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OUR SEVENTEENTH VOLUME.

OUR first duty in announcing the commencement of a new Volume, especially when, as in the present case, such commencement coincides with the beginning of a new year, is the very pleasurable one of wishing our readers all the good things they can possibly wish for themselves during the one just opened. During the past few years we have apparently not had such bright prospects in store for us as when peace abroad and contentment at home were the order of the day, and we can only hope that the expression of hearty good wishes, whether one-sided or reciprocal, may exercise some sort of magic influence in bringing about the object with which they are uttered. Our next duty is to convey to our readers, in terms the most loyal, our thanks for the support we have received at their hands, a support so freely extended as to justify us in the belief that it will be forthcoming so long as we continue to show ourselves worthy of it. It goes without saying that it is no easy task to continue year after year supplying a regular weekly budget of Masonic news and criticism that shall satisfy the tastes, we will not say of every class of reader, but of the majority of readers. It cannot be said that Lodge reports are universally interesting, and now and again there comes a time when there is a comparative cessation of activity in Masonic circles, and then, of course, the said Lodge reports are, to use a homely, but familiar simile, very much like the raisins in a workhouse plum pudding, but few and far between. Again, it happens not infrequently that the course of Masonry runs on so smoothly and harmoniously that the difficulty we experience is to find anything worth criticising, and criticisms, it will be universally allowed, cannot be invented unless there be something to evoke them. In this case also, there invariably follows a dearth of correspondence, especially as there appears to prevail on the part of members of our Fraternity an unwillingness to air their grievances, whether real or imaginary, by means of letters addressed to one or other of their representative organs. A diary of Lodge meetings is most decidedly useful, and even, indeed, necessary, but it is the reverse of attractive reading. Yet, in spite of these difficulties, by which every Masonic paper must be surrounded, we seem to have jogged along during a period of eight years, and, accordingly, we comfort ourselves with the belief that our readers must have derived a certain amount

of satisfaction from the perusal of our columns. At all events, as the Clown says in the pantomime, "Here we are again," prepared to continue our labours as heretofore, and braced up to such continuance by the belief that our friends who have helped us forward by their support during the past eight years will remain by us in the future. It will be readily gathered from what we have said that ours is no sinecure office. But if we succeed in pleasing our friends by supplying them punctually and regularly with the best budget of news possible under varying circumstances, and with kindly, yet impartial, criticism of the events that are passing around us, we are prompted to believe we shall secure a portion at all events of the reward we look for at their hands, namely, their respect and patronage. In this spirit and with a determination to labour on to the best of our ability, we present to our readers the first number of our SEVENTEENTH VOLUME.

A FORTNIGHT'S SUMMARY.

IT is not often that so many important Masonic events are crowded together within the brief period of a fortnight, especially when the said fortnight falls at Christmastide. It is true our most busy season extends from about the end of September to the month of May following, and therefore, in a certain sense, we ought not to be surprised, if occasionally, what is in family circles the essentially festive portion of the year should be marked by an unusual activity in Freemasonry. But even in this case we do not look for the consecration of sundry new Lodges and other well nigh equally notable events all occurring within the course of a few days. Yet on the 15th December, the Friday preceding the close of our last volume, was consecrated in the new Town Hall, Hove, Brighton, the Stanford Lodge, No. 1947, so named in honour of Bro. V. Fane-Bennett-Stanford, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Dorset, in the presence of the Grand Master of the Province Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Bro. J. H. Scott P.G.D. D.P.G.M., and other prominent brethren of the district. On the Monday following, a similar ceremony was carried out at Southwold, when Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, had the satisfaction of consecrating the Lodge, No. 1983, bearing his respected name. Yet a few days, and Brother Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., D.P.G.M. Surrey, discharged a similar function on behalf of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981, Molesey. That three Lodges, each bearing the name of a brother of high standing in the Craft, should be inaugurated at a longer or shorter interval from each other is by no means surprising; but it is a matter worthy of note that in each of these three instances the brother thus honoured should have been able to take a prominent part in the ceremonies. A few particulars of each event will not be without interest to our readers.

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EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

The Stanford Lodge, No. 1947, was, as we have said, consecrated on Friday, the 15th ult., in the Town Hall. Hove, the principal Officers designate in the warrant being Bros. V. Fane-Bennett-Stanford W.M., C. A. Woolley P.M. 311 P.P.G. Registrar Sussex S.W., and Captain S. B. McWhinnie P.M. 1466 P.P.G.S.D. J.W. There was a strong gathering of brethren present at the commencement of the proceedings, and the Provincial Grand Master and his P.G. Officers having walked in procession to the large room, Lodge was opened, the chair being occupied by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., while Bros. J. M. Kidd and G. Smith acted as Prov. G.S.W. and Prov. G.J.W. respectively. A suitable address was delivered by Brother J. H. Scott, to whom were entrusted the duties of consecrating Officer, and who, after congratulating the brethren of the new Lodge on having at length been able to take possession of their quarters and commence their labours, administered to them the usual caution as to the care they should exercise in the election and admission of candidates. Bro. the Rev. A. F. Davies followed, with a shorter but equally effective address, in which he pointed out that Masonry had nothing political in its character, nor could it be considered as being otherwise than subservient to religion, and he trusted the members of the new Lodge would uphold steadfastly the principles of the Craft, as exemplified by their devotion to the G.A.O.T.U., and their observance of the watchwords of the Fraternity. The ceremony of consecration was then carried out according to ancient usage, after which Bro. Fane-Bennett-Stanford was duly and impressively installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. Scott being equally successful in this as in the preceding ceremony. The following brethren were appointed and invested, namely, Bros. C. A. Woolley S.W., Captain S. B. McWhinnie J.W., J. W. Stride Treasurer, G. Nash Secretary, C. J. Smith S.D., J. Eberall J.D., J. Dixon M.C., L. R. Styer I.G., and T. Hughes Tyler. Bros. Woolley, McWhinnie, Stride, Smith, and Nash having been chosen to serve on the Bye-laws Committee, and Bro. Woolley as the Lodge representative on the Charity Committee of the Province, letters of apology for non-attendance from the Grand Secretary and others were read, and several propositions for joining and initiation handed in. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet; under the presidency of the W. Master, the after proceedings being of the usual genial character. Sir W. W. Burrell, in responding for the toast of his health as Prov. G. Master, paid a high compliment to his Deputy Bro. Scott for the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties and the services which he (the Provincial Grand Master) always received at his hands. Bros. Scott Kidd, and Woolley responded for the Prov. G. Officers Present and Past, while that of the Prov. G. Chaplain was acknowledged by that brother. The health of the W. Master was proposed by Sir W. W. Burrell, and Bro. Fane-Bennett-Stanford, in his reply, expressed a hope that the Lodge founded that day would have before it a long, useful, and prosperous career. The other toasts followed and the brethren then separated. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. W. R. Roe Prov. G. Org., who had the valuable assistance of Bros. A. King, J. Large, G. Broadbridge and G. Cole, and in one of the intervals between the toasts Bro. W. Kube P.G.O. played a pianoforte solo in his usually masterly style. It should be added that Bro. Scott was complimented for his services as Consecrating Officer by being elected an honorary member of the Lodge.

The Martyn Lodge, No. 1983, Southwold, began its career under most favourable circumstances on Monday, the 18th December. It had been the intention of Lord Waveney, Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, to be present on that occasion, but his Lordship was prevented, by indisposition, from carrying out his wish. He manifested, however, his sympathy with the proceedings of the day in a communication addressed to his Deputy, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., in which he offered his congratulations and good wishes to the officers elect and members of the Lodge, remarking on the happy circumstances which had led to the revival of an old Lodge, and auguring well, from that proof of the Masonic vitality of the borough, for the prosperity of the new body. Even this expression of hearty good wishes does not appear to have been sufficient in Lord Waveney's estimation, for Bro. Martyn, after his arrival in Southwold, received a telegram from his lordship, in which he reiterated his good wishes for the prosperity of the Lodge, and added the usual Christmas and New Year's greetings. However, the regret

experienced at Lord Waveney's unavoidable absence was diminished by the circumstance of his popular and highly respected Deputy, Bro. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., acting as his representative, and undertaking the principal functions of the day. There was a large gathering of brethren from the vicinity and other parts of the Province, and Lodge having been opened, Bro. Martyn delivered the usual address, in which, having expressed regret at the absence of their chief, the circumstances of which have already been explained, and having conveyed his thanks for the honour done in naming the Lodge after him, he hoped the Lodge would go on and prosper, increasing in strength, and doing its utmost to promote the principles of the Craft. Bro. James Terry Past Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts delivered an oration on the nature and design of Freemasonry, and the usual ceremony having been most ably and impressively carried out, the brethren went in procession to the Church of St. Edmund, where a short afternoon service was held, the first part of which was taken by Bro. Rev. P. L. Cautley the Vicar, and the second by Bro. the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, Chaplain of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, Rev. Bro. Martyn's "Home" Lodge; after which, Bro. the Rev. E. J. Griffiths Prov. G.C. preached an eloquent sermon, which it affords us great pleasure to reproduce in full in another part of our columns. A collection, which realised £6 14s 5d, having been made on behalf of the Southwold Dispensary, the procession was reformed, and the brethren having resumed the Lodge, Bro. J. M. Canova, to whom is mainly due the credit of having brought about the revival of the old Southwold Lodge, was installed W. Master, and, after the customary salutations, appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely—Bros. A. E. Smith S.W., R. Barker J.W., Rev. P. L. Cautley Chaplain, H. R. Allen (elected) Treasurer, T. H. Jellicoe Secretary, W. Chambers S.D., R. Claxton J.D., and W. A. Pepper I.G. Votes of thanks having been passed to Bros. Rev. P. L. Cautley for the use of the Church, Rev. E. J. Griffiths P.G.C. for his sermon, W. Clarke P.G.P. who had acted as Director of Ceremonies, James Terry who had travelled specially from London in order to be present, Sir Albert Woods G.D. of C. for the loan of the consecrating vessels, which were the same used by the Prince of Wales at the laying of the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, and to Bro. Sadler G. Tyler for having brought them down; a similar compliment of a special character was paid to the Deputy P.G. Master Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, the motion being proposed by Bro. Strathern, a surviving member of the old Lodge at Southwold, who remarked that their reverend brother deserved commendation for the manner in which he conducted everything in Masonry, especially on behalf of its Charitable Institutions, while they one and all owed him their thanks, not only for his presence that day, but also for what he and his family had done for the Lodge. If the D.P.G. Master considered it an honour that the Lodge should bear his name, he (Bro. Strathern) was sure the brethren esteemed it a still greater honour that it should have been named after him. The motion having been seconded by Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P., Bro. Martyn warmly returned thanks for the compliment, assuring them of the pride which both he and his children, his parishioners, and his brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge, felt at his name having been adopted by the Lodge, and of his anxiety to do at all times what lay in his power to promote the well-being of the Craft. He had already expressed his regret at the absence of Lord Waveney, and he should experience great pleasure in communicating to him a full and circumstantial account of their proceedings. After sundry propositions for joining and initiation had been tendered, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Swan Hotel, close by the Town Hall, where the ceremony had taken place. The Lodge was handsomely furnished, the most noticeable articles being a fine Master's chair, presented by the D.P.G.M. and bearing a suitable inscription, and a copy of the Holy Bible, with the following inscription in it:—"Presented to the 'Martyn' Lodge, No. 1983, Southwold, by the daughters of the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, 18th December 1882."

