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BEFORE we again address our readers the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will have taken place, and we trust to have to report a most successful gathering. Financially, we trust that it will embolden the authorities to reduce the serious margin of waiting and needy candidates for its great benefits, as we know of no institution which does more real and great good, is more essential for our Order, or does greater credit to English Freemasonry. We are gratified in announcing that in consequence of our appeal to the Craft the number of Stewards has been happily increased to 280. It is not yet too late for any brother to send in his name to Bro. TERRY. We rejoice to note that *ten additional widows are to be elected.*

FOR fear of any little harm occurring to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by the reason and effect of notices of change, we think it well to add that, giving Bro. LACEY all claims for thoughtful consideration and kindly motives, we feel sure his proposal to lower the annuities is a mistake, and is not likely to be approved by the subscribers or Grand Lodge. It is a retrograde movement, for which there is not, in our humble opinion, the slightest need or the smallest justification. In the present state of the price of provisions and everything else, the amount of our male and female annuities is not too high, and we trust Bro. LACEY will withdraw at once his motion, for fear of injuring the prospects both of the Festival and the future support of the Institution. Needless changes are never desirable, and the gain to be obtained cannot be immediate, and must eventually even be very small.

ON the other hand, we cordially approve of the proposal to alter the age to 65. There are many reasons why this change should be made, and we feel sure that it will work well, and prove of great help to the funds of the Institution. "Verbum sat."

SOME conversation took place at the recent monthly meeting of the Managing Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as regards the correctness of certain figures recently published in the *Freemason*. Bro. TERRY seems by the reporter to have been represented as saying more than he really did say, and conveying more than he intended to convey. All that he seems to have meant to state was, that the question as regards the expenses must be settled by the printed official statements of the Institution itself, and not by totals or commentaries in any paper or on any other authority. The absolute correctness of the figures printed in the *Freemason* is undoubted; but we do not understand that that point is touched upon in any sense by Bro. TERRY. There is a slight difference of verbiage, as of meaning, to which our attention has been specially called, in the reports of Bro. TERRY'S "ipsissima verba" as recorded in the *Freemason* and a contemporary.

THE Statistics as regards the lodges sending Stewards to the last Festival of the Boys' School are before us. There were 256 lodges represented, 10 chapters, 26 unattached Stewards, 6 representing provinces, 11 not attached to any lodge, 3 Mark Degree. It may be observed that many lodges sent up 2, 3, 4, or more Stewards. As regards the lodges, from 1 to 100, there were 40 represented; from 100 to 200, 26; from 200 to 300, 22; from 300 to 400, 13; from 400 to 500, 11; from 500 to 600, 8; from 700 to 800, 19; from 800 to 900, 6; from 900 to 1000, 12; from 1000 to 1100, 7; from 1100 to 1200, 9; from 1200 to 1300, 13; from 1300 to 1400, 13; from 1400 to 1500, 7; from 1500 to 1600, 12; from 1600 to 1700, 14; from 1700 to 1800, 12; from 1800 to 1900, 10; and from 1900 to 2000, 8. These figures suggest many considerations, and might afford matter for many commentaries. We shall recur to the subject before long, as we hope by still clearer figures to set before our readers the exact number of lodges sending Stewards to our great Charities in 1883.

WE call attention to a portion of the address by the retiring GRAND MASTER of the Quebec Grand Lodge elsewhere, to which we shortly alluded last week. It seems to us permeated by a considerable ignorance of the true facts of the case, and a want of judicious appreciation of the serious import of the struggle he invites the Grand Lodge of Quebec so recklessly to commence. Nothing the Grand Lodge of Quebec can do or say can really affect either the practice or position of the Grand Lodge of England. That body, the oldest of all existing jurisdictions, the source and fountain-head of all existing Craft Grand Lodges, is not likely to be turned from its onward and honest course, or shaken in its loyal promulgation of ancient Masonic law and precedent by "modern" instances, by partizan writers, by the "fulminations" of the creation of yesterday, by the "Boycotting" of ungrateful offshoots. Independently of all questions as to newfangled theories of "state rights," and which, if justified on the soil from which they spring as arising out of the necessities of the case, are utterly unsuited to other bodies and other climes, the Grand Lodge of England having kept its part of an open concordat, expects the other contracting party to adhere loyally to what it admitted, what it recognized, and what it promised as before the Masonic world. To admit for one moment a Masonic doctrine of "repudiation" of any kind, in any form, or in any shape, is antagonistic to the whole moral teaching of Freemasonry, destructive to international comity as well as jurisdictional honour, and is never likely to be assented to or approved of by the Grand Lodge of England. What the Grand Lodge of Canada, through Grand Master WILSON, originally and spontaneously offered and avowed, and which, acceded to by Lord ZETLAND and the Grand Lodge of England in full reliance on Canadian Masonic honour, H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER and the Grand Lodge of England are pretty certain, it is clear, to hold to and abide by now. In fact, if it were not for the impatience of some and the irresponsible animosity of others, the whole question is so petty in itself, of such narrow bearing, such a "tempest in a glass of water," that "a priori" we should have thought it was, in fact, as utterly unlikely to create a Masonic agitation as it is one utterly beneath the dignity of a Masonic body to go wild about, whether it be by idleless indignation or foolish proclamations. But some minds like little things, and are urged and egged on by little men and little considerations. Our good brethren alike in Quebec have been told over and over again that according to the present feeling here, and of course unless something very extraordinary supervenes, all their grievances, such as they are, are best left to the "efflux of time." Lord ZETLAND said that while safeguarding the interests of those lodges which thought fit to adhere to their warranting Grand Lodge, he should not grant fresh warrants nor keep up the Anglian organization. And this avowal the Grand Lodge of England stands by to-day loyally and honourably as ever. It would be an act of the greatest moral cowardice, a proof of the greatest Masonic weakness, to desert brethren whose only fault is loyalty to their mother country, to their original warranting body, and as the Grand Lodge of England has now for 187 years been leading the Masonic world, and is legitimately the hope and trust of Cosmopolitan Masonry at this hour, it is not likely, by idle menaces or childish assumption, of unauthorized claims, to do anything to derogate from its high position, or forget its duties alike to far off members of its Fraternity, as well as to its own distinguished body at home.

WE have said nothing here of the position of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in respect of their own statute law in the Dominion. There can be little doubt but that until legalized they are "hors de la loi," and have no lawful existence. In fact, under the provisions of their own laws, they are an illegal secret association, and incur the penalties of the Act. Until made legal by a special Act, the Grand Lodge of Quebec cannot be recognized as a Masonic legal jurisdiction, and all the legality remains with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal and the English lodges under it, in the Quebec jurisdiction. Curious fact!

WE understand that the supporters of Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT and the friends of Bro. H. B. MARSHALL are making mutually strenuous efforts to ensure success to their candidates, and they are quite right to do so. We observe that one correspondent alludes to an early occupation of Grand Lodge by the friends of one or the other candidate. But any such idea and attempt are rendered nugatory and idle by the fact of "overflow meetings" being possible, nay, certain, so that all members of Grand Lodge present may record their votes. If needs be a larger hall must be secured, as it is quite clear that Grand Lodge is in no humour to submit to the caprices of a "Caucus," or indulge in the vulgar infliction of a "snap" vote. All such ideas may be dismissed at once from the Masonic mind, as the peace and harmony of Grand Lodge are of too great importance to us

all alike to be sacrificed to personal consideration or private interests of any kind whatever. Depend upon it the authorities will take good care that all qualified members of Grand Lodge *can* vote freely, comfortably, and conscientiously.

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SEVERAL of our correspondents *in re* the Election of Grand Treasurer seem to have got into a "fog" on the question, and to be writing beside the mark. They confuse, according to our views, the privilege of public choice and the propriety of private selection. No one disputes or can dispute the absolute legal right of members of Grand Lodge to put forward any duly qualified candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer. The law allows it, and the annual election proves it. But a contrariety of opinion may exist as to the advisability and fitness of any select circle adopting any particular brother and "naming him" for Grand Treasurership, because it leads to inevitable imitation. No one indeed can allege that such procedure is absolutely "contre leges," though they may doubt its befittingness and good form. And therefore we think it well to make this remark once for all. The *Freemason* publishes the views and ideas of both sides in the controversy, as a truthful record of passing events interesting to the Craft, and, as a Masonic paper, is neutral, as indeed it must be from the necessity of the case, in the discussion, allowing the friends of the respective candidates fair play and a full hearing. All that it does seek to "bar" and object to are expressions of an "animus" which seem to overpass the wise and safe limits of Masonic forbearance, equity, and good feeling.

