

are to be accommodated at the Burlington and Buckingham Palace Hotels, where special arrangements are being made to receive them.

Here is an item that will startle our temperance friends: From the report of the Inland Revenue Department it is learned that cowslip wine was found to contain 28.9 per cent. of proof spirit, and there was 17.0 per cent. in "unfermented sherry," 10.8 in "non-alcoholic ginger cordial," and 8.7 per cent. in elderberry syrup.

The excitement over the Whitechapel murders continues, but as yet no clue to the murderer has been discovered. Several papers are clamouring for the dismissal of Mr. Matthews, the Home Secretary, but in truth that gentleman is little to blame. The *Pall Mall Gazette* is perhaps nearer the mark when it caricatures Sir Charles Warren in one of its budget issues. The cut represents Sir Charles Warren sitting at his desk, when an inspector enters and announces another murder. "Why bother me about such a trifle?" imperiously rejoins Sir Charles. Still, if something must be done, what do you say, inspector, to another hour's battalion drill?"

Lord Charles Beresford, in an interview upon the subject of the recent naval manœuvres, declares he would have the whole of the Navy overhauled in order to prepare for war, revive the training squadrons, and send the boys cruising in brigs where they would learn seamanship. We require at once five ironclads and 20 cruisers. He would vitalize the Admiralty with modern ideas, and let the Naval Lords remain in office only three years, replenishing the stock of administrators by bringing in men fresh from the blue water.

The statement is made that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales intends joining the Oddfellows, and that he will probably be initiated into a Norwich Lodge before the end of the year. All loyal Oddfellows, whether at home or abroad, will rejoice at this. The Prince is Grand Master of the Freemasons, and his popularity is likely to be enhanced by joining the Order of Oddfellows.

So many instances of the goodheartedness and thoughtfulness of Her Majesty the Queen have been given that the list does not require any addition; yet it is worth while to record one of her latest acts, viz., the giving of Upper Lodge, Bushey Park, to Lady Alfred Paget for life. This splendid abode was Lord Alfred Paget's "perquisite" in right of his office as Clerk-Marshal. The Queen has given orders that Lord Paget's place is not to be filled.

Lord and Lady Waterford have been entertaining Lord Lansdowne amongst other guests at Curraghona. People in society circle are expressing themselves very openly now as to the extravagance which keeping up style in India entails upon the Viceroy. Lord Dufferin, people say, found the office anything but paying. Lord and Lady Lansdowne will proceed shortly on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, and they will be guests at Balmoral during their stay in the North, when Lord Lansdowne is to "kiss hands" on his appointment as Viceroy of India. Their Excellencies leave for India in November 2nd.

The White Rose Degree.

A MEETING IN TORONTO.

A Grand Lodge White Rose degree meeting was held in Shaftesbury Hall on Friday, August 31st. Bro. S. B. Pollard, M.W.G.P., Bro. Jno. W. Carter, R.W.G.S., Bro. H. S. Boswell, P.G.V.P., Bro. Rev. H. P. Hobson, Deputy Grand Chaplain, conducted the ceremony, assisted by Bro. Jno. Poffley, President Warwick Lodge; Bro. Will T. James, President Windsor Lodge; Bro. W. Miles, President Norfolk Lodge; Bro. J. J. Pritchard, Senior Secretary Preston Lodge; and members of the various City lodges. Several members were raised to the White Degree.

A UNITED LODGE FOR OTTAWA.

A largely attended and representative gathering of the members of the Sons of England Order in this city was held in the hall of Derby Lodge, corner of Bank and Sparks street, on the evening of September 12th, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a united White Rose Degree Lodge of the Sons of England in Ottawa. On motion Dr. R. J. Wicksteed was called to the chair. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved to form the proposed lodge, and the meeting proceeded to the election of officers as follows:

President, Bro. W. R. Stroud.
Vice-President, Bro. G. Low.
Past President, Bro. E. Ackroyd.
Recording Secretary, Bro. E. J. Reynolds.
Financial Secretary, Bro. E. Aust.
Treasurer, Bro. R. J. Tanner.
Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. Pollard.
1st Guide, Bro. W. T. Mason.
2nd Guide, Bro. John Troubridge.
Committeemen, Bros. J. W. Foster, Chas. Bott, W. Paine and Luke Williams.
Inner Guard, Bro. Thos. Nicholson.
Outer Guard, Bro. John Russell.
Auditors, Bros. Fred Cook, H. Bott, and James Hope.
Trustees, Bros. Dr. Bell, Dr. Powell, and J. T. Bartram.

The officers were installed *pro tem*, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dr. Wicksteed for presiding.

It was decided to meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

Bro. Reynolds, Secretary, was authorized to write the Grand Secretary, asking for a dispensation and warrant, and that a Grand Lodge officer be delegated to invest and install the officers.

Upon the suggestion of Bro. Tanner, a committee, consisting of Mes. rs. Low, Mason, Reynolds, Cook and the mover, was appointed to arrange for the annual concert under the auspices of the Ottawa Lodges.

It was also decided to present an address to His Excellency the Governor-General on the occasion of his taking up his residence in Ottawa, and a committee, consisting of Bros. Rev. Hy. Pollard, Rev. P. Owen-Jones, Dr. Wicksteed and Fred Cook, was appointed to draft the address.

The installation of the officers of the United Lodge took place on Wednesday evening, Sept. 26th, Bros. Dr. Pollard, Grand President and J. W. Carter, Grand Secretary, coming specially from Toronto for the purpose. This was the first official visit of the Grand President, and he received a very cordial reception at the hands of the Capitulation brethren. The two distinguished visitors were accorded the usual grand lodge honors, after which Bro. Wicksteed, who occupied the chair *pro tem*, called upon them to address the meeting. Bro. Dr. Pollard said the Grand Secretary had spoken in such eulogistic terms of the Ottawa brethren that he had fully anticipated a large contingent of them would have met Bro. Carter and himself a few miles out of the city and escorted them to the Russell House with a band of music (laughter.) However, he was very glad to meet the Ottawa brethren and to find that the Order was progressing at the Capital. In Toronto its progress had been phenomenal and the estimation in which it was held could be judged by the fact that the City Council had asked the Sons of England to escort His Excellency to the pavilion on the occasion of the civic welcome. In closing he said a good word for the ANGLO-SAXON, urging all the members of the Order to subscribe for it.

Bro. Carter expressed the pleasure he felt at once more meeting his Ottawa friends. It was the duty of Englishmen in Canada to unite themselves with the S. O. E. It was the characteristic of our nationality to be on the top, and he urged Englishmen to endeavour to raise their countrymen as much as they sought to raise themselves. He urged the members of the Order to be regular and punctual in their attendance and desired all to realize how much good it was