

ject of the liquor traffic. A man is at liberty to be himself a total abstainer from liquor and to have no fellowship with the liquor dealer, but he cannot lawfully compel other people to obey his example. Moreover, to be logically just, a Grand Lodge which condemns the liquor dealer to remain outside the pale of Masonry should condemn the manufacturers and drinkers of liquor to remain there likewise. We yield to none in our respect for the principles of temperance, which is among the chiefest of the Masonic virtues, but at the same time we recognize the wholesome truth that intemperate legislation is not the likeliest means of promoting their observance.—*London Freemason.*

A MAGNIFICENT MASONIC FETE.

The Masonic Girls' School Centenary Celebration, on Thursday evening (says the *London World* of June 13), will unquestionably rank as the most imposing function of the whole London season. Looking down from the topmost gallery of the Albert Hall on the rows of flower-decked tables, and long lines of Imperial purple, pale blue, and crimson, the boxes filled with ladies, the dais with its background of palms and foliage, the one thousand five hundred diners, the gold and silver jewels which met the eye at every turn, and the high table visible from every corner of the building at which the stalwart King of the Norsemen and the Prince of Wales sat side by side, one was forcibly reminded of the vast Babylonian feasts which Mr. Martin used to paint. Behind the Grand Master, in their gorgeous aprons and chains of office, sat Lord Leigh, Lord Suffield, Lord Limerick, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Brooke, and a score of other noblemen who are illustrious as rulers of the craft; at the Royal table places were occupied by Prince Albert Victor, Lord Lathom, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Headford, Lord John Taylour, and the Swedish Chamberlain; King Oscar pledged his Royal cousin cordially, and if H. R. H. was a little abashed by the demonstrative nature of his Majesty's expressions of fraternal sympathy, those innovations only added to the enthusiasm which culminated in the announcement of the sum-total of the contributions to the charity exceeding the grand amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars! 'Brother' Robt.

Gray may well congratulate himself on having been chairman of the executive committee which so successfully carried through this notable festival. Nothing was wanting to make the gathering a triumphant success. Messrs. Spiers and Pond did wonders as caterers; Mr. Hoyte maintained the high reputation which he has won at All Saints by his performance on the great organ; and 'Brother' Lord Lathom might do very much worse than utilise the organising power of 'Brother' Fenn and 'Brother' Matthews for the next State ceremonial.

It was in the fitness of things that the entertainment to which the Masonic Royalties adjourned should be given by Lady Zetland, whose father-in-law filled for nearly a quarter of a century the high office held by the Prince of Wales. The ball in Arlington Street was in every way worthy of the high reputation which Lady Zetland enjoys as a hostess. The Prince and Princess Christian and the Grand Duke and Duchess Paul (the latter in yellow satin), were also amongst the guests; the Princess of Wales (in white tulle trimmed with roses) brought her three daughters; and there was a superabundance of dancing-men. The Duchess of Westminster, in white, wore splendid pearls; Lady Zetland was in pale pink, with lovely jewels; the Duchess of Leinster, Lady Rose Leigh, and Mrs. Leo Rothschild came in pink; and Lady Londonderry in black, looked as well as Lady Dudley in white. Lady Grosvenor wore white and pink; the Duchess of Marlborough was accompanied by Lady Sarah Churchill; Lady Delawarr brought her daughters, and Ladies Bristol, Newport, and Cotterell were amongst the guests. The lighting, the floor, the flowers, and the music of the Red Hungarians were equally good. The temporary room with its banks of blossoms, the staircase lined with red and white geraniums, the masses of lilies in the ball-room, are all deserving of mention.

ENGLAND AND CANADA IN AUSTRALIA.

The constitution of a Preceptory (Commandery) of Knights Templar in Victoria, Australia, by the Great Priory of Canada, the demand of the Great Priory of England and Wales for the withdrawal of the warrant, the refusal to withdraw and the issuance of two more warrants by Canada, and the severance of fraternal