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A PROOF of the value of the new rule that country petitioner's cases to the Lodge of Benevolence must be reported on by the Grand Secretaries of their respective provinces was shown on Wednesday last. These reports lessened both the work and the responsibility of the Board, and the members were able to deal with the cases in a most satisfactory manner.

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WE call attention to the review of the report of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia elsewhere, by which it would seem that in that far off jurisdiction they have a "free and easy," "rough and ready" way of measuring the needs and value of Masonic membership. A companion after apparently 17 years' secession from his chapter is declared by that chapter, on the payment of a sum of six dollars, never to have surrendered his membership, and to be as real a member of the chapter as those companions who have faithfully paid their subscriptions. We cannot understand such a paradoxical position, and are not surprised that the Grand First Principal objects to such a state of things. It is this very laxity of Masonic membership which does so much harm to Freemasonry wherever it is permitted to exist.

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WE congratulate our good brethren in Scotland on "moving on" in the great cause of Masonic Charity. To enlarge their actual donations to deserving cases, and to create some subsidiary institutions would, we venture to think, react with singular good effect on Scottish Freemasonry. It is not necessary, in order to grant annuities to decayed Freemasons and their Widows, to help to educate the sons and daughters of Scottish Freemasons, to erect great buildings, neither need they run into great office expenses. A Board of Education might manage one division, a Board of Relief might manage the other. They might effect in Scotland what is done in Lancashire and Cheshire and elsewhere pay for the schooling and board of the children at the schools near their homes, and grant annuities to Aged Freemasons and their Widows as the money comes in. There are no doubt two sides to this, as to any question under the sun, but taking everything into account "pro and con," it seems clear to us that Freemasonry, to be consistent with its own professions and to be perfectly developed, must carry out the golden precepts both of theoretical and practical charity! We hope too before long, however unpopular at first, the Grand Lodge of Scotland will enforce an annual subscription of some amount to each lodge by its members. As a tentative measure the compulsory "subscription" may be small at first, but the recognition of the principle itself will, we feel sure, both advantage and vitalize Scottish Freemasonry.

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WE are immensely amused by the following paragraph from the *Rough Ashlar* of Adelaide, January 30th, 1884: "Referring to the unpleasantness that have arisen between the Grand Lodges of England and Canada, several brethren in the cities of London and Liverpool (England), by way of showing their sympathy with the Canadian Grand Lodge, are said to have applied to that Grand Lodge for warrants to open lodges in London and Liverpool to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Of course this is just as constitutional as for lodges in Canada, which has a Grand Lodge of its own, to be established under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England." The Scribe must we think be very ignorant of the feelings or practice of English brethren. We are struck by the audacity of the references to the Grand Lodge of Canada, which has no grievance whatever, and which originally made an open and deliberate concordat with the Grand Lodge of England in regard to the loyal English odes. We fancy there is a mistake somewhere.

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WE observe that a movement is making headway for an independent Grand Lodge of South Australia, but are astonished to find officials of the District Grand Lodge countenancing and heading such a movement. We agree with Bro. ROBERTS that there is not the slightest call for or justification of the movement. We shall recur to the subject more fully next week.

## SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MASONRY.

It seems to us that for some reason or other sufficient store is not placed by many on the reality of seventeenth century Masonry, which, according to our views, is now historically before us, and which, though somewhat still in haze and dimness, will ere long be looked at and, let us hope, realized in fuller and clearer light. It always was a "Crux" for Masonic writers, and which they attempted to get over in various ways, why Freemasonry should seem to start into new life and existence in 1717, and yet that all evidence of it as an organized body was apparently wanting before 1700. The admission of Ashmole into the Order in 1646 was known, and the meeting of that lodge in 1682 was recorded, but they were casual incidents some thought, isolated facts others contended, and with little bearing on the current of general Masonic history. But true criticisms can never long be silenced, or its canons safely neglected, and as facts have accumulated and evidences have multiplied, we have, undoubtedly, to deal with seventeenth century Freemasonry, and a very curious and difficult problem it is, after all, to solve.

1. First of all,—we yet know about it only "in part." We await still clearer "indicie" and more direct testimony before we can safely decide or discuss its main features, its undoubted outcome.

2. But though this be so, there are certainly salient points in respect of it which we cannot afford to overlook or despise any longer, and which, though not conclusive so far, seem to point as a sign-post to what we may yet expect to be entirely and certainly before us.

3. We begin then with this proposition—a seventeenth century Freemasonry existed, and we prove it in this way. Ashmole's initiation tells us that he was admitted, as is clear, into a regularly organized system, and if it then existed in 1646, we are not stretching the laws of evidence or inference too far when we say the same system must have existed in or about 1600.

Mr. Wallbran always said that the archaisms of the Sloane MS. "Freemasons' Secrets" were before the middle of the seventeenth century, and though its actual transcription is probably about 1715, yet remembering Plot's evidence, to which we shall allude later, it is not too much to assume that that consummate judge of old English was right, and that we have in it a representation of the symbolical teaching of early seventeenth century Freemasonry. Passing on from 1646 to 1682, we learn that in that year Ashmole received a "summons" to attend a lodge in London, so that a form of summons was then in use. His language is somewhat obscure, especially in his use of the word "fellow," but an initiation took place of several candidates. To make the chain of sequence still more complete, we ought to have alluded to Bro. Ryland's very able papers about Randle Holmes, by which it clearly appears that he fully recognized the difference between the City Company and the Society of Freemasons, and that the Harleian MS., which is among the Chester papers, belonged to a lodge at Chester, and that we have there a portion of the minutes of the lodge.

In 1686 Dr. Plot made a statement concerning Freemasonry in his "History of Staffordshire" which is an exact description of our Masonic system still, as regards its speculative character, and no one can doubt who reads the words of this non-Masonic writer that he describes a system akin to our own. The MS. of the Lodge of Antiquity is another "missing link," as it contains the name of Bro. Padgett, who was Clerk to the Society of Freemasons, but was not, it is asserted, a member of the Masons' Company. We have traces of a lodge at York in 1690, at Alnwick in 1705 and which must necessarily be earlier even, at Swalwell, the Lodge of St. Paul's, now the Antiquity, and then, in 1717, the old Masons revive the Order. I leave out here the consideration of the mention of Freemasons, or the use of the coat-of-arms and other points, as they are only collateral issues.

There are two further important points connected with seventeenth century Masonry to which we must shortly allude. What is the exact force of the 1042 Harleian MS. We have always felt that it is a very important "factor" in the question, though Oliver by his uncritical and hasty use of it did much to discredit its authority and impair its value. If the authorities of the British Museum are correct, it is before 1663. If so it rather, as we see it, strengthens the argument we have been submitting for the existence of a seventeenth century Masonry, and would, if really of early date in the seventeenth century, give the sanction of the Craft to a system which we apprehend had been creeping on all over the country, from the suppression of the Guilds in the first or second year of the reign of Edward VI.

The question of the connection of Inigo Jones and Sir Christopher Wren with our Order cannot be left unnoticed. There are many difficulties about both admittedly, but on the whole we are strongly of opinion that the Masonic tradition in each case is true. Anderson's silence in 1723 is certainly a very difficult matter to explain, but it is quite possible that as time was precious, the 1723 Constitutions, which seem to bear on their face the marks of hurry and incompleteness, were solely issued to meet a passing need of some authoritative publication, and were always intended to be preparatory to a fuller and more careful compilation. If Sir Christopher Wren is represented in this frontispiece it would confirm the old tradition, though the apparent ignoring of Sir Christopher Wren by the Grand Lodge is another severe difficulty. Dermott's later explanation, if unverified, no doubt lends force to the arguments of those who deny Sir Christopher Wren's Masonic claims as Grand Master. Those who doubt Anderson's assertions in 1738 must go further, for there is no "via media." His statements are either true or untrue; he either invented these "facts" or had access to MSS. unknown to us.

The use of the coat-of-arms is a very curious fact, which has never yet been satisfactorily explained. The arms were granted to the Masons' Company in the reign of Edward IV., and were used by Guilds of Freemasons up and down the country. Dermott declares that Leon Judah, the learned Rabbi of Modena, (a real personage), left these arms on his papers, and that he exhibited a plan of the Temple about 1680, (a fact), and we have seen a panel, which is believed to be seventeenth century work, with these identical arms. They, no doubt, may have belonged to a Guild. Thus there are four coats-of-arms for us to deal with—the old grant by Benoit, the form published by Dermott, the York arms of Edwin, and the coat-of-arms finally approved of at the Union.

