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THE actual number of active French Freemasons under the French Grand Orient, from recent official reports, does not seem now to exceed 17,000, alike in France and its colonies, and attached bodies. This total appears to us, we confess, remembering older French statistics, to be a sad falling off, and which we think must appear, sooner or later to the rulers and members of the Grand Orient itself, to be a grave fact deserving thought and demanding consideration. We feel bound to add that the latest reports of the life and words and acts of French Freemasonry, as given in the "Bulletin du Grand Orient," or in the *Chaine d'Union*, do not impress us with much satisfaction for the present, or with much hope for the future. On the contrary, we think we note signs of still further departure from the straight path, the old landmarks of true Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, with a still newer abjuration of those great principles on which alone Freemasonry can hope safely or fitly to take its stand, to advance and flourish in the world. When French Freemasonry can gravely and complacently regard the fact that they are ignored by brother Masons, by the Freemasons of England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, and Greece, as a mere matter of fact, and do not see that they are actually ostracized by eight-tenths of the Masonic world, we fear their exact position is very bad indeed, and that it probably will not attain to anything better until it has even become much worse. We are very sorry for the French Freemasons, as in the peculiar position of France the tolerant and sympathetic principles of true Freemasonry might, we venture to think, do much good.

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WE hear incidentally that there is a little movement in Belgian Freemasonry. We have always deplored the state of "practical sommeil" in which Belgian Freemasonry, once so flourishing, seemed to be plunged. But we have always, at the same time, made great allowance for the Belgian Freemasons, if we could not commend their works or approve of their acts. There is, perhaps, no country in the world where the extremes of scepticism and Ultramontanism meet so forcibly as in Belgium, where a very large portion of the young men are avowedly "Libres Penseurs," and where the Roman Catholic Church openly excommunicates all Freemasons. Still, we think that under the free Constitution of Belgium, where the rights of conscience are guaranteed, and where, happily, the cruelties of the Inquisition, as once at Antwerp, which served to terrify and disgrace humanity, are a thing of the past, sound-thinking, reasonable, and cultivated minds might find, as of old, much of enlightenment and gratification in the friendly and fraternal teaching, the calm and philosophic speculations of Freemasonry. We shall be glad to receive accounts of the onward and peaceful progress of Belgian Freemasonry; and we trust that, avoiding all bad examples, and giving up all specious arguments, it will separate itself, once and for all, from sterile discussions on political matters and religious controversies. Freemasonry is always most dangerous to Ultramontanism when it stands safely within the limits of its own peaceful and tolerant professions.

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THE ending of the controversy about the Grand Orient of Morocco, so called, is a good thing for all concerned. Henceforth let "by-gones be by-gones," and let us think more of the Freemasons in Morocco than some worthy and leading "dramatis personæ" have seen fit to do up to the present time. The *Freemason* has been much blamed for not encouraging a movement in favour of the extension of Freemasonry in Morocco. But as there is a right way and a wrong way of doing all things, and as we have never found that any good arises to any one from ignoring distinct laws and rules, or by setting about to compass certain ends wrongly, when the same object could be effected rightly, we, foreseeing the "embroglio" that must

inevitably arise, stated our mind freely, as is our wont. We may not always please our readers, but we believe we give satisfaction to those who think and those who are fair minded. It is not a little singular that we should witness in 1882 so absurd a commentary on Masonic forgetfulness of law and custom, as all these proceedings put before us. If there is one corner of Masonic law more clear than another, it is that a Grand Lodge cannot be formed "proprio motu" by any one out of *nothing*, but must be educed from a certain number of lodges, properly warranted and consentient. Had the promoters of Al Moghreb al Aksa been content with having the lodge consecrated by a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, no one would have said a word; and when we first saw the MS. as it came from Gibraltar, we began to read it over with many good feelings and kindly "memorias" of all and for all in "Gib." But our astonishment and pain were continually increasing as we perused the statement. It was clear to us at once that some great mistake had been made, that complete ignorance of Masonic law was displayed, that a dangerous precedent was being established, which might have most serious consequences, and that in the present state of Masonic relations such unheard of proceedings could not be tolerated with safety to any jurisdiction. And, therefore, we wrote as we did write, and we need hardly add, with no personal feeling or prepossession in the matter, but simply in defence of Masonic law and order, and friendly international relations. To our original view, all in America and Canada, and especially Manitoba, as in Great Britain, have acceded; and we are, therefore, fully justified in the objections we took, and the opinions we expressed from the very first. But is there no "tertium quid?" While no one denies the right of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to grant a charter for a lodge in Morocco territory, yet we think it would be better, for many reasons, that the motive authority should be the oldest of English provincial bodies, the District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar. Why should not the brethren at Tangiers apply to the District Grand Master (E.C.) at Gibraltar, Bro. CORNWELL, and obtain a warrant, and then end the matter amicably and Masonically? We wish to add that the action of the authorities of the Manitoba Grand Lodge seems to have been always most Masonic and fair, and befitting; and that, after all is said and done, much, we think, may be attached to a little "excess of zeal," and some little unacquaintance with the minutiae of Masonic law, rather than to any determined effort on personal grounds or any personal motives, to act in opposition to lawfully constituted authority.

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WHAT a pity it is that we have no Masonic museum worthy of the name, no Masonic library to which with pride we could conduct literary strangers and Masonic students. We are aware of the old and stereotyped objection, that Freemasons are too busy to read or buy Masonic books, much less to study in a Masonic library. We do not deny that a great deal of apathy exists, but we also know that there are many brethren of ours, whom a little encouragement would cheer on in the following of Masonic studies and culture. Hardly any of our brethren know for certain that there is a very long list of Masonic Works. When Kloss wrote, the "Bibliographie" amounted to many thousands, and during the last twenty years the list has been more and more continually increasing. Masonic researches have disinterred, and will disinter, many works altogether unknown to Kloss; and the next great annotator of Masonic bibliography will have a still more numerous catalogue to announce. So to as regards a museum. There are curious relics of Masonry to be collected in the shape of gems, seals, tokens, loving cups, goblets, jewels, certificates, prints, glass bowls, &c., &c., which lurk in private corners, and unknown collections, and which all might serve, if collected together, to illustrate and explain many curious points and facts in Masonic history.

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THE G.S. has been for some time collecting numerous little Masonic curiosities, as they also do at 33, Golden-square, and we do most heartily commend the work to the sympathy of our readers, trusting it may some day receive greater and more satisfactory development. When we remember that the Grand Lodge of Iowa will soon have, by the kindness of Mrs. BOWER, the amiable relict of our regretted Bro. BOWER, an unique collection of several thousand MSS., books, prints, &c., we do feel that the time has come when we should throw off our lethargy and apathy in England, and set to work to have a museum and library worthy of the greatest Masonic Body in the world,—the Grand Lodge of England.

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OUR esteemed and well-known Bro. the Rev. C. D. READE is a candidate for the School Board, for Chelsea. And though, as a rule, and a very proper

rule it is, the *Freemason*, and Freemasons generally, do not interfere, on certain distinct grounds, with elections of any kind as a body, yet we cannot resist the opportunity of saying that we doubt not that many of our brethren who live in that district will be glad to know the fact, and to give their support to our brother's candidature, as few possess qualities of every kind more suited for the important duties Bro. DERBY READE so laudably seeks, as in other matters, duly and effectively to fulfil. And as all Freemasons have an interest in the spread both of education and culture, there are really and truly no "a priori" reasons why the matter may not be fitly mentioned in a friendly way in the pages of the *Freemason*.

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WE call attention elsewhere to the special report of another Constitution or Gild Legend. Since first the study of these interesting records of the past history of Freemasonry took place, many have been found and added to our list, all previously unknown. The value of the "LECHMERE MS." seems to be in this, that it is clearly the remnant of a roll once in use in a Seventeenth century lodge. Bro. GOULD'S recent important history renders it very likely that if we are able to find a "Devoir" of the "Compagnonage," it will turn out to be a Constitution, or as we call it, a Legend. There are foreign works published, terming the Constitutions of the Freemasons "Devoirs."

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WE congratulate the W.M. (Bro. MILLINGTON), Bro. WHITEHEAD, and the members of the Eboracum Lodge on the extremely effective and æsthetic programme which they have issued for their Installation Festival. It is seldom that we have seen, in fact, never before, any similar production devised with so much apposite meaning, or characterized by so much cultured taste. "Hearty good wishes" for the Eboracum Lodge.

A NEW MASONIC MS. CONSTITUTION.

By the great kindness of Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Worcestershire, I have been permitted to see and collate a new MS. copy of the "Old Charges," which I propose henceforth to term "The Lechmere MS."

It is, unfortunately, not perfect; only, in fact, consisting of three portions, written on parchment, apparently severed designedly, but which are now stitched together.

The concluding portion is complete, the second skin leading into the third continuously from the clause relative to Charles Martel. The first portion commences with Abraham, but does not go very far. The MS. is clearly identical with the Sloane MS. 3848, and is probably transcribed from a common original.

My friend, Bro. Rylands, and myself, think we trace three hands employed in the transcription,—two certainly.

The MS. cannot be later than 1646, and is probably earlier, and represents an earlier form.

The MS. was originally purchased in London in its present incomplete state.

The last portion is most evidently designedly cut in a triangular form, and I have no doubt that we have in this MS. a relic of a Charge or Constitution actually used in a Seventeenth Century lodge.

I propose, with the especial and most thoughtful permission of our distinguished brother, to publish the MS. in the December number of the "Masonic Monthly."

A. F. A. W.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held at Sherborne on Thursday, the 2nd inst., in the Town Hall, which was fitted up for the occasion, and decorated with much taste and effect. Although the Province of Dorset is one of the smallest, numbering only thirteen lodges (amongst a population of 196,000), there are few provinces in which Masonry is carried on with greater zeal, or in which the great Charities of the Order are better supported, in proportion to the number of lodges. About 130 brethren assembled to receive the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Montagu Guest, M.P., who was supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers:

V.W. Bros. Hambro, D.P.G.M.; J. M. P. Montagu, G. Supt., P. Prov. D.G.M.; Bros. Fane-Bennett Stanford, P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. G. V. Garland, Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. W. M. Heath, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. G. Thompson, P.P.G. Chap.; H. C. Burt, P.P.G.J.W.; Capt. Hanham, P.P.G.S.W.; J. S. Webb, P.P.G.J.W.; E. T. Budden, P.P.G.S.D., Hon. Sec. Dorset Masonic Charity; L. H. Ruegg, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Travers, P.P.G.S.W.; G. H. Bond, Prov. G.S.W.; W. D. Dugdale, Prov. G.J.W.; R. Case, Prov. G. Treas.; R. N. Howard, Prov. G. Sec.; and other Officers, Present and Past.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the roll of the lodges called and answered by all the lodges in the province. The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge were then read and confirmed.

Letters and communications were read by the Prov. Grand Secretary. The Treasurer read the statement of accounts, which were passed "nem con."

The PROV. G. CHAPLAIN then delivered a very instructive and interesting discourse on the principles and practice of Masonry, which was received with profound attention by the brethren.

The R.W.P.G. MASTER, in an exhaustive address, reviewed the progress of Masonry for the past year throughout the province; the work done in the various lodges; the improvement shown by the increasing number of

ceremonies done by the actual W.M.'s; and by the increased number of subscribing members enrolled in the province. Alluding to the losses by death, he paid a just and well-merited tribute to the memory of our much-revered and deeply lamented Bro. Jacob, who for sixty-three years had been an active member of the province and an ornament to the Craft. The Prov. Grand Master then noticed briefly the work of Grand Lodge for the past year and the importance to the provinces of their keeping abreast of Grand Lodge legislation. He congratulated the Provincial Grand Lodge on the success and progress of the Dorset Masonic Charity, which he, as the founder, desired to see established on a solid foundation, as an enduring edifice of brotherly love and relief for the unfortunate and needy in the province, and in his own name, and in that of the Provincial Grand Lodge, he thanked the Hon. Secretary of the Dorset Masonic Charity (Bro. E. T. Budden) for his devotion to the interests of this Charity, which had been crowned by such signal success. The R.W.M. in referring to the retirement of Bro. Howard, who has so efficiently discharged the duties of Grand Secretary, paid him a warm and deserved compliment, and said the subject of his successor would require long and earnest consideration. Meanwhile he presented to Bro. Howard a valuable jewel as a mark of his regard.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee for conducting the elections of candidates for our central Institutions was read and passed and the candidates for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School adopted. During the year one candidate has been elected on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Female Fund, and one candidate elected to the Boys' School.

The following report of the Dorset Masonic Charity was then read:

THE SECOND REPORT OF THE DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

To the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, holden at Sherborne, Nov. 2nd, 1882.
R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Brethren,—

The General Committee of the Dorset Masonic Charity, in presenting the second annual report to Provincial Grand Lodge, record with much pleasure the continued progress of the Charity as regards both income and usefulness.

We reported last year that the contributions received up to 30th June, 1881, amounted to £986 11s. From that date to June 30, 1882, further donations and subscriptions have been received, amounting to £295 19s. 3d., making a total of £1282 10s. 3d.

Amongst the donations received during the year, the following deserve special mention by your Committee, and the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Lodge Amity, 137, Poole	10	0	0
St. Leonard's Chapter Rose Croix... ..	7	0	0
Lodge 417, Dorchester	5	0	0
The Provincial Grand Master, donation to defray expenses of starting and organising	29	0	3
Bro. T. Merthyr Guest	50	0	0
W. Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P.	50	0	0
The Prov. Grand Lodge of Dorset (second donation)	50	0	0

These very handsome donations have been most useful to the Charity, and have greatly helped to increase its funded capital from £876, at which it stood on 30th June, 1881, to £1180, on 30th June, 1882, an addition in the twelve months of £300; with a cash balance, at our bankers of £105.*

As regards Annual Subscriptions, 110 brethren have paid for 1882, £35 6s., and 53 brethren are waiting to pay between them, £13 5s.

Out of the 560 brethren enrolled in the province, 167 are Annual Subscribers; and your Committee cannot help expressing a hope that the number will go on increasing until every brother in the province gives his 5s. a year to this Provincial Charity.

The Annual Subscriptions received within the financial year amount to	£52	2	0
The interest on capital invested, minus Income Tax	43	18	4

Making a total of £96 0 4

At present subscriptions are not available for relief; but must be invested until the funded Stock reaches £2000, after which the annual subscriptions will be added to the yearly interest on capital to form a fund for relief and assistance, which will meet all the claims on the Charity likely to arise within the province.

As regards the operations for relief and assistance, three petitions have been received, and the petitioners assisted, viz. :—

1. The widow (age 76) of the late Bro. Biles, of 417, Dorchester, two grants of £5 each... .. £10 0 0
2. Charles Templeman (age 8), son of Bro. Templeman, of 707, Bridport £5 0 0
3. The widow of our lately deceased Bro. Moon, of 605, Lyme, for the advancement in life of her eldest son, John Moon £20 0 0

N.B.—As £20 is the largest grant the Dorset Masonic Charity can make, a supplemental grant of £10 by Prov. Grand Lodge was recommended and made to this applicant.

As only eighteen months have elapsed since the Dorset Masonic Charity was first organised, no funds were available for relief until interest had accrued, and was received from the funds invested.

The first interest (£6 9s. 8d.) was received just one year ago, consequently the year just passed is the first of the relief operations of the Charity; and although the beginnings are necessarily small, your Committee trust that the increase of revenue will keep pace with the increasing calls for assistance which come from the various parts of the province. To effectually relieve these calls will be the duty of your Committee, so far as the funds placed at their disposal will permit.

(Signed)

July 4th, 1882.

H. C. BURT, Chairman.

E. T. BUDDEN, Honorary Secretary.

The report was passed with acclamation, and the following grants were then made: Twenty-five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be placed in Bro. Howard's list as Steward for the province, and to stand in his name as a compliment from the province; ten guineas to Lodge 1168, which must give a like sum to purchase a Life-Governorship in one of the Charities; £10 to Lodge 707, Bridport, to assist the brethren to furnish their new lodge-room; £10 to John Moon, on the recommendation of the Dorset Masonic Charity; £10 to the widow of our late Bro. Rev. — Percy, Prov. G. Chap., in compliance with a last request of our late Bro. Jacob; £50 to the Dorset Masonic Charity, which is also to stand in Bro. Howard's name to qualify him as a Vice-President thereof.

The two Charity jewels were presented to Bros. Dugdale, and Atkins, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the previous P.G. Lodge, viz.: "Any Bro. serving the office of Steward to either of the Charities twice, to have a Charity jewel presented to him by P.G. Lodge; and a bar for any subsequent Stewardship, also provided by P.G. Lodge."

After some further business, the PROV. G. MASTER then declared all offices vacant, and Bro. R. Case was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The following brethren were then invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. E. T. Budden, Wimborne	Prov. G.S.W.
„ W. H. Hay, Bridport	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. J. H. Scott, Weymouth	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Robert Case (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
„ L. W. Pike, Wareham	Prov. G. Reg.
„ R. N. Howard, Weymouth (re-appointment)	Prov. G. Sec.

* This sum has since been invested, and further donations obtained, bringing the total amount received up to 2nd November to £1,420.

Bro. W. H. Dean, Dorchester and London ...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ A. Bradford, Sherborne ...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ W. B. Morgan, Weymouth ...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ W. Chick, Dorchester ...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ T. S. Funnell, Poole ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ F. Lodder, Wimborne ...	Prov. G.S.B.
„ W. P. Gee, Portland ...	Prov. G. Org.
„ C. Purkis, Beaminster ...	Prov. G.P.P.
„ J. Hallett, Wareham; Downes, Weymouth; A. Buller, Beaminster; C. Williams, Portland; Freeman, Portland; H. F. Harvey, Wimborne ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ Francis Long, Bridport (re-appointment) ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

The banquet was held at the Digby Hotel, when a sumptuous repast, followed by the usual toasts, as well as by "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," brought to a happy conclusion this auspicious day.

The sum collected in the charity box amounted to five guineas, which was given to the Sherborne Hospital for Children, as a souvenir of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset for 1882.

NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF EGYPT.

A most interesting meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, situate at the basement of the Duke of Sutherland's building, on the northern side of the Ezbekiah Gardens, at Cairo. A rapid sketch of the building may not be deemed out of place on the present occasion.

A short pleasant walk, shaded by arcades in the Gothic style (the design of Bro. C. Curzon Tompson), leads to the door of the lodge-room. Facing the entrance, and partially covered by a screen, is a doorway in the ancient Egyptian style, leading to the avenue of the lodge. On either side of the doorway is the emblem of mystery and silence—a sphynx in imitation rose granite. To the left of the doorway is a waiting-room of modest proportions, and to the right a banqueting-hall and a special reception-room. The latter was specially prepared for the occasion and very tastefully decorated. The eye rested on flags of Old England, which covered the walls, while over a sofa placed at one end hung a gilded coat-of-arms of Great Britain, glistening through many wax candles, which lit up the room from among numerous plants that sent an agreeable odour throughout the apartment. Soft Persian carpets covered the floor of this room and of the banqueting-hall. Numerous plants were placed about the majestic sphinxes, and also in the avenue leading to the lodge. The lodge itself, chaste in its decorations, was tastefully ornamented with festoons of flowers; Persian carpets covered the floor, and exotic plants were placed on the steps leading to the East and to the Grand Master's throne.

