

Lodge of England holds Quarterly Communications in the months of March, June, September, and December, and are always numerous attended. At the Communication held in the month of March, at which there was an attendance of about 700, the resolutions introduced by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, condemning the action of the Grand Orient of France, were unanimously adopted; and at the same Communication, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, was re-elected Grand Master. On the 24th of April the Annual Grand Festival was held, at which H. R. H. the Grand Master presided, H. R. H. the Crown Prince of Denmark and Grand Master of Freemasonry in that country, being present as a visitor.

The Festivals of the three great Charitable Institutions—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—were held, the result being subscriptions to the amount of £80,000 or £7,000 less than the previous year. There are now 291 annuitants provided for by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 200 girls and 211 boys.

In turning to Scotland we find the page of Masonic history which has been written during the past year has been blotted and defaced. Many unpleasant disputes concerning their domestic affairs, have taken place, and their relations with the Craft outside of their own jurisdiction are not very satisfactory. Internal disorders have threatened a disruption of the Craft in that country; but we are happy in being able to state that there is reason to believe that matters are assuming a more pacific appearance, and that there is now peace within her borders. We have already alluded to the breach between this Grand Lodge and that of Quebec, and need make no further remarks on this painful subject. But there seems also to be another little quarrel between the Grand Lodge of

Scotland, and the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry for India, arising out of the status of the Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India. During the past year, eighteen new Lodges have been added to the list of those holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the total number now being 500. Two of the eighteen new Lodges are those which have been recently chartered and located at Montreal, a most unjustifiable act, and one which has caused the difficulty with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

In Ireland, Freemasonry is still meeting with active opposition from the Roman Catholic Church. It has not, however, had the effect of lessening the influence which Masonry exerts, wherever it is firmly established. The strength of Irish Freemasonry remains pretty much what it was last year; four Colonial Lodges have been formed, and the number of Lodges now subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Ireland is 373. A Charitable Institution, the Dublin Female Orphan Asylum and Boy's School, is supported by the Craft in Ireland. The number of girls receiving the benefits of the institution is forty-five, and of boys twenty-one. In the month of January, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught was installed Grand Prior of Ireland.

France next demands our notice; and although the Masons of that country, at all events such as bear allegiance to the Grand Orient, have, by their mad act, cut themselves off from the rest of the Masonic world, yet, a few facts respecting French Masonry are necessary to complete our review. According to the official calendar there are 306 Lodges and other Masonic bodies in France, and in the Colonies about 56. The Annual Assembly of the Grand Orient was held on the 11th September, and five following days. A resolution was passed to the effect that the Grand Orient would not constitute Lodges in those countries where a Grand Lodge was already established