We invite then all Masonic students to turn their attention to the seventeenth century evidences, which we doubt not still exist, and which, if critically examined and carefully and honestly treated, will supply us with sufficient light to enable us to trace accurately the onward progress, historically, of our wonderful and world-wide Order. From a different point of view, and on different grounds, we are in danger of repeating the errors of an earlier generation. We have already made shipwreck on the quicksands of uncritical treatment of evidences. Let us not to-day be unwisely affected by too hasty negations, or too hesitating conclusions.

### CONSECRATION OF THE GRANITE LODGE, No. 2028, AT NARBOROUGH.

#### ESPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

A special meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Narborough Hotel, Narborough, on Thursday, the 14th inst., for the purpose of consecrating the Granite Lodge, so named after the stone with which the district abounds. The attendance of brethren was numerous, testing the accommodation of the very convenient and prettily-arranged lodge room to the utmost.

In the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Ear Ferrers, the chair was taken by the Deputy Prov. G.M., W. Bro. George Toller, jun., P.G.S.B. Eng., who proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge, assisted by Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; W. Langley, acting as Deputy Prov. G.M.; C. E. Stretton, as Prov. G.S.W.; Miles J. Walker, as Prov. G.J.W.; R. Waite, Prov. G. Treas.; Rev. A. P. Dawson, Prov. G. Chap.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; S. Cleaver and E. Watson, Prov. G. Deacons; J. Young, Prov. G.D.C.; C. Gurden, Prov. G.A.D.C.; John Wiggins, Prov. G.S.B.; T. B. Laxton, Prov. G. Org.; R. R. Cole, Prov. G.A.P.; and H. J. Goodall, Prov. G. Stwd. The Prov. G. Sec. read the petition and warrant of the new lodge, and at the request of the Deputy Prov. G.M. the venerable Bro. Kelly took the chair, and performed in the most impressive manner the consecration ceremony. A carefully prepared and very excellent oration was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Ambrose P. Dawson, M.A. The musical part of the ceremony was most ably rendered by a Masonic choir, under the guidance of Bro. T. B. Laxton, Prov. G. Org.

The consecration ceremony being concluded, Bro. Kelly installed Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.M. 50 and 1130, P.P.G.S.W., as first W.M., and he was duly proclaimed and saluted. W. Bro. R. Waite, Prov. G. Treas., was elected as Treasurer, and, together with the following brethren, invested as officers of the new lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Metcalfe, W.M. 1767, S.W.; F. B. Wilmer, J.W.; M. J. Walker, Sec.; Jno. Young, S.D.; and G. Jessop, J.D. Bye-laws were adopted for the government of the lodge, and 13 candidates proposed for initiation.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in moving a vote of thanks to those brethren who had so kindly attended to inaugurate the Granite Lodge, proposed that the following should be elected honorary members, viz., R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; W. Bros. G. Toller, jun., D.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. Rev. A. P. Dawson, Prov. G. Chap.; W. Bro. J. Young, Prov. G.D.C.; and Bro. T. B. Laxton, Prov. G. Org., which was duly seconded by W. Bro. J. METCALFE.

The lodge was then closed, and Prov. G. Lodge resumed, when, after several matters had been considered, and a revision of the Prov. Grand Lodge bye-laws determined upon, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in form at six o'clock. At the banquet afterwards (which was all that could be wished for), under the presidency of the acting Prov. Grand Master, the usual toasts were honoured, and a very successful day brought to a close in time for the return of the large number of the Leicester brethren by the last train.

There is every reason to hope that this new lodge, held in a prettily situated village in a most comfortable and suitable room in its well-ordered little hotel, with good train service within a quarter of an hour's run of Leicester, will soon take its place among the sister lodges; and as it is at present determined to meet during the summer months, when nearly all the other lodges in the province are closed, it will afford the opportunity of getting a pleasant run out into the fresh country air to the hard-worked brethren of Leicester and Hinchley, especially as it is held on the Thursday half-holiday. This is, we believe, the ninth Craft lodge which the veteran P.P.G.M., Bro. Kelly, has consecrated in the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, his interest in Masonry being as fresh as it was nearly half a century ago.

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Charles A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. The other brethren present were:

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Charles Greenwood, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. Mann, Thomas Cull, G. P. Britten, E. White, Capt. A. Nicols, Saml. H. Parkhouse, W. Stephens, G. P. Britten, W. Winn, H. Garrod, E. F. Storr, J. H. Southwood, J. H. Matthews, Charles Dairy, Thomas Minstrell, Arthur E. Gladwell, Walter Hopekirk, W. H. Perryman, F. R. Spaul, H. McPherson, Chas. Fred. Hogard, Geo. P. Gillard, David D. Mercer, W. H. Chalfont, T. B. Daniell, Robt. James Vincent, Edwin Halliwell, W. M. Foxcroft, John Stedman, R. F. Hosken, George Coleman, E. Bridges, J. Newton, Frederick T. C. Keeble, Thos. Hutton, G. Kenneday, Charles Kempton, Thos. Harper, Charles F. Foakes, H. W. Meyer, H. Cox, C. Narrer, J. H. Roberts, Irvine Harle, T. W. Ockendale, Fred. W. Farnfield, Thos. S. Kennett, Joseph Harling, Thos. Gardiner, John Tovell, George Klench, B. Ridge, W. H. Honey, J. R. Tolliss, J. L. Cross, T. W. Eastgate, Chas. Sims, M. Graham, H. S. Godolphin, George Tarney, John Murch, A. Marvin, William Hurst, W. J. Spratling, R. J. Taylor, A. Holmes, Geo. C. Palsford, W. Mansted, H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Board of Masters was first held, at which the agenda paper for Grand Lodge next Wednesday week was read. At the Board of Benevolence two recommendations made at last meeting were confirmed. Of the new cases there were 26 on the list. Five of these were deferred. The remainder were relieved in a total sum of £490, which was made up as follows: two grants of £50 each (£100); two of £40 each (£80); three of £30 each (£90); three of £25 each (£75); three of £20 each (£60); two of £15 each (£30); five of £10 each (£50); and one of £5 (£5).

### LODGE DUTIES.

A LECTURE DELIVERED BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.M. 1611,  
PROV. S.G.W. N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

We have heard something of late years about "Masonic Sermonizing," and some scribes have told us that the days for that sort of thing passed away with Dr. Oliver, a venerable Masonic writer whose voluminous works abide with us and are a staple source of information, and that we have now neither part nor lot with the figments of the fancy of that famous Mason. Dr. Oliver was, they tell us, a wild enthusiast, a dreamer, and his works may be thrown on one side in these enlightened days as so much chaff in which the stray grains of wheat are so scarce as not to be worth looking for. I am afraid that those who make these assertions have either not read Oliver or read him to very little purpose. It is perfectly true that the learned Lincolnshire rector was no historian. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and he was ever ready to accept statements as facts so long as they fell in with his own preconceived ideas of what Masonic history ought to be, and what he believed to be its story of the past. He was an industrious collector of facts, an unwearied investigator of old books and libraries, and the mass of information of all kinds bearing upon his beloved Craft that are to be found in his works, and especially in his "Landmarks of Freemasonry," will always afford a most useful resort for the Masonic archaeologist and will even remain a monument to the enthusiasm, the intelligence, and the learning of its genial author. But there was one thing that Dr. Oliver did which, if carried out now by those who have succeeded him as leaders in Masonry, might effect a great and lasting benefit to the Order. His Masonic lectures, sermons, call them what you will, are excellent, and nothing more practical, more in accordance with the teachings of the open volume before us has ever been published to the world than the advice given by that sage old brother to the brethren in his province at the beginning of this century. I am by no means sure that the Craft we all love so well is not suffering for lack of some advice such as Dr. Oliver could have given its members, and it seems to me that as day by day we see the advance of Atheism, under the assumed guise of science, threatening all the principles upon which the grand position of this country has been based, it behoves Freemasons more than ever to stand shoulder to shoulder and to offer their united fiercest resistance to movements that would destroy all we have been taught to love and venerate. I think that our lodges might be made, far more than they now are, a field of usefulness for the instruction of members in those high and great principles which are the foundation of our Constitution. If brethren better understood the duties they owe to the Craft in general and to their own individual lodges in particular, we should hear much less of the lack of interest taken in the art by brethren of standing and education. We should not so often have to lament the absence of the older members of lodges from the regular meetings, and we should not meet the difficulty, so often apparent, of finding men really fitted to undertake the duties and responsibilities of the chair.