The meeting, the first that has been held since the recent political troubles, had been convened to welcome the V.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. Shortly after 5 p.m. visitors and members began to arrive. The concourse was large, and comprised representatives from lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England and officers of the army of occupation. The visitors numbered about fifty, and we noticed with pleasure the presence of the eminent Bro. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, and P.G.M.M.M. for the Mediterranean.

Punctually at 5.30 p.m. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught arrived, attended by Bro. Major R. B. Lane, his aide-de-camp, and by Bro. Louis Effendi Merrasse, and H.R.H. was ushered into the waiting-room prepared for his reception. Very shortly afterwards Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. Raphael Borg (H.M.'s Vice-Consul at Cairo), supported by the following Grand Officers:

M.W. Bro. S. A. Zola, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Dr. Iconomopulo, D.G.M.; V.W. Bros. L. Zaja, S.G.W.; A. E. Zamburoglu, J.G.W.; E. Glimenopulo, G. Treas.; W. Bro. D. Hazan, acting Grand Sec.; Bros. L. Steinschneider, G.S.D.; Abdul Razak Effendi Nazmi, G.J.D.; C. J. Barnard, G.D. of C.; G. Yatroudake, G.S.B.; S. Jappa, G. Org.; Mohd. Mokhtar Bey, G. Purs.; A. Jannacopulo, G. Tyler; Latif Bey Selim, Ali Bey Heidar, Ahmeç Bey Hamdy, Abdul Shahid Boutros, Farag Daoud, Anesti Kotsu, and George Kotsu, Grand Stewards.

The GRAND SECRETARY having read the summons convening the meeting, by direction of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was escorted into the Temple in the following manner:

- Grand Tyler with drawn sword.
- Grand Pursuivant.
- Grand Deacon.
- Corinthian light.
- Junior Warden's column.
- Doric light—Ionic light.
- Senior Warden's column.
- Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Grand Master's sword.
- Past Grand Master. His Royal Highness. Deputy Grand Master.
- Grand Steward.
- Grand Tyler with drawn sword.

On the approach of the Royal procession, "God save the Queen" was played on the organ. The Grand Master received the Royal brother at the foot of the throne and led H.R.H. to the seat on his right. When the soft notes of the national anthem had died away, M.W. Bro. Borg, welcomed the Royal brother and expressed the acknowledgments of the Grand Lodge for the visit which H.R.H. had graciously condescended to pay.

H.R.H. expressed his gratification at the reception accorded him, and his pleasure at taking part in the labours of the Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The GRAND MASTER, addressing Grand Lodge in French, briefly traced the foundation of that body and the difficulties which it had to contend against in obtaining recognition from sister Grand Lodges. Not so however with the Grand Lodge of England, the mother Grand Lodge of the world, which by direction of H.R.H., the M.W. Grand Master had extended the right hand of fellowship to its youthful sister. He held in his hand the document, dated July, 1876, which demonstrated the feelings of that Grand Lodge towards the new body. Such a noble action could not but lay this Grand Lodge under a heavy debt of gratitude. This is the first favourable opportunity which offers when we may prove to the Grand Lodge of England our heartfelt gratitude for the countenance and support lent to us, and we trust our Royal brother will convey our sentiments to the M.W. the Grand Master of England.

The Grand Master then proceeded to say that the reason of the presence in Egypt of our Royal brother was well known by every brother present. At the call of duty His Royal Highness remembered only that he was a soldier and Mason, and setting a noble example, he forsook the comforts of home and of peaceable pursuits for the life of the camp, and exposed his precious life to the risks and dangers of war. He came here to restore order, and that done he was about to return, feeling justly proud of his achievements. Apart, however, from these facts, His Royal Highness availed himself of every opportunity to evince the deep interest he takes in the welfare of the Institution, whether at home or abroad; and the fact that he is amongst us this evening, when he could ill afford the time upon which so many claims are laid, is a proof of his attachment to Freemasonry. The Grand Master concluded by proposing that as a proof of their gratitude to the Grand Lodge of England and to its Most Worshipful Grand Master, and of a recognition of the services of the Royal brother on his right in the cause of Masonry, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught should be elected Grand Warden of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The proposition being seconded was put and carried by acclamation.

Grand Lodge having been called to order, the Grand Master addressing His Royal Highness in English, briefly recapitulated his address to Grand Lodge and the decision arrived at and added:

In the name of the Most High, in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge and by virtue of the powers vested in me as its Grand Master, I appoint, invest, and install you, most worthy and illustrious brother, Grand Warden of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt. May you live long to enjoy the honour, and may you ever continue to prove an ornament to the Craft.

By order of the Grand Master His Royal Highness was proclaimed at the east, west, north and south by the Grand Pursuivant.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, who was graciously pleased to accept the office, addressed the Grand Lodge in French, expressing his acknowledgments for the honour conferred upon him which took him by surprise. He assured the brethren that he had derived much gratification by assisting at their labours, and would ever have a pleasant remembrance of the agreeable evening. He warmly thanked the brethren for the sentiments they had expressed towards the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and towards the Grand Lodge of England, and it would be his agreeable duty to convey to his Royal brother the expressions of gratitude of the Grand Lodge. He assured the brethren that taking interest in all that concerned Egypt, he felt bound henceforward to take a still deeper interest in Masonry in Egypt, of which body he felt proud to form part.

The GRAND MASTER bowed his acknowledgments to His Royal Highness, and, addressing the Grand Lodge, reminded the brethren that at all times nations or institutions transmitted to posterity the record of a grand event through a monument. Egypt had not been behindhand in this respect, as the noble piles met with at every step testified. Egypt had just traversed a very critical period, which became a memorable epoch in the annals of her history. The recent troubles through which Egypt has just passed have seriously threatened the existence of the Craft in the country, and placed in jeopardy the lives of many members of the Institution, and in consequence thereof the sound of the gavel had not been heard for several months. That, of itself alone, became an event worthy of note; while the fact that we resumed labours this evening under such august auspices forms a memorable epoch. This, the Grand Master thought, was a fit occasion for raising a Masonic temple worthy of our classical land and of our Institution, which would commemorate the several events above alluded to. A project had been under consideration for some time, but he thought that they might at once take measures for carrying the project into effect. He, therefore, proposed that a subscription list be opened for the raising of the funds necessary for building a Masonic temple in Egypt.

The S.G.W. rose to second the proposition, which was warmly supported by M.W. Bro. ZOLA, P.G.M., and the motion having been put was carried unanimously.

By permission of the Grand Master, V.W. Bro. BROADLEY addressed the Grand Lodge in an eloquent and telling speech in support of the proposition, and pointed out that, while Tunis and Malta proved excellent fields for the study of archæological Masonry, Egypt could not fail to render a rich reward to the Masonic student, for this country was the birthplace of the Royal Art; he, therefore, wished the National Grand Lodge of Egypt God-speed in their work.

The business of the evening being ended, Grand Lodge was closed after a charitable collection.

The Grand Master then accompanied His Royal Highness to the waiting-room prepared for the Royal visitor, and having presented the members and others to His Royal Highness, M.W. Bro. Borg proposed "The Health of the Duke of Connaught," thanking him for having been graciously pleased to join them that evening.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS thanked the Grand Master and all present for the flattering terms in which his health had been proposed, and for the manner in which it had been received. The Duke of Connaught assured his brethren that he would look back to this evening with pleasure, and called upon all present to drink to the "Prosperity and Success to the National Grand Lodge of Egypt."

The toast having been duly honoured, the GRAND MASTER proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England," who had always shown himself an active and zealous Mason, and to whom the Grand Lodge of Egypt was under special obligations. He also coupled this toast with that of the Royal Family of England, who had always proved themselves munificent patrons of the Order. The toast was received with enthusiasm.

The DUKE OF CONNAUGHT having warmly thanked the brethren, proposed, in glowing terms, "The Health of His Highness the Khedive." This toast, too, was very heartily received, and H.R.H. then took leave of the brethren, escorted to his carriage by the Grand Master and a large number of members and visitors.

After the return of the parties to the banqueting hall, "The Health of the Grand Master" was proposed, in very warm terms, by V.W. Bro. BROADLEY, and welcomed very heartily by the brethren.

The GRAND MASTER, in returning thanks, gave "The Health of Bro. Broadley," and the toast having been duly honoured, the G.M. proposed "The Healths of Bros. Rustovitz, Steinschneider, and N. Zigada," to whom was due all credit for the decorations, &c., on the occasion. This toast was very well received by the brethren, and brought to a close a meeting which forms a memorable episode in Masonic history in Egypt.

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THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Of the Lodge will take place at

FREEMASONS' HALL,

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On which occasion

BRO. THE REVEREND AMBROSE WILLIAM HALL,

Past Grand Chaplin, has kindly consented to preside.

The Lodge will be opened in the Grand Hall, at Six
o'clock precisely.

The Work will be the First Lecture, viz:—

I. Section by Bro. J. Gordon Langton, I.G. 96.	
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To Correspondents.

The following stand over:—
Lodge St. Hilda, No. 240.
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Correspondence—Spectumer Agendo.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Public
Ledger," "The Toronto World," "The Liberal Free-
mason," "Irish Times," "Caygill's Tourist's Chronicle,"
"Proceedings of the Councils of Deliberation, A.A.S.
Rite," "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of
Vermont," "Boletin Masonico," "Freemasons' Reposi-
tory," "The Orient," "The Watchman," "The Court
Circular," "Die Bauhutte," "The Jewish Chronicle,"
"The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Keystone," "The
Cheltenham Examiner," "Voice of Masonry," "Allocu-
tion read before the Great Priory."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of,
the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit
of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free
discussion.]

REVISED CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent's note of November 11th, in
reference to my letter in the *Freemason*, of November 4th,
does not meet the case. I did not state that "any time during
the year will do for the Grand Lodge return," but that such
returns "are now made to Grand Lodge at very different
periods of the year by lodges in the same province," which
is quite a different statement.

These annual returns are required to be made by Grand
Lodge, I understand, at the end of the quarter next after
the installation meeting of the lodge, whenever that may
happen to be; and I assume that Grand Lodge will still
require private lodges to make their annual returns and
remit the contributions, as they now do, whereby the funds
of Grand Lodge are supplied with money all the year
round, and the work of Grand Secretary's office is evenly
distributed over the entire year; which, however, would not
be the case if all lodges made their returns and sent their
contributions at one and the same time.

The question appears to me to be important, and need-
ing consideration chiefly in relation to the private lodges
and their Provincial Grand Lodges, and I trust some able
brother may be induced to throw a little light on the ques-
tion. Meanwhile, may I ask your correspondent to kindly
inform me how he arrives at the conclusion that "Provin-
cial Lodges generally make out both (returns) together for
transmission?" and what the law of Grand Lodge is in re-
ference to the exact period of the year when the annual
returns are required to be transmitted?

Yours fraternally,

W.M. 1402.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264—BENEVOLENT
FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very pleased to see, by the report of the
meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, in your impres-
sion of the 11th inst., that they have established a Benevo-
lent Fund for the relief of their indigent members, but beg
to take exception to your correspondent's concluding re-
marks, as follows: "Although the voluntary system has
not hitherto been tried in connection with Benevolent Funds
in this province," &c.

The Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, the pioneer of the Bene-
volent Fund system in this province, established their fund
principally on the accumulation of *voluntary* subscriptions
and *donations*, the amount appropriated from the lodge
funds being the smallest portion of their present invest-
ments, which now amount to nearly £300. I do not think
I am far wrong when I state that from 1875 to the present
date not more than £70 has been taken from the lodge
funds; and by the fact their indigent members, widows, and
orphans have been considerably relieved during the existence
of this fund, some to the extent in individual cases of £50,
£30, £20, &c. You will at once perceive that the volun-
tary system has been successfully in operation years before
the Neptune matured theirs.

I only hope other lodges in this large province will use
their utmost to follow in the footsteps of those that have
already adopted this system, and which, if established on a
firm basis, must eventually, by superseding the present
system, confer far greater benefits on those unfortunate
members of the Craft who have occasion to appeal to their
more fortunate brethren.

Yours fraternally,

MAURICE HART,

P.M. and Treas. 1502, P.G.S. West Lanc.
207, London-road, Liverpool.

November 13th.

OBSOLETE WORDS IN MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Many thanks for your kindness in inserting my
suggestions as to the origin of the word "cowan;" also
for your insertion of the necessary explanation of the
perhaps excusable printer's error in my first letter.

I quite agree with Bro. Hughan, that the modern trans-
lation of the word "cowan," is eavesdropper, which I
think is also an old Masonic word; the punishment awarded
to convicted "cowans," by our ancient operative brethren
being, as tradition tells us, "To tie the offender under the
eaves of a building in rainy weather, and to allow the
water from the gargoyles to drop on to his head."

With regard to the word "hele:" I believe it to be the
Saxon noun "hele," viz.: (a hole in the ground), which
we have simply made into a verb. From the Saxon "hele,"
are derived two nouns at use in the present day, viz.:
"hole" (a cavity in the ground), and "Hell" (Hades or
Paradise, the place of departed spirits.) Our Saxon
ancestors connected the physical and national burial of the
bodies of their departed friends with their ideas of a future
state, and it is a little unfortunate that our first English
translators of the Bible should have seized upon this Saxon
word, and made it to represent the "Hades" or "Para-
dise" of the Greek; and it still more unfortunate that
Puritanical commentators should have so far corrupted the
original meaning as to speak of "Hell" as the abode of
the lost. However, we, as Freemasons, use the word in its
original and literal sense. When our candidates promise
to "hele" our mysteries, they simply promise to bury them
in the recesses of their hearts, just as a corpse is buried in
a grave or hole in the ground.

I apologise for this trespass on your valuable space, but
I feel very strongly, that instead of characterising our
obsolete words as meaningless, we should carefully,
patiently, and filially enquire into the origin of them.
They have been handed down to us as precious heirlooms
by our "ancient brethren"; and I feel sure of this, that
our candidates, and our younger officers too, would take a
far greater interest in our ritual were they to have a fuller
understanding of the true intent and meaning of it.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. WARD CHALMERS.

Market-street, Stafford, November 13th.

A MEMORIAL MASONIC HALL IN EGYPT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The halo of old world associations which will for all
time surround Egypt, gives an interest of no mean kind to
the past and present of the Royal art in that country. The
Egyptian Grand Orient sprang originally from an English
District, ruled by H.H. Prince Halim, and of which the
present M.W.G.M., Bro. Raphael Borg, was D.D.G.M.,

and has received a formal and explicit recognition from our own United Grand Lodge.

In the midst of very grave and arduous duties, it was to me a very pleasing relaxation to come back to Masonry and attend the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, after the recent troubles. I was glad to see the excellent impression made on Egyptian Masons by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; although, I must confess, I should rather have seen him invested as P.G.M. instead of G.W., and the more so as the King of the Sandwich Islands received the former honour when in this country.

Everything, however, went off with unmarred success; and I think the proposal to build a memorial Masonic Hall may commend itself to brethren far beyond the boundaries of Egypt and the jurisdiction of its Grand Lodge. I am informed that a portion of the building is to be devoted to a museum, set apart for the reception of relics throwing light on the earliest days of Masonic history. The Egyptian brethren have passed through a trying crisis, but they are all determined to put forth every exertion to support the proposal of their worthy and zealous G.M. The Duke of Connaught has subscribed £10 ros., and headed the list. Will any other English brethren help in this interesting work? M.W. Bro. Borg, H.B.M.'s Vice-Consul, will gladly receive any contributions to it.

I am, yours very fraternally,

A. M. BROADLEY,
P.D.D.G.M., Malta, and P.D.G.M.M.,
of the Mediterranean.
Cairo, Oct. 30th.

SIMPLE SAXON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I remember reading, as a boy, in one of Captain Marryatt's sea tales, of a party of sailors stranded on the French coast, and of an Irishman who, on account of his intimate knowledge of French, volunteered to borrow a frying pan of a peasant. "Parley vous Français?" "Oui, monsieur." "Thin, will ye lend me the loan of a frying-pan." Paddy's French failed somehow to fetch the Frenchman.

In your account of the proceedings of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, I find that Bro. Bonavia-Hunt is thus reported: "He would only say, in 'Simple Saxon,' Worshipful Master, deign to receive this token of our warmest regards—this tribute of our fraternal affection."

Allow me to point out that the following words—deign, receive, regards, tribute, fraternal, and affection are not Saxon at all, but derived through the French; and as Bro. Bonavia-Hunt's literary merits are well known, I cannot help attributing the mistake to your reporter.

The phrase in pure Saxon would not sound so nice. I presume the nearest approach to it would be "Worshipful Master, be willing to take this token of our warmest feelings—this offering of our brotherly love."

I shall probably be told that offering is derived from the Latin *ob* and *fero*; nevertheless, we have in German, *offer*, an offering. Master may be equally derived from the Latin *magister*, through the French *meistre*, or the German *meister*.

As a matter of curiosity, can any brother give the phrase in pure Saxon and under a better form?

Fraternally yours, T. Wm. SPETH.

MR. BRADLAUGH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Would you kindly inform me if Mr. Bradlaugh, M.P., is a Mason, and if it is not irregular and against the Book of Constitutions for atheists to be admitted into the Fraternity?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

PUZZLED.

[Mr. Bradlaugh was originally initiated, it seems, in the Lodge Philadelphes, at Paris. He afterwards joined an English lodge. When H.R.H. the Prince of Wales became Grand Master he returned his Grand Lodge certificate. He is not now receivable in any Anglo-Saxon lodge, and the only wonder is that he ever was admitted into English Masonry at all. English Freemasonry openly rejects and sternly repudiates all atheists.—Ed. F.M.]



CHESHIRE AND LANCASHIRE FUNERAL CERTIFICATES. A.D. 1600 to 1678. Edited by JOHN PAUL RYLANDS, F.S.A.

This is the sixth volume of the "Record Society for Publication of Original Documents relating to Lancashire and Cheshire," and it is one of the very useful works of reference which, requiring and demanding such minute attention and serious labour, are invaluable to the student of the past, as also for the genealogist and heraldist. It seems that, in 1568, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, then Earl Marshal, made an order "that everie King-of-Arms, heraulde, or pursuivante, that shall serve at any funerall, shall bring into the librarie, or office of armes, a true and certaine certificate," &c., &c. Very few, however, of these documents, it is said, remain; but among the Lansdowne and Harleian MSS., British Museum, two documents are found, almost identical, namely Lansdowne, 579, and Harleian, 2041, signed respectively, in 1600, by Wm. Segar Norroy, King-of-Arms, and, in 1606, by R. St. George Norroy, King-of-Arms, appointing Randle Holme, of the city of Chester, their Deputy. This fact is very interesting to Masonic

students, as Bro. W. H. Rylands, brother to the editor of this very interesting volume, has shown conclusively the connection of Randle Holme with Freemasonry at Chester and the Harleian MS. 2054, and in these very certificates are to be found the names of members of the families whose namesakes formed part of the Chester Lodge before and about 1660. The register was begun, it seems, for the counties of Cheshire, Lancashire, and North Wales by the Herald St. George, in 1606, May 28th, and was continued by Randle Holme to 1656. We obtain here perhaps the most accurate testimony as to the history and genealogies of the old county families and the persons named therein "seriatim;" and we have to thank Mr. J. P. Rylands for the faithful, and yet modest, manner in which he has discharged his editorial duties, as well as for the volume itself, which is, we venture to think, a very valuable contribution to family history in the important counties to which it refers. Such a volume proves the importance of similar societies, as thus many valuable works are published from time to time which either remain in contemptuous solitude or useless and forgotten on the dusty shelves of our great libraries.

HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 146, BOLTON. By Bro. JAMES NEWTON, P.M. Thomas Morris, Oxford-street, Bolton.

To Bro. Newton we are already indebted for several very valuable contributions to Masonic archaeology and lodge history, which have been noticed previously in our pages. To-day we have to thank him for the full and clear account he gives us of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, Bolton. It is true, no doubt, that the lodge life of No. 146, is comparatively modern, and has not much perhaps that is striking in it, to commend it to the special notice of Masonic Dryasdusts. Its beginnings point back to 1776, when it was warranted to meet at Leigh. From 1776 to 1786 the minute books are unfortunately missing, having got improperly into strange hands, through neglect of duty of the W.M., as very often happens, and the real continuous minutes begin from 1786, when the lodge removed to Bolton, and go on to the present time. There were twenty-four rules in force in 1786, which are curious, as showing that the old custom, (no doubt operative in its origin), of cloathing the lodge (rule nine), that is presenting the members with white gloves and aprons was still in use, though there are traces of its falling into gradual abeyance by the words "if required." Rule twenty-four is also noteworthy as forbidding the reception of any visiting brother who is not a M.M. Such a law, which sounds harsh and arbitrary to us, may perhaps be accounted for by a fact which has hitherto not been sufficiently noted, that, curiously enough, in direct contradiction with modern practice, much of the more important business of the lodge in earlier days was transacted in the Third Degree. From 1786 the history of the lodge is the wonted history of an English country or town lodge, but the records of No. 146 are valuable as containing so clear a list of names, and they appear to have been fairly well kept. One fact strikes all Masonic students and readers of old minute books,—the utter carelessness of the scribes in those days. Many matters are left in absolute darkness about which we want more light; many entries are marvellously short which ought to be lengthy; and many subjects are omitted altogether about which we should like to know something. And then, as for the books themselves, they are "here, there, and everywhere." It is a marvel if a lodge has a chest to hold its books, and a still greater one if any brother knows what are the contents of the chest, when it does exist. Condemned as useless lumber, it is generally stowed away in some little room or convenient garret, and these numerous deposits of Masonic archives still continue in dust and dirt, sometimes reduced to pulp by blackbeetles, sometimes nibbled away by industrious and hungry mice. This is a positive fact, "teste me ipsum." Happy is the lodge which possesses a brother like James Newton, not ashamed of the records of his "Old Antiquity," and able, above all, to make a proper use of such documents, one and all, and not above communicating his valuable discoveries to brother students and the Masonic public.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF WAR. By JAMES RAM. E. T. Davey, 58, Ludgate-hill, (Boy-court).

This is a little work which deserves more thought and space than we can give it on the present occasion, and so we propose next week or the week after, to give a due notice of this thoughtful little outcome of martial philosophy. We must only content ourselves to-day with noting its appearance in a shilling edition.

TRIUNGHIUL. Bucuresci.

This is the "Triangle," Bucharest, the official organ of the Roumanian Freemasonry. It contains as an illustration the likeness of C. M. Moroiu, 33°, Grand Master, Commander of Roumanian Freemasonry.

IL BOLETIN MASONICO.

This is also the official organ of Mexican Freemasonry, as we understand, of which Emilio G. Canton is the proprietor and director. Of Mexican Freemasonry little at present seems known, and that little is shrouded in obscurity. We should be glad to know something more of its actual status and legal position.



72] FRENCH MASONIC TERMINOLOGY.

It has often been assumed that as all French Speculative Freemasonry is apparently derived from the English Grand Lodge of 1717, therefore, all the French words in use Masonically are also derived from English equivalents. Thus, for instance, the French word "Louveteau" has been held to be derived from the English "Lewis." But in this, as in other matters, it is clear that the subject has not been carefully studied. Lewis, in English, is taken from the actual operative "Lewiss," and Louveteau, in French, is derived from Louveteau or Louve equally a French operative technical term. Louve, in French, answers what we term the "Lewis," and Louveteaux are the two iron margins or borders which cover the "Lewis" or "Louve" in the stone. This is clearly shown in Felibien's "Principes de l'Architecture," 2nd edition, Paris, 1690, where, at

page 79, he gives us an illustration of the "Louve" and the "Louveteaux." I may observe here, there is something very odd to me in the early history of French Freemasonry. Just as in Germany with the Steinmetzen, so with the Compagnonage in France, the old Societies were utterly ignored, and there is no trace of any connexion with, or of any knowledge by the new of the old. Even the very memory of "Louveteaux" seems to have passed away from French Masonic writers. I believe that I am the first person who has ever given this explanation, though Felibien's excellent work could scarcely be unknown. Bro. Gould alludes to the subject in his admirable work, though when he wrote he had not seen Felibien's book. It is no doubt true that "Louve" is an equivalent for, and a translation of, our "Lewis," and, therefore, may have been taken as a derivation. In early times the French Freemasons were so dubious as to the word, that they called it indifferently "Louffton," "Lufton," "Louveton," "Lowton," and even "Louveteau," "Louveton." There is an idea that "Lewis" comes from Louis XIV., but I am not aware of any safe authority for such a derivation. The French never used the word "Lewis," nor "Levis," as Mackay thinks, but only "Louve." Bro. Gould has touched upon the point incidentally in his striking "History of the Compagnonage," as to the "Louveteau" and the "Loup Garou," or werewolf. We also hear of the technical name of the "Loups" and the "Devorans," &c., among secret societies. We may have then in these usages some trace of an earlier meaning; but in 1698 "Louve" and "Louveteau" were technical terms of the French Operative Masons. Felibien tells us, and it is interesting to note his words, since our English Freemasonry, in its terms and usages, came from Norman French; that formerly the workmen who worked under an architect (page 71) were termed "Macon"; but that there were also "Tailleurs de Pierre" (stone cutters), which the "Appareilleurs" (those who traced out the stones and marked them) gave them to work upon. He also adds that in great establishments (ateliers) besides the "Macon" and "Tailleurs de Pierre" and the "Appareilleurs," there were also the "Poursurs" those who placed or set the stones; the "Halbardiers," those who bore a sort of pole to move the stones from the trucks; the "Bardeurs," those who drew the stones on the trucks; the "Goujars," those who carried mortar in the hods; the "Piqueurs," a sort of "Clerk of the Works;" the "Chasse-avant," who directed the carriage of materials; and the "Louveurs," those who prepared the stones for the "Louve" or "Lewis." Felibien's work is a most interesting one, and he is the writer also of some biographies of architects.

MASONIC STUDENT.

73] MAURER GESELLEN.

Does Bro. Speth know anything of a work published in Hamburg in 1868, and written by Dr. J. E. Marlow? It professes to give an account of the ceremonial of certain speculative "Maurer Bruderschaften," but appears to me to be a burlesque. It is at his service.

MASONIC STUDENT.

74] LEWIS.

Can any one tell me when this word first appears in any technical work of operative Masonry in England? M.S.

75] USE OF THE WORD "LOGE."

Is it quite clear that "loge" as Masonic Student often says, was only applied to the Macons, or Macons? I apprehend that in French it is sometime applied to other bodies. For instance, "Lacroix" tells us that the house or place of assembly of the Heralds was called "La Loge des Herauts d'Armes," in an illuminated MS. of the fifteenth century. Can other examples be adduced.

ANTIQUARY.

76] THE ILLUMINATI.

It would seem as if, in the fourteenth century, the disciples and followers of Raymond Lully gave themselves the title of an "Illuminati." Some writers have said that they were the precursors of the Fratres Roseae Crucis.

ROSA CRUCIS.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of this Prov. Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on the 8th inst., under the banners of Chapters Fidelity, 289; Philanthropic, 304; and Alfred, 306; when there were present M.E. Comps. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.Z. 61, Prov. G. Supt.; Ensor Drury, P.Z. 139, P.P.G.H., as Prov. G.H.; Thos. W. Tew, P.Z. 495, P.P.G.H.; C. L. Mason, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.H.; Wm. Harrop, P.Z. 290, Prov. G.J.; T. Hill, P.Z. 302, P.P.G.J.; W. W. Widop, P.Z. 275, P.P.G.J.; Isaac Booth, P.Z. 61, P.P.G.J.; John D. Kay, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.J.; Allen Jackson, P.Z. 521, P.P.G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 387, Prov. G.S.E.; John Gaunt, P.Z. 302, Prov. G.S.N.; James France, P.Z. 208, P.P.G.S.N.; John Marshall, P.Z. 1283, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; S. Freeman, P.Z. 306, P.P.G. Prin. Soj.; W. Schofield, P.Z. 290, P.P.G. Prin. Soj.; Henry W. Maleham, P.Z. 296, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., as Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; Charles Dinsdale, P.Z. 265, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; William James Beck, P.Z. 289, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; Thomas Ruddock, P.Z. 275, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; Samuel Slack, P.Z. 495, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; James Henry Gratton, P.Z. 1513, Prov. G. Treas.; Joseph Wainwright, P.Z. 208, Prov. G. Registrar; Jonas Craven, P.Z. 275, P.P.G. Reg.; W. B. Alderson, P.Z. 154, P.P.G. Reg.; John C. Malcolm, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Reg.; Samuel Stead, P.Z. 289, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; Joseph C. Wharton, P.Z. 258, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Thomas Gibson, P.Z. 289, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; John Wordsworth, P.Z. 1019, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; W. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; John R. Dore, P.Z. 275, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; Joseph L. Oates, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; Max Blume, 304, as Prov. G. Org.; Simeon Hayes, P.Z. 139, Prov. G. Stwd.; William Skinner, P.Z. 296, Prov. G. Stwd.; Reuben Williamson, P.Z. 521, Prov. G. Stwd.; John Barker, P.Z. 258, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer. as Prov. G. Stwd.; Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Janitor.; and Acting Principals, Past First Principals, and Companions of Chapters 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296,

302, 304, 306, 387, 448, 495, 521, 600, 827, 837, 1019, 1214, 1283, 1513, and E. Comps. William Headland, 645; and John Richardson, 204, as visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from a large number of Companions attached to this and other provinces.

The chapter was opened by the Principals and companions of chapters 289, 304, and 306. The M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B. and D.L., Prov. Grand Superintendent and the officers of Prov. Grand Chapter entered, and Prov. Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

After the usual salutation, the PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT delivered the following address: Excellent Companions,—Acting Principals and Past Principals and the companions of the various chapters under my command as the Prov. Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, are to-day invited to hold a convocation of Prov. Grand Chapter, under the banners of the three Leeds chapters, 289, 304, and 306. This is the seventh gathering of the companions of Prov. Grand Chapter in Leeds, and the thirty-seventh meeting since Grand Chapter was established on May 5th, 1858, in West Yorkshire. This is the seventh time as appertaining to Leeds, and the thirty-seventh with regard to the convocations of the Grand Chapter, that I, and previous Provincial Grand or acting Superintendents have had the gratification of acknowledging this and similar invitations, and partaking of the after entertainments of one or other of the twenty-nine chapters forming this Provincial Grand Chapter, under whose banner we have from time to time assembled. The three Leeds chapters will then accept our sincere thanks for the arrangements they have made to receive us to-day. Companions, I can hardly find adequate expression for the warm feeling of fraternal welcome which you have accorded me this afternoon, the first opportunity I have had of meeting you all since my return from the Continent. I am delighted to be in the midst of you again, and the more so as I hope, under the blessing of Providence, the object of my Continental sojourn has been achieved. It was a matter of great regret to me being unable to fill the chair, as I have done on every previous occasion since my installation, at Holmfirth, on the 4th October. Your sympathies towards me on account of my absence were conveyed in a telegraphic message sent from Holmfirth, and which I duly received when in Germany. I thank you heartily for the cordial sentiments that missive contained. I desire now to confirm the application made through my deputy, that Provincial Grand Lodge should assemble on the second Wednesday in January, 1883, under the banner of the Lodge of Truth, at Huddersfield. It will be an important meeting, because I hope the Committee of advice on the Book of Constitutions will long before this date have received the suggested amendments from all the lodges, and thus been able with the co-operation of other provinces to codify their labours, and to present them for the confirmation at that Provincial Grand Lodge; and it specially behoves all Royal Arch Masons to assist in carefully considering the revised Book of Constitutions, as any and every point unprovided for in Royal Arch Regulations is guided by the Book of Constitutions. Permit me also to congratulate the Charity Committee on their success at the elections of the 14th and 16th October last. In the address on the 4th October, it was pertinently suggested, "Is Masonry really flourishing?" May I apply this to Royal Arch Masonry? Is this beautiful Degree prospering amongst us? Although I am glad to notice that the Grand Chapter of England has sanctioned a charter for Wharfedale Lodge, 1462, for a chapter, which then will make thirty chapters on our roll, with about 1000 Royal Arch Masons, out of 3119 Craft brethren, I fear we are not increasing in the same ratio as we ought to do. I can only appeal to the Craft of all Degrees to enter this Order and to make themselves acquainted with its sacred symbolisms; its mysteries are profound, and exalted, but they are worthy of being comprehended by every enlightened brother. I rejoice to see on the Agenda paper that Comp. Joseph Oates proposes to give us the second lecture, and if time permits, Comp. Ensor Drury will deliver the third lecture. I notice also that you propose to give a sum of £15 15s., to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, to complete Vice-Patron. Our balance in the West Riding Union Bank, Dewsbury, on the 30th April, in our favour, was £273 os. 5d. I have noticed that the Grand Superintendent of Devonshire has reported one of his Chapters as neglecting to meet and make returns, and has recommended Grand Chapter to erase it from the roll, under Article 72 of Royal Arch regulations. I hope this painful necessity will never happen to a Chapter under my superintendence. But it shows how important it is to keep going the good working of the Chapters of this Convocation. I have to refer to a melancholy incident, the lamented death of our G. H. the Rev. Comp. Abraham Smith, M.A., and F.R.A.S., Principal of the Collegiate, Huddersfield, last July. His remains were interred in Bradley churchyard, on the 13th July last. The Freemasons and companions on that occasion paid every tribute of respect to their departed brother. We, too, to-day miss him from this chapter, and have to appoint another in his office. To mark the esteem in which the Rev. companion was held by the brethren of his lodge, the Albert Edward propose to join the churchwardens and parishioners of Bradley in placing in the church of St. Thomas, a memorial window, to show their appreciation and love for him. There are so many companions eligible and worthy of the office that I shall appoint as Comp. Smith's successor, Comp. William Longden, Sheffield. He was initiated in Britannia Lodge, No. 162, now 139, in 1842, joined Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 373, now 296, in 1844. W. M. of 296 in 1854, and 139, in 1858, and P.P.G.D. in 1864. He was exalted in Paradise Chapter, No. 162, now 139, in 1845. Joined Loyalty Chapter, No. 373, now 296, in 1858. Z of 139 in 1852, and P.P.G. Assist. Soj.; and Z. of 296, in 1863, thus being a subscriber to the Craft forty years, and to Royal Arch Masonry thirty-seven years. I can only reiterate my grateful thanks for your presence here to-day, and trust that you will, one and all, exert your influence to make this Degree popular in the province, and flourishing in our midst.

The Prov. G. Superintendent then invested E. Comp. Ensor Drury with the collar of H., on behalf of E. Comp. W. Longden, who was unavoidably absent.

E. Comp. John Wordsworth, P.Z. 1019, Chairman, C.C., moved, and E. Comp. T.W. Tew, J.P., P.Z. 495, seconded, and it was carried that the sum of £15 15s. be given from the funds of the Prov. Grand Chapter to the R.M.B. Institution Male Fund, in order to constitute the Prov. Grand Superintendent's chair Vice-Patron.

E. Comp. Tew gave notice that at the next Prov. Grand Chapter he should propose that the sum of £52 10s. be granted from the funds of Prov. Grand Chapter to the R.M.I. for Boys, junior school.

E. Comp. J. R. Dore gave notice that at the next Prov. Grand Chapter he should propose that a sum be granted for the purchase of a sword.

E. Comp. I. L. Oates, and E. Comp. Ensor Drury, gave the Second and Third Lectures in an admirable manner, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them, on the motion of E. Comp. the Prov. Grand Superintendent, seconded by E. Comp. W. W. Widdop.

Moved by E. Comp. HENRY SMITH, seconded by E. Comp. THOS. HILL, that the best thanks of the Provincial Grand Chapter be given to Chapters 289, 304, and 306, for their excellent arrangements and liberal entertainment.

E. Comp. T. W. TEW, P.Z. 495, P.P.G.H., on behalf of the Wakefield Chapter, invited the Provincial Grand Superintendent to hold the May meeting in the New Town Hall, at Pontefract.

There being no other business, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards, to the number of about 100, partook of "Thé-a-la-fourchette" in the banqueting-room, the Provincial Grand Superintendent presiding.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The following is a "resumé" of Bro. Woodford's lecture, alluded to in our last, as delivered before the Studholme Chapter.