The consecration of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981, took place on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Bull Hotel, East Molesey, the leading part in the ceremony, as well as in that of the installation of the W. Master being taken by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. and Dep. P.G. Master Surrey. The initiatory proceedings having been carried

out, the Rev. Bro. Milner P.G. Chaplain, in response to the invitation of the Dep. P.G. Master, delivered an oration on Freemasonry, in which he laid stress on the necessity and suitability of Freemasons professing a belief in one Supreme Being. Religion, he said, was an instinct of the human race, all men, whether civilised or savage, recognising and worshipping God. In Freemasonry, every Lodge was consecrated, every Lodge was opened and closed with prayer. At every step a brother took in Freemasonry the Divine assistance was invoked on his behalf. It was not a religion, but a religious institution which satisfied the instincts of humanity—recognising all religious truths, and repudiating nothing but Atheism. But Freemasonry was not based merely on religious belief, and would be more than useless unless it impelled brethren to carry out the three grand principles on which the Society was based. After further and equally appropriate remarks, the ceremony of consecration was carried out, and Bro. W. Youldon having been installed W. Master, appointed the following as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. W. P. Catterson S.W., C. G. L. Kipling J.W., S. P. Catterson I.P.M. and Treasurer, J. W. Moorman Secretary, J. Youldon S.D., and Geo. Moorman J.D. The proceedings having been brought to an end, Lodge was closed, and the banquet, at which the W. Master presided, followed. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and most heartily received. To the toast of his health, and that of the other Prov. G. Officers, present and past, Brother Rev. C. W. Arnold responded, especially thanking the Worshipful Master for the kind words he had used in proposing it, and those present for the manner in which they had responded thereto. If the Lodge was honoured by the permission to use his name and crest, he felt it impossible he could have received a higher honour than to have been asked for such permission. They certainly could not have adopted a more appropriate motto—"Vixit qui bene vixit,"—he has lived who has lived well—and he trusted it would be held in reverence by every member of the Lodge. He loved Masonry, which he looked upon in a serious light, because he believed it would help a man on in the path of life, and the more thoroughly he mastered its principles, the better he would become as a man, a father, and a citizen. After expressing a hope that the Lodge might have before it a career of good fortune, and that it might always stand high among the Lodges of the Province, Bro. Arnold concluded by offering to them the toast of the W. Master, whom he had known for several years, and than whom he did not think the members could have selected a better man to preside over them. Bro. Youldon having suitably acknowledged the compliment, the health of the Visitors was proposed and responded to, and then followed the other toasts which invariably complete the programme, that of the Tyler bringing the proceedings to a close.

The testimonial to Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was presented at a small but select gathering of his friends, held in the Great Hall of the Asylum, Croydon, on Thursday, the 21st of December, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. being in the chair, while among those present were Bro. Dr. Strong and Mrs. Strong, Bro. Edgar Bowyer and Mrs. Bowyer, Bro. C. J. Perceval and Mrs. Perceval, Bros. T. Cubitt, Keyser, John Newton, and J. A. Farnfield, Bro. Col. Radclyffe and Miss Halford, Bro. P. Hastings Miller and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Paget, Bros. Kenning, Mason, &c., together with Mrs. and Miss Terry. The testimonial consisted of Bro. Terry's portrait, by Mr. Paget, to be hung in the Hall of the Institution as an enduring memorial of the brilliant success which had attended his labours on its behalf, together with a jewel and the clothing of a Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Norths and Hunts, and a bracelet for Mrs. Terry. That such an event as its presentation should be made to bear a festive character was only in the order of things and strictly in keeping with the time-honoured national custom of paving the way for a good deed by partaking of a good dinner. Consequently, on the eventful Thursday, the basis of post-prandial eloquence having been laid in accordance with ancient usage, the superstructure rapidly developed itself, the first evidence of its progress being made patent to the guests by the Chairman rising and briefly proposing the toast of the Queen. This was followed by that of "Success to the Institution," with which was associated the name of Dr. Strong, the honorary medical officer, who was ready at all times, as well as Mrs. Strong, to minister to the wants and

ailments of the inmates and make them comfortable. Dr. Strong, in his acknowledgment of the compliment, observed, that during the last two and twenty years he had seen many changes in the Institution, but there had been no change of feeling among the residents, who were deeply gratified to those who had procured for them so comfortable a provision during their declining years. He also stated, for the information of the non-Masons present, that the benefits of the Institution were very far from being confined to the residents, there being in all 325 male and female annuitants, for only thirty-two of whom the building afforded accommodation. The Chairman then rose for the purpose of proposing the toast of the evening—The health of our Guest and Worthy Secretary, Bro. Terry—and in order the better to fulfil one part of his duty in connection with this task he vacated the chair—which was temporarily occupied by Bro. J. A. Farnfield—and, taking Bro. Terry with him, moved to that part of the hall where hung the veiled portrait of the Secretary. He then spoke at length of the services which Bro. Terry had rendered to the Benevolent Institution. He was a thorough-hearted and good Mason, and possessed high qualifications for advocating Freemasonry—Charity. Bro. Dr. Crucefix, whose portrait adorned the walls of the room in which they were assembled, was the founder of the Institution, and Bro. Terry had shown a glorious example in carrying out the great work which the founder had originated. During the last nine years they had been able to double the number of their annuitants, and this was mainly due to the untiring exertions of Bro. Terry; and he felt it would be a great thing for Bro. Terry's family, when his work was completely done, to reflect how he had been appreciated and loved. Having unveiled the picture, and presented also to Brother Terry the clothing of a Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and a handsome jewel corresponding to his rank in the Craft, as well as the bracelet for Mrs. Terry, which he left to the more skilful fingers of Mrs. Bowyer to invest that lady with, the Chairman resumed his place at the head of the festive board, and formally proposed the toast we have mentioned. Bro. Terry, in returning thanks, expressed the pride he felt that his services, with which he had never allowed his individual or home comforts to interfere, had been so handsomely recognised, especially as through the kind instrumentality of the Craft they had had the effect of widening and enlarging the Institution. Twenty years ago, they had paid away £2,600 a year in annuities, now they amounted to £11,600. Then there were but ninety-one annuitants, now there were 325. Then the annuities were on a sliding scale according to age, the highest male annuity granted being £36, and the lowest £15, while the highest female annuity was £25, and the lowest £15; now the men receive £40 each, and the women £32. The investments then were about £32,000, whereas now they were £64,000, so that while the number of recipients had been increased, they had likewise doubled their reserve fund. As to the testimonial, it was indeed an honour, and one he scarcely knew how to acknowledge, to have his portrait hung in that hall, side by side with that of the Founder of the Institution, and he trusted the picture would remain there for all time, not because it was a memorial of him as Secretary, but as a token to those who came after, that if they endeavoured to do their duty thoroughly and conscientiously, they would be appreciated by their fellow men as he had been. He also expressed his thanks for the clothing and jewel, and, on behalf of his wife, who he hoped might be spared for many years, for the testimonial with which they had presented her. On the applause which followed Bro. Terry's resumption of his seat ceasing, Bro. John Newton read some impromptu verses he had composed as an address to Bro. Terry, after which Bro. Farnfield gave the health of the Chairman, for whom, though himself Chairman of the House Committee for the year, he had made way in the belief that the testimonial to Bro. Terry would have greater weight if presented by the hands of Brother Raynham Stewart. Other toasts followed, including those of the artist, Mr. H. M. Paget, and the Ladies, and brought a most agreeable celebration to a close. The jewel that was presented bears the following inscription: "This jewel, with the clothing of Senior Grand Warden of Norths and Hunts, was presented to Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, by the subscribers to the fund for placing his portrait in the Hall of the Asylum at Croydon, in recognition of his untiring energy and unwearied exertions on behalf of the Institu-

tion. 21st December 1882." For ourselves we beg to offer to Bro. Terry our congratulations on having deserved and received so handsome a testimonial. He has our best wishes for himself and his family at all times, but especially at this, the most festive season of the year.

ENGLISH MASONRY IN EGYPT.

ONE of the early effects of the British Expedition to Egypt has been to revive the interest felt in Masonic bodies working under the Grand Lodge of England. As a matter of fact English Masonry has been long predominant in Egypt, as its laws, rituals, and principles have been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Egypt, over which M.W. Bro. Borg, the British Vice Consul at Cairo, now most worthily presides.

Ten years ago one of the most prosperous Lodges in Cairo was the Bulwer, No. 1068. It was consecrated by the late Lord Dalling, when in Cairo; was the first English Lodge ever visited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, when a F.C. Freemason, and was most efficiently ruled during two successive years by W. Bro. T. F. Reade; now G.M.M.M. for North Africa. By an unfortunate coincidence, nearly all its active members left Cairo six years ago, and the meetings of the Lodge ceased.

About six weeks since the five surviving members of the Lodge met under the presidency of Bro. Rogers Bey, the last elected and installed W.M., and decided to revive the Lodge.

This resolution was cordially supported by Most Worshipful Bro. R. Borg, and Bros. Wilson Bey and Waller Bey. At the next meeting Bro. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, and Bro. the Honourable Mark Napier, of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, were elected joining members, and at a third meeting the Lodge received an accession of strength in the persons of Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., Lieut. Freeman, Dr. Donovan, and Dr. W. H. Russell, all of Lodge 349, Malta. Two candidates for initiation were also proposed. By an unlucky accident, the letters announcing the resuscitation of the Lodge only reached the Grand Secretary a day after the last meeting of Grand Lodge, at which the erasure of Lodge No. 1068 was voted, on the recommendation of the Colonial Board. An official communication has since been received, which leaves no doubt as to this decision being rescinded, and even as it is, it requires confirmation at the next Communication of Grand Lodge. At the last mentioned meeting, Most Worshipful Bro. Borg, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, was unanimously elected Wor. Master of the Bulwer Lodge for the ensuing year; and his acceptance of office, coupled with many applications for initiation and joining, leave little doubt as to a new lease of life awaiting this once flourishing and popular Lodge. After the election of the W.M., W. Bro. Rogers Bey expressed to W. Bro. Broadley the thanks of the Lodge for the manner in which he had seconded and assisted in the resuscitation which had been accomplished. Meanwhile, several M.M. Masons had applied for a warrant for a Lodge to work under the auspices of the Bulwer Craft Lodge. Their request was at once granted, and the Lodge of Egypt, No. 311, duly chartered by Lord Henniker. A preliminary meeting was held on Monday, the 18th December, at the Masonic Hall, Cairo, in which the degree was conferred by R.W. Bro. Broadley on Bros. Rogers, Napier, Wilson, Waller and Goodall. M.W. Bro. Borg, who had taken the degree under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Turkey, was re-obligated as a M.M.M.