I believe that a very large number of Freemasons, even of those who have achieved very high positions, who are most useful men in society, and who are regarded as our leaders, have never realised the genuine objects for which our Society was founded, and what is its true mission. Every intelligent man must have his own ideas on all subjects, and no doubt every Mason is entitled to his own view in all matters, but I believe our late Grand Master the Duke of Sussex was very near the truth when he said there were not a dozen Masons living in his day who knew what Freemasonry really was. We have a magnificent ritual, in which we are taught the leading features of a grand system of morality, and I am prepared to grant that if our code were faithfully lived up to there would be little or nothing to desire. But I somewhat fear that our ceremonies have come to be regarded as a mere form, and that after his first introduction our novitiate often loses any good impression he may have received at his entrance. It very naturally appears to him that he knew perfectly well, before he saw the light in a Masonic lodge, all the teaching laid down before him during the ceremony; and, as familiarity breeds contempt, he soon comes to look upon the whole thing as a wearisome repetition of pretty words.

It was once said to me by a brother well known in the Craft, and who has been a successful worker in the noble cause of our Charities—"If it were not for the Charities Freemasonry would not be worth ten minutes of the attention of any intelligent man." Now, brethren, I venture to say that the brother who made that observation, with all his virtues and in spite of all his good works, had never mastered the true objects of Freemasonry; he was entirely ignorant of the "raison d'être" of the Craft. In opposition to the idea enunciated or propounded in his sentiment, I contend that Freemasonry is not a charitable Society except in the very highest sense of the word, and that if there is nothing more in it than the maintenance of our three great and splendid Institutions it is not only not worth ten minutes of the attention of any intelligent man, but that we are a parcel of utter fools, wasting our time and a large part of our means upon childish follies. The old Templar idea was the true one. "Love to God and Man" was their ancient motto, and that is the real motto of Freemasonry and the true meaning of the word "Charity." I should be very sorry to think that there was even a semblance of truth in the remark of the brother I have quoted. We need not pay fees of many guineas or deck ourselves in gold lace in order to secure the privilege of subscribing our means for kindly and charitable objects. Freemasonry in its speculative and present form was constituted for the purpose of kindling and keeping alive human and divine sympathies, to preserve a solid platform whence the barriers of class jealousies should be for the time removed, to teach society that in the eye of the Great Architect, and under the hand of the King of Terrors, the peasant is the peer of the Prince, and to keep before the view of the salt of the earth the advantage to be derived from the exercise of that charity, which indeed does include the giving of alms, but in itself is far superior to such a detail—the charity that never faileth. Our Charities were quite an after-thought, a growth that became a strong necessity as the Craft grew in numbers, and when candidates began to be admitted who were not in such a position of financial comfort as was intended and expected by those who founded the Society; and as it became seen that relief was to be had by decayed brethren and their orphans, it gradually grew into an inducement for needy men to present themselves, in the hope of getting something out of the Fraternity, a state of things that has in our own day become far too common, and which, already harrassing us, threatens the very stability of the Order. I am inclined to believe that if brethren could be induced to realise the obligations they take upon themselves when they range themselves under our banners, if they rightly

understood and endeavoured honestly to carry out those duties which do devolve upon every Freemason during his lodge career, the Order would take a new departure. We should no longer see empty seats at our lodge meetings, we should see a falling away of unworthy and idle brethren, and a corresponding accession of men of intelligence and position. Our lodges would become in fact what they were intended to be—level floors upon which would meet educated and inquiring men of all classes, who would exchange sentiments, elevate one another's tastes, gain one another's esteem, and realise that, whatever may be the conflict of religious or political opinion, there are things greater than dogmas of sects or fads of doctrinaires, that the great Brotherhood of Humankind is God-born, and that the highest duty of every member of it is to try to live a God-like life and to cherish God-like sentiments—that every man who denies the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe is an enemy of society and of his fellow men, and the worse and more dangerous enemy because he commonly has the special qualification of the Old Serpent, in the characteristic of Plausibility. Believe me, brethren, there is yet a grand possible future for our noble old Craft. Those who say that it is an effete organisation, that its members are overgrown children, that its ceremonies are meaningless twaddle, talk of what they do not understand. Freemasonry is like a galvanic battery. It makes no show, it is passive and seemingly inert to the outer world—and, I am sorry to think, and to know, to many of its own members as well. But let the contact once take place. Let two Masonic hearts that love the true principles of the Order meet and the thrill is felt in a moment. The electric current of sympathy and the anxiety to effect some good for the Order and for the great brotherhood of man runs unchecked through the fraternal circle—and the union is complete. And this is why I have selected as the subject of my address to you to-night—"Lodge Duties"—because I wish to sketch out for you some ideas of my own as to what are the duties that fall to the lot of the average Mason as he passes through the phases of a Masonic life in his lodge, and I hope to be able to prove to you the advantages that would accrue to our Order could we induce our brethren to regard Freemasonry as not a trifling matter, but as a profession, having the highest claims upon our love and attention, and in the faithful discharge of which we might largely add to the happiness of ourselves, the usefulness of our Order, and the advancement of that time when peace shall reign triumphant over our world.

Let us then take the case of a candidate of intelligence and education—and all candidates, whatever their rank in life, should have these qualifications—who is about to pass through the ceremony of initiation. What is the duty of his proposer towards him? I sometimes have regretted to observe a great deal of nonsense talked, even to the extent of forcing the candidate into such a giddy condition of mind that the solemnities of the ritual have been unable to compel him to preserve his normal balance of thought, with the inevitable result that his earliest impressions of the Order are of the lightest and most ridiculous kind. The careless and foolish observations of brethren in the ante-room often tend to disturb the sedate feelings with which every man should enter the portals of a Lodge, and I think one of the first duties of every Mason is to check any unseemly or irreverent conduct that he may note, more especially in connection with the introduction of a novice. For these and other reasons it is most desirable that, whenever possible, a candidate's room should be provided, so that the thoughtless conversation of arriving brethren and the bustle of the Tyler should not interfere with the thoughts of the aspirant. In spite of all the many drawbacks that are apt to occur, it is usually sufficiently evident that candidates are greatly impressed by their first introduction into our lodges, and this fact alone should add weight to our anxieties that such impressions should not be rubbed off or injured in any degree. But I fear that occasionally the moulding of opinion that has been cast during the ceremony is torn or disturbed during the subsequent proceedings of the evening. I think I was never so much disgusted as on one occasion when refreshment had followed the closing of a lodge at which a candidate had been initiated, and when I had asked the novice what he thought of the ceremony. He was in the act of telling me that he was greatly impressed with the ideas suggested to him, that he thought the meeting one of the pleasantest kind, and that such an association might be productive of great good by (as poor Leech makes his cockney sportsman say) "bringing people together as would not otherwise meet." Just then came up the candidate's proposer, and said: "Now then, come along into the supper-room; the real thing is going to commence. Hope you haven't been bored to death." I need hardly say that such a speech was calculated utterly to destroy any good foundation that might have been laid that evening, and I tell the story only for the purpose of illustrating the absolute and imperative duty of saying and doing nothing that might tend to destroy, or even injure, the desire which we wish to see grafted upon every candidate's mind—the desire to take an early and living interest in the Order he joins. The same remarks stand good for the Second and Third Degrees. If candidates are permitted to slip through, with no knowledge of the test questions; if they are led to the belief that the whole thing is a farce, or an idle excuse for a festive evening, it would be far better for our Order if candidates never joined us. If the evil seeds sown are ever uprooted, it will take time and labour to effect it; but the probability is, that as long as these disappointed members live they will never forget their first impressions—which are *everything*.

