.M. 14, Simeon Whiteley, P.M. (T.I.), and J. J. Martin, P.M. 110, P.P.G. Deacons; G. H. Clemons, P.M. 374, Prov. G.I. of W.; F. D. Harrison, P.M. (T.I.), Prov. G.D.C.; A. Leach, P.M. 110, P.P. G.D.C.; John Shaw, P.M. 53, P.P.G.D., who acted as Prov. G.S.B.; W. Cockcroft, W.M. 501, as Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. Dunnill, 110, Prov. G. Org.; E. J. Crow, Mus. Doc., 352, P.G.O.; G. Carbert, 110, P.P.G.O.; T. H. Pattinson, P.M. (T.I.), as Prov. G.I.G.; J. T. Last, P.M. (T.I.), J. W. Smith, 374, J. Reed, P.M. 398, and T. G. Howell, P.M. 137, W.M. 493, Prov. G. Stewards; J. H. Newton, 111, Prov. G. Tyler; G. Martin, W.M. (T.I.); Gledhill Hallas, P.M. 14; T. Rowbotham, W.M. 53, who was supported by a large body of his brethren; W. S. Milligan, W.M. 58; W. Ash, 110; J. B. Mays, W.M. 111; Jas. Wood, P.M., and F. C. Browne, P.M., 127; T. G. Howell, P.M. 137; W. Postlethwaite, W.M., and H. G. Blackburn, P.M., 374; R. Bridge, W.M., J. H. Pawson, P.M., and S. Pegler, P.M., 398; C. A. Phillips, P.M. 457; W. W. Law, 493; W.

Cockcroft, W.M. 501; and many more. Of former members of Britannia Lodge may be mentioned Bros. W. H. Brittain, J.P., and Ensor Drury, both P.G. Wardens in the Craft, and both distinguished citizens of Sheffield.

Letters of regret at inability to be present were produced by the Prov. G. Secretary from Bros. the Earl of Yarborough, Lord Bolton, Col. Cooke, Col. Starkie, E. Milligan, R. B. Reed, Judge Masterman, Col. Smith, T. B. Whytehead, W. H. Cowper, M. J. Peck, and numerous others, as well as apologies from Prov. G. Officers both Present and Past.

After the minutes had been confirmed, and other routine business had been got through, it was announced that the M.W. Pro G. Master and other officers of Grand Lodge awaited admission. The Grand Officers present comprising Bros. H. J. Garnett and John Unwin, 53; H. S. Holdsworth, 58; J. H. Gration, 127; J. W. Monckman (T.I.); G. F. Crow, 352; and G. H. Parke, 110, retired to escort the Pro G. Master, who entered accompanied by Bros. Major Woodall Woodall, P.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Chas. Belton, P.G. Overseer; Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, G. Treas.; Percy Wallis, P.G. Treas., Prov. G. Sec. for Derbyshire; and William Vincent, P. Asst. G.D.C.

To martial strains on the beautiful organ the visitors were led to the daïs and there received by the Prov. G. Master.

After the usual salutes, the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. C. LETCH MASON, addressed the meeting. He said:

Brethren, my first words to-day shall be words of welcome to our illustrious visitor, the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, and also to the distinguished members of Grand Lodge who accompany him. This is the second time that Lord Euston has favoured West Yorkshire with a visit, the former one being two years ago, when we had the pleasure of giving his lordship a warm reception at Leeds. It must be a great tax upon the time of our M.W. Pro Grand Master to make such visits as this, yet I can assure him that it is not labour lost, for it tends greatly to weld us all more closely together, and thus it promotes the welfare and prosperity of the Order which is so dear to all of us. Also would I give a ready welcome to R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, the Grand Secretary; to R.W. Bro. Woodall Woodall, for some time Prov. Grand Master of the adjoining Province of North and East Yorkshire; to V.W. Bro. Chas. Belton, P.G. Overseer; to V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, Grand Treasurer, from whom, we trust, further honours are not far away; to V.W. Bro. Percy Wallis, P.G. Treasurer and Secretary of the adjoining province of Derbyshire, and to W. Bro. W. Vincent, whose recent accession to Craft Grand honours we all rejoiced to hear of. In your name, my brethren of West Yorkshire, I give them a hearty and sincere reception. It is also a great pleasure to me to see amongst us some old members of Britannia Lodge, members who in days long past have been active workers, but who, on account of pressing and important public duties, have not been connected with our Order in recent years. I do not wish to particularise, but I cannot refrain from mentioning Bro. Ensor Drury, one of the founders of Britannia, and Bro. W. H. Brittain, who held the office of Senior Warden of the lodge, both of whom occupy high and distinguished positions in the Craft and other Degrees of Freemasonry. From the Registrar's statement, which you have just heard read, you will find that our province is steadily advancing, and that we have on our roll at present 14 lodges with a total of 459 subscribing members. Caldene, 501, situated at Hebden Bridge, the most recent, has been consecrated since the last annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. Although young, it yet shows vigorous growth, and possesses all the elements of a successful working lodge, and I have every confidence that it will prove a valuable acquisition to our roll. During the year, in addition to those named at our last meeting, we have lost by death four other active Masons, viz.: Bros. Waterhouse, 457; Milner, 137; and Benj. Smith, 127, a Past Prov. Officer, an active, useful member, and one the loss of whom the brethren of Portal Lodge will deeply feel. Also Bro. W. C. Wilson, who, as Secretary of Britannia gained his brethren's high esteem. This is evidenced by the fact that on the minutes of that lodge we find a record of a special vote of thanks to Bro. Wilson for the indefatigable manner in which, whilst suffering from great physical pain, he yet discharged the duties of his office—a testimony worthy equally of the brother and the lodge. May we humbly hope that when these brethren present their life-work to the Great Overseer of the Universe for inspection "they may receive the wages due to patient industry and merit." At our annual meeting last year you were asked to support your Prov. G. Master in his presidency at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. To that appeal you responded most liberally, and I would again thank you most sincerely for the very noble assistance you rendered on that memorable occasion. This year the chair will be occupied by Bro. Colonel Cooke, Prov. G. Master for Middlesex. I feel sure, brethren, that the interest awakened in our Benevolent Fund will not be allowed to wane, and that you will give generously in its support this year also. For the first time in the history of Freemasonry in West Yorkshire, the collar of the Grand Treasurer has come to this province. It must be gratifying to us Mark Masons to think that it is in the Mark Degree that this honour has first fallen upon us, and we are all very pleased to know that the fortunate recipient is our worthy, worshipful, and highly esteemed Bro. G. H. Parke. Bro. Parke has been a generous supporter of all our Masonic Charities, and I feel I am only echoing your sentiments when I offer to him the hearty congratulations of his brethren of West Yorkshire. He, you will remember, has attained that distinction without a contest. May he long live to enjoy it! Brethren, I will not detain you further. I thank you for your kind salutation, and I will only add that in this year of general rejoicing, this year, when we all unite in heartiest good wishes for the welfare of our gracious Sovereign, we, meeting in this our annual assembly, can also thoroughly rejoice in the prosperity of Mark Masonry in this province. May the peace and harmony which now exist amongst us long continue, and may those grand principles which underlie our ceremonies influence more and more the lives and actions of our members, and tend more fully to promote those feelings of brotherly love, goodwill, and Charity, which are the beginning and the end of our whole Masonic Institution!