The Consecration ceremony took place on the 20th of December, in the presence of a goodly number of members, and with all the usual formalities. The Consecrating Officer was R.W. Bro. Broadley P. District G.M.M. of the Mediterranean, and all the usual formalities were gone through, Bro. Goodall presiding at the organ. R.W. Bro. Broadley delivered the oration, in which he explained at length the history, position, and status of the degree, and its peculiar interest in Tunis, Malta and Egypt. He alluded to this being the fifth Mark Lodge he had consecrated in these countries, and exhorted the brethren to do their best to make the Lodge of Egypt an ornament to the Province of North Africa. The address was warmly applauded. The brethren having retired the Consecrating

Officer installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Norman Drummond Pringle, Bart., in the chair, conferring at the same time the P.M. degree on M.W. Bro. Borg G.M. of Egypt, by authority of the P.G.M. of North Africa. W. Bro. Sir Norman D. Pringle, Bart., having been duly saluted, invested the following Officers:—W. Bro. Borg I.P.M., Brothers. Lieut. Freeman S.W., Rogers Bey J.W., Dr. Donovan M.O., Wilson Bey S.O., Quarter-Master McKirwan J.O., Goodall Secretary, Rogers Treasurer, Waller Bey S.D., Dr. Leader J.D., and Hon. M. Napier I.G.

M.W. Bro. Borg expressed his warm admiration of the degree, and promised for it all the support the Grand Lodge of Egypt could give. He hoped other Mark Lodges would soon come into existence. At the motion of Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., seconded by Lieutenant Freeman, a written address was voted to R.W. Brother Broadley for his assistance in founding the Lodge, and especially for the attention he had paid to the interests of Masonry in the midst of his onerous and arduous duties in his successful defence of Arabi Pacha and his associates. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a strong determination was expressed to make the Mark Degree as great a success as it has been in the Mediterranean Districts of Tunis and Malta.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARTYN LODGE, No. 1983.

WE feel assured that our readers will be pleased to have before them in our columns the sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. E. J. Griffiths, on the occasion of the consecration of the Martyn Lodge, No. 1983, Southwold. It is a heart-stirring and Masonic composition, and doubtless will be read with an interest worthy of its merits.

Romans xii. 4, 5.—"As we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

"A birthday anniversary, what solemn thoughts it brings!" These are words from a well-known song, familiar and true. But if true of the anniversary, how much more true of the birth itself; whether it be the birth of an individual or of an institution. We have come to this town to-day to be present at the birth of a new Lodge; we have joined in private in our solemn service of consecration; and we are now assembled in God's house, Masons and non-Masons alike, to pay Him the honour due unto His name; and to testify by this public service, that though we have not all the same office, "we are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

Suffer me, then, to suggest to you for a few minutes some thoughts that may profit us on such an occasion as this.

I can imagine that many good people who are not Masons may have passing through their minds something of this sort: "How can the consecration of a new Masonic Lodge matter to me? It may be a good thing, for all I know. I dare say it is. But it has to do with a secret body of which I know nothing, and I do not see how it can concern me, or what interests we can possibly have in common."

Let, then, the first part of what I have to say be addressed more particularly to those who are not Masons; and let me try to show that in this, as in other things, we are members one of another.

Will it be presumptuous to add an illustration? Most of us remember the fabrics that were once fashionable called shot silks; each thread contributed to the iridescent beauty of the whole, yet each thread singly seemed without lustre. Withdraw a thread, and the fabric was weakened, and the lustre dulled. So is it with the life of a nation. We are so apt to think great battles, or startling catastrophes, all that is worth regard in history, that we forget history is not made up only of Marathons, and St. Bartholomews, and great Revolutions; but of our daily meetings and partings; of the actions belonging to our business, our friendship, our pleasure. These, I say, mainly make the history of a nation.

We have woven a fresh thread into the tissue of our history this day. See, then, how it concerns you.

Our actions, sensations, and states of feeling, grow together in such a way that when any one of them is presented to the mind, the others are brought up in idea. So the reproduction of tastes, of pleasure or pain, is a great power as regards our happiness. The fractional value of each may be but small, but a total result, very far from insignificant, may be gained by the reflection of a number of our happy moments. It is the custom of our Provincial Grand Lodge to visit periodically the various towns of the Province of Suffolk where Lodges exist, and the happiness that is derived from the visit is not merely caused by the reception and hospitality of our brethren, but also by the kindly welcome, the friendly interest, the pleasant faces, of the inhabitants. I doubt not that one of the pleasurable recollections of our lives will be the day that we spent when the Lodge was consecrated at Southwold.

Next let me urge a consideration of still higher importance. This is not the place for politics, but it would be foolish to ignore the fact that a great social danger is threatening. We cannot, if we are

thinking men and women, overlook the growing concentration of wealth in a few hands, the ever-widening gulf between poor and rich, and the existence of desperate men who are planning to end all this by a terrible and crushing blow. Now it surely must be for the welfare of the whole community that there should exist as an antidote to the poison of this Godless Socialism a Christian Socialism; a body whose members are taught on their initiation into it that it is their bounden duty to observe obedience to the laws, and especially to remember the allegiance due to their sovereign and their native land; a body whose head is the future sovereign of these realms, and in whose meetings prince and peer mingle with every grade of our middle class, as brothers, united by the holy bond of love, relief, and truth. You know that there are mighty mountains which have slowly been compacted through countless ages of various layers of materials, once loose or liquid, and these layers, by pressure or otherwise, have become solidly united. But through them all run vast veins of granite or basalt, and when, after perhaps hundreds or thousands of years, the hidden forces beneath the earth's crust convulse the mountain, though it may be shaken and tremble, the great veins resist the shock, and the mountain stands. So in the different strata of our social system we have agencies that will strengthen the mass, if it shall please God that the shock come; our charitable institutions; our priests working in the midst of the poorest and most degraded; our Sisters of Mercy ever in their mission of love; and I trust that not the least among these veins of strength will be the Brotherhood of Masonry.

Thirdly, I have to emphasize this declaration of our mutual interest by a practical appeal, the result of which will, I trust, prove that the foundation of a Lodge in Southwold is for the benefit of all. I ask your aid for the Local Dispensary. To my brother Masons on such an occasion I need not say much. I need only remind them of one peculiar moment in their Masonic life when they were bidden to seize every opportunity of practising the virtue of the Charity they professed to admire. To you, my friends, I will only quote one sentence you hear in our Communion Service, "Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble." Let us all show that we realise the truth that "we are members one of another."

And now, my brethren, I turn more especially to you. We have this day woven a new thread into the tissue of our Masonic life. Those who are about to enter Masonry will weave a new thread into the tissue of their lives. Let me speak a few earnest words, not as one standing in a higher court of the Temple to those in the lower courts, but as one who feels that he has been granted a great privilege, the privilege to say, in virtue of his office, those words which at another time might be deemed intrusive or unreasonable.

These threads that make up the tissue of our lives cannot be separated. Our business life, our professional life, our home life, our Masonic life, are all inextricably connected. The Christian who goes to church on Sunday, and then throws off every thought of Christian duty during the week; the Mason who looks on his Lodge merely as a place of social enjoyment, without a care for the lessons of self-restraint, of truth, of charity, and love, that he is taught within it, both these are men of words. We have a right to stand at the vestibule and proclaim that all within the Temple is beautiful and holy; but if those that issue from the porch are hideous and unholy, the world will not believe. And, brethren, the world watches. If we profess to sympathise with human joys and human sorrows, let not our professions be all words. Remember that the words of a true and brave man have the value of deeds, but that if we are not true and brave, our deeds and words have the same value; that is, they have no value at all.

I was speaking strongly some weeks ago about what appeared to me to be an unjust and unkind thing done for the sake of gain, and I said, it was unchristian. I was met with the words, "Christianity has got nothing to do with business!" I thought of an old anecdote of a prince-bishop of the Middle Ages, when great ecclesiastics were great feudal lords. He was a great swearer. One day a dependent ventured to expostulate with him. He answered, that he did not swear as a priest, but as a prince. "Then," said the servant, "when God judges the prince, what will become of the priest?" My brethren, if we separate from our home, our business, and our pleasure, the great moral and religious principles we have been taught, shall we separate them when we stand before the Throne?

Among these great principles is one that embraces many duties. It is enjoined upon us in our earliest charge. "Let Temperance chasten you." A much abused word this. It is used in meanings it cannot have, and in the abuse is both widened and narrowed. Temperance is not abstinence; temperantia, temperance, and its allied word, moderation, is self-restraint. It is keeping within limits. God has given us two natures. The lower nature has its needs, and to their gratification He has attached pleasure, that they may not be neglected. But they may not be indulged till they become masters. The social chat, the cheering glass, the pleasant mirth, the enlivening song, are all good things that the Great Ruler has given us freely to enjoy. But let the wholesome enjoyment of food become gluttony, the lawful use of wine become drunkenness, mirth become licence, and the limits are passed. Temperance is gone.

But Temperance has to do with more than this. We must restrain ourselves in our pursuit of gain, in our anxiety for success, in the judgments we pass on others, in the opinion we form of ourselves. It implies our trying to know God's will, our struggling to carry it out to the best of our ability, our striving to live honestly, conscientiously, and thoroughly the life, and do its work, that God has put each one of us into the world to accomplish. This, and nothing short of this, is Temperance. Is this easy? No, brethren; if we honestly try it, we know it is not. But there is One who will help us. "One there is, above all others, best deserves the name of friend." He who healed the nobleman's son and the ruler's daughter, and in whom the poor and the outcast found a helper, He who lived the one perfect life set before us on earth, He will help us,

Jesus of Nazareth. In whom "there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering: forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful."

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

BRO. CLABON'S MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to reply to Bro. Mason's letter in your issue of the 16th ultimo. The worthy brother has, I feel assured quite unintentionally, misrepresented what I did say in Grand Lodge on the 6th inst. in the debate on Bro. Clabon's motion.

I am reported to have said—

1. "The Provincial brethren at the present time contribute to the Fund of Benevolence about as much as the Metropolitan brethren." What I really said was that, "Individually, the brethren in the Provinces contributed only half as much to the Fund of Benevolence as those of the London District;" and this, I maintain, cannot be disputed.

2. "The country brethren who were relieved represent two-thirds of the amount of that number." What I did say was that "of late the grants which came before Grand Lodge for confirmation represented in number two-thirds of country cases to one-third of Metropolitan;" and this cannot be denied.

3. "I was adverse to be mulcted in a larger sum than the Provincial brethren." What I said was, that "I, for one, had no objection to pay six shillings per annum to have the double privilege which Provincial brethren enjoy, but was adverse to be mulcted in fifty per cent. more than I already paid without corresponding advantage;" and this I still assert.

In each of the above propositions I seek to show that "equal measures" are not secured to Freemasons in England and Wales individually. On the 1st January 1882, there were on the Register of the Grand Lodge 1000 Country Lodges, 312 London Lodges, 495 District Lodges, and 129 Military and non-stationary Lodges, there or thereabout. I take no account of the number of new Lodges created in the year 1882 though if I had present time for the computation I believe my argument would be strengthened. Now, I deal only with the two former sections of Lodges, Country and Metropolitan, and will take Bro. Mason's figures as the basis of an arithmetical test as to the correctness of my statement as applied to the General Fund of Benevolence, from which each has like privileges.

Bro. Mason says, in respect of contributions "London provides £2,587, and Provincial Lodges £1,894." Therefore, each Provincial Lodge (taking its members, whether few or many, collectively) subscribes less than £5 per annum, as against £3 5s per annum from each Metropolitan Lodge; that is to say, the former contributes a little more than half as much as the latter. And if I could ascertain the number of individual Freemasons in the Provincial and London Lodges respectively, I feel assured that this proportion of contributions would still further favour my propositions, for the average number of members of London Lodges is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, far in excess of those of Provincial Lodges. Hence a larger proportionate contribution comes from London than from the country.