Bro. Woodford commenced by saying that the heading of his lecture might seem rather ambitious and widely extending, but it had been difficult to find a title exactly suited to the "idea" he had in view. The object of his short and necessarily fragmentary lecture was to call attention to an ignored fact in Masonic history,—the existence of Hermetic associations in the world, and the influence they probably had had on Masonic symbolism. Most Masonic historians had hitherto written up to their subject rather than down. They had "squared" the facts with their own theories, and had brought out skilfully enough certain favourite "fads" of their own. Mr. Hallam's sweeping sarcasm of some years back was still, to some extent, mostly true of Masonic history generally. Bro. Woodford called attention, in terms of much praise, to Bro. Gould's recent and scientific history, and also said that Bro. Dr. Sutherland's little "Notes" exhibited much thought. He said that Bro. Findel's history, remarkable as it was, and praiseworthy, and most readable, erred in two great points,—too great a reliance on Fallou and others, and in the contemptuous treatment of Hermetic Masonry and of the High Grades, which, whatever their real origin, reproduced in remarkable manner some of the prominent features of ancient Hermeticism. The lecturer then proceeded to show that Hermeticism existed before the fall of the Roman Empire, and after its fall, and after the gloom of the dark ages had divided itself into three great heads,—Oriental, Hebraic and Cabalistic, and Christian. It had been said that we had only the evidence of Hermetics themselves that Hermeticism existed at all. But as people did not write generally for nothing, or not to be understood by some one, it was clear, that the numerous mediæval writers on Hermeticism wrote for an audience, an audience, moreover, which had a key to what was now an enigma. The lecturer then went on to show that strangely enough, explain it as you will, the leading symbols of Freemasonry were also used in Universal Hermeticism, alike pre and post-Christian, and that there was no secret in the fact, that the Ancient and Accepted Rite for instance, added to the great foundation of Craft and Ecumenical Masonry a superstructure of Christian mystic teaching and symbolism. As he said before the same Emblematology was in use in all these schools of thought and in all this outcome of secret association. How then account for all these coincidences, to which he had alluded, which could not arise merely from chance? Bro. Woodford alluded to various Hermetic manuscripts, and mentioned some early Hermetic books in some detail, and also the curious productions of the seventeenth century, beginning with the "Filet d'Ariadne," in 1615, and ending with Heydon's Glory of the Rosy Cross, 1664. He pointed out that Heydon stated that the Rosicrucians then had secret and sacred initiatory ceremonies, and, curiously enough, complained that mechanics like "masons and carpenters" in the commonwealth had been permitted, as it were, to dabble in the great sciences of Rosicrucianism. As regards the Rosicrucians themselves, Bro. Woodford pointed out that clearly about 1614 they existed, whatever their real origin was; and judging from the usual laws of existence, you might carry back the fact of the existence of the society to about 1580. Some writers alleged they were in existence in the fourteenth century. In 1486 a book was published by Veldener, in Holland, which was stated to contain traces of Craft Masonry, of Egyptian initiations, and Hermetic and High Grades symbolism. If Mr. Morley was correct that early in the fifteenth century secret Hermetic societies existed, a good deal would be explained which was now very obscure. Bro. Woodford warned his hearers against assuming too hastily that every emblem or symbol was necessarily Masonic or Hermetic. The facts of the Seventeenth century Freemasonry in England were very peculiar. So far, curiously enough, it was mainly speculative; and Elias Ashmole, who was initiated at Warrington in 1646, is found soon after the centre and head of a large body of Hermetic adepts, many of whose names are historical. So much so is this the case, that Nicolai and other German writers had formed a Baconian-Ashmolean theory of Masonic revival in this country, and of existence in the middle of the seventeenth century. Still as regards Seventeenth century Freemasonry in England, much remained in doubt. We found traces of Freemasonry in 1646, 1660, 1682, 1686, and 1690, and in London the Masonic fraternity was clearly a separate institution from the Civic Companies, in that in 1682 Elias Ashmole, as the "oldest fellow present," apparently helped to initiate, if he did not himself initiate the Master, and some members of the Mason's Company in that year. The commonly received idea of High Grade and Hermetic History could no longer meet the searching demands of iconoclastic criticism. Ramsay could not have invented the High Grades on a Jacobite basis, as he left Masonry by order of the King Louis XV. in 1736-7, and delivered his famous address that same year. He died in 1746. And just as the argument applied to Craft Masonry, so it did to Hermetic Masonry, that it was im-

possible to believe that at that special period of 1717 such remarkable ceremonies and such abstruse symbolism could have been invented for amusement or for fraud. There was undoubtedly an Hermetic Grade of some kind in 1722 in London; and many of the authors of the revival, in 1717, were probably aware of it, as the work in which the mention occurs, "Long Livers," is dedicated to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of England in 1722. Bro. Woodford claimed for Hermeticism, in conclusion, in all critical and trustworthy histories of Freemasonry, fair consideration and just treatment.

THE DUKE OF ALBANY ON ORPHAN HOMES.

V.W., Bro. H.R.H. Prince LEOPOLD, presided last week at the festival of the National Orphan Home, whose buildings are at Ham, Surrey. We heard a rumour before dinner that these festivals were likely to be given up, but we scarcely think the Committee will now entertain that idea after the material help they have obtained from the last dinner. No doubt the increase to their exchequer is owing to the Royal Duke's chairmanship. H.R.H. attended by Mr. Collins, C.B., his equerry, was received by Bro. Sir John Ellis, Lord Elcho, Mr. Alderman Mc Arthur, Archdeacon Burney, and Bro. Capt. Bailey, and after a few words had been exchanged took his seat at the dinner table. Amongst those supporting the chairman were Bros. Edgar Bowyer, Alderman Fowler, Sir Reginald Hanson, Lord Brooke, Earl Brownlow, Lord Carlingford, Colonel Isacke, General Taylor, (late Adjutant-General), Henry Wright, Horace Brooks Marshall (S.W. Brixton Lodge), and Sir C. J. Freaque. We happened to sit between two Masonic brethren, which, no doubt, accounted for the particularly pleasant evening we spent.

The Home was established in 1849, at the time of the cholera, to train up girls to be domestic servants. Like most other institutions, it is now sadly in want of funds, and if we can help it in any way by making this known through our columns we are only too glad to do so; for, though our own Charities come first, yet a Mason's heart is always open to listen to a deserving case, and his pocket to help it if he can; as the Secretary observed to us—who, by the way, is a brother—"that Masons are not slow to give, even to cowans." We are often asked by our lady friends if we can recommend them a useful, honest, and truthful maid-servant, as such people are somewhat scarce now-a-days. We shall know now where to refer them to, and will guarantee satisfaction. A Masonic brother told us he got a girl from the Home, and his wife pronounces her "a perfect treasure," and would not part with her on any account, as, besides those virtues we have spoken of, she is likewise an excellent cook—a luxury a Mason likes to have in his house. A number of the girls came in the room after dinner to sing the National Anthem and some glee, and we were struck with their happy and healthy appearance.

In proposing "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," the Duke of ALBANY said he supposed there had been few occasions within the memory of any present when the British soldiers and sailors had been more popular than they were now. (Cheers). The obvious reason of this popularity lay in the history of the recent campaign in Egypt, and what our sailors and soldiers exhibited in so marked a degree—that combination of discipline with valour which formed so attractive a feature in their character, and made them at once brave and humane. He believed, too, that the country felt that it owed the army and navy a deep debt of gratitude for the rapidity with which, mainly through their special exertions and patient endurance through many hardships, they brought the struggle to a close, by which both themselves and those in whose country they had fought had been spared any protracted experience of the horrors and anxieties of war. (Cheers).

General R. TAYLOR and Lord ELCHO responded.

The Duke of ALBANY next proposed "Prosperity to the National Orphan Home." Experience, he said, had shown only too certainly that such charitable institutions as ranked among those most worthy of the support of the public would infallibly have languished were their existence not occasionally made known and their claims, as it were, re-advertised. Although there was in this something that perhaps was humiliating, they all recognised the necessity for public charities being required from time to time to produce the title deeds—(applause)—and to show they had been faithful stewards of the trust that had been placed in them. He thoroughly believed that the title deeds of the Ham National Orphan Home would bear the closest inspection, and should he be so fortunate as to instil that belief into their minds, he did not doubt but that both they and the sympathetic public outside those walls would unite in aiding the charity in the work which it was doing, and in putting it on a more secure basis than that on which it at present stood. The National Orphan Home was founded in the year 1849, which had gained the sinister name of the cholera year, and since then had taken in no less than 600 orphan girls—(cheers)—who received the rudiments of a plain English education, combined with sound practical work and training in different branches of domestic service. For the small sum of £21 the benefits could be insured to any poor girl, and a donation of £150 enabled the giver to have a cot constantly occupied. The financial position of the Home would be realised when he told them that within the past three years it had been necessary to sell out Stock in order to meet current expenses. In conclusion, His Royal Highness urged upon his hearers the desirability of placing the Institution in a sounder state by increasing the annual subscribers.

Lord ELCHO, in replying, stated that while their fixed income was only about £600 a year, it required £3000 to meet their requirements.

Lord CARLINGFORD also said a few words, and the Secretary (Captain TAYLOR) read a list of subscriptions amounting to £1780.

We regret to say that the Duke of Albany is still suffering from his recent accident, and has to walk with the aid of a stick, and is only able to go up and down stairs one step at a time; otherwise, the Prince looks very well.

Bro. W. Walford, who at present is one of the Common Council for the Ward of Aldersgate, seeks again the honour of representing that important constituency. His experience and ability will, no doubt, secure his reelection.



Craft Masonry.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., on the 8th inst. Bro. R. F. Ould, W.M., opened the lodge, with the support of Bros. J. Lax, S.W.; F. Robinson, J.W.; B. C. Rawe, I.P.M., Treas.; E. T. Read, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Daniell, P.M.; A. Scheerboom, P.M.; C. Breden, P.M.; J. W. Reeves, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, S.D.; T. Gaisford, J.D.; J. W. Chapman, D.C.; G. Palmer, I.G., Org.; W. Long, R. K. Bull, W. Gregory, J. Everett, H. Webb, F. F. Nash, A. Clements, A. Saville, T. Hudson, F. G. Varcoe, W. Scanes, B. Spurgin, Timson, J. Wright, P.M., and others. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. A. J. Delville, 1662; J. T. Bebrouth, 486, Calcutta; J. Andrews, 359; A. W. Ellingford, W.M. 834; and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382, and 898 (*Freemason*).

The principal business before the lodge—the candidates for other Degrees being away at sea—was to ballot for the admission as a member of the lodge of Bro. J. T. Belrouth, a Fellow Craft of St. John Lodge, 486, Calcutta. This proving favourable, Bro. Ould conferred upon the newly-elected brother the Sublime Degree of M.M., which was performed in a really masterly style. The discussion of the revised rules of the Book of Constitutions occupied considerable time, and lodge was closed at rather a late hour.

The remainder of the evening was spent in social harmony and intercourse. The usual toasts were duly honoured and briefly responded to, thereby permitting the greater portion of the time to be employed in singing some capital songs, all of which were heartily enjoyed. Bro. Palmer, whose attention to the musical portion of the ceremonies deserves a word of praise, also accompanied the brethren vocalists, and a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was passed, and the brethren separated in harmony.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—A short, but pleasant meeting of this good old lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 14th inst. Present: Bros. G. A. Payne, W.M.; Stephen Crane, S.W.; W. E. Bridgeland, J.W.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., Treas.; J. Bowron, P.M., Sec.; C. Dance, I.G.; J. West, D.C.; A. Calver, Stwd.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; Past Masters, Bros. W. Edney, G. Hollington, R. G. Tucker, W. Wainwright, R. Ayton, J. Griffin, J. Digby; also Bros. G. Lusk, J. Smith, W. Smith, Carlake, Hunt, Brown, Wilcox, J. Lee Dale, J. Grey, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Clarke, S.W. 1625; A. R. Motion, 453; S. R. Baskett, S.W. 1307; G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623; 1382, 898 (*Freemason*).

The business before the lodge was (after observance of due formalities) the balloting for and initiation of Mr. J. Lee Dale, a gentleman who is a personal friend of the W.M. and many of the leading brethren of the lodge. The ballot proving unanimously in his favour, that gentleman was duly admitted into the mysteries of the Order, Bro. Payne rendering the ceremony most satisfactorily, and well fulfilling the promise of good working shown at the outset of his year of office.

After the lodge was closed the brethren enjoyed an hour of social enjoyment, Bro. Payne wisely giving a few of the usual toasts with point and brevity.

Some excellent singing was supplied by the brethren, and Bro. Calver gave a capital reading from Shakespeare.

A highly pleasing incident of the evening was a proposal by Bro. T. J. Barnes, the veteran P.M., and the Treasurer of the lodge, to drink "Long Life and Prosperity" to Bro. J. Bowron, P.M. and Secretary, who that evening had reached the eve of his seventy-fifth birthday.

This was most heartily responded to, and Bro. Bowron feelingly replied.

Bro. Barnes was next honoured in a similar manner, he having attained his seventy-third year, and the brethren cordially expressed their wishes that T.G.A.O.T.U. would long spare these two veteran Craftsmen to the lodge and to the brethren generally.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of the above popular and influential lodge took place on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when Bro. James Mitchell, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, and in the presence of a large assembly of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, placed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened shortly after four p.m., by Bro. J. T. K. Job, W.M., who, as soon as the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, proceeded to install his successor. Bro. Mitchell was presented to the Installing Officer by Bro. H. Taplay, P.M., and having taken the obligation, was duly installed and saluted in the several degrees. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Dorton, S.W.; W. Nevins, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treasurer; J. C. Pitt, Secretary; A. R. Mason, S.D.; R. Brown, J.D.; W. H. Harris, I.G.; W. Watkins, D.C.; T. S. Green, W.S.; C. Mears, Asst. W.S.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and W. Page, P.M., Tyler. The addresses, notwithstanding the fact of Bro. Job labouring under a severe cold with hoarseness, were then admirably rendered, and the ceremony closed amid well-earned applause.

There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Among those present, besides the brethren above-named, were Bros. E. West, P.M., and P.P.G.P. Herts; J. Gaskel, P.M.; H. Holliday, P.M.; A. Knox, P.M.; F. Brien, P.M.; P. McCarthy, P.M.; T. Vincent, P.M.; W. Temple, G. Parkhurst, J. Still, W. Watkins, R. Brown, R. Brown, jun.; J. Spencer, C. R. Sayers, G. Treadwell, R. G. Smith, James Tytheridge, J. Mills, W. G. Crow, W. M. Stockvis, R. Harris, J. G. Simpson, M. Calcott, J. Elder, W.M. 1472; J. P. Moore, P.M. 1259; E. Benjamin, W.M. 1776; H. Taylor, P.M. 1421; V. J. Holloway, S.W. 1472; C. T. Lewis, J.W. 1472; J. Charlton, J.W. 1259; J. Taylor, 554; R. Dipple, 1744; J. Gibson, 1876; I. Hallett, 1816; S. Smith, 1805; E. Krog, 554; J. R. B. Brown, "Chigwell";

G. H. Stephens; and C. Jolly, J.D. 1472, &c., &c. (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the I.P.M., Bro. Job, rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said no words of his could tell them better than they knew themselves, how courteous and genial their W.M. had been to them all when he occupied the position of Secretary, a position he had filled with so much credit and advantage to the lodge. He was sure that in the position he (their W.M.) now held, he would be an honour to the unanimous choice that had placed him there. He would, however, say no more in his favour, but would leave it to him to show in the future that his excellent services in the past were but a prelude to a prosperous and happy year of office for him, and harmony to the brethren, and honour to the lodge.

Bro. Mitchell, who was cheered on rising to respond, said, after thanking them very kindly for their reception of the toast, that he could assure them that he should endeavour to carry out the duties entrusted to him to their satisfaction. He fully understood the difficulties of the task set him in following such excellent Master Masons as those who had preceded him, and earned so much honour for the lodge and credit to the chair; but trusted to receive from all a little consideration. There was now before him a most pleasing duty—a duty that had unfortunately been neglected in open lodge—and that was to present their esteemed I.P.M. with the jewel of his office. He could only say that he wished it had fallen into the hands of some one more fitted to do it, but if he could not find words to tell Bro. Job how much his efforts for the welfare of the lodge had been appreciated, that jewel would speak for itself much more eloquently than he could. He then pinned the jewel on Bro. Job's breast, and in the name of the lodge trusted that T.G.A.O.T.U. might give him health and strength long to wear it and come among them, and give them his assistance and advice for the benefit of the lodge and Freemasonry at large.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bro. Job in response, said he had been a Past Master so short a time that he felt like a young chicken just hatched; in fact hardly out of its shell. He must, however, thank them for the very handsome jewel just pinned upon his bosom by their W.M., and could only say that he had tried to do his duty, both as Master of the Capper Lodge and as a Freemason, while in the chair. He had worked through every office placed in his charge with a thorough desire to satisfy them, and believed he had succeeded. He had attended lodges of instruction to perfect himself for those offices, and could only say that what he had there learned he should at any time be glad to impart to the W.M., or any of the brethren who might require it.

Bro. West, as one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, expressed his pleasure at being present, and hoped to be with them for many years to come.

Bro. Gaskell said he would stick to the lodge as long as he had health and strength.

Bro. Holliday felt pleased to see one of his initiates fill the chair so well. Bro. Mitchell was the second W.M. who had been initiated during his (Bro. Holliday's) year of office, Bro. Taplay, P.M., being the other. He was happy to say that the sole object of the Past Masters, and the members generally, was to support Masonry, and behave to one another as Masons should do.

Bro. Dorton would do anything that laid in his power to uphold the lodge in its present prosperous condition.

Bro. Brien was proud to see the good feeling that existed between the Past Masters and members of the lodge.

Bro. McCarthy announced his determination to go up as Steward for the Boys' School next year, and told them to prepare their subscriptions, so as to make his list worthy of the lodge.

Bro. Taplay congratulated his brother initiate on arriving at the chair, and trusted that for many years they might work together for the benefit of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed.

Bro. Elder, in response, referred with pleasure to the excellent working of Bro. Job. The Henley Lodge, over which he had the honour to preside, was an offspring of the Capper; and having seen Bros. McCarthy, Taplay, and now Bro. Job, instal their successors so admirably, he should, although they could not all be Admiral Seymour or Sir Garnet Wolseley in Masonry, try to follow their example at the Henley.

Bro. Holloway spoke highly of the working and unbounded hospitality offered the visitors.

Bros. Taylor and Benjamin also responded. The following toasts were "The Masonic Press," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast; and altogether a pleasant and enjoyable gathering marked the annual festival of the Capper Lodge.

KENNINGTON LODGE (1381).—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 7th inst. Among those present were: Bros. Webb, W.M.; Cockburn, S.W.; Appleton, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M. Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M. Sec.; Stranger, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Bates, I.G.; Cruse, D.C.; Meredith, W.S.; Speedy, I.P.M.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; and Kohler, P.M. The visitors were: Bros. Dawson, P.M. 1853; Brook, P.M. 1889; Hollyman, 27; Tear, 72; Thompson, 169; Matz, 219; Purvis, 749; C. Sims, 861; H. Salter, 861; Griffin, 973; and Pratt, 1539. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. W. T. Buckstone and E. R. Allen, were impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Bro. Lingley having been examined and entrusted was then duly passed as a F.C.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Speedy. In the course of his speech he congratulated the W.M. upon the manner in which he had performed the two ceremonies that evening, and concluded by expressing a hope that the remainder of the W.M.'s year of office would in every way be prosperous and happy.

The W.M., in reply, briefly said that he always had endeavoured to discharge his duties as a Mason, and he should continue to do so. He was exceedingly pleased with the way everything had been conducted that evening, and in conclusion, he could only re-echo the wish so kindly uttered by the I.P.M., that his term of office would in every respect be successful.

"The Initiates" followed, and was drunk with

enthusiasm. Bros. Buckstone and Allen, having replied, "The Health of the Visitors" came next in order, and gave Bros. Brook and Dawson, and others in their reply, an opportunity of indulging in a few complimentary remarks, more or less bearing upon the efficient working of the lodge. The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. Speedy, who responded. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next. Bro. Mann and Stuart having acknowledged the compliment, "The Health of the Officers" terminated the proceedings.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 11th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present: Bros. Kibble, W.M.; Keeble, S.W.; Freeman, P.M. (pro tem), J.W.; Headon, P.M., Treas.; Blackie, P.M., Sec.; Fendick, S.D.; Potter, J.D.; Skinner, I.G.; several Past Masters; and the following visitors: Bros. Medwin, W.M. 1613; Grabham, P.M. 19; Fountain, P.M. 1216; Reeves, 807; Foster, 765; Sands, 1623; Ducker, 1687; and Lawrence, 1804.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, Bro. Donaldson, who was initiated at the last lodge, was passed to the Degree of F.C. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Stevens, P.M., delivered a lecture on the tracing board of the Second Degree, which was warmly applauded. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. said that the first toast that was always given was that of "The Queen," and was never more cordially received than by Freemasons, as she ruled in the hearts and affection of her people.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." This was a toast that was always a popular one, and more especially so amongst Freemasons. It had been well said that he was always popular, and the reason of that was because he was always engaged in doing some good work, doing the right thing at the right moment, and in the right way. When that meed of praise is accorded to him they would say that was quite enough, and, therefore, without any further comment, he would give them "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," a toast which was most cordially received.