And when a brother has passed through his Three Degrees, and is invested with the distinguishing badge of a Master Mason, what are his duties? I take it that they are amply laid down in general form in the charge in the First Degree, and in the investment ceremonies, in addition to which every brother hears an additional exhortation as to his lodge duties at the installation of every Worshipful Master. But it may be that there are points of duty that may be emphasised more particularly, and which are worth some comment and attention. I think that one important idea to be kept before his mind by every brother who hopes to succeed in Masonry, and to win the affections of his brethren, is that he is only one of a body, and that the objects of a lodge are not selfish, but the general pleasure and happiness of the whole Fraternity, combined with the success and prosperity of the lodge itself. Every brother should look with special reverence towards his mother lodge, in which he first saw the light, and his constant wish should be to aid its advancement and reputation. It is the absolute duty of every brother upon the floor of a lodge to aid by his acquiescence, if not by his active energy, the endeavours of the brethren upon the dais to forward the lodge interests. Those brethren have, upon the face of it, nothing to gain. They have passed the chair, the highest honour the lodge has in its power to bestow on any of its members, and the very fact of their constant attendance proves that their anxiety is to promote the welfare of the lodge. Those who have passed the chair naturally have gained, under even the most adverse circumstances, an experience that cannot have fallen to the lot of those, how-

ever old in the Craft, who have not enjoyed that honour, with its difficulties and trials, and it is only fair to them to believe that their subsequent action is urged by nothing more nor less than an anxiety for the future of the lodge that gave them their position. A brother on the floor who sets himself in opposition to the body of Past Masters on the dais forgets, or is ignorant of, his lodge duties. Such brethren are occasionally to be found, and if their cases were inquired into, it would generally be discovered that they were of a cantankerous disposition, ready to foment disturbance in any society, and pre-eminently *selfish*. For them *the lodge* has no significance. They are careless of its progress, or success, or reputation, so long as they can serve their own ends, or gratify their own ambition or spite. No lodge would be advantaged by the accession of such members, and their conduct sufficiently proves their own complete unfitness even to occupy the chair of K.S. I am perfectly satisfied that no brother of education and intelligence, who is content to work and wait, will ever work and wait in vain; but the one who tries to force events, in spite of the better knowledge and experience of his elders, will find his prototypes in the three ruffians who stayed not their hands at murder for the sake of a mad endeavour to obtain what might have been theirs by right of merit, had they not given themselves up willing victims to overweening pride and self-conceit.

The time will surely come to every well conducted and competent brother when he is asked to take an office in the lodge. This is the period when it will fall to him to prove his capabilities. It is not given to every man to succeed, and many brethren have no ambition to occupy the chair; but when a brother has the opportunity given him to exhibit his prowess, it should be his first care to render himself perfect for whatever post it may have pleased the W.M. to nominate him. Some men make a fatal mistake in neglecting their duties whilst occupying the inferior offices. Nothing succeeds like success, and if it be noticed that an officer is perfect in his work, even if he be covered by no more important a collar than that of Inner Guard, his chances of promotion will be largely increased. Every master likes to see his work done well and smartly, and those officers who are most punctual and diligent are certainly the most likely to be advanced in the future. Every officer should also feel it his imperative duty to consistently and heartily support the W. Master. He who takes an opposite course is distinctly disloyal, and forfeits his opportunities. I can quite understand a brother being placed in the chair and disappointing the expectations of his brethren, although when this does occur, I feel sure that the *fiasco* has arisen as much through the indiscretion of the lodge in placing the brother in his high position, as through any fault of the brother himself. Yet this does not excuse any member of the lodge for any act of insubordination or disloyalty.

As a brother progresses through the various offices he should make it a duty to acquaint himself not only with the ritual and peculiar work appertaining to each office, but should endeavour to master the history, traditions, landmarks, and constitutions of the Craft; and he will find his natural and ready tutors to be the W.M. and the Past Masters of the lodge. Judging from my own observations and experience, I have no hesitation in saying that no brother ever offered himself as a pupil who did not find a ready response from the dais. Generally speaking, the difficulty with the leaders of a lodge is, to find young brethren who will take sufficient interest in its concerns to spend the time and attention requisite to qualify themselves to sit on its councils, and the Past Masters are only too happy to find a rising Mason of intelligence who will work with them. It is sometimes a source of serious anxiety with old members of a lodge to note the indifference to lodge concerns on the part of their juniors, and they are happy when they find a brother who promises to follow in their steps, and to expend some of his energies in carrying out the work they have begun. The field is always large, and there is room for all, more than all, who come forward.

One thing that brethren of all grades should keep in view is the necessity to exclude from the lodge meetings everything that might tend to create a division of opinion. It is especially the case in small towns that there are questions, neither political nor religious, on which serious and sometimes hot disagreements exist, and I have known cases myself where the introduction of such subjects has led to fatal misunderstandings and the rupture of Masonic friendships. Let brethren always remember that the object of our meetings is to be happy and to communicate happiness. There are always plenty of topics in this busy world sufficiently popular to prevent any chance of discord, and it should be the duty of every brother to avoid the introduction of any subject which could by any possibility raise feelings of animosity; and, as in polite society, so in Masonry, if indications should crop up of the least feeling of soreness in any quarter, it is the imperative duty of every good Mason to turn the conversation, and hold out the olive branch of peace.

Of all the officers of a Lodge, the Wardens and Secretary occupy the most important positions, because the two former should be the right and left hands of the Master, and the latter, if a qualified brother, is to a large extent the pivot upon which the Lodge moves. The Wardens should be members *ex-officio* of all Lodge Committees, and in most well regulated Lodges they, with the Secretary and Treasurer, are members of the Standing or General Purposes' Committee, and represent in its councils the element below the Chair. Their sympathies should therefore be in accord with every member of the Lodge, and they should feel it a duty to make themselves acquainted with the feelings and wishes of the brethren generally, and should never lose an opportunity of using every endeavour to smooth over, as far as possible, any difficulty that may arise. In view of their own progress to the Chair they should especially perfect themselves in the details of the ceremonial, and impress upon their brother officers the necessity for punctuality and attention. Nothing is more depressing or wearisome to a Master than to feel himself badly supported by his Wardens, and nothing is more likely to give a good impression to the members generally than to see the chairs in the West and South promptly and efficiently occupied. When the Wardens of a Lodge arrive late, or are deficient in their work, not all the promptitude and energy of the Master can compensate. The effect is necessarily deleterious, and the Lodge always suffers, both in the estimation of its members and of their visitors. Not very long ago an instance occurred in a Lodge in one Province where the Junior Warden disputed the decision of the Master on a point of ritual in open Lodge. A more gross case of insubordination could not occur, and the brother who thus transgressed showed himself, by his action, to be quite unfit ever to occupy the Chair, since he had not learned the early elementary lesson of the duty of every brother to submit and obey. It is by the exhibition of energy, zeal, promptitude, and care in a Warden's chair that a brother has opportunities of proving to the members of his Lodge that he is qualified to preside over them, and the brother who does not realize this, and who does not act accordingly, cannot expect to rule his Lodge successfully.

(To be continued.)

**CONSECRATION OF THE GODSON MARK LODGE, No. 330, AT KIDDERMINSTER.**

On Monday last, the 18th inst., another lodge was added to the roll of Mark Lodges by the above event. There has hitherto been but one Mark Lodge in Worcestershire, the Lechmere Lodge, No. 59, at Worcester. It bears the name of the Craft Prov. Grand Master of the province, and the new lodge has been named after the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. F. Godson, who is so highly and deservedly respected, not only in his own province, but throughout the Craft. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M. of England, who had been expected to perform the ceremony, was obliged at the last moment to depute Bro. A. F. Godson to act as Consecrating Officer in his stead.

A large number of visitors from the neighbouring provinces of Warwickshire, Staffordshire, and Gloucestershire, assembled at the premises belonging to the Freemasons of Kidderminster known as the Masonic Hall and Club. Among those present we noticed Bros. F. Binckes, Grand Sec.; D. M. Dewar, Asst. Grand Sec.; Rev. W. Randall, P.G. Chap.; J. Walker, D.P.G.M.M. Gloucestershire; G. J. McKay, of Cumberland; G. K. Patten, P.G. Sec. Warwickshire; T. M. Humphries, Stafford; W. Barkley, P.G. Stwd.; W. B. Williamson, Mayor of Worcester; G. W. Grosvenor, Mayor of Kidderminster; T. H. Smith, Warwickshire, and other visitors, numbering upwards of 40. Apologies expressing great regret at enforced absence had been received from Bros. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M.; Earl of Kintore, D.G.M.M.M.; Lord Wolesey, A. M. Broadley, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Sir Edmund Lechmere, Major Tudor, Col. Foster Gough, R. Eve, T. Howkins, F. Davidson, and many other invited brethren of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge.

The beautifully-proportioned Masonic Hall at Kidderminster wore a good appearance with over 70 brethren present, when a Mark Lodge was duly opened by W. Bro. Barkley and the officers of the sister lodge of Worcester. This was followed by the advancement by the same officers of 15 brethren to the degree of Mark Master Mason.

The ceremony of consecration was then most ably and effectively performed by W. Bro. A. F. Godson, Deputy Prov. G.M.M.M. Warwickshire, assisted by V.W. Bro. the Rev. W. Randall, P.G. Chap.; V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, G. Sec.; and W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec. Bro. the Rev. W. Randall delivered an excellent and stirring oration on the principles and history of Mark Masonry.