As to the disposal of the Fund, a large portion is distributed in small grants which do not require the confirmation of the Grand Lodge, and of which we have no published record; but in respect of the larger grants submitted to the Grand Lodge, let us take the agenda paper of the last Quarterly Communication as a fair specimen. On that occasion grants to the amount of £1,050 were recommended and approved. Of this sum seven grants of £50 each, equal to £350, were to London cases, and eleven, viz, three of £100 each, and eight of £50 each, equal to £700, to Provincial. Therefore, as to the number, the latter represented nearly two-thirds of the whole of the cases, and, as to amounts granted, twice as much as to the former.

Bro. Mason says, "It is well known that every Mason in England and Wales contributes one shilling per quarter to Benevolence." Granted, but not to the General Fund of Benevolence to which every Mason has an equal right to apply. To quote our worthy brother again, "In London the whole is paid over, but in the Provinces the Constitutions allow the brethren to send half to London, and half to their Provincial Grand Lodges." The italics are mine. Well, thereby the Provincial brethren secure a second source of relief (usually made use of before applying to the General Fund) denied to these Metropolitan brethren who individually subscribe twice as much to the latter as they do; and I therefore say, looking to the fact that the General Fund must be kept up, and its present accumulation left undisturbed, every Freemason in England and Wales should subscribe equally thereto, and if any have the benefits attached to a second organisation for charitable purposes they should provide the necessary additional contributions entirely irrespective of the Supreme Fund of Benevolence.

In my turn I must apologise for the length of this letter, but, for what I hope may be considered a requisite explanation, condensation of these remarks would have been ineffectual.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 19th December 1882.

At the last monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, held on Wednesday evening, 20th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice President, presided in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Joshua Nunn President, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain occupied the chair of Senior Vice President, and Bro. Frank Richardson held the chair of Junior Vice President, in the absence of Bro. Charles Atkins. The attendance was not large, owing to the season of the year. The brethren first confirmed grants to the extent of £390, recommended at the November meeting. Of new cases there were thirty-six on the list, out of which twenty-one were Provincial, and fifteen London. One country case was dismissed, and one deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £660.

Our readers will be glad to hear that for the Eighty-fifth Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, Brother Binckes has been so fortunate as to enlist the services as Chairman of Viscount Holmesdale, R. W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent. Both Lord Holmesdale and the Province he has presided over for so many years are known to evince on all occasions a deep interest in the success of our Institutions, and we have little reason to doubt that, under his lordship's auspices and through his influence, backed up, as it assuredly will be by the sympathetic co-operation of his Province, Bro. Binckes in June next will be in a position to announce another of his big successes.

At the regular meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, Lt.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair, the tender of Messrs. Merryweather for a supply of fire buckets for the School was accepted. It was further resolved to insure the furniture in the Secretary's office, Freemasons' Hall, for £300. Twenty-five vacancies were declared for the April election, for which there are twenty-nine candidates.

Lord Brooke, M.P., it is said, will be the new Prov. G. Master of Essex in the place of the late Bro. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B.

The usual New Year's Entertainment to the Old Folks at Croydon took place on Wednesday. Everything passed off most satisfactorily. There was a strong muster of visiting brethren and their friends. An excellent dinner was provided in the Hall of the Institution, at which, under the presidency of Dr. Strong, the Old Folks thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Later in the evening Bro. George Buckland and Miss Blanche Paige gave a musical entertainment, which was as highly appreciated as it was worthy of appreciation. Bro. Terry, of course, was a prominent figure on the occasion, and the statistics he gave, which will be found mentioned in another part of our columns, were extremely well received.

A painted window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, has been erected in Semley Church, Wilts, by Bro. V. Fane-Bennett-Stanford, in memory of seven of his brother officers of the 43rd Regiment who fell at the Assault of the 'Gate-Pa' fort, New Zealand, on the 30th April 1864, viz.:—Lieut.-Col. Booth, Captains Mure, Hamilton, Utterton, Coke Glover, his brother Lieut. F. Guy Glover, and Ensign Langlands; also of Captain G. V. Macdonald, of the 19th Reg., Exon. to the Queen. Brasses on either side of the window contain the badges and honours of the regiments, with suitable inscriptions.

On Wednesday evening, the 10th January 1883, Bro. James Terry P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S.W. will rehearse the ceremony of installation, including the opening and closing of Board of Installed Masters, at the Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction, held at the Horse Shoe Inn, Newington-causeway. The chair will be taken at 7 o'clock precisely. Brethren are requested to attend in full Masonic clothing.

"The New Crusades: a Vision and a Warning," is the title of a brochure which, under the *nom de plume* of "Saladin," will be published immediately by Mr. W. Satchell. It deals with what the writer regards as the socially and politically dangerous tendencies of the "Salvation Army" movement, and foreshadows the state of England under Salvationist domination in the year 1900.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Ducombe-place, York. The W.M. Bro. J. Sykes Rymer (Sheriff of York) presided, supported by the following Officers and brethren, viz.:—Bros. Rooke I.P.M., Kirby S.W. W.M. elect, Garbutt J.W., the Very Rev. Dr. Pury-Cast Dean of York P.G.C. Chaplain, Todd P.M. P.P.G. Reg. Treasurer, Border acting Secretary, Draper S.D., Powell J.D., Hodgson I.G., Smith M.C., Take Organist, Lawton, P.M. P.P.G.R., Major Barstow P.M., Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., Sellar P.M., Major McGachen P.M., Lee W.M. Barnard Lodge, Terry, Sampson, Thompson, Foster, Thomas, Leeman, M.P. for York, Dent, Day, Clarke, Hewitt, Eberle, Jefferson, Camidge P.P.G.O., Nicholson, Young, Churchill, Houlden, and many others. Amongst the visitors were the following:—Bros. Gifford W.M. 570 (5th Dragoon Guards), Banks P.M. 570, Cumberland P.M. 1611 P.P.G.W., Millington W.M. 1611, Major-General Nason, Glennel 41, Everett 1045, Short 570, Knight 570, Kendall 570, Cheeseman 570, De Salis Aldershot Camp 1331, Blenkins S.W. 1611, Turner J.W. 1611, Dyson S.D. 1611, Goodall 1611, Mannell 1611, Waters 1611, Starkey 1611, Pearson 1611, &c. After the minutes of two previous meetings had been read and confirmed, Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke G. Sec. and R. F. Gould Past G. Deacon were unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge. An illuminated address was then presented by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, to Bro. Camidge P.P.G.O. on his removal from York. The chair was afterwards taken by Bro. Todd P.M., who appointed as his Wardens Bros. Cumberland P.M. and Rooke P.M., and the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Officers:—Bros. Rymer I.P.M., Geo. Garbutt S.W., Draper J.W., Rev. A. B. Day Chaplain, Todd P.M. Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Thompson S.D., Hodgson J.D., Rooke P.M. Master of Ceremonies, Sanderson Organist, Border I.G., Sampson and Purnell Stewards, and Calvert Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. the Dean of York for his services as Chaplain during the past two years, to which the Dean replied in an excellent speech. Letters of apology for non-attendance having been communicated by the Secretary from numerous brethren, and the expressions of hearty good wishes having been given, the Lodge was duly closed. The brethren subsequently dined together in the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a capital programme of music, by Bros. Gifford, Cumberland, Todd, Sampson, and others, considerably enhanced the enjoyment of the proceedings.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

THE last regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ealing Institute, on Saturday, the 9th ult. There was a strong muster of members present, including all the past Masters but Bro. Kingston, who has retired from the Lodge, and sundry Visitors. Bro. Henry E. Tucker W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Dyer S.W., Seward J.W., H. Kasser P.M. Treas., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Sec., Fisher S.D., Clarke as J.D., Wright I.G., Harrison Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Charles Veal 1549, Henry Stiles Worshipful Master 1507, Henry Essex 511, R. Gooding Worshipful Master 171, and W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. E. J. Penny was raised to the sublime degree, after which Bros. W. F. Henning and S. C. Hadley were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. In each case the ceremony was perfectly and impressively rendered by the Worshipful Master, who is to be congratulated on the marked efficiency with which he accomplished his task. There being no other business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren made for the Westbourne Restaurant, Paddington, where an excellent dinner awaited them. Full justice having been done to the viands, the cloth was removed, and the usual programme of toasts set before the brethren. Those of a Loyal and Masonic character were received with the accustomed enthusiasm, while that of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Green P.M., experienced a most cordial approval, and drew from Bro. Tucker an equally cordial reply, in kind acknowledgment of the compliment. The Visitors of course received an hospitable welcome in word, as they had previously received in deed, and expressed their thanks and the pleasure it had given them to be present. Bro. Coop, acting for the Senior Warden, returned thanks for the Officers, who were complimented on the efficient manner in which they fulfilled their duties. There was also an additional toast to the Masonic Press, for which Bro. Morgan was called upon to respond, and after he had spoken briefly but earnestly, and to the point, Brother Beasley P.M. rose, and with permission proposed that, in the event of Bro. Morgan reproducing in book-form the series of articles on the "Revised Book of Constitutions," which appeared in the closing numbers of our last volume, the Lodge should purchase the requisite number of copies for the Lodge members. This proposition was carried unanimously, and we trust may be taken as an index that the articles, when they are published in book-form, will be received encouragingly by other Lodges. The Tyler's toast closed this part of the proceedings, and the brethren parted in perfect harmony.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predispositions, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local malady, while the Pills restore vital power.

WILLIAM DE LA MORE PRECEPTORY.

INSTALLATION OF SIR KNIGHT SYLVESTER MATTISON
AS EMINENT COMMANDER.

A REGULAR meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, on Thursday, the 21st ult., when Eminent Sir Knight Captain Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, the Grand Commander of Lancashire, honoured it with his presence. Besides Sir Knight Royds, the following distinguished visitors accepted the invitation of the E.C. elect:—Sir Knights Henry Thomas Prov. Grand Chancellor, John Worsley Prov. Grand Registrar, George Turner Past Prov. Grand Vice-Chancellor and P.E.C. of the William de la More, and William Tyrer P.E.C. of the Jacques de Molay. The members of the William de la More Preceptory present were Sir Knights Robert Goldthorp Brook E.C. and Prov. G. 1st Pursuivant, Sylvester Mattison Marshal, Reginald Young Registrar and Prov. Grand Almoner, William G. Thomson Treasurer and Past Prov. G. Marshal, Walter R. Robinson Sub-Marshal and P.E.C. Faith Preceptory, Frank A. Huet 1st Herald, A. H. Jefferis, Thomas Berry Past G. Standard Bearer of England, and Past Prov. Grand 1st Captain. The room was arranged by the Equerry of the Preceptory, Sir Knight John Taylor, and looked exceedingly comfortable. P.E.C.'s Sir Knights William Tyrer and George Turner presented Sir Knight S. Mattison for the benefit of Installation, which ceremony was most ably performed by the Grand Commander Sir Knight Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds. The newly installed Commander made the following appointments:—Walter R. Robinson Prelate, A. C. Wylie Constable, W. Newsome Marshal, Reginald Young Registrar (re-appointed), W. J. Thomson Treasurer (re-elected at the last meeting), R. G. Brook Almoner, F. A. Huet Sub-Marshal, A. H. Jefferis Captain of the Guard, John Taylor Equerry. Apologies for non-attendance were sent by Sir Knights Thomas Chorlton Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, Joseph Wood, J. Kellett Smith, and Joseph Bell. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Sir Knight Beswicke-Royds for coming so far to attend the Installation, and the Preceptory having been closed, the Sir Knights adjourned to the Fleece Hotel, to partake of a most sumptuous banquet, which had been ordered by Sir Knight Mattison the newly-installed Commander. Sir Knight Tweedale Past Deputy Grand Commander of Lancashire, who had been detained on the way, here joined the members assembled, and was, as indeed he always seems to be, a welcome guest.