The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The brethren would agree with him that they considered it to be a high honour to them that those engaged in the high branches of Freemasonry yet found time to attend to their duties in Grand Lodge, thereby reflecting honour upon themselves as well as to the Craft at large. He was glad to see that their illustrious Bro. the Duke of Connaught had arrived back home, and he (the W.M.) had lately been reading an account of a meeting he had attended at Carlo, and there to receive the congratulations of his brother Masons, and as an Englishman to accept from them such a tribute of goodwill. As he had not eloquence to do honour to the toast, he would, without further comment, give them "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was well received.

Bro. Stevens, P.M., said, in the absence of the I.P.M., it devolved upon him to propose the next toast, and he regretted that there were not more of the Past Masters present to do honour to it, which was to him a source of regret; but he had the heartfelt pleasure in proposing it, as it was "The Health of one of the Initiates of the lodge who had obtained the honour of obtaining the position of W.M." who was endeavouring, and indeed did discharge the duties of the chair in a most able manner, and he hoped it would be an incentive to young members coming forward to perform their duties, so that they might be able to do credit to the lodge and to themselves individually. They would all agree with him that the present W.M. in the chair had carried on the business in a very able manner, and what he had done would be appreciated by all future Masters. Bro. Kibble had endeared himself to all by his excellent qualities and modest demeanour with all the relations in the lodge; and he (Bro. Stevens) could say that during his year of office he was a model of obedience and ability. If a Master deserved to be supported, it was his duty, in the first place, himself to pay obedience to the laws which, on his becoming Master, he would have to enforce upon others. In conclusion, he wished the W.M. health and prosperity during his year of office. The toast was heartily responded to.

The W.M. said: Brethren, I rise to thank you for the very kind and hearty manner in which you have responded to the toast of my health; but I feel some embarrassment in adequately replying to that toast, as Bro. Stevens has amongst many things, told you of my virtues; but he has not told you of my faults. The brethren have encouraged me to rise to my present position, and as to your support, I am sure I shall always have that. Bro. Stevens has spoken of my obedience, which was a virtue that commended itself when the commands were just; but, as an Englishman, I shall not hesitate to put down my foot as firmly, or be wanting in courage to do what is right, and then I am sure that I shall receive your sanction and approval.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," and, enumerating them, spoke of their respective good qualities.

Bros. Medwin and Grabham returned thanks. Bro. Duchery, 1687, said he thanked the W. Master for the honour he had conferred upon him in allowing him to address them as a visitor. It was, however, no easy task to pay the lodge a compliment that it had not often received before, for Masonry was a well-worn subject. When he beheld all the good laces around the tables, the concord and harmony dwelling amongst them, every one must feel happy that he was a Mason. In this world, however, nothing was perfect; there was no pleasure without pain—no rose without its thorns. Amongst Masons there were grumblers, and, perhaps he, although an English Mason, was one of them. Some of these complained of the ease with which any one could be initiated, and that any one bringing the necessary fee in his hand would be readily received. Others that a great deal too much time was given to the ritual; while others, again, complained of the rotation system, and bitterly so, that as there were a hundred members before them, that they should never reach the chair. Some of these complaints were deserved, and some were not. In this country Masonry was ruled according to its political state, its wants, and its tendencies, and, therefore its peaceful attitude reflected the calm state of

England. It was not the same with other countries, where, when certain crises occur, it divides itself into groups, and sometimes by plots seeks to change the institutions of their country; and they had them in France, the philosophers of the seventeenth century, and in Italy the Carbonari; but those now they must consider as sheep apart from the Masonic flock. Well, even with all those stumbling blocks they should be proud to belong to so good and great a society, which was before all others essentially philanthropic and charitable. He had in his possession statistics which would prove the truth of his statement. The document contained the Masonic statistics of the entire world for 1880. There were in that year 137,065 lodges in the whole world. The lodges had received during that year contributions to the enormous sum of 100 millions sterling, a sum which was nearly equal to the indemnity which France paid to Prussia after the war of 1870. That large sum had been expended in the following manner: 52 millions for correspondence, printing, and the necessary expenses in keeping the property; 61 millions had been given to poor Masons and their families; 23 millions to their widows and orphans; 9 millions to poor persons unconnected with Masonry; and 17 millions to the support of schools and asylums. Those amazing figures should make them proud of belonging to such a society. He congratulated the members of the Great City Lodge for the share they had taken in such undertakings, and with the "Hearty good wishes" he drank "Success and prosperity to the Great City Lodge." Our French brother, although a member of an English Lodge, sat down amidst great cheering.

The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and in a brief speech extolled their good qualities, for which Bros. Stevens, Headon, Hamer and Freeman, respectively returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and the entire evening was spent in complete harmony. Bro. Frost rendered his able services at the pianoforte.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—On Thursday, the 9th inst., this popular lodge, which meets at Ladbroke Hall, Grove-road, Notting-hill, had its installation meeting, when there was, as a matter of course, a very considerable gathering. The W.M., Bro. the Rev. Charles Darby Reade, was well supported by his officers, who were all present. Prior to the installation, the First and Third Ceremonies had to be worked, for the initiation of Mr. Isaac Williams and the raising of Bro. William Linsdell. These ceremonies were very ably performed by Bro. Parkhurst, P.M., who presided for the W.M., and upon concluding them he announced that, by the wish of the W.M. elect, and with the permission of Bro. the Rev. C. Darby Reade, the W.M., the ceremony of installation would be performed by Bro. Davis, the Preceptor of the Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, who had rendered valuable service to the lodge, the members of which were pleased to be able to offer him this compliment in return. This announcement was received with Masonic applause, and Bro. Davis thereupon assumed the chair and addressed the brethren.

Bro. Samuel Smout, jun., was then presented as the W.M. elect, and having given his assent to the ancient charges, was obligated as W.M. elect, and afterwards, in presence of a Board of Installed Masters, undertook the obligation of W.M. He was then saluted, first by the Installed Masters and then by the brethren in the Three Degrees. Thereafter the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Fry, S.W.; Bartle, J.W.; Parker, P.M., Treas.; Murlis, P.M., Sec.; Woodmason, S.D.; Buckland, J.D.; Wood, I.G.; Delevant, Org.; Holden, Chap. (invested by proxy); Lander, M.C.; Crabbe, Asst. M.C.; Whittaker, W.S.; Newland, Asst. W.S.; and Schofield, P.M., Tyler.

When the officers had been duly invested, and had assumed their proper positions, the three orations were delivered, those to the Master and to his Wardens being given by Bro. Davis, and that to the brethren in general by Bro. Parkhurst, P.M. When two brethren are engaged as performers of the principal parts in the ceremonies on an occasion like that of Thursday evening, and when both acquit themselves well of their respective tasks, it is bad taste to make comparisons between the two. Bro. Parkhurst knows his way through all the ceremonies perfectly, and deserves the thanks of the brethren for the careful and excellent manner in which he officiated. What more can be said of Bro. Davis's work? Only this—instructors, as a rule, though most estimable and worthy men, are for the most part men who have risen from the ranks before the ranks had board schools whose advantages they could avail themselves of, and, consequently, grammar is not very sure ground with them; and to an educated ear the beautiful ritual is not infrequently marred by a little flaw in the ungrammatical construction of a sentence. There was nothing of this kind about Bro. Davis, and, besides, his elocution was in really good taste. Without being a "gusher," his delivery had plenty of power in it, beyond which there was this best quality of an elocutionist, he gave the impression of having plenty of force in reserve. His delivery is really good, for without any apparent effort, he makes his readers understand the spirit of every sentence he pronounces.

After the conclusion of the ceremonies several letters of congratulation from brethren unavoidably at a distance were read; also one resignation which was accepted with regret.

Bro. Murlis gave notice that at the next meeting he should move that the lodge subscribe the sum of fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. They would then be Life Governors of all the three institutions. Bro. Murlis also announced that the lodge would hold its seventh annual select private Masonic Ball on the 8th February next. It would be held at the Town Hall, High-street, Kensington, and that by permission of Col. Burnaby, the string band of the Royal Horse Guards, conducted by Mr. Charles Godfrey, would be in attendance. The proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Murlis, in referring to the subject, expressed a hope that this year they would have as much as eighty guineas to hand over to the institution, being an advance of 50 per cent. upon what was realised for the same charity last year.

Besides the brethren already mentioned, there were present Bros. S. Smout, I.P.M.; E. M. Lander, P.M.; A. C. Adkins, S. H. Bennett, J. H. Smith, F. Ernest Pocock, C. B. Broad, W. R. Hatton, H. F. Hart, T. W. Heath, H. Y. Taylor, L. Lientwitz, J. M. Huish, Caleb Manchester, G. W. Wilkinson, W. H. Handover, W. Hill Wadham,

W. Linsdell, C. Rowlands, W. Oldrey, Wm. Binns, Hy. Phillips, Reuben C. Green, Hy. Holmes, and C. H. Foxlands. Amongst the visitors were the following: Bros. W. Gayton, 174; R. S. Hart, 1872, Prov. G. Steward; J. Mason, 309, P.P.S.G.D.; Geo. Cooper, 1381; Henry Hasner, P.M. 1612; J. Sutton, 161; C. Godfrey, 1891; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; Lewis H. Isaacs, P.M. 973; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567; John W. Morley, 1891; James Kench, P.M. 538; S. Lilloar, P.M. 511; A. Hardy, 201; G. G. Walker, J.W. 1201; C. Webster, D.C. 1637; L. Bryett, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; B. A. Griffin, 975; P. Burton, 1828; A. Beasley, P.M. 780; Lewis Hall, I.G. 188; S. Ethrington, 1305; Jas. Blyth, P.M. 173; A. Hancock, J.W. 1950; J. M. Jefferson, 1637; H. W. Phillips, P.M. 173; C. Marshall, 231; and Alfred Lovesay, 733.

On the completion of all business before the meeting the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren of the lodge and their numerous guests adjourned to the large hall, where dinner, comprising the various delicacies of the season, was admirably served; and at the conclusion of the repast the W.M., Bro. Samuel Smout, jun., proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured,

The W.M. said that the next toast was that of "The M.W.G.M. of England, the Prince of Wales," and it gave him an exceeding amount of pleasure to propose that toast, as that was the anniversary of the Prince's birthday; and he (the W.M.) considered it a very great honour to have been installed on the birthday of the M.W.G.M., which was also the day of installation of the Lord Mayor. He asked them to drink to the health of the M.W.G.M. and many happy returns of the day to him.

In proposing the toast "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," the W.M. said he was sure that none who had attended Grand Lodge could have failed to observe that their Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon was most admirably qualified for the office which he held. Whenever it was possible the Earl of Carnarvon, in the absence of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, presided over Grand Lodge, and the thorough way in which he regulated debate and carried on the business excited general admiration. At the Carnarvon Lodge this was a toast which they were all specially called upon to receive in the heartiest manner, as it was no small honour to have their lodge named after such a Freemason as the Earl of Carnarvon, distinguished as he was, even among the Grand Officers, for the firmness, dignity, and courtesy with which he presided over Grand Lodge.

In the interval between this toast and the next Bro. Heath delighted the brethren with a solo on the cornet, with a piano accompaniment by Bro. Chas. Godfrey.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" in responding to which Bro. Kench said that he could not say anything which would have the charm of novelty; he must therefore say: "Beggars that I am, I am even poor in thanks, but yet I thank you."

Bro. the Rev. C. Reade, I.P.M., said that the brethren all knew that when the I.P.M. took the gavel at the banquet table he was going to propose "The Health of the W.M." It was a peculiar pleasure to him to be present that evening to propose the toast of the W.M., who was the son of their respected Bro. Smout, one of their Past Masters, and he most sincerely congratulated Bro. Smout upon seeing his son occupy that honourable position. He most sincerely and heartily wished the W.M. a most successful year of office; he knew the work and knew most thoroughly how to conduct the lodge. He concluded by wishing the W.M. long life and happiness, and a prosperous year of office.

In returning thanks, the W.M. said that he had the pleasure of being able to say that he had worked his way up through all the offices of the lodge until he had arrived at the highest. He remembered when he received a collar he felt that it was a very great honour to have been made one of the officers, and he looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to the time when he should rise to the position of W.M. He had now attained that position, and he thanked the brethren for placing him in it. He hoped he should be able to carry out the duties of the office with credit to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge and with satisfaction to all the brethren.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. said that if he would attend their lodge of instruction and study its working, he would not only gain a vast amount of knowledge but would find also that Freemasonry was not a mere outside show to those who studied it thoroughly; he hoped that the initiate would not only learn in lodge the principles of Freemasonry, but that he would also reduce them to practice in private life.

Bro. Williams briefly returned thanks.

The Chairman next proposed "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," coupling with it the name of Bro. J. Mason, who had kindly come as a substitute for Bro. Terry, who was unavoidably absent, performing a Masonic ceremony at Colchester.

Bro. Mason returned thanks with very great pleasure on behalf of "The Three Masonic Charities." He was very pleased to see the toast down in the list as "The Masonic Charities." He had no sympathy with those who seemed to desire to conceal the fact that there were Charities by referring to them as the Masonic Institutions. They were all Charities—great and noble ones, if you will, but still Charities. He thought that the three Institutions ought to bless the day that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge was founded and was constituted of such members. When they had given the fifty guineas, as had been proposed by Bro. Murlis, they would be a beacon to all the land, because the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would be the first lodge in the country that had voted fifty guineas apiece to the three Masonic Charities. He returned his best thanks on behalf of the Benevolent Institution to Bro. Murlis in particular, and to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in general, for their intended kindness. Bro. Mason then referred at some length to both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and made a strong plea on their behalf for increased liberality on the part of the brethren.

Bro. Beasley, whose name had been coupled with the toast of "The Visitors," in responding, said that the strongest possible testimony to the hospitality of the Carnarvon Lodge was the very general circumstance that one half of those then standing up as visitors had partaken of that hospitality on previous

occasions, and he had no doubt they had determined to come as often as they were invited. This was the third or fourth time he had sat at that hospitable board, and he hoped that it would not be last. Bro. Isaacs and Bro. Godfrey also replied.

Several other toasts, including "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters," "The Installing Master," and "The Officers of the Lodge," were proposed, drunk, and responded to, before "The Tyler's" toast closed the proceedings.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, on Monday last. Present: Bros. Alfred Brookman, W.M.; George Kenning, I.P.M.; Dr. Samuel Benton, S.W.; Samuel White, J.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chap.; John D. Allcroft, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., Sec.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.D.; Edward Anderton, D.C.; Thomas Benskin, D.C.; Wm. Hy. Froom, Stwd.; John Larkin, Arthur B. Hudson, Joseph Renals, Dr. Alder Smith, Hy. Matthews, and Joseph Lavender. Visitors: Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; James Rogers, 140; J. T. Salmon, 917; Z. H. Perkins, 1572; Wm. Birdseye, 715; Nelson Reed, 1755; W. Medwin, W.M. 1613; E. Brookman, 192; and Jas. E. O. Daly, 263 (I.C.).

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th ult. having been read and confirmed, a successful ballot was taken for the following candidates: Mr. W. W. Thompson, Mr. E. F. Brewster Fuller, and Mr. T. G. Vickery, and the two latter gentlemen were duly initiated, Mr. Thompson being prevented from attending owing to a domestic affliction. Bro. Dr. Samuel Benton, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M., unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

A banquet afterwards took place, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

LIVERPOOL.—Croxteth United Service Lodge (No. 786).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst. The lodge was opened at six p.m., by the W.M., Bro. Charles Wise, supported by the following officers and members: Bros. P. B. Deucher, I.P.M.; W. J. Newman, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.M., P.G. Deacon; W. F. Smith, S.W.; P. W. Junker, J.W.; W. H. Tyerman, Treas.; E. Allen, J.D.; J. Gibbs, Org.; G. Sherwood, I.G.; Thomas Sowden, Steward; Serjt. Nevill, Tyler; Dr. G. Telford, J. N. P. Newton, D. Chesholme, R. Johnson, and W. Tomkinson. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Berry, P.M. 155; Chas. Forwood, 1713; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (Freemason).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented to Bro. P. B. Deucher, I.P.M., a chaste gold Past Master's jewel, mounted in diamonds, in appreciation of his services as W.M.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren retired for refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," spoke of the many excellent qualities of Bro. Deucher, and hoped he would be long spared to remain amongst them.

Bro. Deucher, in feeling terms, briefly responded, and thanked the brethren for their very handsome present.

"The Health of the Visitors" and "The Officers" having been proposed and suitably responded to, the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Bros. Sowden, Sherwood, Deucher, Tomkinson, and Allen added greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren by some excellent singing.

PORTSMOUTH.—United Brothers Lodge (No. 1069).—On Monday, the 13th inst., the installation of the W.M. (Bro. W. E. Atkins) for the ensuing year, took place at the Royal Southsea Beach Mansions Hotel, when there were present Bros. M. E. Frost, acting W.M.; J. Gieve, acting I.P.M.; W. E. Atkins, S.W.; C. J. E. Mumby, J.W.; P. H. Good, M.A., Chap.; R. J. Rastrick, Treas.; H. Cook, Sec.; W. J. Dupree, J.D.; A. G. German, I.G.; J. Lobb, Stwd.; H. Cawte, P.M., P.P.G. W.; G. Bond, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Barnes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. J. Guy, P.M.; P. J. Hyams, C. H. House, W. Ford, J. Jenkins, C. F. Laurence, and P. H. Emanuel (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. J. R. Hayman, W.M. 309, P.G. Reg.; J. Laverty, W.M. 1428, P.A.D.C.; S. S. Pearce, P.M., P.G.S.D.; H. Threadingham, P.M. P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Groves, P.M., P.P.D.C.; W. H. Sinclair, W.M. 257; A. Holbrook, P.M. 309; F. Powell, W.M. 903; T. H. Williams, W.M. 1776; W. D. Parkhouse, W.M. 1834; T. Page, W.M. 1903; E. Hall, S.W. 257; and W.M. elect; A. Jolliffe, J.D. 257; C. A. Pates, 1705; and R. Fraser, 1705.

The ceremony of installation was very impressively rendered by Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. J. E. Mumby, S.W.; H. Cook, J.W.; R. Rastrick, Treas.; W. J. Dupree, Sec.; P. H. Good, Chap.; P. H. Emanuel, S.D.; A. G. German, J.D.; P. J. Hyams, D.C.; C. J. Laurence, I.G.; J. Lobb, and C. H. House, Stwds.; J. Excell, and G. Smith, Tylers.

After the business of the lodge was completed, thirty-one of the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, and partook of a recherche banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and in speaking of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., remarked that he was a most hard-working Mason, who was always ready to come forward on every occasion, and spared no expense or time. The W.M. did not think that such a representative could be found in any province or district.