The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Lord EUSTON, then rose: He said: Brethren, your Prov. Grand Master has asked me, in your name, to perform an action which I think would have been better left in his own hands, that is, to make the presentation to Bro. Parke of the regalia and jewel appertaining to the office of Grand Treasurer, to which he has recently been elected. I have much pleasure in doing this and I congratulate you, Bro. Parke, upon the way you came forward and upon your un-contested election. Moreover, you cannot, I am sure, be insensible to this further honour which the brethren have conferred upon you in recognition of your promotion. I am

pleased to be the means of conveying this handsome present to you, which, you will shortly be entitled to wear by the unanimous vote of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

The Pro Grand Master having handed over the regalia and attached the jewel,

Bro. PARKE said he found difficulty adequately to express his sense of the kindness of his brethren in making him that handsome presentation, and declared that its value would be enhanced by the fact that he had received it at the hands of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master. He would accept it as a token of the esteem of his brethren, would wear it with pride and gratification, and would never put on that jewel without being reminded of their goodness towards him, and stimulated, if possible, to still greater efforts in the interest of the Province of West Yorkshire and the support of the Order of Mark Master Masons.

The regalia, which it may be mentioned was the best of its kind, was accompanied by an 18-carat magnificent G. Treasurer's jewel.

This incident ended, Bro. H. Beaumont, P.M., was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The outgoing officers having approached and given up their emblems of office, the Prov. G. Master proceeded to appoint and invest the Prov. Grand Officers for the year as follows:

Bro. R. Hodgson, P.M. 58, Vice-Chairman of the	Prov. S.G.W.
Charity Committee
" Simeon Whiteley, P.M. (T.I.) ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Thos. Uttley, P.M. 14... ..	Prov. G.M.O.
" G. H. Clemons, P.M. 374	Prov. S.G.O.
" Wm. Cockcroft, W.M. 501	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Manley Power, 374	Prov. G. Chap.
" Henry Beaumont, P.M. 58 (elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Gaskell Blackburn, P.M. 374	Prov. G. Reg.
" Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 110	Prov. G. Sec.
" Stephen Pegler, P.M. 398	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. G. Howell, W.M. 493	Prov. J.G.D.
" John Reed, P.M. 398	Prov. G.I. of Wks.
" John Thomas Last, P.M. (T.I.)	Prov. G.D.C.
" Geo. Patchett, P.M. 58... ..	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. Clinton Browne, P.M. 127	Prov. G.S.B.
" John William Smith, 374	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Wm. Ash, 110	Prov. G. Org.
" James Wood, P.M. 127	Prov. G.I.G.
" Gledhill Hallas, P.M. 14
" Thos. Rowbotham, W.M. 53	Prov. G. Stwds.
" John Basil Mays, W.M. 111
" Chas. A. Phillips, P.M. 457
" J. H. Newton, 111	Prov. G. Tyler.

The M.W. the PRO GRAND MASTER, at the invitation of the Prov. Grand Master, next spoke. He said: Brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, your Prov. Grand Master has asked me to address a few words to you. I find a little difficulty in doing this, as you appear to be so harmonious and so successful a province. It is very clear to me that you have great confidence in your Prov. Grand Master, and that you show it by at all times supporting him and helping him to maintain, as he so ably does, the honour of this Degree and the *prestige* of the province to which you belong: I am delighted to see so large and so influential a gathering, and I thank you, in the name of the Grand Lodge of England, for the support which you give to our Order. Brethren, when there is no fault to find, there is very little to say, and that is the condition of affairs with you. I would impress upon you, however, the necessity of care in the admission of new members into your lodges; be assured first that they are good, worthy, and true. They must, of course, be Craft Masons, and as Craft Masons you can gauge what they are. If they are unsuitable, and you admit them, then should unpleasantness occur, the fault is your own. I see no signs of this amongst you, and I most sincerely congratulate you upon the happiness you enjoy and the harmony which characterises your lodges. It is a real pleasure to me to come down and see a gathering like this, and if I can render you assistance by repeating my visit, I shall be glad upon some suitable occasion to come amongst you again. In my own name and that of the Grand Officers who accompany me, I thank you for your salutation and for the heartiness of your reception.

The report of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee having next been read, Bro. G. H. PARKE, the Chairman, moved its adoption.

The Vice-Chairman, Bro. RICHARD HODGSON in seconding, said he thought there was nothing in the report but what tended to our credit; that we had taken up the challenge of our M.W. Pro G. Master when he last visited us, and as his presence stimulated us then to exertion on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund so he believed would his coming on this occasion have a similar encouraging effect.

The M.W. Pro G. Master then retired from the lodge accompanied by the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Rowbotham, W.M., and the brethren of Britannia Lodge, Sheffield, for their excellent arrangements, moved by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. JOHN BARKER, and carried by acclamation, finished the business, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet which followed took place in the dining-hall of the lodge. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers, and the scene was rendered more brilliant by the collars and jewels of the guests. Upwards of 80 brethren sat down, the Prov. Grand Master presiding. On his right were Lord Euston and the visiting Grand Officers, and on his left the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the W.M. and Past Masters of Britannia Lodge.