Following the consecration, Bro. F. Binckes installed Bro. Geo. Taylor (who is well known as the Craft Prov. G. Sec. for Worcestershire) into the chair of W.M. in his usual masterly style. The S.W. is Bro. W. Clement Green, who is Hon. Sec. of the Masonic Hall and Club, and to whose unwearied exertions and good management so much of the success of the day was due. Bro. J. W. Consterdine Chadwick is J.W., and it augurs well for the future of the new lodge that there are among its officers no less than nine Masters and Past Masters of Craft lodges. It has seldom been the lot of Mark Masons to witness the splendid and faultless manner in which all three ceremonies of advancement, consecration and installation were performed. The whole of the brethren officiating were enthusiastically elected as honorary members of the lodge. Several propositions were received for advancement and joining, and the offer of Bro. A. F. Godson to endow the W.M.'s chair with a Life Governorship of the Mark Benevolent Fund was gratefully accepted.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren present adjourned to the banquet hall underneath the lodge room, where they partook of a most sumptuous repast under the presidency of W. Bro. A. F. Godson. The speeches which followed testified to the great delight experienced by all who were present in the proceedings of the day, and the visitors one and all declared they could never forget the excellent working and arrangements witnessed by them, as well as the generous hospitality they had received from the consecrating officer and the brethren of Kidderminster.

**A NEW MARK LODGE FOR THE LONDON DISTRICT.**

On Monday evening, the 11th inst., a preliminary meeting of a New Mark Lodge to be called "The Borough of Greenwich" Mark Lodge was held by invitation of Bro. H. Roberts, P.M. and P.Z. 79, at Bro. George Burney's, the King William the Fourth, East Greenwich. The following brethren attended, viz., Bros. Ralph Gooding, S.G.D. and P.M. No. 1, &c., W.M. Bon Accord; W. Kipps, P.M. 1275, &c., No. 1; H. Roberts, P.M. and P.Z. 79; H. W. Partridge, P.M. and P.Z. 79; R. Trill, P.M. and P.Z. 79, 1320, &c.; C. Fowler, P.M. 79; F. Coudery, P.M. and P.Z. 79; J. Griffin, P.P.G.D. Kent, P.M. 933, &c.; S. P. Catterson, P.M. 548, P.Z. 79; D. Bear, P.M. 1155; W. T. Hunt, J.W. 79; A. H. Satch, 79; C. A. Robinson, 79; R. Wild, 140; W. H. Burney, 109; G. Burney, W.M. 1155; C. Bedo, 700; J. Trodd, 700; and others.

Bro. Gooding having been voted to the chair, then acquainted the brethren with the object of the meeting, adding that it was felt by a great many brethren that the time had arrived when a Mark Lodge should be established in the Borough of Greenwich, and he was pleased to see so many present on this occasion for this purpose.

The whole of the brethren present (except two) then signed their names to become members as soon as the warrant was obtained. The following brethren were nominated, viz., Bros. Ralph Gooding, S.G.D., P.M. No. 1, W.M. Bon Accord, to be the first Master; Edward Spencer Stidolph, P.M. 1540, &c., 22, to be the S.W.; William Kipps, P.P.G.O. Kent, P.M. 1531, 1275, P.Z. 79, &c., No. 1, to be J.W. The petition to the Grand Master was then signed and transmitted to the Grand Secretary. The days of meeting, fees, subscriptions, &c., were decided on, and a Committee appointed to carry out the necessary arrangement for consecration, &c., and to frame the bye laws, after which a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Gooding for his kindness in presiding, and the meeting adjourned.

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**OPENING OF A NEW ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.**

For many years past it has been a source of considerable regret amongst Royal Arch Masons that so few opportunities present themselves for them to acquire instruction in the ritual of this supreme degree, and so enable them to fit themselves for the discharge of those high offices which it is the laudable ambition of all who are admitted to Royal Arch Masonry to obtain. Unlike Craft lodges of instruction, they are few and far between, and hitherto only scattered with long intervening distances, and limited to districts on the north side of the Thames. Since the days of Dr. Ladd, a great authority in the science, no provision has ever been made for giving instruction to the very numerous body of Royal Arch Masons who are to be found in the southern districts, and if anyone living in that locality was anxious for instruction, he had to travel even miles to obtain it, the nearest and most accessible place being the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement in the neighbourhood of Cornhill. This long-required change has at last come about, for in future the want will be supplied by the opening of a new chapter of instruction, called the Panmure, at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, which was inaugurated on Friday evening, the 15th inst., and its meetings will in future be conducted every Friday evening, at seven o'clock, with the advantage of having Comp. T. Poore as a most talented and courteous Preceptor. The fittings of the chapter were furnished by Comp. George Kenning, and are of a very correct and elaborate description. All Royal Arch Masons are cordially invited, and those aspiring to office will do well to enrol themselves amongst its members. At the meeting on Friday last the Three Principals were Comps. Fullwood, M.E.Z.; T. Poore, H.; and Allen, J. Comp. J. S. Terry, S.E., and Comp. J. S. Watts, P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was very ably worked and a very pleasant evening was passed.

**PRESENTATION TO A PRECEPTOR.**

On Monday evening, the 11th inst., the brethren of the Loyal Welsh Lodge of Instruction, No. 378, assembled at the Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock, for the purpose of presenting a jewel to their esteemed Preceptor, Bro. G. W. Ford, P.M., Prov. G.J.W. Western Division of South Wales. The brethren having assembled in the lodge room the W.M., Bro. T. Scott Phillips, of the mother lodge (Loyal Welsh, 378), ascended the chair of K.S., and after opening the lodge of instruction in due form, worked the First Degree, one of the brethren acting as the candidate, and after the usual questions the lodge was duly closed.

The brethren then adjourned to their large ante-room, where a very choice cold collation was spread by Bro. D. C. Hudson. After full justice had been done to the good things and the table cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and well responded to. "The Health of the W.M. of the Mother Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Ford, P.M., and the W.M. having acknowledged the compliment, said it became his pleasing duty to give the toast of the evening, namely, that of "The Preceptors of the Loyal Welsh Lodge of Instruction," to whose indefatigable efforts, and especially to Bro. Ford, all the brethren were greatly indebted.

The W. Master then desired Bro. W. G. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., to present a very handsome Prov. G.J.W.'s jewel to Bro. Ford, and Bro. PHILLIPS having pinned the jewel on the breast of Bro. Ford, in the course of a most eloquent and complimentary speech said he hoped Bro. Ford would live long to wear it, and continue his connection with the Loyal Welsh Lodge of Instruction.

Amid great enthusiasm on the part of those present, Bro. FORD thanked the brethren for their good feeling in so honouring him—a most unexpected compliment—and said his feelings were so great as to prevent him saying all he would like to; but trusted the brethren would take the will for the deed, as he would ever wear the jewel with a great amount of pride and pleasure.

During the evening several of the brethren sang Masonic and other songs, and some good recitations were rendered, making the meeting a most enjoyable one, the brethren retiring after singing the National Anthem.

**ANNUAL SOIREE OF THE CALEDONIAN LODGE AT MANCHESTER.**

On the evening of the 13th inst., at the close of the regular meeting of the lodge, the annual soiree was held, and, as usual with this famous lodge, proved a great success, the brethren, together with their ladies and friends, numbering 112. An attractive programme had been prepared by Bro. Rob. A. Eldershaw, the indefatigable M.C., and was successfully gone through under his watchful supervision. The Organist of the lodge, Bro. J. Varley, P.M. 350, P.P.G. Org. East Lancs., presided at the piano, and was ably supported by a small but most efficient orchestra. Dancing was commenced at eight o'clock in the dining room of the hall, which had been elegantly decorated for the occasion. At half-past ten the company adjourned to the lodge room for (according to the printed circular) "supper"; but banquet would have been a more correct designation for the splendid provision which had been made by our worthy Bro. Phillips, the Steward of the Freemasons' Club, and which would have done credit to any of the proudest lodges in the country. The chair was occupied by the W.M., and the rest of the officers of the lodge occupied their accustomed seats according to their several positions in the lodge. At the close of the banquet the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was enthusiastically received and duly honoured. The Chaplain proposed "The Ladies" in a short and happy speech, and on behalf of the ladies the toast was acknowledged by Bro. H. Paulden, S.W. On returning to the ball room, Miss Hains, Miss Thomas, Miss Bertha Thomas, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Shorrocks added to the pleasure of the party by rendering in an excellent style some very pretty songs. Dancing was then resumed, and kept up without intermission until close upon four o'clock. We cannot but congratulate the W.M. and officers of the old Caledonian Lodge on having scored another great success, and we are persuaded that such gatherings so successfully conducted cannot result in anything but good to the Craft in general and to the Caledonian Lodge in particular.