Bro. Cawte, P.M., P.P.G.W., responded.

Bro. H. Threadingham, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was not aware until a few minutes before that he would have been called upon to propose the toast of the evening, which, to his mind, required more eulogium than he could give. That Bro. Atkins would fill the chair with credit to himself and satisfaction of the whole of the brethren there was no possible doubt. He (the speaker) had been associated with Bro. Atkins for years, and he prophesied a bright future for him in Masonry. Bro. Threadingham asked the officers to support the W.M., as without them the W.M. could not work. He was sure, however, that he need not enlarge on

the toast, as he was certain that with the energy the W.M. would display during his term of office the year would be a prosperous one.

The W.M. heartily thanked Bro. Threadingham for his eulogium about him. Egotistically speaking, he did take a very profound interest in Masonry, and he always would. The position he had been placed in that evening was one that he had coveted. He had worked for it, and now he was proud to say he had obtained it. He hoped to persevere in the lodge and cement it. Bro. Atkins concluded by saying he took it as a great honour in being unanimously elected to the chair, and thanked the brethren all.

The W.M. then proposed "The Worshipful Masters and Representatives of Lodges," and thanked those present for their attendance.

The following responded in the following order: Bros. Sinclair, 257; Powell, 903; Parkhouse, 1834; Page, 1903; Williams, 1776; S. S. Pearce, 319, 359, and 1780; H. Cawte, 309; R. Barnes, 342; P. J. Hyams, Australia Phoenix; and P. H. Emanuel Zetland, Hong Kong.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," who, he said, had carried out his duties with efficiency. Not only on this occasion had he done the work, but on many others. Bro. Frost was a prominent Mason, and took great interest in the Order. With the exception of Bro. Gault, P.M. (who was unavoidably absent), Bro. Frost was the oldest Mason in the borough. Bro. Frost responded in appropriate terms.

"The Health of the Visitors," "The I.P.M. and P.M.'s of the Lodge," and "The Officers," brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—Toxteth Lodge (No. 1356).—At the ordinary monthly meeting of the members of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, on the 8th inst., a portrait in oil of the Worshipful Master (Bro. Edward Paul), was presented to the lodge by Bro. James Jones. The gratifying presentation was made by Bro. Jones, as an old personal friend of the W.M., as an appropriate recognition of Bro. Paul's services to Freemasonry. The portrait was obtained from Mr. S. D. Kruger, and is an admirable likeness. The brethren cordially and unanimously thanked Bro. Jones for his valuable gift.

There was an attendance of about eighty members and visitors. Amongst the Past Masters of the lodge present were: Bros. B. B. Marson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Keet, Charles Arden, A. Woolrich, and T. Horne; and the visitors included Bro. Dr. Johnson, P.M. 1094; Thomas Peake, P.M. 667; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675; and others.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This prosperous lodge held its installation meeting on the 8th inst., at the Albany Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, P.M., &c., acting W.M., in the absence of Bro. R. Saunders; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., Treas., acting J.W.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, P.G. Chap. Middlesex, Chap.; Williams, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; Briggs, I.G.; W. Taylor, P.M.; and Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wigginton was about to instal Bro. W. Taylor as W.M., when the R.W. Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., and R. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., were announced, and were received with the customary honours. The installation was then proceeded with. The officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing were Bros. Walls, S.W.; S. Saunders, J.W.; R. H. Saunders, I.P.M.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., Treas.; W. Wigginton, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap.; Powell, S.D.; Briggs, J.D.; Richnell, I.G. (by deputy); Williams, Org.; Gurney, D.C.; and Jenkyns, W.S. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted.

A resolution was then passed that an application be made to Grand Lodge for permission to add to the name of the lodge the prefix "Sir." Several other matters having been satisfactorily disposed of, a vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer for his services, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Raymond Thrupp for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was fluently proposed by Bro. W. H. Saunders, and duly acknowledged by the W.M.

"The Visitors" was replied to by Bro. Saunders, and "The Officers" by Bros. Walls and Powell.

The proceedings then terminated.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The annual meeting of this lodge, for the installation of W.M., took place on Monday last, in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel. The W.M. elect had issued a large number of invitations, and at the time of opening the lodge there was a very full room, the array of Past Masters being unusually large. The outgoing Master, Bro. George Simpson, assumed the gavel, and was supported by Bros. J. Kay, S.W.; M. Millington, J.W., W.M. elect; T. Humphreys, Sec.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; A. T. B. Turner, S.D.; J. Blenkin, J.D.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., M.C.; J. Davies, Org.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; J. Starkey, S. J. Dalton, B. Stephenson, R. Ware, G. Chapman, Rev. S. Edge, W. York, T. D. Smith, F. R. Stubbs, and others, and by the following visitors: Bros. A. H. McGachen, P.M. 236; J. Barker, P.M. 102; S. Chadwick, W.M. 1040; T. Gibson, P.M. 1042; H. Smith, P.M. 302, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks; J. H. Banks, P.M. 570; R. Gifford, W.M. 570; J. S. Rymer, W.M. 236; J. Todd, P.M. 236; T. Y. Strachan, P.M. 24; C. Fendlow, P.M.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M. 837; F. Smith, W.M. 837; J. H. Howarth, 242; T. Tuke, 230; W. Smith, 236; W. Short, 670; G. W. Thompson, 570; H. J. Kendall, 570; C. H. Speers, 570; B. Dent, 236; Rev. E. Hewett, 236; G. Kirby, S.W. 236; A. M. White, 236; G. Garbutt, J.W. 238; E. J. de Solis, 1331; W. S. Knight, 570; A. Baldrey, 570; C. H. Morgan, 570, and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, and successful ballots taken for three candidates, the chair was taken by the Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., who appointed as his Wardens Bros.

J. T. Seller, P.M., and G. Balmford, P.M. The W.M. elect was then presented by the outgoing Master, and having replied to the necessary questions was duly obligated. A board of Installed Masters was opened in full form, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., acting as Chaplain. The W.M. elect having been admitted and installed in the chair of K.S., was saluted and greeted, and the board was closed, the working tools being in each Degree presented by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who also gave the individual addresses to the officers on their respective investments. The three final charges having been delivered by the Installing Master, the ceremony was completed.

The officers of the lodge were then appointed as follows: Bros. G. Simpson, I.P.M.; J. Blenkin, S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; Rev. S. Edge, B.A., Chap.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; T. Humphreys, Sec.; W. B. Dyson, S.D.; W. York, J.D.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., M.C.; J. Davies, Org.; G. H. Chapman, I.G.; B. Stephenson and S. J. Dalton, Stewards; and P. Pearson, Tyler. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., again accepted the post of Preceptor.

Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., was re-elected Charity Representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Board, and subsequently proposed as a joining member Bro. M. M. Reynard, 1040. The lodge was then closed amid "Hearty good wishes" from all the brethren.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital banquet, at which the W.M. presided, supported by sixty-five brethren. The tables were adorned bountifully with plants, lent by members, and by numbers of bouquets of exotic flowers, contributed by the lady friends of the W.M. The toast list was a complete novelty, and was got up in the classical antique style, after a design by Bro. T. B. Whythead. The musical arrangements were most admirable, supplying quite a concert of part music, performed by the lodge quartette and the lodge glee party, interspersed with songs. The Eboracum Lodge has always been celebrated for its musical talent, but this last effort surpassed all previous occasions.

The toast of "Queen and Craft" was followed by the song "Victoria," by Bro. J. S. Cumberland; that of "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master," drew forth "God Bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. J. F. Wilkinson; and "The Pro Grand Master and the Grand Lodge" was followed by the glee "The Two Roses," by the Lodge Quartette.

Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. West Yorkshire, gave the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge," and, after Hatton's glee, "The Hemlock Tree," by the Lodge Quartette, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G. Warden, responded.

Bro. T. B. Whythead gave "The Health of the W. Master," and said that was every reason to look forward to a happy and prosperous year under his rule; and, after the performance of "Life's a Bumper," by the Lodge Glee Party, the W.M. responded. He thanked the brethren very cordially for their kindness to him, and assured them that as he had begun so he intended to go on, and to spare nothing to promote the best interests of the lodge. He concluded by proposing "The Installing Master and the Past Masters."

Then came Haynes Bayley's charming old song, "The Carrier Dove," by Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, and the response on the part of Bro. T. B. Whythead and of Bro. J. T. Seller, on behalf of the Past Masters.

Bro. Geo. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., proposed "The Eboracum Lodge and its Officers," and, after the Lodge Glee Party had given "Mynheer Van Dunck" with great spirit, Bro. Blenkin, S.W., responded.

Bro. C. G. Padel, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," congratulating the lodge upon the splendid array of distinguished brethren gathered under its banner that day.

The Lodge Quartette sang "Of a' the Airts," and responses were given to the toast by Bros. C. Fendlow, P.P.G. Warden of Staffordshire; T. Y. Strachan, P.P.G. Warden of Northumberland; J. Skyes Rymer, W.M. 236 (Sheriff of York); and Captain Gifford, W.M. 570 (I.C.), attached to the 5th Dragoon Guards Regiment, now stationed in York.

Bro. J. Todd, P.M. 236, P.P.G. Reg., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and congratulated the Eboracum Lodge in the work it had done as a young lodge for the three great charities of the Order. Macfarren's song, "My own, my guiding star" here followed, and Bro. W. Child and Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Provincial Charity Steward, responded, entering at some length into several matters affecting the interests of the province in the matter of the elections to the Benevolent Institution and Schools.

Bro. T. B. Whythead gave the memory of "Our Honoured Dead" in a few appropriate words, and the toast was drank standing and in silence, the Quartette singing the chant "May we all meet together in the Grand Lodge above," silent honours following.

Bro. Turner, J.W., gave "The Ladies" in a speech that excited much merriment. The Quartette gave Hatton's glee, "Beware," and Bro. Dyson responded. Bro. J. E. Wilkinson gave, by special request, "She wore a wreath of roses," and Bro. T. Humphreys proposed "Our Absent Friends," alluding to the scattered members of the lodge in New York, Dakota, South Africa, South Australia and Egypt.

Then came the glee, "Hail, smiling morn," followed by "The Health of the Host, Bro. H. Churchill," and the Tyler's toast, the evening being most appropriately wound up by Bros. J. S. Cumberland giving in his telling manner, "A lift on the way," and the glee party completed their excellent performances with "As the moments roll."

A more successful gathering has never taken place under the banner of this lodge, and both members and visitors expressed themselves as greatly pleased both with the ceremonies and festivities.

Amongst the numerous apologies for absence enumerated by the W.M., were letters or telegrams from the following brethren: Bros. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M.; Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M.; Don. M. Dewar; Geo. Taylor, Prov. G. Sec. Worcester; Canon Tristram; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Rev. J. Harrison, Oldham; G. P. Brockbank, Bolton; the Dean of York; Rev. W. Valentine, Whitley; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec. Scotland; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.W.; J. Young, P.M. 523; J. A. Bingley, Burton-on-Trent; T. Anderson, Prov. G. Treas. Northumberland; E. D. Davis, Newcastle; B. J. Thompson, Prov. G. Sec. Northumberland; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec. N. and E. Yorks; B. Broughton, P.M. 302; J. L. Atherton, W.M. 439; T. Hill, P.M. 302; H. Brown, Prov. G. J. W. Norths and Hunts; John Page, P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland; S. Halry, York; H. Lovegrove, P.M.; F.

Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; W. Palry, P.M. 857; George Cockburn, Newcastle; M. M. Reynard, Sunderlandwick; Capt. Wordsworth, Wakefield; R. S. Brown, Edinburgh, and others.

HEBBURN-ON-TYNE.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 1643).—On Wednesday, the 5th inst., the regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Ellison House (Bro. A. Hall's), when there was an excellent attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Wm. Bewick, W.M., assisted by his officers as under: Bros. George Hardy, S.W., D. of C.; Wm. Eckford, I.P.M., acting S.W.; S. Chadwick, J.W.; E. Prentice, Secretary; C. W. Newlands, S.D.; Watkinson, J.D.; D. Roach, I.G.; and R. Murray, Tyler. Among others present were Bros. J. McCulloch, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; M. H. Dodds, P.M. 1119 and 48; M. Dodds, 1119; Geo. Lawson, P.M. 240; Richard Wigham, P.M. 541; J. H. Thompson, S.W. 240 and 1970, and others.

The ballot was taken for Messrs. Donald Revie and James Wood, both of whom having been declared duly elected, were introduced into the lodge, properly prepared and duly initiated into the privileges and mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. J. McCulloch, who performed the ceremony with marked ability. Bro. S. Chadwick explained the Entered Apprentice's working tools effectually. Bro. W. Cowie, E.A., having satisfactorily answered the questions, was entrusted and passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, by Bro. George Hardy.

There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment hall, where a pleasant evening was spent.

FRODSHAM.—Cholmondeley Lodge (No. 1908).—Although probably the youngest lodge in the Province of Cheshire, which has been so well and wisely governed by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. (whose health is not so good at present as thousands of Masons could desire), this lodge has already deservedly secured a very high reputation, which has been worthily won by reason of the excellent working and admirable arrangements which have marked it from its infancy. Several well-known leaders of the Craft in this and other provinces have closely identified themselves with its interests, and the progress which the "Cholmondeley" has made during its year's existence cannot, therefore, be matter for wonder. The first annual meeting of the members of the lodge, which was held at the Commercial Hotel, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., was thoroughly representative in its constitution, most satisfactory in all the arrangements, and the working of the installation Degree was quite equal—and in many respects superior—to anything which your correspondent has seen during more than twenty years' experience.

About half-past three the brethren were called to labour by the W.M., Bro. J. K. Digges, P.P.A.D.C., and the Tyler's book showed there were also present Bro. J. Salmon, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Hammond Danby, S.W., the W.M. elect; J. Yapp, J.W.; H. E. Heywood, Secretary; J. Ashton, J.D.; T. H. Hitchen, I.G.; J. J. Radford, S.S.; D. Baynes, Tyler; C. H. Lewen, R. H. Turner, J. Roberts, C. Behrend, J. Humphreys, 721; S. Duncan, T. H. Tait, A. J. Lloyd, J. R. Robinson, P.M. 368; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; C. Duncan, 425; H. Williams, P.P.G.A. D.C.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B.; J. White, P.M. 1384; Jonas Foster, 1384; J. Hoult, 216 and 1609, and others.

After some preliminary business, the chair was taken by Bro. J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D., who, in a manner which could hardly have been excelled, proceeded to instal Bro. G. Hammond Danby as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested for 1882-83: Bro. J. K. Digges, P.P.A.D.C., I.P.M.; J. J. Yapp, S.W.; H. E. Heywood, J.W.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., Treas.; Rev. Samuel Hague, M.A., Chap.; J. J. Radford, Sec.; John Ashton, S.D.; T. H. Hitchen, J.D.; C. H. Lewin, I.G.; R. H. Turner, S.S.; C. Behrend, J.S.; W. Humphreys, Org.; and J. Roberts, Tyler.

The musical portions of the ceremonies was admirably conducted by Bro. Humphreys; and before the lodge closed an artistic Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. K. Digges.

About thirty brethren subsequently sat down to a capital banquet, most substantially served by the Misses Harrison and Hood, of Frodsam.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening, and an excellent selection of music was furnished by Bros. Yapp, Ellis, Knowles, Humphreys, and others.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—On Tuesday the 7th inst., the second monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Thomas Coulson, W.M., P.J.G.D., who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas Lotten, I.P.M.; J. J. Athey, P.M., S.W.; William Davidson, J.W.; Joseph Robertson, P.M., Div. of Cers.; J. Hepple, Sec.; Walter Ross, S.D.; M. Wheatley, J.D.; J. Gibbon, P.M., P.P.G.O. Org.; R. Walker, I.G.; Dr. Dalziel and Colin Warren, Stwds.; John Brown, Tyler. Among the visitors present were: Bros. G. S. Shotton, W.M. 240; Joseph Robertson, 43, South Shields; G. Leatham, 124, Durham, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Southron, architect, South Shields, and Mr. Robert Peter Moncrief, South Shields, and both having been declared unanimously elected, they were properly prepared and duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Thomas Lotter, I.P.M. The working tools of this degree were given by Bro. William Davidson, J.W., in an impressive manner. The E.A.'s who were initiated on the preceeding month were then passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, the working tools being explained by Bro. J. J. Athey, P.M., S.W. The W.M. said he had much pleasure in congratulating the brethren on the healthy and flourishing position of the Hadrian Lodge. This was only its second meeting; yet not only were they out of debt, but the lodge had no less than £25 in hand. This was a very proud position to be in. He had no doubt in saying that the flourishing condition was in a measure owing to the heartiness with which officers and friends have worked for the lodge, and owing to their liberality in presenting the various articles of furniture and adornment they had done. He took the

opportunity of thanking the donors and of congratulating the brethren of the Hadrian Lodge.

There being no other business the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and with the assistance of some excellent music by Bros. Leatham, Gibbons and others, a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

INSTRUCTION.

KENT LODGE (No. 15).—This lodge, recently transferred from Walthamstow, is now comfortably established at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-street, E.C. At the meeting on the 9th inst. Bro. Legg occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Patrick, Serjeant, Turbefeild, Andrews, Middleton, A. Clark, P.M., Treasurer; Pinder, P.M., Preceptor; and others.

The evening was devoted to working the second ceremony, Bro. Middleton, candidate. The revision of the bye-laws occupied considerable time, and Bro. Serjeant was elected W.M. for the next Thursday's meeting. The members of the lodge evince great interest in its resuscitation; and have among themselves donated the whole of the appliances and furniture necessary to work the lodge. Bro. Andrews, P.M., presented the working tools; Bros. Legg, Serjeant, and Wooley, the pedestals; Bros. Rowe and Patrick, a Bible; Bro. Pinder, P.M., columns, gavel, &c.; Bro. Carter, the ashlar, &c.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—This old lodge met on the 12th inst., at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E. Bro. J. R. Shingfield ably occupied the chair, and was supported, among others, by Bros. Gray, S.W.; Marks, J.W.; W. Musto, P.M. Preceptor; J. Taylor, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; Abrahams, I.G.; Yetton, P.M.; Pringle, Job, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Price, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of passing was worked by Bro. Shingfield in a creditable manner, and subsequently recognised by a cordial vote of thanks being awarded that brother for so ably discharging the duties of the W.M. for the first time in the lodge. Bro. W. Gray was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 10th inst., and was presided over by Bro. G. W. Knight, W.M., the following brethren being in attendance: Bros. J. N. Bate, S.W.; C. H. Nevill, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; F. Thurston, Treas.; C. H. Phillips, S.D.; H. M. Williams, J.D.; J. Letchford, I.G.; E. A. Francis, H. Stokes, R. Poore, M. E. Stokes, J. Wilmot, A. J. Styles, R. W. Pooler, and others.