An excellent repast was sent up by Mrs. Turner, the wife of the Hall-keeper, and it was served, as is usual at Sheffield, by a band of neat-handed Phyllises, whose courtesy and rapidity left nothing to be desired.

After the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master," had been given and honoured,

Bro. MASON, the Chairman, proposed "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, R.W. Dep.G.M.; and the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge." He said visits like that tended undoubtedly to bind the Mark Masons together; that West Yorkshire had been specially favoured, as that was the second time the Earl of Euston had come amongst them, and that it was very gratifying to witness the interest which his lordship took in the Order, of which he was practically the working head. They were equally gratified to have a visit from Bro. Matier, the Grand Secretary, and the other Grand Officers, and he called upon his brethren to show, by the reception of the toast, how genuinely glad they were to see them.

This the brethren did unmistakably, and when the Pro G.M. rose he and his officers were enthusiastically received.

Lord EUSTON said that it had been a great gratification to come down to West Yorkshire, and to see for himself how its affairs were administered. The loyalty the brethren had shown to their Prov. Grand Master in July of last year prepared him somewhat for what he had witnessed that day, and that Bro. Mason was to be congratulated upon the organisation which existed and the heartiness which characterised all their proceedings. He thanked them one and all for the kindness they had manifested, and for the hospitality and welcome which they had extended to him and those who accompanied him.

"The Health of the Prov. G. Master, Bro. C. L. Mason," was proposed by the PRO G. MASTER in most courteous terms.

Bro. C. L. MASON in reply, after giving a brief *resumé* of his administration, expressed the pleasure he felt when he was able to say that the lodges were working harmoniously and happily, and that they were actuated by the one idea how best to promote the welfare of the Order.

Other toasts followed, of which "The Mark Benevolent Fund," was one. This proposed by Bro. G. H. PARKE, was responded to by Bro. C. F. MATIER, who declared that West Yorkshire gave him nothing to complain about and that as someone had said,

The days seem long and the nights fall flat
When you have nothing to grumble at.

With respect to the Charity attached to the Mark, they in West Yorkshire had unquestionably beaten previous records. He hoped, however, to live to see West Yorkshire's total exceeded, and should the Pro Grand Master take the chair again—and he believed he would—might he have the gratification of seeing this flourishing province using its best efforts to make the result still greater than before.

Songs by Bro. W. Foxon, who has so worthily won a musical reputation in Sheffield, by Bro. W. S. Milligan, and others, were interspersed.

To the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. MAJ. WOODALL, W. H. BRITAIN and ENSOR DRURY replied; whilst to that of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," the response came from Bro. T. ROWBOTHAM, W.M. of Britannia, who had that day received the collar of Prov. G. Steward.

The arrangements were excellent, and everything passed off most satisfactorily, for which condition of things the brethren of Britannia Lodge, and notably, Bro. H. J. Garnett, deserve unstinted praise.

On the following day, the Prov. Grand Secretary having previously communicated with Messrs. Rodgers and Sons, a visit was paid by the Earl of Euston and his party to the world-famed cutlery works of this eminent firm. Here they were received most courteously by Mr. Donaldson, the manager, who conducted them through the show rooms, factories, and shops, and pointed out in a most interesting manner the various processes of forging, grinding, and polishing. The immense stores of ivory were also visited, and the working up of this material into razor and knife handles was illustrated. All expressed themselves much gratified with viewing the many interesting processes, and will long remember their morning call at the cutlery works and the evident desire upon the part of the manager to make their inspection instructive.

FESTIVAL AND LADIES' NIGHT OF THE WANDSWORTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,

No. 1044.

The Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, held its festival on Tuesday evening, the 4th instant, at the Municipal Buildings, Wandsworth-road. The lodge was presided over by Bro. A. C. A. Higerty, P.P.J.G.W. Berks, the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, who was supported by Bros. Bayne, W.M. 1044, as S.W.; W. G. King, W.M. 2417, as J.W.; Gandy, 946, as S.D.; Ball 1420, as J.D.; and Cannon, 1044, as I.G.

The brethren present were—members—Bros. A. W. Dyke, 2417; R. C. Bayne, 1044; A. Guenely, 1585; L. A. Francis, 1194; W. H. Ball, 1420; A. E. Lean, P.M. 1564, P.P.G.P. Surrey; W. R. Wiles, 1044; C. G. Rogers, 2417; W. G. King, 1044; R. N. Monger, 1044; G. Gale, 2346; T. Beer, A. M. Morehead, J. Clements, C. W. Litmer, Joseph Ralph Barry, 2417; M. D. Wills, 2417; John Harp, Herbert Bray, 1044; A. C. A. Higerty, Arthur J. Cannon, J. Woodley, H. M. Carter, 2599; Hugh James, 1441; H. Hayward Gandy, 946; T. H. Higerty, 106; A. Garrett, G. Banfield, T. C. P. Jenkins, A. F. Jenkins, W. Bolton, J. T. Mortimer, A. W. Stacey, J. S. Tavener, J. L. Parry, A. F. Holland, J. H. B. Trunnell, F. A. F. Dailey, J. W. Folkard, P.M. 2245; G. W. Fortescue, John S. Kingston, P.M. 1420; A. E. W. Mar Camley, F. F. Cowie, John H. Vicary, P.M. 2417, W.M. 2441; H. Hudson and George C. Hudson, P.M. 141; W. Cutting, P.M. 1564; and H. Milward. Visitors: Bros. C. J. Roberts, 591; James Smith, 2346; John Edward Hawkins, John Ramsey, and E. Bassano, 871; G. T. Dobson and H. Hollingshurst, 1524; R. H. Marchbank, 902; James Buckland, 2346; Wm. Reynolds, 700; James Bailey and Samuel Cresswell, 1641; W. J. Woodward, 720; D. Saines, 2540; W. E. Challis, 1632; C. Thompson, 1158; J. Webster, 1199; John Winzar, 2346; R. T. Randell, 1641; A. W. Cox, 1986; F. Grumbridge, 2346; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928.