The following were amongst the company present: Bro. Thos. Sawyer, W.M.; Bro. Thos. Shorrocks, I.P.M., P.M.

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**EXTRACT FROM THE RECENT ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER OF QUEBEC.**

In 1880 we were in fraternal intercourse with sixty Grand Lodges, and in 1881 the three lodges under the Scotch register (Elgin, King Solomon, and Argyle) surrendered their charters and united with us, a happy consummation of the earnest and devoted labours of faithful brethren whose names will long be remembered. There then remained the three lodges under the English register standing a barrier to our supreme exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in this province. To attain this end, so fervently desired in the interest of this Grand Lodge and of the Craft at large, M.W. Bro. Graham brought the full force of his Masonic wisdom, his great abilities, and untiring zeal and earnestness. The correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England was renewed, Grand Master Graham addressing himself directly to His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England, and in a series of letters that stand unexcelled in Masonic literature assailed and carried every stronghold and barrier erected by that Grand body. He corrected mistakes made by its Grand Secretary, showed the errors into which he had fallen. From constitutional precedents derived even from the records of Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, from the jurisdiction of other portions of the old world, as well as the new, he established beyond a doubt that we were, and are, entitled to have and maintain exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in the province. He urged the expediency, in the interests of the Craft here and elsewhere, "that England either recall and cancel the warrants of these three lodges, or that they become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. That the joint occupancy of this territory by two grand bodies was tending to produce much uneasiness, discord, and confusion among the Craft." No more earnest and forcible language could have been used, yet all in the most fraternal spirit. But what availed the argument, the protest, and almost pleading? The Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, in reply to one of the above mentioned letters, said: "With reference to the points once more urged in your letter on the subject of the English lodges by you, H.R.H. our Grand Master can only again express his regret that he cannot comply with your wishes." Another communication was addressed to His Royal Highness under date of June 14th, 1881. This received a brief fraternal reply. The ultimatum had been given. The correspondence closed. Further representations and appeals would be of no avail. At the last communication of this Grand Lodge held in the city of Quebec, the M.W. then G.M. in a masterly and most exhaustive manner set forth our cause and pretensions. Yet, no relief is afforded; aggressions are more frequent and of a more virulent nature. I have thus endeavoured to follow the principle of exclusive jurisdiction as understood by this Grand Lodge from the time of its formation until I was called upon to preside over its deliberations and measurably guide its destinies. Another year has passed, and I fear the breach is wider to-day than it was, and all rising out of England's determination to maintain her position, or rather perhaps the determination of these three private lodges to continue with that Grand body and bid defiance to the only legally constituted Masonic authority now existing in this province.

In recognising the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge of England used language utterly inconsistent with her present attitude toward us. She, to whom we are bound by so many ties, refuses to do for us that which she has done for the stranger.

The question now comes with increased force, shall this state of affairs longer exist? Shall we tamely and quietly submit to have our rights trespassed on, and our territory occupied by others? Shall we content ourselves with the delusive declaration that we are a sovereign grand body? With all due deference to that Mother Grand Lodge whom we love so much, and of whose ancestry, benevolence, renown, and glory we are so proud, I unhesitatingly answer No! Let us either exercise our constitutional privileges and maintain the landmarks, or hereafter hold our peace. We have done all in our power to obtain an amicable adjustment of these differences. I advise that we now assert our rights, avow our position.

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Handbook," "Hull Packet," "Court Circular," "La Abeja,"  
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"Mining Engineer," "O Nivel," "Freemason" (Toronto), "The  
Gem," "The Tricycling Journal," "Proceedings of the Grand  
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of Masonic Meetings East Lancashire, 1884," "Weekly Courant"  
(Columbia, U.S.A.)



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1884.

## 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.]

### THE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother—

In the circular which has been issued on  
this subject there is the following paragraph: "We  
would further urge that it is very undesirable that  
a yearly canvass should be made, that the Craft should be  
divided into parties, and new elements of discord intro-  
duced by the efforts of the different sections to secure the  
election of their particular candidate."

I take it that nothing can more strongly prove the soundness of the opinion there given than the protracted and heated controversy which has now been going on for many weeks in your paper and those of your contemporary.

Some remarks are, I think, called for, and I venture to make them in the hope of bringing matters back to the true issue, and of dispelling perhaps some of that cloud of wordy dust which is attempted to be thrown in our eyes.

Those who have signed the circular are accused of seeking to dictate to Grand Lodge. Nothing can be more absurd or unfounded. I venture to say that they are a thoroughly representative body of Grand Lodge, whether representing London or the Provinces; they have not, and they cannot have, any object of their own to gain; they seek not to dictate to Grand Lodge, but to assert its dignity and its advantage, and to prevent its being saddled with a new Grand Treasurer every year at the dictation of some five or six brethren, who I am informed are the prime movers in the proposed change, and who from their position have unusual means of obtaining votes, and who, if rumour tells the truth, are putting up a most honourable office to the highest bidder. It is well at times to speak the plain truth. We have most of us heard the names of one or two other brothers to whom the office has been promised in future years by those who are "financing" the present scheme.

Sir, *this is not a question of individuals, but of principle.* The circular explains in clear and becoming language why we object to a new Grand Treasurer every year. Bro. H. Marshall may be, and doubtless is, an excellent man; our only reason for pressing the re-election of Bro. Allcroft is simply because he is a good and fit man for the office, and has not yet filled it for one year.

I am sorry to have read what I may call the "Dr." and "Cr." account of the actual sums given by each of these brethren to our Charities. To say the least of it such a comparison is especially odious, and one that must be very distasteful to both the brethren named. The signatories are charged with having issued their circular after a good many dinners; though quite willing to take my share of equal responsibility, such as it is, with others who signed the circular, I must draw the line at dinners—if there were any such dinners, I was very unkindly left out, for I never heard of them.

Much has been said about a pledge having been given to hold the office for one year only. I am assured that no such pledge was ever given, and I hold it to be exceedingly wrong to endeavour to exact such a pledge; but I might ask, Who demanded such a pledge? Who was entitled to demand it? Who were the dictators there? I repeat we do not seek to dictate to the Craft, but we are of those, and their name is many, who would oppose the dictation of a very small "cave" of London brethren who seek to play a particular game for a particular purpose, and that purpose, to our thinking, not to the advantage of the great body of the Craft.

Before concluding this too long letter, let me do an act of justice to Bro. Frank Richardson. I see that he and "Golden-square" are charged as having originated the circular. I am sorry to hear that I am not a "persona grata" at Golden-square, and if it had come from there alone, I fancy that I should not have been asked to sign it. The simple facts are, that at the first meeting Bro. F. Richardson was asked to act as Secretary; he kindly consented, has done his work admirably well, and I think we are all much indebted to him.

In the words of the circular, "I earnestly beg all those who have the interests of the Craft solely at heart to help us" by their votes at next Grand Lodge. I dislike anonymous letters, and prefer to sign myself, yours truly and fraternally,  
JOHN HAVERS.

February 18th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very pleased to note that you speak so emphatically as to the manner in which a Masonic controversy should be conducted. I quite agree with you that "all controversialists alike on both sides equally" should "give as much of 'honey and as little of gall' as they possibly can." I also agree with you that some Freemasons, when they rush into print, become "the most intolerant and inconsiderate of beings," and I am confident every right thinking brother must cordially sympathise with you in the trials to which you are so frequently condemned "by those who seem to be of opinion that all is fair in controversy, and who even insinuate, when they do not openly assert, much that they must have known, when they penned it, would deeply grate on a brother's sensibilities and sympathies." I do hope and trust that after this solemn yet reasonable warning, that pestilent correspondent of yours "Obsta Principiis" will behave himself in a somewhat more seemly fashion. The comparative mildness of his letter of last week leads me to believe he must by this time have pretty well exhausted his vocabulary of exceedingly naughty and un-Masonic words and terms such as "caucus," "cabal," "impudent dictation," and the like, the one conspicuous exception to his generally improved tone being the "boredom of twaddle" which, with exemplary judgment, he is pleased to apply to the utterances of those who appear to disagree with him. However, now that you have spoken your mind so freely and emphatically, he will doubtless see good cause for endeavouring to shape his language in accordance with your suggestions.