ST. JOHN'S MARK LODGE (T.I.)

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th December, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at half-past five o'clock in the evening, there being present—Bros. Alcock Past Provincial Grand Steward presiding as W.M., Cooper Provincial G.S.D. S.W., Taylor J.W., Kenyon M.O., Partington J.O., Morris P.P.S.W. Secretary, Brockbank P.G.W. Treasurer, Wolstenholme, Wood, Wadeson, Harwood P.P.G.D., Nicholson, Green, Orrell, Riley, Irving, Walker, Phillips, Allen, Barrett, Jones P. Prov. G.S.D. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Cooper Prov. G.S.D. the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Alcock P.M. P. Prov. G. Steward to a Board of Installed Masters of the Mark Degree, with Bro. Brockbank as W.M. He having been duly obligated was installed, proclaimed, and saluted Master of the St. John's Time Immemorial Lodge for ensuing 12 months. The following brethren, having been appointed to their several offices by the W.M., were invested with the collar and jewel of office by Bro. Harwood P. Prov. S.G.D. and suitably addressed by him on the nature of the duties to be performed by them:—Bros. Taylor Senior Warden, Kenyon Junior Warden, Partington Master Overseer, Wadeson Senior Overseer, Nicholson Junior Overseer, Morris P.M. Secretary, Court Conductor, Tongue Senior Deacon, Barrett Junior Deacon, Kerr Time Keeper, Alcock P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Harwood P.M. Organist, Phillips Steward. Bro. Brockbank, who has served the office of Treasurer for more than 12 years, having earnestly desired to be relieved from its duties in favour of some brother who had more leisure to devote to the office, and being unwilling to be re-appointed, Bro. William Henry Alcock P.M. P. Prov. G.S. was appointed as Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Thos. Higson was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. William Barnes, of Lodge St. John, No. 348, was balloted for and approved as a candidate for advancement, but being detained at some distance from home in consequence of the inclement weather, the ceremony could not be proceeded with. The Lodge was closed at 7 o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

ON Wednesday, 20th December, the inauguration and dedication of the Gosport Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners took place at the Lodge rooms at the India Arms Hotel. There were present Wor. Bros. H. M. Green P.M. P.G.M.K. D.C. England and P.M. Inspector-General Royal Ark Mariners, H. R. Trigg P.M. P.G.M.K. S.B. England and P.M. Deputy Inspector-General R.V.M., J. Parnell P.M. P.J.M.K. G.D. England and P.N. R.A.M., A. L. Emanuel P.M. P.P.G.M.O. and G.C. No. 7, R. L. Loveland G. Steward R.A.M. England G. Com. R.A.M. Southampton, G. F. Lancaster P.M. W.C.N. designate, Brcs. R. W. Mitchell, F. Powell, B. Ring P.G. Chaplain, J. Howell P.G. Steward, H. Crisp P.G.J.C., G. Darby P.G. Steward, W. Green P.G. Sword Bearer, W. G. Robertson, A. M. Rae, A. Grey, and R. West. The Lodge was opened by Wor. Bro. Green, who appointed Wor. Brothers Loveland J. and H. R. Triggs S. pro tem. Brother Parnell, Acting D.C., addressed the chair, requesting the W.C.N. to form the Lodge, and, after the usual preliminary arrangements, Wor. Bro. Green delivered an eloquent oration on the principals of the Order, after which the Lodge was solemnly dedicated, and Brother G. F.

Lancaster was installed Worshipful Commander. He appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Wors. Bro. F. Powell J., B. Ring Chaplain, G. Darby Treasurer, J. Howell Secretary, W. Green S.D., H. Crisp J.D., W. G. Robertson D. of Cer., A. Greig Guard, R. West and A. M. Rae Stowards, and L. Caaviu Warden. Votes of thanks were accorded to Wor. Bros. Green, Parnell, Trigg, and Loveland, who were made life honorary members. At the close of the Lodge the brethren partook of a banquet, at which the usual toasts were duly honoured.—*Portsmouth Times*.

We are sorry to announce the death of Bro. E. J. Scott, Secretary of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, and a Past Master of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, who died on Friday, 29th ult., and was buried at Kensal Green, on Wednesday. Bro. Scott had exhibited great zeal in the fulfilment of his Masonic duties, and in so doing had won to himself many friends. Among those who attended the funeral were Bros. Hammond W.M., J. Shand P.M. and Treasurer, and other of the Officers of the City of Westminster Lodge, together with Bros. G. P. Festa, W.M. Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., &c. &c.

We regret to announce the death, at sea, on the 5th October, of Bro. Weber, who last year resigned his post of clerk in the Secretary's office of the Girls' School, on the score of health. He had acquired many friends by the faithful discharge of his duties, and we beg to express our sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement.

EDINBURGH.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated by the Masonic body on 27th December. The members of the Lodges in Edinburgh met in their different Lodge-rooms in the afternoon for the installation of the new Office-bearers, and afterwards dined together and celebrated the Festival. In the course of the evening they observed the usual custom of interchanging deputations amongst all the Lodges of the City. In the Journeyman Lodge, No. 8, the proceedings of the evening received additional interest by the presentation of a gold watch, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, to Brother John Wilson. The presentation was made by the new Master of the Lodge, Brother Rennie, who referred to the services rendered by this Past Master during his three years of office.

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—PROMENADE CONCERTS.
DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, SINDBAD.
HER MAJESTY'S.—At 7.15, THE YELLOW DWARF.
ADELPHI.—At 7.15, RACHEL THE REAPER. At 8.15, LOVE AND MONEY.
PRINCESS'S.—At 7, AUNT CHARLOTTE'S MAID. At 7.45, THE SILVER KING.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, THE RIVALS.
OLYMPIC.—FORGET ME NOT.
GLOBE.—At 8.15, JANE EYRE.
LYCEUM.—At 7.45, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. This day, at 2 also.
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 13th day of January 1883, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in April next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.
Also to consider the following notice of Motion, upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON P.G.D., Vice Patron:—

"That the best thanks of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Lieut.-Col. LEACH, R.E., for his fraternal conduct in voluntarily superintending the sanitary works lately so successfully carried out at the School Buildings at Battersea; and that, as a small recognition of the services rendered by him, he be, and is, hereby elected a Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges attached thereto."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

On WEDNESDAY, the 9th MAY 1883,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF THE

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* * The names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards will be gratefully received. Full particulars on application to the Secretary.

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Has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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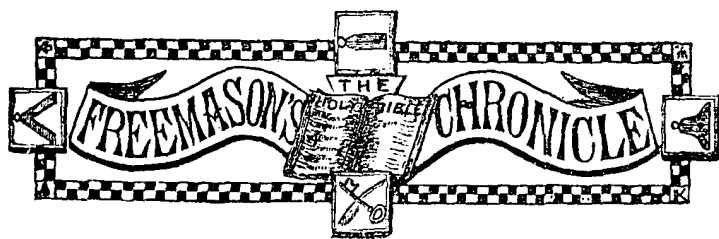
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A "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

OLD Father Christmas, with his traditional smiles, his flowing beard and lapful of blessings, has once more glided past us, gathering up in the folds of his royal robe the last remaining moments of the old year, with all its achievements and disappointments, its failures and successes. We have now entered upon a new era, as it were, and whilst we look back upon the year that has gone with mingled feelings of relief and regret, the stronger tendency within us is to peer into the future with cheerful hopefulness, that this year may be better and more prosperous than that which we have left behind. That time is fleeting, and that we are growing older, our annual bills and grey hairs sufficiently remind us; yet, amidst "all the ills that

flesh is heir to," there are bright spots and felicitations which shine hopefully through the dim vista of the future. We will not enter into any speculation as to the "good time coming," nor a sentimental retrospect of departed days; our object is to acknowledge the kindness and support which we have continued to receive at the hands of our numerous friends in the Craft, and to express our hope that we may continue to deserve even a larger share in the future of that confidence which has been extended to us in the past. True, the New Year has come in tearfully and sullen; there is no crisp, frosty ring, as in "ye olden time," in the sound of the "wild bells," such as we have have been wont to hear clanging forth a welcome to the new-born year. The wild bells have rung out to a "wild sky" indeed, but it was a wildness we only expect when the equinoctial gales are fighting in their fury, carrying death and desolation along our coasts, and sorrow into many a parental heart. Instead of the stars glistening out from a pellucid sky, rendered all the more beautiful by the sharp, bracing frost, they were obscured by rain-laden clouds, whose contents sadly marred the festivities of friends whilst wishing to each other "the compliments of the season." Holiday keepers took their pleasures sadly out-of-doors, for the streets were bespread with mud, and the foot-paths rendered dangerous by their being coated with a greasy, slippery compound; whilst the fog and rain continued to enforce the advice given us by the nondescript rhymster, who said—

Now, mind, a respirator buy,
A waterproof also,
So much depends on keeping dry,
And catarrh's all the go.