The Second Lecture was worked by the following brethren: Bros. Cannon, I.G. 1044, 1st Section; Gandy, I.G. 946, 2nd Section; King, W.M. 2417, 3rd Section; Moorhead, P.M. 24, 4th Section; and Ball, 1420, 5th Section. The work was admirably performed. Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the working brethren, for whom Bro. BAYNE responded, and a telegram congratulating her Majesty on the 60th year of her reign was ordered to be despatched.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren joined the ladies in the drawing-room, and afterwards conducted them to the banqueting hall, the evening being made a ladies' evening to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Year. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., was to have presided, but on account of ill-health he was not able to be present, and his place was taken by Bro. Higerty.

After the banquet, the Stewards made a collection, which amounted to £10 16s. 6d.

Bro. HIGERTY proposed the toasts, and in giving "The Queen and the Craft," said the people were close upon celebrating the Diamond Festival of their Queen Empress. Her Majesty would soon complete the 60th year of her reign, and members of the Masonic Order and ladies of their families would feel that the

Queen had done well in her long reign, and was worthy of their best respect and heartiest regards. The Queen was the Patroness of Masonry, she was the daughter of a Mason (the late Duke of Kent), she was the niece of Freemasons, and the mother of three Freemasons—the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and the late Duke of Albany.

Bro. HIGERTY, in giving "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," said the Prince of Wales was popular in every part of England, in fact in every part of the world; he took great interest in almost everything that occurred, more particularly in what concerned Masonry. He was Grand Master and performed the duties of Grand Master, and he was Patron of all the Masonic Institutions. The Princess of Wales was also Patroness of all the Institutions and performed the duties which were incumbent upon her in her exalted position with great ability.

Bro. Dr. KEMPSTER, P.G. Stwd., responded to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. BAYNE, W.M. 1044, proposed "The Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction and Bro. Higerty." As Master of the mother lodge the duty fell to him. The lodge of instruction was under the charter of the Wandsworth Lodge. They could not but feel that the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction was more like the mother of them all or the Master of them all, as it taught the Masters of lodges in the district almost all they knew of Masonry. There were other lodges of instruction in that neighbourhood, but they could not all compare with the Wandsworth; they had not the number or influence of this lodge. The brethren who had been present in the earlier part of the evening had had a very great treat, seeing how the lecture was worked. He did not propose to say many words in praise of Bro. Higerty as his merits were so well known; to say anything in praise of the workers would be an act of supererogation, but he would say they had had a great treat in the work of Bro. Higerty, and of those who took part in the Sections. The brethren owed a hearty debt of thanks, too, to the energetic and hard-working Secretary, and to the dinner Stewards, who had so ably managed the latter part of the evening's entertainment, in which the ladies had been kind enough to honour them with their company.

Bro. HIGERTY replying, said, on behalf of the Wandsworth lodge, he had to thank the company most sincerely for the hearty reception they had given to the proposal of Bro. Bayne. It was a very difficult position indeed to be Preceptor of any lodge, and that would become known to the younger members as they went on. He felt deeply the very kind sentiments expressed by Worshipful Brother, his friend, Bro. Bayne. It would always be his best endeavour to assist the lodge of instruction and the lodge; but he had assisted other lodges, and he hoped to live to assist in the future. So far as the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction was concerned, it had been, it was, and he trusted it would be of use, not alone from a Masonic point of view, but also from what the ladies might understand a Charitable point of view. The ladies of 1897 had adopted the bicycle and many other of the sports which men have gone in for, even football and cricket; but they had not yet obtained the franchise of Masonry. Therefore, he would say very little about Freemasonry, except to assure them that the Masonic work which went on no man under God's heaven need be ashamed of. He would speak to them of some thing which now particularly interested them as mothers, and sweethearts, and sisters, and that was the all-important question of Charity. He could assure them that in the lodge of instruction they had a benevolent fund, by which all the members by easy means were enabled to buy the life subscribership and the life governorship in the three Masonic Charities, which were the pride and envy of all the constitutions of Masonry throughout the civilised world. They tried to the best of their ability to send up Stewards to the Masonic Charities, and at the present moment they had a fund open to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund. They had also contributed to the Indian Famine Fund, and many other funds, as well as to indigent brethren in the district. Therefore, the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction was not only doing good work in the ceremonial of Masonry, but in the important cause of Charity. Well, a gathering like the present could not have been carried out but by arduous work—most patient and intelligent work—on the part of those who had undertaken to be Stewards, and he could not speak too highly of the Stewards, from the Stewards to the indefatigable Secretary. (Applause.) The Committee had also worked very hard—they had worked with a will, with enthusiasm, and with an open hand to make this Jubilee Festival a success, as he believed it was. (Cheers.)

Bro. HIGERTY next proposed "The Masonic Charities." Their Royal Grand Master on one memorable occasion stated that Freemasonry was made up of loyalty and Charity. Loyalty there was no doubt among Freemasons. Charity it was necessary they should engender, inasmuch, as there were many calls upon them. Masons had three great Masonic Institutions, each of which was equally entitled to their respect and regard, with the others. They were the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Old People's Institution, the last of which was most ably represented at that meeting by Bro. John Mason. Lodges of instruction played an important part in sending subscriptions to the festivals of these Institutions. They had sent up Stewards galore to these festivals; he, himself, had been twice Steward for the Benevolent Institution, once for the Boys and once for the Girls.

Bro. JOHN MASON acknowledged the toast in an exhaustive speech, setting forth the benefits conferred by the three Institutions.

Bro. HIGERTY, in proposing "The Ladies," referred to the happy jubilee which had inspired the lodge with the idea that the ladies should participate in the brethren's festivities. Although the ladies had, in this year of grace 1897, so far extended their programme of emancipation as to annex the busy bicycle and kindred enjoyments, but not having extracted from stony hearted man the franchise of Masonry, their enjoyment this evening was naturally limited to the proceedings at the festive board at which the brethren were delighted to see them among them.