Lodge having been duly opened, and minutes confirmed, Bro. R. Poore, as candidate, was proved, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by Bro. Knight. The F.C. charge was effectively delivered by Bro. Bate. Three of the Five Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by the brethren, and the lodge was closed down to E.A. and called off. Entry drill was practised, and the lodge called on. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when a goodly number of brethren attended, including Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M.; G. Harling, S.W.; E. Bye, jun., J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; H. M. Williams, Sec.; F. A. Smith, S.D.; S. Richardson, J.D.; E. Newby, I.G.; R. Poore, R. W. Pooler, and W. Croucher.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Phillips as candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Poore proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising in an impressive manner, Bro. Poore being the candidate. Lodge was regularly closed down to the First Degree, and, on the motion of the Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Smith, Bro. Harling was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Harling thanked the brethren, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, or the lodge of instruction in particular, after "Hearty good wishes" lodge was closed in due form.

Mark Masonry.

WORKINGTON.—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., the W.M., Bro. J. J. Coverdale, P.G. Org., presiding, supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. Dixon, I.P.M., P.G.S.O.; J. A. Salkeld, S.W.; J. Thompson, J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, M.O., P.G. Sec.; Rev. E. M. Rice, S.O., P.P.G. Chap.; J. Lewthwaite, J.O.; J. H. Hartly, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D., P.G. Std. Br.; J. Carruthers, I.G.; and W. Wagg, Tyler. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. J. C. Thompson, 902, was balloted for and advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master. There being nothing further but general business, with "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 213, 216, and 229, the lodge was closed in good harmony.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).—This old and distinguished chapter held a convocation on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square. Among those present were Ill. Bros. Curler, M.W.S.; Alfred Williams, Prelate; Bros. T. C. Walls, 1st. Gen.; F. Driver, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. Pass, Treas.; Bros. Don. M. Dewar, Sec.; Taylor, C.M.; Gardiner, R.; Ill. Bros. Lott, Org.; Collin, P.M., W.S.; Anderson, T. Poore, Graveley, W. Mann, Berkeley, H. J. Lardner, Piache, and others. Ill. Bro. C. Matier, 31^o, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. E. Mather, P.M., P.Z., &c., who had

been previously balloted for, was ably and impressively perfected.

Several communications from absent members having been read, the convocation was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where a most excellent banquet was served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual Rose Croix toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the Newly-Perfected Brother" was cordially received.

In response to the toast, Bro. Mather expressed himself as being highly gratified with the manner in which the ceremony had been performed by the M.W.S. He considered that the whole of the proceedings were highly impressive, and the ceremony altogether had left a strong impression on his mind.

"The Health of the M.W.S. having been given and responded to, the toast of "The Visitor" followed, and afforded Ill. Bro. Matier an opportunity of making a capital speech. His remarks bearing upon the working of the M.W.S. were highly complimentary, and were warmly endorsed by the applause of his auditory.

"The P.M.W.S." was acknowledged by Ill. Bro. Coffin, and "The Treasurer and Secretary" were responded to by Bro. Dewar in a neat speech, upon behalf of himself and colleague.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, terminated the proceedings.

M.W. BRO. HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, K.G., G.M. IRELAND.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, who recently celebrated his golden wedding, was born 21st January, 1811. His family name is Hamilton. He is a baronet; created in 1660. His titles are Baron Abercorn, of Paisley, 1587, Baron Abercorn, of Abercorn, 1603, Earl of Abercorn and Baron Arbroath, Hamilton, Mountcastle, and Kilpatrick, 1606, all in the peerage of Scotland; Baron Strabane, 1616, Viscount Strabane and Baron Mountcastle, 1701, Marquis of Hamilton of Strabane, in county of Tyrone, and Duke of Abercorn, 1868, all in the peerage of Ireland; Viscount Hamilton, 1786, Marquess of Abercorn, 1790, all in the peerage of Great Britain. It will thus be seen that though our distinguished brother is a duke, the highest peerage, yet his dukedom, being Irish, does not give him a seat in the House of Lords; he therefore sits and votes in St. Stephen's, as Marquess of Abercorn, his title on the roll of the peerage of Great Britain. His grace is chief of the House of Hamilton, and as such claimed the dukedom of Chatelherault, in France, created 1548, but of which, however, a fresh creation was granted by Napoleon III. to the twelfth Duke of Hamilton. His grace's name is James Hamilton. He is a Knight of the Garter, Privy Councillor, Doctor of Civil Law of Oxford, and Doctor of Law of both Cambridge and Dublin. He is the first duke, the title being conferred upon him when he returned from the Lord-Lieutenancy of Ireland, in 1868, on the fall of the Earl of Beaconsfield's (then Mr. Disraeli) first ministry. The duke held the viceroyalty again on the second accession to power of Mr. Disraeli, in 1874, but retired after a time in favour of Bro. the Duke of Marlborough. His grace won golden opinions during his tenancy of the office of representative of Her Majesty, and was most popular with all classes.

He succeeded his grandfather as second Marquis in 1818, at the age of seven years. He, therefore, never sat in the House of Commons, but has fully made up for it by having had no less than three sons there at one time. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, of which University he became a D.C.L. in 1856, having had the Honorary Degree of LL.D. conferred upon him by the sister University of Cambridge in 1847, and later on, in 1868, was made Honorary LL.D. of Dublin. The Duke was Groom of the Stole to the late Prince Consort, 1846 to 1859; Viceroy of Ireland 1866 to 1868, and again in 1874 to 1876. He was Envoy Extraordinary upon a special mission to the King of Italy in 1878, to confer the Order of the Garter upon King Humbert, on his accession to the throne on the decease of his father, King Victor Emanuel. He is Lord Lieutenant of the county Donegal, Major General of the Royal Archers, Her Majesty's Body Guard of Scotland, a Captain in the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers, Chancellor of the Royal University of Ireland, and a Governor of Harrow School, at which all his sons but the youngest were educated.

His grace married, in 1832, the Lady Louisa Jane Russell, second daughter of the sixth Duke of Bedford, K.G., by whom he has a large family. It is with this lady he has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding. Lady Louisa Russell was one of the beauties of the Court in William the Fourth's time. The noble Duke is the father of ten children—five sons and five daughters—the eldest son being James, Marquis of Hamilton, born in 1838, of whom we shall have something to say in some future issue, he being also a member of the Masonic body. Lord Claud John, born 1843, educated at Harrow, entered the Grenadier Guards in 1862, retired in 1867, with the rank of Lieutenant and Captain. He was appointed, 1867, Lieut.-Colonel Donegal Militia; was Aide-de-Camp to his father, the Viceroy of Ireland, from 1866 to 1868. The noble Lord sat, in the Conservative interest, for the city of Londonderry, 1865 to 1868, and for King's Lynn, 1869 to 1880. At the general election of 1880 he lost his seat. He also unsuccessfully contested Londonderry in 1868, and Brecon in 1869. He obtained a seat, however, for Liverpool at a bye election, in 1880. Lord Claud was a Junior Lord of the Treasury in 1868; he was attached to the Duke of Abercorn's special mission to the King of Italy in 1878. In this latter year he married Caroline, daughter of the late Mr. Edward Sachevrell Chandos Pole, of Radbourne Hall, Derby, and grand-daughter of the fifth Earl of Harrington, who has borne him a son, Gilbert Claud (1879). The Duke's eldest child and daughter, Lady Harriet Georgina Louisa, was born in 1834, and married, in 1855 the second Earl of Lichfield, Thomas George Anson. She has thirteen children. The next daughter is the Countess of Dalkeith (Lady Louisa Jane), born in 1836, married in 1859 to the eldest son of the fifth Duke of Buccleuch, and has by him eight children. Lady Georgina Susan, the next daughter, was born in 1841. She was bridesmaid to H.R.H. Princess Mary of Cambridge when she married the Duke of Teck, in 1866. The Right Hon. Lord George Francis Hamilton was born in 1845; he was educated at Harrow,

and entered the Rifle Brigade in 1864, but was transferred to the Coldstream Guards in 1868, and retired in 1869. He was elected M.P. for Middlesex in 1868, and has sat for the county ever since. Lord George has steadily held his ground, and is looked upon as a likely Premier in time to come. He was appointed by Mr. Disraeli, in 1874, as Under Secretary for India, where he showed such brilliant talents that he was transferred to the Vice-Presidency of the Council on Education, in 1878, and made fourth Charity Commissioner, which posts he held until the fall of his Government, in 1880. He is a magistrate for Middlesex and Westminster, also a Privy Councillor. His lordship married in 1871, Lady Maud Caroline Lascelles, daughter of the third Earl of Harewood, and has two sons. Lady Albertha Frances Ann was born in 1847, and married in 1869 to the Marquis of Blandford, eldest son of Bro. the sixth Duke of Marlborough, and has four children. Lady Maud Evelyn was born in 1856, and married the fifth Marquis of Lansdowne in 1869, to whom she has borne four children. Lord Frederick Spencer was born in 1856, and like his three elder brothers was at Harrow school. He entered the diplomatic service in 1877, and became a third Secretary in 1879. He was also attached to his noble father's special mission, in 1878, to the King of Italy, to present him with the Garter. The youngest child of His Grace is Lord Ernest William, born 1858, educated at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and in 1878, gazetted as Lieutenant in the 11th Hussars. It will thus be seen that our brother, besides having ten children, has also thirty-three grandchildren. The Grand Master of Ireland has a seat in Ireland and Scotland, Baron's-court, Newton Stewart, where the golden wedding festivities were held, and Duddingstone House, Portobello, near Edinburgh. Hampden House, Green-street, is the town house. He is a member of the Carlton, White's, Traveller's and S. Stephen's Clubs. His family motto is "Sola nobilitas virtus."

BRO. ALDERMAN WHITEHEAD.

Bro. Whitehead, the newly-elected Alderman for Ward of Cheap, is, we are glad to note, a member of our Order. Mr. Stoneman, in introducing our worthy brother to the Court of Aldermen, said: We have in Mr. James Whitehead selected a gentleman who has been elected by the unanimous voice of the people, and who will at the same time unite the various interests that have not been so much in unison as they ought to have been. Mr. J. Whitehead is a gentleman who has been known very largely in the City of London. Although a self-made man, he came to London with the advantage of an education that had fitted him to distinguish himself in the City, and I trust, will further assist him to be a bright light to this Worshipful Court to which he has attained. Mr. Whitehead, although his time has been greatly taken up in commercial pursuits, has not forgotten that obligation which is imposed on every true citizen of London, namely, its charities, and I think in the lists of the Life Governors of almost every charity in the City you will see Mr. Whitehead's name conspicuous. I am sure that whenever any question affecting the great Corporation of the City shall be brought to the front we shall find Mr. Whitehead will use his common sense and business capacity for the advancement and good of his fellow citizens, and that at the same time he will hold dear the rights and privileges of the City. It will be in your lordship's recollection that one of the leading things Mr. Whitehead has done in the City was the promotion of the Rowland Hill memorial. He took up the subject at a time when the citizens of London seemed hardly to appreciate the great esteem in which they ought to have held Sir Rowland Hill for the great advantages he bestowed on the commercial interests of the country. Mr. Whitehead brought that matter to a very successful issue, and we now not only see in one of the leading streets a life-long monument to the history of Sir Rowland Hill, but a considerable fund has also been created for the relief of aged and distressed Post Office employes. I hope Mr. Whitehead in the course of time may fill the chair that you have so admirably filled to the satisfaction of all; and as this is the last day we shall have the pleasure of seeing you in that office, you will excuse me if I express the wish that your life may be prolonged, and that you may enjoy those advantages and privileges that you have so richly deserved. I have the honour to introduce M. James Whitehead, Citizen, Fan-maker, and Shipwright.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

LEE.—On the 7th inst., at Christ's Hospital, the wife of Bro. the Rev. Richard Lee, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FRASER—INGRAM.—On the 7th inst., at All Saints' Church, Nottingham, by the Rev. A. Fraser, M.A., brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. G. Dundas, Vicar of St. Mathew's, and the Rev. A. Pearson, Vicar of All Saints, Bro. Wm. F. Fraser (of Commercial Lodge, No. 411) Solicitor, Nottingham, to Alice Mary, youngest daughter of William Ingram, of Burn's-street, formerly of Southwell, and sister to the W.M. of No. 411.

ROBINSON—WOOD.—On the 9th inst., at St. Botolph's Church, Sheepshed, Leicestershire, Marshall, son of the late J. Robinson, of Dunsar, near Bolton, to Margaret, daughter of J. A. Wood, Esq., of Sheepshed, Leicestershire.

DEATHS.

BUCHANAN.—On the 12th inst., at Craigend Castle, Stirlingshire, the Right Hon. Sir Andrew Buchanan, Bart, G.C.B., D.L., in his 78th year.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumnal Remedies.—Towards the fall of the year countless causes are at work to lower the tone of the nervous system, which will be followed by ill health unless proper means be employed to avert that evil. Holloway's far-famed preparations supply a faultless remedy for both external and internal complaints connected with changes of season. All affections of the skin, roughness, blotches, pimples, superficial and deeper-seated inflammations, erysipelas, rheumatic pangs and gouty pangs alike succumb to the exalted virtues of Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which will effect a happy revivification in the patient's condition, though the symptoms of his disorder are legion, and have obstinately withstood the best efforts of science to subdue them.—[ADVT.]



The Royalty is to be re-built, and opened in February with comic opera, under the lesseeship of Miss Kate Santley, who is a guarantee in herself of something good. We believe the theatre was made a present of to Miss Santley by some of her admirers.

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Mr. Gladstone visited the Globe on Saturday night, to witness the first performance of "The Promise of May," written by his old and intimate friend, the Poet Laureate. The cheers the Premier got were louder than those accorded to the new drama, which was not generally regarded as a success, nor in any way to be compared with Mr. Tennyson's "Queen May" or "The Cup." Mr. Hermann Vezin, Mr. Charles Kelly and Mrs. Bernard H. Beere, are the principal players.

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Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany visited the Haymarket Theatre on Friday, the 10th inst., to witness "The Overland Route."

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Bro. Holland and the directors of the Alhambra invited the Indian Contingent, consisting of thirteen officers and nineteen men, to see the "Merry War." They were at Drury Lane on Saturday, and asked by Bro. Harris to go behind the scenes of the Railway accident scene in "Pluck." The foreigners were much struck with the remarkable effect of stage mechanism. They were loudly applauded by the audience and returned the salutes.

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The Alcazar, late the Connaught, Holborn, is to be re-opened on Boxing Day with a pantomime, "Cinderella," under the direction of Bro. John Baum. The house has been taken by a public company, who are now issuing debentures. Bro. Baum promises a pantomime of excessive grandeur, and performed by the elite of the profession. We hail with gladness one new feature—the abolition of all fees. We hope this will be adhered to. Sometimes if a theatre is found to be paying, the management being more independent, make a charge for programmes, showing into seats, &c., and when a theatre is losing, these charges, or impositions, are put on to help the exchequer. Fees should be abolished everywhere, as at the Lyceum, Savoy, and Gaiety.

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"Perola" is not to be the title of Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera. It has been changed to, we believe, "Elianthe." Its production has been fixed for the 25th. We will duly notice it.

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A comedy, by Mr. Hamilton Baillic, will be performed on the evenings of the 13th and 16th, and afternoon of the 15th insts., at Sir Percy Shelley's theatre, on the Chelsea Embankment, in aid of the funds of the School of Dramatic Art. The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention of being present at one of the performances. Mrs. Cecil Clay will play the heroine.

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A powerful drama, full of sensational interest from the rise of the curtain to its fall, was produced by Bro. Douglass at the National Standard Theatre, on Monday last, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. The drama—"The Ruling Passion"—is from the pen of Bro. James Willing, jun., who certainly deserves the credit of having placed upon the stage one of the most realistic and sensational dramas of modern life. When we say that there is a real omnibus and horses, with real passengers, a real hansom and a four wheeler, a perfect deluge of rain, a view of the Crystal Palace on Foresters' Day, with a balloon ascent, and its subsequent descent into the sea, we think the greatest lover of realistic sensationalism will be satisfied. The piece is placed upon the stage with a completeness that speaks well for the management. The scenery throughout reflects the greatest credit on Bro. Richard Douglass. Altogether the new drama may be truthfully pronounced a great success, and we congratulate both Bro. Willing and Bro. Jno. Douglass upon their latest achievement.

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We understand the Novelty Theatre, which is only a few doors removed from us, is so rapidly approaching completion that the two opening pieces are already in preparation. The most important of this is a comic opera, "Melila, or the Parsee's Daughter," by Captain Kennerly, with music by M. Pontet.



The success which attended Bro. Kuhe's Brighton Musical Festival must have been highly gratifying to our talented brother. On the opening night the public, by the largeness of its attendance, bore testimony to its appreciation of Bro. Kuhe's efforts during a long course of years to provide for them instructive musical entertainment, as well as to his respect for native talent by the production of works by such well-known and well-established composers as Messrs. Arthur Sullivan and F. Cowen. On Wednesday, the Dome was not so crowded, though the programme of classical music was both comprehensive and varied, and, as regards the majority of the selections, was calculated to afford satisfaction. The concert opened with the overture to Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte," which was followed by

Beethoven's "Pastoral" symphony; of the two, the former being decidedly the better played. A nocturne for orchestra, specially composed by Mr. F. Corder, but ill represented what that gentleman is capable of doing, and, moreover, was very indifferently played. On the other hand, Hiller's pianoforte concerto in F sharp minor, a most masterly, but very exacting piece, found a highly capable interpreter in Miss Kuhe, who, by this performance, must be said to have greatly enhanced her reputation as a pianist, while she reaped the further advantage of being most ably supported in the orchestral parts. The entr'acte in G from Schubert's "Rosamunde" followed; and then, in the order named, a fandango by Molique for violin and orchestra, in which Mr. Carrodus sympathetically interpreted his old master's work; the introduction to Act 3 of Wagner's "Die Meistersinger," and the Hungarian March from Berlioz's "Faust." The one vocalist was Miss Ella Lemmens, who is to be congratulated on the success of her debut at Brighton; her rendering of Rode's "Air, with variations," gave the greatest satisfaction. In the evening there was a public rehearsal of the "Redemption," with Mr. Randegger as conductor.

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Thursday was set apart for the performance of "Elijah," such success as was achieved being, in a great measure, due to the efforts of the vocalists, among whom were Mesdames Albani and Trebelli, Mr. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley, who sang to perfection. With them were associated Miss Robertson, who made a decided mark as leading soprano in the first part; Miss Bertha Moore, who acquitted herself well as second soprano; and Miss Emily Dones, who won much applause by her fine rendering of "Voe unto them;" Mr. Lucas Williams, second bass; and Mr. Hirwin Jones, a promising and agreeable tenor.

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Bro. Kuhe had arranged that his benefit should take place on the Friday, and accordingly, in order to enlist the support of the greatest number, what is known as a "popular" programme was prepared. Many of the pieces chosen, however, were of a higher class than what is commonly accepted as popular, thus showing that Bro. Kuhe had fairly gauged the capacity of his audience for appreciating good music: such, for instance, as the overture to "William Tell" and Weber's "Concert-stücke," both of which were capitally played, and gave the greatest possible pleasure. Bro. Kuhe himself played the solo part in the latter in a manner which secured for him great applause and a recall, and Mr. Randegger conducted with his usual precision and emphasis. Among other items in the programme were a Slavonian dance in D major, by Dvorak, the ballet music from Rubenstein's "Peramorz," and a selection from "Patience," in which the orchestra was associated with the band of the 4th Dragoon Guards, a romance for violin (Mr. Carrodus), by Svendsen, and the march from "Le Prophète." The vocalists were Mesdames Albani and Antoinette Sterling, Mr. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley.