Still the brightness of indoor life has compensated, in a great measure, for the meteorological miseries which have so marred the "merry" season, and there does not appear to be any diminution in the gaieties and soothing influences of home life which invariably accompany Christmas and the New Year. We sincerely hope our friends have done ample justice to the toothsome geese, turkeys and prime joints, erewhile decorated on the butcher's boards; that the young folks have enjoyed their frolics under the mistletoe and amidst the holly and all their suggestive accompaniments; that the little ones of all have realised the pictures conjured up in this "Land of Dreams," by the timely arrival of Santa Claus. Let us hope that they have been taken to the pantomimes, and learnt the origin of fairies and wicked sprites; opened their little eyes with rapture at the gorgeous transformation scenes, and laughed gleefully at the merry antics of clown and pantaloon. These are among the many pleasures which accompany the great festivals which have just passed us, and it is not necessary for us to reverse the picture by any reference to the little obligations which will be reserved to Paterfamilias in consequence of the enjoyments he may have so considerably provided for his family and friends. The social aspect of the Christmas and New Year "tides" is a pleasant feature of English life which, we trust, may ever be sustained, for it brings into closer union those sentiments of love, friendship and amenity which it is most desirable should be cultivated in every grade of society. Moreover, it stirs into fresh activity the great principles of Charity which Freemasons, above all others, strive to inculcate and practise in their daily lives. It is a time when they who are warmly clad, with comfortable firesides and well-larded kitchens, whence proceed odours of dainty creature comforts, are reminded of others who are less highly favoured, and Heaven only knows there are many such in our midst. We carry our thoughts to homes where fuel is scarce, food not much more plentiful, and clothing but ill-adapted to meet the chill blast; and when we talk about the "unseasonable" weather, we are apt to think whether that which would be otherwise welcomed as a good old-fashioned winter might not, in such cases, mean filling to the brim the cup of misery. We do not doubt that charity has been at work this Yuletide, as of yore, so that none shall pine—if it be avoidable and the case deserving—in misery and want in a time of festivals whose chief characteristics are feasting and joy. We are glad to know that in this specific feature of the festive season the brethren of the mystic tie have been by no means lagging in their efforts, and we have heard with pleasure some gratifying accounts of benevolence on the part of our brethren in various parts of the country towards the necessitous poor. True, Masonic charity is not spasmodic, but flows along in the even tenor of its

consistency and constancy; but somehow or other there is an impetus given to it even in their case, when the merry-makings of the festive season are in full swing, and the heart swells into abnormal generosity under the kindly influences which accompany the opening of a new year. It is to be hoped that in the year now entered upon this spirit of brotherly solicitude on behalf of our humbler fellows may be kept alive, and that the poor may have "more friends and less need of them." We have started afresh, and anticipation is rife as to what will be the outcome of Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Three. It is a time when men sit down and apply themselves to the balancing of accounts, the formation of new resolves, the drawing up of new plans for their guidance throughout the year. Experience tells us that many of the good resolutions entered upon with perfect faith on New Year's Day "grow small by degrees and beautifully less" as the weeks pass by; still it is a wholesome tonic after all, and if only adhered to in some instances, must be productive of good. If the remark applies to society in general, it does so also to ourselves as Masons. The Master who enters upon his New Year, when installed as the ruler of his Lodge, forms his plans, and makes a forecast of the duties which he will be called upon to fulfil. He will emulate, even if he cannot surpass, the excellences he has observed in his predecessors in office; he will impress upon his officers and brethren the true beauties of the profession they have espoused, and which they should seek to adorn. Were there no New Year in our Masonic Lodges, no "ringing out" of old and trusty friends, and heralding the advent of others equally true, though yet untried, the monotony of Masonic life would become unknown. But as one excellent Master retires with all the honours that his appreciative and grateful brethren can bestow upon him, so another star blossoms in the firmament of the Lodge, and gives promise of new and more vigorous life and enjoyment. We can only express our hope that peace and harmony will illuminate our Lodges during the coming year, that our numbers may receive a large and welcome, though judicious acquisition, and that the machinery of the Craft may be well oiled by an ample supply of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. There are yet some pleasant réunions to come, in the shape of Charity balls in connection with various Lodges, ere the New Year festivities can be said to be at an end, and we trust they may be eminently successful, so that our Institutions may receive the benefit. But these do not interfere with the ordinary and regular business of the Lodges, which, after a few days' respite in Christmas week, has been renewed with its wonted activity and usefulness, and we have before us anticipations of many a pleasant gathering on the chequered floor ere the summer recess calls us to vary the programme by jolly—there is no other adjective sufficiently expressive—excursions into the country. The Boys at Wood Green, and the "bonnie lassies" at Battersea, will be working up for their Midsummer Examinations, and will be filled with visions of displaying, amidst Civic smiles and friendly approbation, the results of the splendid education imparted to them at the Schools, and of the careful and efficient training they receive through the considerate kindness of the more fortunate section of the Craft. The "Old Folks," too, in their quiet way, will be looking forward to the visit of their best friends, who, in the summer-time, run down to Croydon and exchange with them kindly visits and friendly recognition. In every aspect of the case anticipation is in the foremost place, and we can only express a desire that in all the aspirations formed, either from a studious point of view in Lodge, or of increased friendliness and good-fellowship amongst those who do not participate in the active work of the Order, there may be a great amount of success realised, leavened with the smallest possible degree of disappointment. For ourselves, whilst again acknowledging the support which has been accorded to us in the past, we, too, indulge in the anticipation that, as the numbers of the Craft increase, so also may the recognition of our efforts to disseminate thoughts, and to circulate the record of events transpiring in the Craft, be enlarged. Whilst extending to our readers the wish which stands at the head of this article, we trust, by pursuing the steady, consistent course which the CHRONICLE has followed ever since it was started, and by the improvements which are contemplated in the various departments of this journal, we may succeed in extending our influence, and supplying much information which shall be of value to our Subscribers and to the Craft in general.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1882.

WE congratulate the Craft generally, but especially the Executive Officers and Secretaries of our Charitable Institutions, on the result of the past year's labours. We have become so accustomed of late to extraordinary figures, that it is possible the announcement we are about to make may not be received with the usual fervour. But times have not been brilliant lately, and it is not worth while noting that only in one previous year has the aggregate receipts by our Charities been exceeded. In 1880, the total amounts received for these Institutions was close on £50,000; in 1882 it reached, in actual figures, the sum of £47,444 18s 11d, of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution must be credited with £16,595 7s 7d; the Girls' School with £15,969 15s 8d, and the Boys' School with £14,879 15s 8d. As regards "Donations and Subscriptions," however, which constitute the fluctuating income of all three, we note that the Girls' School received £13,927 8s 4d, the Boys' School £13,614 18s 8d, and the Benevolent £13,351 10s 9d, so that the support of the Craft appears to have been impartially distributed among them. As regards permanent income, the Benevolent heads the list, the Girls' School coming next, and lastly the Boys' School, the interest on invested monies being comparatively small in the last named Institution, while its grants from Grand Lodge and Chapter, like those received by the Girls' School, are about one-eighth of those received by the Benevolent. Certainly the work done on behalf of our Institutions during the past year is worth studying, if only showing what can be done for them under circumstances by no means the most favourable for heavy figures. We append a statement in detail of the receipts from all sources of the three Institutions as well as of the grants made by the Lodge of Benevolence during the past year.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions	13,351	10	9
Dividends	1,833	9	11
Interest on cash at call	33	6	11
Grand Lodge	1,200	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Rent of meadow, and one a-half year	27	0	0
	16,595	7	7

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions	13,927	8	4
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Dividends	1,454	13	11
Purchase case	187	10	0
Music fees	186	7	6
Interest	44	14	2
Miscellaneous:—			
Donation box	1	12	0
Advancement fund	1	1	0
Books of subscribers	3	18	0
By sale of old stores	2	0	9
	8	11	9
	£15,969	15	8

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions	13,614	18	8
Dividends	530	0	0
"Huyshé Devon Presentation"	525	0	0
Music fees	49	7	0
United Grand Lodge	150	0	0
" " Chapter	10	10	0
	14,879	15	8

Lodge of Benevolence.

	Cases relieved.	Amount.
		£ s d
January	19	682 0 0
February	35	1,065 0 0
March	32	900 0 0
April	33	775 0 0
May	28	910 0 0
June	26	610 0 0
July	26	750 0 0
August	22	735 0 0
September	18	570 0 0
October	27	610 0 0
November	48	1,340 0 0
December	34	660 0 0
	348	9,637 0 0

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 6th JANUARY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. (Instruction)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 8th JANUARY.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Inst.)
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
 1499—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farrington Hotel, Farrington-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 599—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY.

- 46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 111—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powhall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
 1663—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

- 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 1120—St. Millburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankoy Street, Warrington
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1508—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th JANUARY.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 8—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
 117—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 920—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond
 962—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 6
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1415—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1280—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 759—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 851—Working of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1242—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, D. Iton Cas. le, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Asseroly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
 1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.

THURSDAY, 11th JANUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, Lond on-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1076—Copper, Guildhall Tavern, Gosslam-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1599—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)

1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1930—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
 R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
 R.A. 538—Yane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 R.A. 752—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 130—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 330—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloc, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 646—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trodegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1201—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill.
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 12th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portinall Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 30—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolse.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaudebert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1299—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme

SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the day of St. John the Evangelist, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. There was a large attendance of members and visitors to do honour to the advent of Bro. Westlake as the unanimously-elected Master of the Lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring Master Bro. Griffen, and Bros. Moysey, Westcott, and Gover. At the completion of the ceremony the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Barker S.W., King sen. J.W., Gover Sec., Westcott Treasurer, King jun. S.D., Symons J.D., Sercombe I.G., Watts M.C., Hopkin A.M.C., Westcott Organist, Cook S.S., Hocking J.S., Phillips Tyler. The other appointments are—Bros. Westcott Representative on Committee of Petitions; Bros. Gover, Westcott, Tont, Griffen, and Westlake, members of the Associated Lodges' Committee, and Bro. Barker is the Charity Steward for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and the first sum to be placed on his list will be that of five guineas from the Lodge. Other business was

harmoniously completed, and the brethren then adjourned to the Globe Hotel for the banquet, admirably served by Bro. Watts.

LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 75.

THIS Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, on 29th ult., at the Lodge-room, Royal Hotel, Falmouth, when Bro. Polglase S.W. W.M. elect was installed by Bro. Newman Treasurer. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner, and the W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Carter S.W., Richards J.W., Gratex Chaplain, Newman Treasurer, Tresidder Secretary, J. Carne S.D., Jeffery J.D., Dinner Organist, Reed I.G., Carter I.P.M., W. Carne and Richards Stewards, Rusden Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Carter.

MOUNT SINAI LODGE, No. 121.

THE installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Holman, and the celebration of the Festival of St. John, took place on the 20th ult. The new W.M. was presented by Bro. Boase P.M., and duly installed by Bro. Small P.M., assisted by Bros. Boase and Levin. The W.M. then appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Martin Sampson S.W., Rodda J.W., Read P.M. Treasurer, Colenso Secretary, Simpson S.D., Wedlake J.D., Ralph I.G., Aitken Chaplain, White junior Organist, Rogers Master of Ceremonies, Barkoll S.S. and Wellington-Dale J.S. Bro. Reynolds was unanimously elected Tyler, and re-installed. Bro. Read P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. The income for the past year has been £153, and the available balance £90. Bro. Read P.M. was cordially thanked for his many years' services. Ten guineas was voted to each of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and five guineas to the Cornwall Annuitant Fund, of which Bro. Levin P.M. was re-elected Steward. The banquet followed at host Michel's, Western Hotel.

LODGE OF FORTITUDE, No. 165.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on 19th ult., when the retiring Master, Bro. Kitt, installed his successor, Bro. E. A. Lyons (the unanimous choice of the members). At the conclusion of the ceremony the following were appointed as the Officers for 1883:—Bros. Kitt I.P.M., Giffard S.W., Pillar J.W., Bignell Treasurer, Cooper Secretary, Horswill S.D., Hayes J.D., Gray I.G., Parsons M.C., Sloggett A.M.C., Hearder Organist, Joel Senior Steward, Spinney Junior Steward, Phillips Tyler. The Worshipful Master was elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and the following brethren are to be the committee for this Lodge on the Amalgamated Committee of the Associated Lodges:—Bros. Lyons W.M., Giffard S.W., Bignell, Cooper, and Browning. The banquet will be held at Bro. Walter's, Farley Hotel, on 17th January. Refreshment in the refectory followed, and the usual toasts were honoured.