Mrs. DONALDSON replied, and said if the ladies were not permitted to take part in the ordinary duties of a Mason, they might, and did, sympathise with, and would ever endeavour to assist in, the brethren's efforts in aid of the Masonic Charities, for she was certain there was no lady in that large assemblage who had not seen great suffering, or, indeed, had not had to bear it in her immediate *entourage*. She encouraged the ladies to a constant respect and regard for the Masonic Order, and paid a high compliment to the executive for the excellent arrangements for the amusement and comfort of her sex.

Bro. DONALDSON, P.M. 1963, responded for "The Visitors," to whom a genial welcome had been given by the presiding W.M., with the hope that the entertainment in the lodge and at the table had met with the approval of all. He always had the greatest pleasure from his visits to their lodge, to which he wished continued success and prosperity.

Bro. HIGERTY responded to the toast of "The Chairman," which was proposed by Bro. JOHN MASON.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The evening was enlivened with the musical performances of Miss Minnie Hyam, Miriam Becket, and Bros. John Woodley, Victor Romilly, W. J. Woodward, Wilfred Stacey, and W. Thomas Seadon, Miss Kate Augusta Davies, A.G. S.M., being the accompanist.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S Returns disclose the fact that the death-rate last week was 15.5 per 1000 as compared with 16.8 the previous week.

THE PROPOSED MEETING IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

The following is a copy of the circular letter which has been sent to the W. Masters of lodges:

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

3rd May, 1897.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

I have received the commands of the MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER to acquaint you that, with the view of enabling the Members of the Craft to give expression to their feelings of loyalty and devotion towards HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, on the approaching Celebration of her long and gracious reign, His Royal Highness the Grand Master has graciously consented to preside over a great representative meeting of English Freemasons to be held at the ROYAL ALBERT HALL, on MONDAY, the 14th JUNE, at 4 o'clock, when a loyal and dutiful Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty on the auspicious event will be proposed.

It has been decided that, following the precedent of the Celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee in 1887, the fee for the ticket of admission shall be ONE GUINEA, one half of the sum so raised going to the three Masonic Charities, and the other half to that truly Masonic object, "The Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund."

As the accommodation in the Royal Albert Hall will not permit more than five brethren being present from each lodge, it is requested that you will inform me, before the 20th May instant, what number of tickets, not exceeding that number, you will require for the members of your lodge, accompanied by a remittance of one guinea for each.

In the event of any lodges desiring to be furnished with more than five tickets, it would be advisable if such lodges were to state what extra number they may wish for, so that in case there should be a surplus by reason of any lodges not requiring their full number, such surplus may be distributed *pro rata*.

I am further authorised to announce to you that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has approved of a special jewel being worn by every Freemason being a Subscribing Member of a lodge under the Grand Lodge of England on the 20th June, 1897, when her Majesty will complete the 60th year of her accession to the Throne of these realms.

In conclusion I am to state that the Most Worshipful Grand Master is of opinion that the address of congratulation to be voted to her Majesty at this meeting in London, should be considered as emanating from the entire body of English Freemasons, and that local addresses will therefore be unnecessary and inexpedient.

I remain, Worshipful Master,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) E. LETCHWORTH,

Grand Secretary.

Craft Masonry.

Moira Lodge, No. 92.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 27th ult. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, the I.P.M., Bro. Maurice A. Tweedie, presided, and there were also present Bros. G. Greiner, P.M., as S.W.; John Webb, J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., Sec.; Charles E. Russell, S.D.; A. W. Smith, J.D.; Russell Ardagh, I.G.; W. Bohm, P.M.; Harold Carter, P.M.; and J. P. Murrough. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Bourne, 2162; Sydney Shorter, P.M. late 92; B. S. Abraham, S.W.; and A. Symons Eccles, J.W. 2620.

The business, which was of a purely routine character, having been disposed of in good time, the brethren afterwards dined together.

Amherst Lodge, No. 1223.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 1st instant, at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, with a full attendance of members, and equally so of visitors, there being 25 of each, and exactly that number of brethren who have passed or are in the chair. Bro. Josiah Willmot, W.M., had the pleasure of presiding over the first installation meeting of the lodge held in the new wing which Bro. Waller has added to his house, with the co-operation of his landlord, the Earl of Amherst. A commodious lodge room and another for after proceedings have been provided, with all needful accommodation, so that the comfort of the members of the lodge is vastly increased. After a unanimous ballot for a joining member and for an initiate, Bro. Willmot installed his successor, Bro. Thomas H. Knight, and continued the work as far as the addresses, which were given in able fashion by Bro. Evenden, P.M. Bro. S. R. Wilson, P.M. 1209, P.J.G.D. Kent, temporarily filled the chair of S.W., Bro. J. M. Longley, P.M. 299, P.P.J.G.W., being in the J.W.'s seat.

After the incidental business was over, 10 guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where once more Bro. Waller displayed his catering abilities to the satisfaction of all.

Bro. Thos. Skewes-Cox, M.P., P.G.S., responded to the toast in honour of the Grand Officers.

Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.P.G. Org., replied for "The Province of Kent." Being one of the oldest members of No. 1223, he naturally referred to the new surroundings under which they met that day, and remarked that 21 years ago at Westerham, on the first Saturday in May, he was installed W.M. of the Amherst Lodge, and he believed that the room where they then held their meetings was used at other times as a sleeping apartment. They certainly had been better housed after removal to Riverhead, and after many years the long-talked of Masonic rooms had been built. As one of the little band who kept the Amherst Lodge going in perilous times, he was glad for what had been done, and he was sure a bright future was in front of it.

In accordance with custom, all the Past Masters of the lodge present were called on to say a few words, and it was a great pleasure to the old members to hear Bro. Sir John Smallman Smith in that capacity, he having been abroad on public duty for some years.

Bro. H. Work Dodd, who is one of the latter-day Past Masters, recalled to mind how often he had heard his brother P.M. and relative, when replying to that toast, say "We are seven," and thought it a good omen that that year they were 12.

For "The Visiting Brethren" several responded, including Bros. E. W. Allen, P.P.G. Sec. Bucks; Andrews, P.M. 2422, P.G.S. Surrey; and F. Warne, 9; and all spoke highly of the work seen and the pleasure the visit had given them.