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It is needless to say there was an overflowing audience on Saturday afternoon to hear the performance of Gounod's "Redemption." There had been few opportunities for rehearsal, but Mr. Randegger, who directed the oratorio, had utilised them to the best of his power, and as a consequence, the performance was very satisfactory, conveying, as it did, a very just idea of M. Gounod's masterpiece. Of the leading singers, Madame Albani, Miss Santley, Mr. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley, who are already identified with the work, let it suffice to say that they filled their respective parts with equal effect as on previous occasions, and, of necessity, with a more familiar knowledge of the music. Madame Trebelli sang the contralto solos with expression, while the bass narrative fell to Mr. Lucas Williams. The orchestra played satisfactorily, and making every allowance for the deficiency of the requisite power, the choruses were fairly rendered. Mr. Randegger, as the conductor, won the approval of the audience by his clearness and decision, his "times," as a rule, being well judged.

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The first of the two Richter Concerts for the present season came off on Thursday week, in St. James's Hall, the programme consisting of the introduction to "Die Meistersinger," a new serenade in G major for orchestra, by Mr. Villiers Stanford, Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsodie," in F, the introduction to Wagner's "Parsifal," and Beethoven's "Eroica" symphony. The concert was a great success, and Herr Richter, it is almost needless to say, met with a most enthusiastic reception.

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The first London Ballad Concert of the present (seventeenth) season is announced by Mr. Boosey to take place on Wednesday next, the 22nd inst., at St. James's Hall. Among the vocalists will be Miss Mary Davies, Madame Antoinette Sterling, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Bro. Maybrick; Madame Norman-Neruda, violinist, and the South London Choral Association will also take part.

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The performance of Handel's "Messiah," given annually under the auspices of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, will take place on Friday evening next, at St. James's Hall, under the direction of Mr. Barnby. Mr. Carrodus will be the principal violin, Mr. T. Harper, trumpet, and Dr. Hopkins will preside at the organ. Among the vocalists announced are Miss Mary Davies, Madame Fassett, Miss Hilda Wilson, Mr. E. Lloyd, Mr. W. H. Cummings, Mr. F. King, and Mr. Hilton.

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The programme of to-day's "Pop" includes Brahms' Quintet in F minor, Beethoven's String Trio in G major, and his Sonata in E flat for pianoforte alone, and Franz Ries's Prelude, Romance, and Scherzo for violin with pianoforte accompaniment. The executants will be Madame Norman-Neruda and MM. Charles Hallé, Ries, Straus, and Piatti, with Bro. Santley as vocalist. On Monday there will be the same executants and vocalist, and a programme consisting of Dvorak's pianoforte Quartet in D major, Haydn's Quartet in E flat, Handel's Sonata in D major for violin and pianoforte, and Schubert's Sonata in A major for pianoforte alone.



The session for 1882-3 of the Royal Geographical Society was commenced on Monday evening in the theatre of the London University, Burlington-gardens. The chair was taken by Lord Aberdare, the President, who, in the course of his inaugural address, referred at length to the great loss the society had recently sustained through the death of one of its distinguished members, Captain Gill, R.E., who had fallen a sacrifice in the attempt to carry out a most arduous duty in the interests of this country. Professor Palmer's death was also to be deplored. Though not primarily a geographer, but a great Oriental scholar and linguist, he had been not unconnected with the society, having taken a leading part in the exploration of the Sinaitic regions, to which it contributed a grant. It was nothing less than a national misfortune that two such men should have perished at one and the same time. Lord Aberdare also referred to the Polar explorations of Mr. Leigh Smith, and the addition, thanks to the labours of Mr. Stanley in the Congo country, and his rival, M. Brazza, which had been made to their geographical knowledge of Western Africa. Mr. A. R. Colquhoun, of the Indian Public Works Department, having read a long and valuable paper descriptive of the long and perilous journey he had recently made from the mouth of the Si-Kiang through the Chinese borderlands to the banks of the Irrawaddi, Lord Northbrook referred in terms of regretful eulogy to the deaths of Professor Palmer, Captain Gill, and Lieutenant Charrington; and, after a few remarks on the same subject, the proceedings terminated.

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It is satisfactory to note that the members of the Army Medical Service who were engaged in the recent campaign in Egypt will not have their services passed over by the public, who are so cordially welcoming home our soldiers, seamen, and marines after their gallant overthrow of Arabi's army. On Tuesday next, the 21st inst., a banquet will be given at Willis's Rooms to the medical officers attached to the late expedition, and it is most probable there will be present on the day in question many distinguished combatant officers, and also several civilian members of the medical profession.

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The council of the Royal Society have awarded to Professor Flowers, F.R.S., of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, a Royal medal, value fifty guineas, for his valuable contributions to anthropology and the morphology and classification of the mammalia.

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The Drapers' Company have again voted the sum of twenty-five guineas to the Rev. H. Solly, towards the maintenance of his technical carpentry classes in the town of Croydon.

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General Rivers Pitt will be appointed Inspector of Ancient Monuments under the new act.

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The United States relief vessel, Neptunc, which had been dispatched with provisions for the party sent out last year by the American government to make observations in the neighbourhood of Lally Franklin Bay, at the head of the Smith Sound, has been compelled to return without being able to accomplish her object. However, they left boats and provisions at Cape Sabine and other places some three degrees south of Lady Franklin Bay. The unexpected formation of ice in the Sound in August, and again in September, was the cause of the failure.

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It is Mr. Edison's intention to illuminate the West London Tabernacle, at Notting-hill, with the electric light, in order to demonstrate the efficiency of his system of electric lighting.

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The statue to be erected to the memory of the late Earl of Beaconsfield has so far advanced in the process of being moulded, that it is expected it will be ready for casting at Christmas. It is not intended the ceremony of unveiling it shall take place until after Parliament meets next year.

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It is said the German government are willing to restore to this country the series of Scottish State papers which it purchased at the sale of the Hamilton collection, if reasonable terms can be arranged by our government for their purchase.

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It is said that Angeli is engaged for Her Majesty on a replica of his famous portrait of the Imperial Crown Princess of Germany, Princess Royal of Great Britain.

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German explorers are said to have discovered some highly interesting pre-Christian sculptures in the Euphrates Valley, in the neighbourhood of the Anti-Taurus Mountains.

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A bequest of books, pictures, and antiquities, of the estimated value of £2000, has been bequeathed to the University College of Wales, Aberystwith, by the late Mr. G. E. J. Powell, of Nanteos.

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In consideration of his services to the Prince of Wales, Mr. Oscar Clayton, F.R.C.S., has had the honour of knighthood conferred on him by Her Majesty.

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Colonel Webber, president, occupied the chair at the meeting on Thursday of the Society of Telegraph Engineers and Electricians. After the usual statement by the secretary, papers were read by Colonel Frank Bolton, on "Some further historical notes on the Electric Light, bringing the subject up to the 30th September, 1882;" and Mr. W. H. Preece, a past president of the society, on the "Munich Electrical Exhibition, 1882."



The Duke and Duchess of Albany and suite honoured the Lyceum Theatre with their presence on Wednesday evening, to witness the performance of "Much Ado about Nothing."

Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley has joined the National Harbour of Refuge Society.

The Christmas number of the *Pictorial World* will consist of "an original ultra-sensational story of powerful domestic interest," called "The Hidden Million," by Mr. Paul Merritt.

There is a report that Bro. Archibald Forbes, the well-known war correspondent, who is now lecturing in Australia, has married a lady with £30,000 per annum.

Bro. Anthony Trollope is making slow but sure progress towards recovery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Plimsoll took place on Wednesday last, at Highgate cemetery.

On the 9th inst., Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M., formally opened the new Masonic Orphanage School, which has recently been erected at Merrion-road, county Dublin. There was a large attendance of Masonic Brethren, but the proceedings were of a merely formal character. The Grand Master said the greatest credit was due to the brethren who had superintended the buildings. He mentioned three brethren who were most active and energetic in getting up the funds for the building—Lord Justice Fitzgerald, Mr. McNamara, and Mr. Fitzgerald. The thanks of the whole Masonic body was due to them. The School is a very handsome building, with ornamental grounds, and has been furnished in a highly creditable style. The inmates of the Institution were present, and performed a selection of music.

Mr. A. O. Charles, secretary of the Farningham and Swanley Homes for Little Boys, the City office of which is in Ludgate-circus, has given a lecture at Lichfield on behalf of those institutions.

Bro. Alderman Sir John W. Ellis, Bart., G.J. Warden, presided at the Star and Garter, on the occasion of the presentation of prizes to the successful students of the Richmond and Twickenham High School for Girls' by Lady Agatha Russell. Lady Ellis was also present.

The regimental and other prizes of the London Rifle Brigade, will be presented at the Crystal Palace, this day (Saturday), by the Lady Mayoress, in the presence of Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Mr. Sheriff Savory, Mr. Under-Sheriff Sheppard, and Mr. Under-Sheriff Pontifex, who will attend in state, and other distinguished visitors.

The opening of the new Law Courts will take place early in December next.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held at Oakham, on Tuesday next, under the presidency of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Ferrers. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

A portrait of our late Bro., Dr. Critchett, appeared in the *Illustrated London News* last week.

It is in contemplation, among the higher classes of society in Dublin, to raise subscriptions in order to present Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley with a sword of honour, and entertain him at a banquet.

On Thursday evening week Her Majesty gave a ball to the servants and tenants of the Balmoral, Aberfeldie, and Kirkhall estates, in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday. The Queen and Princess Beatrice, attended by the ladies and gentlemen in waiting, were present.

Professor St. George Mivart presided on Saturday last at the first meeting since the recess of the Royal Botanic Society, Regents-park. Among the donations reported was one of specimens of the mangrove tree, from the Andaman Islands, for the introduction of which the Society is indebted to the Duke of Buckingham.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W., has consented to become a member of the Longfellow Memorial Committee.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, with the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and their other guests, attended the meeting on Saturday morning of the West Norfolk hounds at Hillington, the seat of Sir W. B. Ffolkes, M.P. There was a large attendance.

The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Prov. G.M. Derbyshire, and Bro. Sir Garnet and Lady Wolseley, reached Sandringham on Saturday, on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught were also invited, but were unable to go.

The Colston Anniversary Banquets were held in Bristol on Monday in the usual manner. Among those who dined with the Anchor (Liberal) Society at the Grand Hotel were Bro. the Earl of Cork and W. C. Boston, M.P.; while among those who attended the Anchor (Conservative) banquet were Bros. Sir Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master, Gloucestershire, Earl Percy, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, Northumberland, E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., and Alderman Flower, M.P.

Bro. Alfred Judd, 605, has been appointed Treasurer of the West Cheshire Provident Dispensaries at Birkenhead.

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The Duke of Teck was present last night at a meeting at Crouch-end, and in formally opening the Hornsey Government School of Art, delivered a practical speech, in which he appealed to the inhabitants of that suburb to support the institution, and thus enable it to accomplish the excellent object for which it was established.

At the opening meeting of the 129th session of the Society of Arts, on Wednesday evening, Dr. Siemens delivered an interesting address on the practicability of adapting the electric light for general use in the Metropolis and other large towns throughout the kingdom, remarking incidentally that he did not consider its introduction into general use would interfere to any appreciable extent with the employment of gas.

The sixteenth annual festival of the Drovers' Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern, Mr. P. Dixon-Hartland in the chair. The chairman spoke of the good done by the institution, for which £400 was subscribed.

At the sale of the Sunderland Library, on Wednesday, a folio copy of Quintilian, printed on vellum in 1470, was sold for £490. Several copies of the acts and saying of Pantagruel were sold, one fetching £171 and the others above £90 each. The day's sale amounted to £2313.

Early next year the foundation stone of the Indian Institute, in the University of Oxford, will be laid by the Prince of Wales.

Messrs. Gladwell Bros. are exhibiting at the City of London Fine Art Gallery, Gracechurch-street, a specimen proof of a new etching by Mr. Axel Herman Haig, illustrative of Mont Saint Michel in Normandy. Mr. Haig is an artist of considerable promise, as is proved by the fact that all his etchings have been bought up with astonishing rapidity, and some now fetch at sales three or four times the original price. The present etching is twice the usual size, and if the quality of the work is not twice as good it is certainly of a very high order, and adds another to the list of the artist's successes during the last four years. The 500 copies have already been disposed of, 150 of them going to America.

The Duchess of Albany has addressed a letter to Miss Bisley, daughter of the Mayor of Preston, conveying to her and the Preston ladies, whom she represented, Her Royal Highness's thanks for the diamond and gold bracelet which had been presented to her on the occasion of her marriage with H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G.J. Warden.

It is expected that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will be present at the banquet to be given to the brigade of Foot Guards at the Royal Aquarium, on Monday, the 20th inst.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending November the 11th was 986.

On Thursday last at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, an address of congratulation was presented to the Duke of Abercorn, on the occasion of his grace's recent celebration of his golden wedding, and the hope was expressed that the duke and duchess might be spared to each other for many years to come.

The county ball in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday took place at Sandringham House, on Friday week, dancing having been kept up to a very late hour.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor has accepted the invitation of the committee who have organised the dinner to the Brigade of Guards who have served in Egypt. His lordship will attend in state, and the sheriffs have also been invited to the dinner, which will take place at 5 p.m. on Monday next, at the Royal Aquarium.

Bro. the Baron and the Baroness de Worms are among the latest arrivals at Dover.

A concert in aid of the foundation and endowment of the Royal College of Music was held on Thursday evening last at St. James's Hall.

The Hôtel Métropole, now in course of construction in Northumberland-avenue, Charing-cross, will, it is stated, be one of the largest in Europe. All modern improvements will be found in this establishment. Bro. Frederick Gordon, chairman of the company, will have the general management of the building, decorations, and furniture under his immediate supervision, a sufficient guarantee that everything will be properly done.

Bro. C. T. Kipling was installed as W.M. of the Brixton Lodge of Mark Masters, at Anderton's Hotel, on Saturday last. We shall give a report in our next.

A complimentary banquet was given on Wednesday evening in Leicester, to Bro. Sir Henry St. C. Alford, Bart., Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland, in honour of the team of English marksmen, of which he was captain, and which in the earlier part of the year achieved so decisive a victory over an American team of marksmen selected from the National Guard of the United States.

Mr. H. C. Richards, who is a candidate for initiation into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, on the nomination of Bro. Wildey Wright, seconded by Bro. Major Sewell, has issued his address as a candidate for the London School Board, City division. Mr. Richards was nominated, on Tuesday, by Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., i. He runs in conjunction with Bro. Colonel and Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, who has shown a true Masonic spirit. On a requisition to come forward, headed by Bro. Edwin Freshfield, being presented to Bro. Sir Reginald, he only consented to do so on condition Mr. H. C. Richards would not retire, he having been first in the field, and holding precisely similar views.

OBSERVATION AND EXPERIENCE.—The public in noting the prescriptions of the medical profession, and acting on a quarter of a century's experience, have found out that there is but one remedy which can be relied upon so to cleanse and soften the skin, that its healthy action shall be absolutely ensured. The remedy is a luxury known as WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP. See that each tablet and wrapper bears the words, Sapo Carbonis Detergens, without which none is genuine.

Bros. Sir Garnet Wolseley, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Earl Granville, and Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., were among the guests at a dinner party given on Wednesday by the Prime Minister at his official residence in Downing-street.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson and Dr. W. C. Bennett were among the guests at the Savage Club (of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is a member) at the reunion on Saturday last.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15, at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate, E.C., on the 30th inst. The brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, have accepted an invite to work the Sections, and a capital evening's instruction may be expected.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, on Tuesday, the 28th inst., by the brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933. W.M. Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349 will preside, and be assisted by Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M., S.W. 554 and 933; B. Cundick, P.M., J.W. 1421; Wallington, P.M., I.P.M. 860; and other earnest workers. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

Bros. C. S. Crowder and G. A. Payne (the former of No. 79, and the latter W.M. 933) have taken the Canterbury Music Hall, and, judging from the high character of the entertainment they have given to the public (including numerous Craftsmen) at their establishment in the Mile End-road for years past, there is little room for doubt but that they will be able to attract and please a transpontine audience at their new establishment in the Westminster Bridge-road.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, continues in this month's "Good Words" his article on tricycle riding. Our brother informs his readers he rides at every opportunity when he can get a few hours out of London, and considers it more healthful than horseback exercise, and strongly recommends ladies to adopt it as a recreation.

Bro. the Marquis of Bath has come to town from Longleat, Wiltshire, and has been the guest of the M.W. the Grand Master during H.R.H.'s birthday celebrations.

Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W., was elected on Tuesday Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Aldermen, the occasion being the first Court of the new Lord Mayor. Bro. Alderman Knight said he relied on the co-operation of his brother Aldermen to carry out his office.

On Tuesday evening last, the members of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction presented their Secretary, Bro. C. Graham, S.W. 1540, with a very handsome testimonial, consisting of a drawing-room clock and ornaments, on his retiring from the Secretaryship.

John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, was held on Thursday, 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. W. Bro. John Thomas Thorp, P.P.J.G.W., Leicestershire and Rutland, P.M., W.M. Bro. Miles J. Walker, G.A.P., Leicestershire and Rutland, W.M. elect, 1265, is appointed Hon. Sec. pro tem. of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association in succession to Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Secretary, Leicestershire and Rutland, who, owing to the increased pressure of private business, and of his official duties as Prov. Grand Secretary, had tendered his resignation of the Honorary Secretaryship of the association.

The installation meeting of the Caveac Chapter, No. 176, will be held at the Albion Tavern, City, on Saturday, November 25th, at 4.30 p.m.

This day (Friday), the 17th inst., H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, will hold his Provincial Grand Lodge in the Town Hall, Banbury. On the opening of the lodge the brethren will proceed in procession to the site of a Masonic Hall, now in course of erection by the brethren of the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, Banbury, where His Royal Highness will lay the foundation-stone. The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars will form an escort to His Royal Highness. After the stone-laying, the brethren will return to the Town Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge will be resumed and the business proceeded with. The brethren will then proceed to the Exchange Hall, where a luncheon will be served by Bro. Johnson, of the Red Lion Hotel. His Royal Highness will preside. The trowel to be presented to His Royal Highness upon the occasion is a very handsome one, and has been supplied by Bro. Kenning, of Little Britain. We shall give a full report in our next.

The *Whitehall Review* has changed hands, and, for the present, Mr. W. Allison has accepted the post of editor. Mr. Allison, alias "Blinkhoolie," is a Barrister of the Inner Temple, and North Eastern Circuit, and has for several years been a frequent and successful contributor to the literature of the day.

The interesting series of twelve painted windows in Christ Church, Bexley Heath, which were commenced in 1880, by Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, representing studies from Leonardo da Vinci's celebrated picture of "The Last Supper," have now been completed, and fill both aisles of the church. They are all the gift of one donor, Mr. Edensor, of Upton Lodge.

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