OLD LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Hall of Friendship on the 28th ult., and there—in a Board of Installed Masters—William Allsford, the retiring Master, Bros. E. Murch P.M. P.P.G.O., H. Welch P.M. P.P.G.P., and J. P. Price P.M. P.P.G.S.B.—in ancient form and with accustomed ceremony, installed as the Master Bro. Joseph Viggers. The ceremony was performed with the care and solemnity which has always distinguished "Friendship." The Officers appointed were:—Bros. William Allsford I.P.M., Charles Organ S.W., Charles William Price J.W., Henry Welsh Treasurer, John David Sandy Secretary, John F. Burns S.D., John N. Taylor J.D., John Leonard I.G., Richard Carter M.C., George Bray A.M.C., William C. Cruickhorne O., Joseph Oldfield Chaplain, Thomas Shears S.S., Robert William Dodridge J.S., Joseph Benny Tyler. Bro. Gover, by permission of the Master, advocated the claims of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and the W.M. and Bro. Murch followed. This fund, which now educates and clothes twelve children without removing them from the care of their remaining parent or destroying home influences, having no paid officials, and no buildings to sustain, the money went direct to the object. Dinner—supplied by Bro. G. W. Hancock, of the Golden Lion Hotel—followed, in the well-arranged refreshment rooms in the same building, and was very enjoyable, the W.M. ably presiding.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on the 23rd ult., when Bro. Richard W. Pitcher, the retiring Worshipful Master, installed as his successor Bro. John Arthur Whitford, who, from the manner in which he was received, appeared to be as popular amongst the visitors as he was with the members who had elected him. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. R. W. Pitcher I.P.M., James Border S.W., William M. Ridland J.W., John Lynn Treasurer, Richard Cawsey Secretary, Alfred Cawsey A.S., E. H. Littleton S.D., W. Rattenbury J.D., F. Orchard M.C., A. Maddock A.D.C., R. Pike Org., J. Meadley I.G., J. Toms, Charles Hunt, W. H. Bart Stewards, H. Harvey Tyler. The Lodge then proceeded to the election of a representative on the Committee of Petitions in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bro. Richard Cawsey was again unanimously selected for this important office. It was also resolved that the annual banquet be held as usual. The ladies will be invited, as on several previous occasions, and it goes without saying that this will be the event of the year. Bro. Gover, by permission, addressed the Lodge, advocating the claims of the Masonic Charities, particularly the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, whose claims certainly were paramount. He explained that in this fund all the money went direct to objects of the institution. There were no office expenses, no paid officials, and the small subscription of 5s per year would not be felt by those who thus acquired a vote, whilst the aggregate subscription enabled twelve children to be clothed and educated at present. The Lodge being closed, the brethren retired to their own room for refreshments, the W.M. ably presiding and proposing the Loyal and Masonic toasts.

OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. At the commencement of the proceedings the following brethren were present:—Bros. Beazley W.M., Hilton S.W., Harris J.W., Hancock P.M. Treasurer, King P.M. Secretary, Cope S.D., Stedman J.D.; A. E. Gladwell I.P.M.; P.M.'s Garton (the father of the Lodge), Gaubert, Hockley, Hoadley, Holland, Dixon, and a numerous assemblage of the members. The following were among the visitors:—Hickman 177, Gibson P.M. 1420, Carmaud 548, Pilditch P.M. 1420, Lee P.M. 975, Wray P.M. 1604, Ray 1624, Morley 1891, Gosden 1532, Theodore Distin 145, Richardson J.W. 862, Donaldson 1968, Tappenden 548, Grammont 1559, Hilton 1475, Lee P.M. 975, Conolly 157, Worsden 1328, George P.M. 101, Croaker P.M. 185, Merry 1420, Ayling W.M. 973, Vickery P.M. 1627, Reid 1743, Baker 1328, Coleman 11, Baker 73, Hunt 1424, Morley 1891, Ray 1891, Miller 25, Wrigglesworth P.M. 975, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Heideberger and Hone were passed, and Bros. Brooks and Wallis were raised. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. J. Hall, H. J. Braisher, and W. Schutze. The result was unanimous, and these gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order, the ceremonies being ably rendered by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Hilton S.W. and W.M. elect was presented. He was then duly installed into the chair by Bro. Geo. King P.M. and Secretary, whose ability as a worker of the Ritual is well recognised. There were twenty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. In appropriate terms he appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Beazley I.P.M., Harris S.W., Cope J.W., J. Hancock P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), G. King P.M. Secretary Stedman Senior Deacon, Whalley J.D., Sadler I.G., Gladwell P.M. M.C., Marriott Organist, C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler. The applause that followed the investment of Officers showed the W.M. had made a selection that was approved of. Feeling allusion was made to a severe accident that lately occurred to the Treasurer, but who now, we are pleased to say, was able to be present to be re-invested. Bro. Beazley I.P.M. announced his intention to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Gladwell proposed that ten guineas be voted to the Widows' Fund, and this sum to be given as an endowment for the Inner Guard of the Lodge for the time being, with votes in perpetuity. Bro. Cope proposed that the sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the Junior Deacon, who will serve as Steward for the Boys' Festival. Bro. Hoadley P.M. stated his intention to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the sum of ten guineas was voted for his list. These votes were all carried unanimously. The report of the Auditors was read; it showed the balance in hand was £243 12s 11d, while the Benevolent Fund had £218 19s 5d to its credit. The Lodge was then closed, and an adjournment to the Crown Room was made, where the brethren—93 in number—sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace—"For these and all Thy mercies"—having been sung, the W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, Madame Worrell singing the National Anthem. This lady during the evening was assisted by Miss Emma Buer, Bros. Sydney Tower, and Theodore Distin; while Bro. C. Imhoff accompanied at the piano. The brethren seemed well in accord with the W.M., when he, with a few pertinent remarks, introduced the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, and after a song by Bro. Sydney Tower, Bro. Hilton introduced the toast of the Initiates. He was proud to say the members of the Lodge were pleased to see initiates. Later on they would have a few words addressed to them by the father of the Lodge, Bro. Garton. He (the W.M.) knew they would be pleased to hear him. Bro. George Garton, thus urged, then addressed the initiates, giving them some excellent advice, and expressing a fervent hope that neither they nor the Lodge, would ever regret their entrance into Freemasonry. Here Miss Emma Buer sang, with exquisite taste, "Tit for Tat." Bros. Schutze, Braisher and Hall severally responded, and Bro. Speight sang the E.A. song. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors, they had thirty-four present; he as well as every member of the Lodge was pleased to see them, and he would call on Bros. Pilditch, Gibson, Hilton and Wriggles to respond. Bro. Pilditch P.M. 1287, in replying, paid a great compliment to the Lodge for its perfect working, and speaking of its efforts on behalf of the Institutions, said, no other Lodge in one night had done so much for the three Charities. Bro. Hilton fully endorsed these remarks, and hoped other Lodges would follow so noble an example. Bro. Gibson followed; he felt it a great pleasure to see the excellent working of the Installing Master. Several of the other Visitors also spoke in reply to this toast. Bro. Beazley now rose to propose the health of the W.M.; the brethren had seen how ably he had done his duty before being invested; there was no doubt the Lodge would be proud of him, as they had the right man in the right place. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Beazley for his kind remarks; he had been placed there by the free will and accord of the members; he wished to do his duty, and he could rely on his Officers. The W.M. then announced that the Annual Ball of the Lodge would take place, and he hoped it would be the ball of the season. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M., to whom the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented, and special reference made to the energy Bro. Beazley had displayed during his year of Mastership. This was gracefully acknowledged, and then the other toasts were pushed merrily along. In reply for the Past Masters, Bro. Garton, the father of the Lodge, said, personally he thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions. He had been with them thirty-five years, and if he had worked for that period to the satisfaction of the Lodge, he hoped, while he had health, his services might be equally well appreciated. Bros. Holland, Hockley, Gaubert, and Gladwell followed. The Tyler in due course gave the parting

toast. The musical party must be congratulated on their efforts, also Bro. Marriott, for providing good music and such excellent singers; Madame Worrell, Miss Emma Buer, Bro. Theodore Distin, and Bro. Sidney Tower being the artistes engaged.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE annual meeting was holden at the Masonic Hall, 193 Union-street, Plymouth, on 19th ult. There was a large attendance to do honour to the retiring Master—Bro. John Moysey—who had well and worthily carried out his duties for the past year, and culminated his work by installing his successor in a manner which elicited warm commendation from the Board of Installed Masters present. The Master installed was Bro. John Delve, and he appointed and invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Moysey I.P.M., Lane S.W., Goodyear J.W., Cornish Treasurer, Browning Secretary, Hoyten, S.D., Hanaford J.D., Frost M.C., Bridgman A.M.C., Stenlake O., Williams I.G., Lavers jun. S.S., Sopers J.S., Bartlett Tyler. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and as a proof it will at the annual banquet present to the retiring Master (Bro. Moysey) a gold Past Master's jewel, to mark its appreciation of his services; and a token of respect will also be presented to the Treasurer (Bro. Cornish), the form of testimonial being left to a committee. The Lodge adjourned for refreshment in their own rooms, where, under the presidency of Bro. Delve, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Master congratulated, and a pleasant half hour spent. The banquet was held at Bro. Walter's, Farley Hotel, on Tuesday, 2nd January 1883.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 348, BOLTON.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th December 1882, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bolton, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Bros. J. B. Taylor W.M., W. Crankshaw S.W., John Kenyon J.W., Thomas Raby P.M. Treasurer, John Alcock P.M. Secretary, John Partington S.D., R. H. Phillips I.G., Thomas Higson Tyler; W. Barnes, W. Hennifer, Alfred Jones, James F. Ryley, H. Stevenson, T. G. Orrell, James Eekersley, Robert Jones, J. Wood, W. Wood, W. Green, J. Calderbank, James Allen, George Walker, John Hamer, P.M.'s John Harwood, James Horrocks, P. H. Harwood P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, J. Wolstenholme. Visitors—Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. G.S.D. and W.M. elect Lodge 37, W. Cooper P.M. 146, J. Boothroyd W.M. 221, W. Court W.M. St. George's 1723, J. L. Aldred P.M. 221, J. Mitchell, J. W. Forbes 1723, Robert Latham S.W. St. George's 1723, Charles Crompton J.D. 221, William Nicholson P.M. 146 Provincial Grand Sword Bearer. Lodge proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. William Crankshaw was presented by Bro. John Harwood to a Board of Installed Masters under the presidency of Bro. John Alcock, and he having been obligated, was subsequently installed, proclaimed, and saluted as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his Officers:—J. B. Taylor I.P.M., John Kenyon S.W., J. Partington J.W., R. H. Phillips S.D., W. Chadwick J.D., T. Raby Treas. (elected), J. Alcock Sec., J. Horrocks Charity Representative (elected), G. Walker I.G., R. Jones and W. Wood Stewards, R. Harwood M.C., W. H. Alcock Asst. M.C., J. Harwood Organist, T. Higson Tyler. The newly-appointed Officers were invested and instructed by Bro. Harwood on the nature of the duties of their respective offices, and the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were very effectively rendered by Brother Alcock. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren. A portion of the Ancient Rules and Charges was read by the S.W., and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at half-past five o'clock. The brethren assembled at banquet, prepared with Mrs. Long's proverbial good taste, and a somewhat long toast list was duly honoured, Bro. Nicholson responding for the present Provincial Officers, and Bros. Brockbank and Harwood for the Past Officers. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, expressed his determination to work assiduously during his term of office, and repay the confidence the brethren had placed in him by diligent attention to his duties. Bro. James Horrocks, in proposing the Masonic Charities, made a forcible appeal to the brethren to use greater efforts to support the Masonic Institutions, and pointedly referred to their claims upon the brethren of this Lodge, inasmuch as one member was an annuitant on the Benevolent Institution, and another deceased brother's child was being educated by the East Lancashire Institution. A generous response was given to the request made, which doubtless will result in a substantial donation to one of the Charities. The Visiting Brethren was responded to by the W.M.'s of the Lodges 221 and 1723. The Installing Master was duly honoured, and replied to by the veteran Secretary, who for many years has, single-handed, undertaken this onerous duty. The vocal talent displayed added considerably to the success of this well-ordered meeting, and the brethren were indebted to Bros. Allen, Partington, William Wood, and John Harwood for their contributions to the harmony of the evening.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 450, HAYLE.