Other usual toasts followed, and an excellent programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau.

Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

The last meeting for the season of this highly-prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 6th instant. Among those present were Bros. Capt. J. Hoey, W.M.; J. W. H. Littleboy, I.P.M.; J. H. Askham, P.M., S.W.; J. Tomlinson, J.W.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; R. Clamp, S.D.; G. J. Woolridge, I.G.; H. W. Gloster, Steward; C. F. Passmore, P.M.; F. M. Wilkins, N. Dudge, A. Althorp, J. Wenham, and A. G. Gunning. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; A. M. Kennett, 2475; W. H. Long, 2120; E. Head and J. Hewett, 1681; and E. J. Eastes, 3394.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and, it being election night, Bros. J. H. Askham, S.W., and Major G. Collins, P.M., were unanimously chosen as W.M. and Treasurer respectively. Bro. W. Chapman was elected Tyler by

a show of hands, in the room of Bro. G. J. Mason, whose resignation, on the score of failing health, had been accepted with regret, and it was directed that the appreciation by the brethren of his valuable services as Tyler during the existence of the lodge should be recorded on the minutes. Bros. M. A. Shaw and N. Dudge were elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring Master, but Bro. Captain Hoey having expressed a preference that the sum thus voted should be given to one of the Masonic Charities and carried to the credit of the Bisley Lodge, the matter was, after discussion, referred to the Audit Committee to settle and arrange. Letters were read, from the Grand Secretary giving particulars of the meeting to be held at the Albert Hall on June 14th for the purpose of voting a loyal and dutiful address to the Queen; from Bro. Langston, announcing that a Masonic service would be held at the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Ascension Day, May 27th; and from three members of the lodge—Bros. Major G. Collins, Charles Pulman, and James Webb, Past Masters—all of whom were unavoidably prevented from being present. Two candidates were proposed for joining, after which, there being no further business, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given from the chair.

The W.M. alluded in graceful terms to the long and happy reign of her Majesty the Queen, whose health was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," was also proposed in very eloquent terms and received with much applause.

In proceeding with the toast of "The Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master; Earl Amherst, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said they had one present that night in the person of Bro. Gould, whose merits were well known to them all, and with whom he had himself been acquainted for a period of over 38 years.

Bro. Gould, in the course of his reply, said that the officers of the Grand Lodge of England were very much in evidence at the present time, because a few days only had passed since the new ones had been appointed for the year. The noblemen and gentlemen upon whom the choice of their Royal Grand Master had fallen at the recent annual festival of the Society would, he hoped and believed, be considered in every case to have amply merited their preferment. It gave him much pleasure to be present at the Bisley Lodge that evening. He had seen five Masters placed in its chair, and while he could not quite say that he had witnessed every ceremony which had been performed in the lodge since his first visit to it in 1802, nevertheless he had enjoyed the good fortune of being present at most of their meetings, and there was not a single member with whom he was not personally acquainted. The working had always been excellent, and he felt sure that in that respect, as well as in the reputation the lodge had justly acquired for hospitality, it would go on and prosper in the future, under the genial sway of the Master elect, Bro. Askham, as it had done in the past, under the retiring W.M., and the worthy brethren who had preceded him in the chair. Of Bro. Hoey, he must, however, say a parting word. The Past Masters of No. 2317 had all done good suit and service in the Craft, and were very highly esteemed, but he thought that when towards the close of the year, Bro. Hoey passed into their ranks, it might be said without any fear of contradiction, that the Bisley Lodge would possess one of the finest galleries of "Old Masters," not only in Surrey, but in all England.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Littleboy, who, after referring to the terms in which he had spoken of Bro. Hoey's capabilities at the beginning of the year, went on to claim that his prophecy had been a true one, as the W.M. had fully realised all the sanguine hopes which had been entertained by the brethren when they elected him. The W.M. having suitably replied, other toasts followed.

In the course of the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Bros. F. M. Wilkins, E. Head, W. H. Long, G. W. Smith, and the W.M. Bro. Dudge, particularly distinguished himself in a cornet solo, while the office of pianoforte accompanist was in the able hands of Bro. E. J. Eastes, Organist of the Galen Lodge, No. 2394.

Mark Masonry.

Wycombe Lodge, No. 480.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, High Wycombe, on Tuesday, the 4th instant, when a large number of brethren were present, including Bro. E. Margaret, P.P.G. Treas. Berks, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the balance-sheet was read, which showed a balance of £5 2s. 4d.; this was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. F. Johncock, S.W., was then duly installed into the chair, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Margaret. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. G. T. James, I.P.M.; C. Bating, W.M. 257, S.W.; J. J. Simcox, J.W.; J. Bowden, Treas.; J. Bliss, Sec.; G. T. Rees, M.O.; H. Hambling, S.O.; J. C. Coppock, J.O.; J. Williams, S.D.; W. Birch, J.D.; W. L. Bradshaw, I.G.; and J. N. Hodgkinson, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to the I.P.M., Bro. James, for the excellent services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Various matters were discussed, after which the lodge was closed.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE COOK, S.D. 1693.

We regret to announce the demise of a much respected member of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693—Bro. George Cook—who was initiated therein seven years since, and was S.D. at the time of his death. He had been in indifferent health for a considerable time; but not such as to cause anxiety to his family until very recently, when he was compelled to lay up; but all medical assistance was of no avail, and he succumbed to his complaint (fatty degeneration of the heart) on Thursday, the 6th instant, at his residence in St. Thomas-road, Finsbury Park, N. We tender our sympathy to his widow and family on their sad loss. Our late brother was buried at Highgate Cemetery on Saturday, the 8th instant, and the funeral was attended by his son, Mr. George Cook; his three brothers, Mr. O. Whiting (brother-in-law), Mr. Henderson, Bro. J. Michaelson, 860 (who was the deceased's co-manager), and the whole of the employes of the firm of which our late brother was manager for many years (Messrs. Burrell). The members of his lodge who attended to pay their last tribute of respect to a brother who certainly enjoyed the respect of every member of the lodge were Bros. S. Robson, W.M.; J. S. Anthony, S.W.; A. White, J.W.; H. Hall, P.M.; J. Potter, P.M.; A. W. Cooper, P.M.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; and C. W. Potter. Bro. W. Windsor, Org., also attended on behalf of the Kingsland Chapter, of which our late brother was a member. There were many beautiful wreaths from relatives and friends, also a handsome one from the Kingsland lodge, and with which the coffin was completely covered. A splendid wreath was received from the Paris Correspondent of the deceased's firm, which arrived too late to be sent with others at the funeral.

