

computed, that from the Masonic general Charities, it is supposed that £250 per day is contributed for the relief of worthy cases, we are tempted to greatly increase that estimate, when we consider the many and various sources out of which flow the generous gifts of our united Brotherhood.

MASONIC CHARITY IN CORNWALL.

In no province in England has a "Masonic Charity Association" been of a more conspicuous success than in Cornwall. Started in 1885, it has now had four annual meetings, and each report has had a striking tale to record. For 1888 account the large sum of 272 guineas has been received, the number of members and lodges being now 223, whereas there were not more than 205 the previous year. Already, by this admirable plan, over £1200 have been raised for the three Central Masonic Charities, and without injuring in any way the excellent local Masonic Benevolent Annuity and Educational Fund. This remarkable and satisfactory result has been brought about mainly through the efforts of the indefatigable and enthusiastic Secretary, Bro. G. B. Pearce, of Hayle, to whom the origination of the Association is due. On the 13th inst., thirty-seven Life-Governorships of five guineas each, and eight of the value of 10 guineas each, were duly drawn for, and, though there were doubtless some disappointments, all must ultimately become Life-Governors when the term ends. We know no better scheme, either viewed economically as respects management, or practically as respects the total contribution.

Marshal Soult, one of Bonaparte's famous marshals, was a Freemason, and his Masonic certificate was found in his tent on June 21, 1813, after the battle of Vittoria, and came into the temporary possession of St. Nathalan's Lodge, Tullich-on-Mar, Scotland.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The following forwarded by a respected correspondent in Victoria, was unintentionally omitted from the last issue of THE CRAFTSMAN:

The Honorary Secretary to the Executive Committee of the proposed United Grand Lodge of Victoria has forwarded to the Grand Secretary an invitation for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers to be present at the installation of M. W. Bro. Sir William J. Clarke, Bart., as Grand Master, at Melbourne, on March 21st, and to the subsequent festival in celebration of the event. The M. W. the Grand Master has accepted on his own behalf and on behalf of the Grand Lodge officers the fraternal invitation, and we are sure will be gratified by a large attendance of Grand Lodge officers upon the occasion. The ceremony, which will take place in the town hall, Melbourne, on Thursday morning, March 21st, at 11 o'clock, will be performed by M. W. Bro. Lord Carrington, the Grand Master of New South Wales, and M. W. Bro., the Hon. S. J. Way, Grand Master of South Australia. The banquet will be held at the town hall, at 7 o'clock in the evening of the same day. Previous to the banquet the M. W. the Grand Master, accompanied by the M. W.'s the Grand Masters of New South Wales and South Australia (His Excellency Lord Carrington and His Honor Chief Justice Way) will hold a reception.

It is well to keep in view the duties that Free Masonry enjoins. They will never be changed, and require self-denial. When a profane makes up his mind to seek our mysteries he ought to be told plainly that the good he will receive from them will be what happiness one gives by performing acts of charity from notions wholly unselfish. To do good without hope of fee or reward is the motive which should actuate seekers after light in Masonry.