THE brethren of this Lodge met on the 28th December, to celebrate their annual Festival of St. John. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank John Vivian, was installed by the retiring Master, Bro. Mills, assisted by Bro. Pearce, who carried out the ancient ceremony very creditably and with much satisfaction to the Lodge. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. invested the following brethren as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Mills I.P.M., Hawkins S.W., Bazeley J.W., Harvov Treasurer, Smith Secretary, West Chaplain, Sops S.D., Richards J.D., Pearce M.C., Broad I.G., Bray Tyler, and Combe Steward of the Charities, into whose hands the Lodge voted five guineas to the C.M.A. and Benevolent Fund, and ten guineas to the Boys' School. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the White Hart Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

Antiquity Lodge, No. 170, Bolton.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th December 1882, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshaw-gate, Bolton, at 6.30 p.m.—Present: Bros. George Taylor W.M., Wm. Cooper I.P.M., Rich. Duxberry S.W., Henry Broughton J.W., John Morris P.M. Secretary, John Barrett S.D., J. Galloway J.D., John Haslam I.G., Wm. Heywood Organist, Chorlton Steward, Carter, Kennedy, Nightingale. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Mr. James George Cowper, of Bolton, latter, was balloted for, approved, and initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason by Bro. William Cooper I.P.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Broughton J.W. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Richard Duxberry S.W. was declared to be unanimously elected. Bros. William Nicholson P.M. Prov. G. Sword Bearer was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, Thomas Higson P.M. Tyler, John Wild P.M. re-elected Charity Representative of the Lodge. Bros. Broughton J.W. and Barrett were re-elected Auditors of the accounts for the past year. The Lodge was closed in form and with prayer at half-past eight o'clock, and the brethren proceeded to refreshment after labour.

PHENIX LODGE, No. 257.

THE installation of Bro. Ernest Hall as the W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place at the Lodge room in High-street, Portsmouth, on Wednesday, 27th ult. The ceremony was performed in efficient style by the retiring W.M., Captain W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., who was supported by the Officers of the Lodge. There was a large attendance, while letters of apology were received from Bros. Sydney P. Hall (the well-known *Graphic* artist, and brother of the W.M.), H. Kimber W.M. 804, Thomas Cousins P.M. 257 P.P.G.W., Ellis W. Jolliffe, Henry Reed, W. Camper Storey, C. M. Houghton, Shenton, Herr Kreyer, and others. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Captain St. Clair, R.N., I.P.M., Miller S.W., Jolliffe J.W., Dr. O'Connor Treas., Hayman Sec., Rev. G. H. De Fraine Chap., Colonel Crease, C.B., S.D., Ferguson, R.N., J.D., Williams M.C., Houghton Org., Drummond I.G., Hall Steward, Carter and Exell Tylers. After the Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a *récherché* banquet was served, under the superintendence of Bro. W. Maybourn, of Portsea. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The usual Masonic and other toasts were honoured, that of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Captain St. Clair, being enthusiastically received. The W.M. referred to the high position the Lodge had attained, and mentioned that it was now within three years of its centenary.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE installation ceremony of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on 20th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Mortimer, was duly placed in its chief chair, according to ancient custom. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Watson P.M. 328 P.P.G.D.C. The W.M. appointed as his Officers:—Bros. Taylor S.W., Grant J.W., Salter S.D., Carter J.D., Bovey I.G., Mugford S.S., Brooks Organist, Wakeham M.C., Bowden Chaplain, Harland Treasurer. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Foxlon.

"ONE AND ALL" LODGE, No. 330.

A MEETING of the brethren of this Lodge was held in their Hall in Turf-street, Bodmin, on the 20th ult. Bro. Trevorton was installed in the chair as Worshipful Master. Bro. Rowe was unanimously elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B.F. Bro. Vercoe presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Rowe, in recognition of his services; he feelingly replied. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year are:—Bros. Vercoe I.P.M., Angwin S.W., Derry J.W., Rowe P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, Edyvean Secretary, Spear S.D., Davey J.D., Whale M.C., Brewer I.G., Randall S.S., Watson J.S. The banquet, in celebration of the Festival of St. John, was held subsequently at Bro. Sandoe's, Royal Hotel. Forty members attended.

LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 557.

THE annual festival of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Callington. The weather being extremely rough, the number of brethren present was fewer than on former occasions. Bro. George Morgan W.M. elect was installed by Bro. C. T. Pearce P.M. P.P.G.J.D., assisted by a large Board of Installed Masters. After the ceremony, which was most efficiently performed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Tamblin I.P.M. Chaplain, Cousins S.W., Rabbage J.W., Pearce Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Bennett S.D., W. Bond J.D., Dawe I.G., T. C. Batty M.C., Edwards Organist, Norrington 1st Steward, Julian 2nd Steward, Henwood Tyler, John Turner P.M. Steward to the Cornwall B. and A. Fund. The W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, said he had endeavoured, with the advice of the P.M.'s present, to select his Officers so as to give satisfaction to all, and he trusted all would work harmoniously, and that every brother would do his best to be deserving the honour he had received. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren (about thirty) retired to Golding's Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was provided, and to which all did ample justice.

UNION LODGE, No. 411.

A REGULAR Lodge was held on Tuesday, 19th December, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. Mount Prov. G.S.W. Berks and Bucks W.M., Ferguson S.W., Wheeler J.W., Withers Secretary, Parry S.D., Witherington J.D., Blackwell I.G., Webb Steward, Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Oades, Stephens, Egginton, Morris, Bradley; Bros. Tench, Sherwood, Higgs, George, Dodd, Long, Hawkes, McDowell. Visitors—Bros. Hole 410, Moran P.M. 1101, Hawkes J.W. 1101. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. C. B. Tubbs, as an initiate, who was elected. Mr. G. H. Stubington

was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Ferguson was elected Master for 1883; he, in acknowledging the compliment, said: Worshipful Master and brethren, I thank you very sincerely for the honourable position you have thought fit to place me in as Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year, and I trust I shall receive from each member, as well as from the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge, their hearty support and assistance in carrying out the good work of the Lodge, and that at the end of my year of office, I may vacate the chair with credit to the Lodge. I must admit it is with some diffidence that I accept the position, but I hope that at the end of my Mastership it will be found that your confidence has not been misplaced. The election of Treasurer resulted in the present W.M.'s appointment. Bro. Hommings was re-elected Tyler. Some discussion took place respecting the demise of Bro. Jonathan Leaver (for 36 years Secretary of the Lodge), at Moultsford, in the parish of Cholsey, where he was buried without the knowledge of the Freemasons of Reading. It is in contemplation to erect a monument, either a tablet, stone, or window; the subject will be resumed at a future Lodge. All business being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form. The installation of Bro. Ferguson will take place on the third Tuesday in January. We congratulate Bro. Mount on a successful year of office, and on his having been appointed the Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Berks and Bucks.

ST. ANNE LODGE, No. 970.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, East Looe. Owing, doubtless, to the wretched weather, there was not so large an attendance of members as might have been expected, the W.M. elect Bro. T. Cook being very popular among the brethren. Brother Cook was installed by his predecessor, Bro. R. Olver, supported by a full Board of I.M.'s. The ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. Olver, and at its close the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Olver I.P.M., A. Hunter S.W., G. W. Martin J.W., G. Kerswill P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, J. G. Henwood Secretary, J. Marshall S.D., S. White J.D., R. Edgcombe I.G., J. Lillicrapp and S. Pearce Stewards, J. T. Hunting Tyler. The brethren afterwards re-assembled at the Ship Hotel, where dinner was served up in excellent style by Bro. Cook. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the Treasurer congratulated the members on the flourishing financial condition of the Lodge. The health of Bro. G. W. Martin J.W. and late Secretary, who is about to leave England, was warmly drunk, and earnest wishes were expressed for his future prosperity in his new home. A very pleasant evening was spent, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

ELMS LODGE, No. 1212.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Huyshe Masonic Hall, Stoke, when Bro. William Jenkins, who had been previously unanimously elected, was installed as the W.M. The important ceremony was well performed by Bros. Joseph Bassett, the retiring Master, T. Ripper P.M., and F. G. Bickle P.M., in a large Board of Installed Masters. The Officers appointed and invested were Bros. Joseph Bassett I.P. Master, H. Widden Senior Warden, William Bickle Junior Warden, William Fowler Treasurer, T. G. Bickle P.M. Secretary, J. Leonard Senior Deacon, John Elliott Junior Deacon, A. Watts Inner Guard, Cox M.C., Walter Wiggins Organist, Richard Bassett Senior Steward, Albert Spear Junior Steward, James Rashbrooke Tyler.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. This, one of the younger Lodges, is also one of the most prosperous, and, under the presidency of W. Bro. J. Kinton-Bond, has gained increased repute. Bro. Bond, with the assistance of W. Bro. J. Russell Lord P.M., performed the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard A. Penrose, and the Installing Officers fully sustained the high reputation they hold in the Order. The Officers invested were Bros. Kinton-Bond I.P.M., Barter S.W., Elliott J.W., Lord P.M. Treasurer, Rendle P.M. Secretary, Rider S.D., Uglov J.D., Hamblyn I.G., Pearce P.M. M.C., Olver A.M.C., Strain Organist, Moses S.S., Dockett J.S., Phillips Tyler. The Lodge also unanimously chose W. Bro. Lord as their representative on the Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bro. Firke continues the Charity Steward for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

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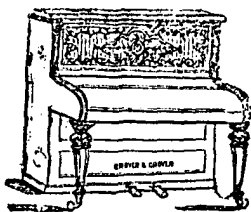
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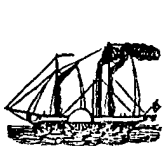
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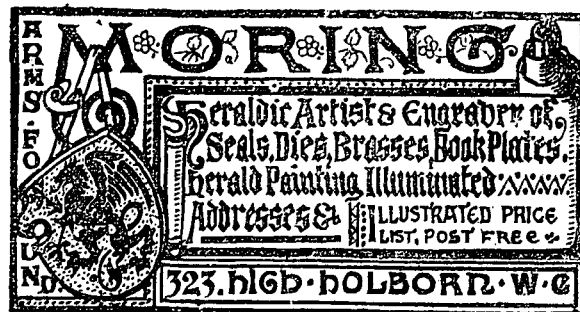
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