BIRTH.

COUSANS.—On the 3rd instant, at Leamington, the wife of Henry Edward Cousans, of Santos, Brazil, of a son.

DEATHS.

COUSANS.—On the 5th instant, at Claremont, Arlington-street, Leamington, Beatrice Catherine, the beloved wife of Henry Edward Cousans, of Santos, Brazil.

SMITHEIT.—On the 9th instant, at 40, Inverness-terrace, Hyde Park, W., the wife of William Smithett, Esq., of Mincing-lane; aged 58 years. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 13th instant, at Brookwood.

Masonic and General Tidings.

DOWN TO THURSDAY night the Lord Mayor's Indian Famine Fund amounted to £523,545.

MADAME EMMA EAMES has received the Royal command to sing at the first State concert at Buckingham Palace on the 28th inst.

MRS. GULLY will hold a Drawing-room meeting in aid of the Children's Country Holiday Fund at the residence of the Speaker (Bro. the Right Hon. M. C. Gully) on Friday, the 28th inst.

THE RIGHT HON. A. J. BALFOUR and Miss Balfour will give evening parties at the official residence of the First Lord of the Treasury on Wednesday, the 19th inst., and Wednesday, the 26th inst.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK has returned from Paris, where she has been giving sittings for her portrait to M. Carolus Duran, and has been joined at Warwick Castle by Bro. the Earl of Warwick.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of old students of King's College, London, will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, June 28th, Lord Kelvin presiding. The Duke of Cambridge has intimated his intention of being present.

IN COMMEMORATION of the Diamond Jubilee, members of the various London hospitals and lay companies representing the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps will hold a dinner and smoking concert at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 27th inst.

THE PRIVATE VIEW of the Cabinet Picture Society's Third Exhibition will be held on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Messrs. C. M. M. Dale, Bingham McGuinness, T. Neil Knight, Mary L. Mathews, Fred Morgan, M. Murray-Cookesley, and Alfred Powell have been elected members of the society.

MEDALS COMMEMORATIVE of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee are to be issued from the Royal Mint. They will be in two sizes—one measuring about 2½ inches in diameter will be issued in fine gold, silver, and bronze, and the other about an inch in diameter, which will be issued in fine gold and silver only.

AT THE MEETING, on Saturday last, of the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, Bro. Layton A. Richardson, P.M., presented for the use of the lodge a box of handsome ebony and plated working tools to mark the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign. The gift was unanimously accepted by the members.

THE PRIVATE VIEW of the Society of Miniature Painters' Second Exhibition will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at Messrs. Graves and Company's Gallery, 6, Pall Mall, S.W., and the exhibition will be open to the public from the 17th instant to the end of June. All exhibits will consist of works by contemporary artists.

ON THURSDAY morning, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales left Oxford for Cheltenham to inspect the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, and afterwards proceeded to Prestbury Park, and reviewed the yeomanry. He then rode at the head of the regiment, to Queen's Hotel, where he lunched with the yeomanry officers, of whom the Marquis of Worcester is colonel commanding.

BRO. JOHN LANE, P.M. 1402, P.A.G.D.C. of England, was married to Miss Maude Elizabeth Bailey, at the Upton Vale Baptist Chapel, Torquay, on Monday, the 10th inst., by the Rev. William Emery, the Pastor. His attached friend, Bro. William J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, was the "best man" on the occasion; a niece of the bride being the bridesmaid. The happy couple, after passing a few days in the Metropolis, anticipate spending the remainder of their honeymoon at Scarborough. They have had many valuable presents made to them, especially from the Companies of which Bro. Lane is the Secretary.

A NEW and very much enlarged edition of Rawdon Lee's popular and successful book on Sporting Dogs, being part of his series of "Modern Dogs of Great Britain and Ireland," is promised by Mr. Horace Cox towards the end of May. The fresh issue, in two volumes, brought right up to date, will contain, amongst the new illustrations, Welsh hounds (never previously produced in a work of this kind), Beagles, Deerhounds, Bassett Griffons, various spaniels, retrievers, &c., executed in colotype from drawings by Arthur Wardle. In all there will be 33 full-page illustrations, 724 pages of letterpress, and a copious index.

THERE IS an old lady living in Ireland born in 1731. She remembers the Irish Revolution. Being in her 117th year, she must be the oldest subject of the Queen. Having been asked to sign her name for Bro. Major Henry Wright's celebrated collection of autographs, Mrs. Armstrong, with great difficulty, has done so. By reason of her great age she is a celebrity. Bro. Wright took the autograph to Marlborough House to show H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, who was much interested in looking at it, and thanked him for the opportunity afforded her of inspecting this curious signature. A short time ago most of the members of her Royal Highness's family, including the King and Queen of Denmark, Crown Prince and Princess and their family, honoured Bro. Wright by signing in his book.

OWING TO the great success of the Sacred Concerts each Sunday at Wembley Park, arrangements have been made for them to be continued throughout the summer season. The new management are anxious to give Londoners the opportunity of visiting this beautiful place, and the free invitation given to the public will undoubtedly be the best possible advertisement for the Park. A good selection of instrumental music occupies the afternoon programme, and the evening concerts, which are given in the large hall, have the assistance of many well-known vocalists, which adds greatly to the enjoyment of visitors. The adoption of this new and liberal policy is undoubtedly a generous and wise step, as it is evident that this beautiful place has only to be known in order that it become the most popular resort in London.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY have issued a nicely illustrated pamphlet, containing lists of farm houses, seaside, and country lodgings, hotels, and boarding houses in the districts served by the Great Western line, including Jersey and Guernsey. The pamphlet shows the accommodation obtainable, and the features of interest in the various localities, and will be found exceedingly useful to tourists. Copies can be obtained free on personal application at the company's London receiving offices, and at Paddington Station and the principal stations throughout the line. The company's divisional superintendents at Paddington, Reading, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Penzance, Swansea, Llanely, Cardiff, Pontypool-road, Hereford, Worcester, Birmingham, and Chester will forward pamphlets on receipt of twopence to defray postage, and copies can be obtained at Messrs. Smith and Son's bookstalls at the stations on the Great Western Railway, at the price of 1d. each. The pamphlet is published by Messrs. Walter Hill and Co., of 67 and 69, Southampton-row, London, W.C.

THE QUEEN HELD A DRAWING ROOM at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, having arrived from Windsor the day previous. The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughter, the Princess Victoria, attended by Lord Colville of Culross, Lady Emily Kingscote, Miss Knollys, Bros. Lord Suffield and Sir Francis Knollys, and Captain Holroyd, arrived at the garden entrance under escort by a detachment of Life Guards, and the other members of the Royal Family present were the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Princess Victoria and Prince Christian Victor, his daughter and son, and the Duke of Teck. The Queen's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms was on duty in the State Saloons under their Captain, Lord Belper, and the Yeomen of the Guard in the interior of the Palace, under Captain the Earl of Waldegrave. The great officers of State and ladies and gentlemen of the Household were in attendance, including the Mistress of the Robes (the Duchess of Buccleugh), the Lord Steward (the Earl of Pembroke), the Lord Chamberlain (Bro. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B.), the Master of the Horse (Bro. the Duke of Portland), the Treasurer of the Household (Viscount Curzon, M.P.), the Comptroller of the Household (Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P.), the Master of the Buckhounds (the Earl of Coventry), Sir Fleetwood Edwards (Keeper of the Privy Purse), and Sir Arthur Bigge (Private Secretary). The Diplomatic and General Circles were numerously attended, and there was a large number of presentations, which had been previously approved by Her Majesty.

WE BEG to inform Secretaries of lodges that copies of the circular letter issued by Grand Lodge, re the Albert Hall meeting of June 14th, may be had at the office of this paper, at the following prices: 25, 3s. 6d.; 50, 4s.; 75, 4s. 6d.; 100, 5s.—*Adv.*

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, May 22nd, 1897.

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

MONDAY, MAY 17.

- CRAFT LODGES.**
 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel.
 1064, Imperial, Clot's Restaurant.
 2060, La France, Cafe Royal.
 2265, Barnato, Cafe Momi o.
 2486, Willesden, St. Andrew's Schools.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 1057, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.

- MARK LODGE.**
 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**
 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

- Board of General Purposes, at 5.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
 704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1505, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall.
 2045, Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden.
 2101, Anglo-American, Criterion.
 2405, Hampstead, Vestry Hall, Haverstock Hill.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
 10, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.
 26, Castle of Harmony, Cafe Royal.
 46, Old Union, Albion Tavern.
 201, Jordan, Guildhall Tavern.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION**
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
 Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
 Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
 Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
 Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
 Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
 Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
 Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
 Mount Edgecombe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.
 Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
 Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30
 St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
 St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
 Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8
 Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
 Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

General Committees of Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

- CRAFT LODGES.**
 610, Beadon, Holborn Restaurant.
 722, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 999, Maybury, Inns of Court Tavern.
 1278, Burdett-Coutts, London Tavern.
 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
 1536, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 2149, Huguenot, Criterion.
 2241, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel.
 2345, Duke of Fire, Alexandria Hotel, Clapham Common.
 2604, Holloway, Beate's Restaurant.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**
 1595, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.

- MARK LODGES.**
 144, Grosvenor, Cafe Royal.
 181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
 199, Duke of Connaught, Great Eastern Hotel.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
 Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
 City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
 Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
 Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
 Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
 Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
 London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30
 Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
 Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 204, Boro' High-street, at 8
 New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
 Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.
 Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
 St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
 Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
 Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwith Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
 United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
 Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
 Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
 Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
 6, Friendship, Criterion.
 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
 1227, Upton, Great Eastern Hotel.
 1365, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
 1420, Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant, Lavender-hill.
 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
 1993, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 2310, London Scottish Rifles, Criterion.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 597, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
 733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
 742, Crystal Palace, White Hart Hotel.
 834, Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.
 1353, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.

- MARK LODGE.**
 7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
 Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
 Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
 Montebore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
 Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.15
 Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.
 St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
 St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
 St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
 Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
 Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
 Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

- Annual General Meeting of the R.M.B.L., at Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.
- Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

- CRAFT LODGES.**
 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
 1118, Oxford and Cambridge University, Freemasons' Hall.
 2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
 2349, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
 Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8
 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7
 Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
 Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
 Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 94, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8
 Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
 Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
 Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.

- Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
 The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
 Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
 Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
 Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8

SATURDAY, MAY 22.

- CRAFT LODGES.**
 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
 1070, Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's Hotel.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**
 176, Caveau, Albion Tavern.
 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
 1023, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1023, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel.
 1662, Philbrick, Masonic Hall, Walthamstow.

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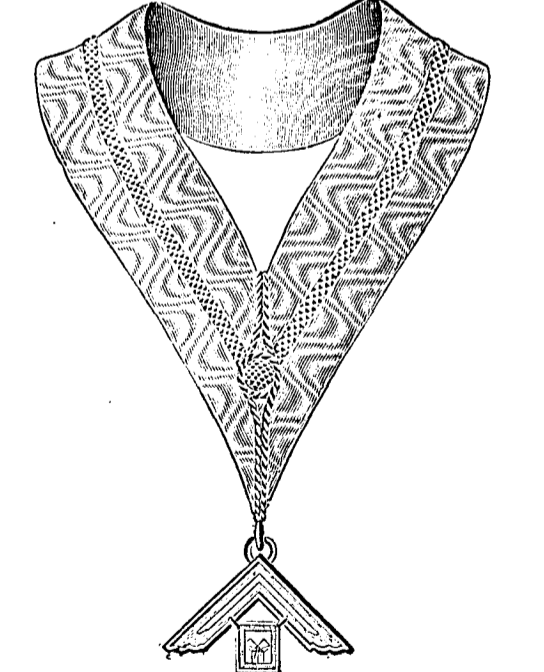
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