I will only further trespass upon your space in order to ascertain, if possible, when we may hope to be favoured with something like arguments in support of the statements contained in the vexatious circular issued by certain brethren as yet unknown to fame, unless, indeed, Bro. While's surmise as to "Obsta Principiis" being one of the number is correct. I would remind those brethren that the day for the election is fast approaching, and some of the questions I propounded in my first letter are still unanswered. Thus, I invited the author of the circular to state if he was anxious it should be understood "that differences of opinion among Masons as to the eligibility of a candidate for office, or on any other subject," were "forbidden." I also inquired of him what were "the old elements of discord already existing among the members of Grand Lodge?" seeing that, in his opinion, a yearly election was "likely to introduce 'new' elements of the same unsatisfactory character." These and other questions that have been asked deserve some notice. Even the author—or authors—of the circular must know that if they cannot meet these inquiries by something else than bare assertions the whole of their case, in spite of the strong array of very "distinguished" brethren—the term is borrowed from "Obsta Principiis"—must topple to the ground.—Fraternally yours,  
TENAX PROPOSITI.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

When I read the opening apology of "Opponent to All Principle," otherwise "Obsta Principiis," I was inclined to rejoice, for I was in hopes that he would then appear "clothed, and in his right mind." But, alas! I was premature in my conclusions. The poor fellow is so persuaded that he ranks as a Masonic Pope, and is therefore infallible, that he can scarcely conceal his terrible rage. He adds, in his last epistle, to the vocabulary of his vulgar abuse, and, with a charming lack of logic, while upholding the circular promoters, who form the only "organised band" to work in the matter, he denounces all who have faith in the common sense of Grand Lodge, and holds those who differ from him as acting as a "caucus," as a "clique," and now, as "a few brethren banded together to dictate to Grand Lodge." He made assertions in his last letter which I showed to be positively untrue, and yet he has no apology to offer for his unwarrantable statements, which had not the least foundation in fact. I must therefore say to this person, whom I cannot recognise, either by his name or language, as a brother, "Are you honest? . . . . Are you fair?" And I can answer both questions in the negative, for one who makes assertions in print which are proved to be wrong, and has no word of regret for having written them, shows a lack of honesty, and his lack of fairness is evidenced by his ill-concealed and most un-Masonic rage at having the truth placed before the brethren who will be called upon to decide, not a question of persons, but a matter of principle. The only "clique" in this matter, the only "caucus," the only "dictation," will be found to be in connection with the promoters of the circular, who have a nervous dread of their brethren, even though those brethren are all "rulers in the Craft."

Again, I take the liberty of warning those who have been led to sign this unconstitutional circular, which calls upon the constituent body of Grand Lodge to abdicate its rights, to see how far they are being led on the wrong road by so indiscreet a person as this "Obsta Principiis" evidently is. He shows himself to be the personification of absolutism and sacerdotalism. He was never a Mason in his heart, either before or after initiation, and is doubtless some "periwigged fellow" who would tear the Constitution to pieces. He calls all who would pronounce against the exercise of the franchise "distinguished brethren"—these being the brethren who have got up an organised opposition—while those brethren who simply, in the interests of good order, when town and country were met together, had a quiet chat as to how they should exercise the franchise to do justice to merit, and honour to active, benevolent, and worthy Craftsmen, are met, not by open charges, but by unworthy insinuations, by allegations without a shadow of truth, by innuendoes, by, in fact, as was well said by your correspondent "Tenax Propositus," "envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness."

Those who suggested the name of Bro. Brooks Marshall to the notice of the Craft are amply justified by the result, even of this correspondence, inasmuch as no word has been found cast upon his public or private character, and he has gained—as a distinguished citizen of London, as a gentleman, as moreover (the phrase is in the circular as the reason why the brethren should re-elect the present Grand Treasurer) "a man of good means and position," with a paramount love for the principles of the Craft, exemplified by activity in all the work of the Craft throughout his Masonic life—the goodwill of all who know him, and the respect and esteem of those who, like myself, have only watched him from afar. The opposition, so far, is not directed against Bro. Brooks Marshall; but it is a jealous dictation against the brethren generally, through the representatives of lodges, in Grand Lodge bestowing honour where honour is due, by electing to this one collar annually. This unjustifiable jealousy fears "what is to come" in respect to future holders of the cross keys; and I would beg to impress this point with emphasis upon all who have the courage to "be just and fear not." There is, I venture to declare, as much desire to maintain "the dignity" of Grand Lodge among the blues as among the purples, and he is no true man or Mason who strives, by word or act, to set class against class. This "Opposed to Principle" has done, and even the promoters of the circular will do well to repudiate one who has proved that a "little knowledge is a dangerous thing," for a signature such as this illogical inventor of allegations has adopted to be that of an anonymous opponent of right and justice, would discredit any cause. I have the honour to be, sir, yours fraternally and faithfully,  
135, Loughborough-rd., S.W. JOHN WHILE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Since the publication of the circular in your issue of the 19th ult. I have received from several brethren, list of whom I enclose, requests to add their names.—I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

FRANK RICHARDSON.

28, Golden-square, London, W., February 19th.

FURTHER LIST OF NAMES.

- J. S. Archer, P.M. 1404 and 14, P.P.G.S.W. Middx.
- Geo. Hy. Ballard, S.W. 1414.
- Jno. Bodenham, P.M. 726, 751, 1575, and 1896, P.P.G.S.W.
- N. Wales and Shrops, P.P.G.T. Staffs.
- James Churchill, I.P.M. and Sec. 1149, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey
- Wm. Henry Cronk, P.M. 1414.
- E. Evans Cronk, P.M. 1414.
- George F. Carnell, P.M. and Treas. 1414.
- John F. Carnell, 1414.
- Thos. Sam. Courtis, W.M. 1414.
- J. Dundas Down, P.M. 416, 1149, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey.
- Edward C. Davis, P.M. 23, P.G.S. Kent.
- C. Holman, P.M. 416, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey.
- John Lees, P.M. 416, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey.
- T. Franklin Lloyd, P.M. 416, P.G.S.W. Surrey.
- E. Carter Morrison, P.M. 416, P.P.G.R. Surrey.
- Ernest W. Morrison, P.M. 416, P.P.G.R. Surrey.
- Geo. K. Paxan, P.M. 416 and 1149, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey.
- Edmund A. Pontifex, P.M. 2 and 143, P.G.S.
- Chas. Jas. Smith, P.M. 416.
- Charles W. Smith, P.M. 680, 1414, and 2000.
- W. Harry Stanger, P.M. 197.
- Alfred Strong, 53, P.M. 1118, J.W. 2022.
- Thomas Wood, P.M. 1149, S.W. 416, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey.
- J. Lucas Worship, P.M. 1414, P.P.G.S.W. Kent.
- F. C. Weymss, P.M. 1615.
- A. Young, P.M. 1414.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I believe only one article has recently appeared in your columns in which the expenses of management of this Institution are referred to, and I shall be obliged, as the writer of it, if you will accord me a little space in which to offer a few words of explanation. This explanation I conceive to be necessary, as it is now a matter of publicity that the said expenses are deemed extravagant by a member of the Committee of management, and the general body of your readers will very naturally attach importance to a statement of opinion coming from such a source. In my humble judgment, the brother who raised this question at the Committee meeting on the 13th inst. would have shown a greater sense of the responsibility attaching to his position if he had withheld his remarks, more especially as he does not appear from your report to have exhibited a very profound knowledge of the subject he was anxious to discuss.

The expenses of management were set down in the article referred to—see *Freemason*, p. 40, 26th January last—as £3060; and but for a clerical error, due, no doubt, to the badness of my hand writing, the amount would have been stated as £3160. The process by which I arrived at these figures was very simple. I took the published report of the Institution for 1883 and added together the disbursements on the three funds, Male, Female, and Sustentation of Building. From the total obtained I subtracted the sums paid in annuities and the cash at call, and the sum remaining gave me the expenses. Thus: Disbursements—Male Fund, £9141 11s. 1d.; Female Fund, £8015 11s. 1d.; Sustentation of Building Fund, £29 1s.; total, £17,186 3s. 2d.; less, Annuities Male and Female Funds, £11,527; and Cash at Call on ditto, £2500; or together, £14,027; balance for working expenses £3159 3s. 2d., or, as stated in round figures, £3160. A reference to the report will suffice to show the correctness of these figures, while, as to the process employed, I must leave it to Bro. Moore to state if a better or a simpler could have been found.

Having established the accuracy of the amount which has been made the subject of censure, let me endeavour to show how causeless is the charge of extravagance, the round £30 expended in respect of Sustentation of Building being omitted as having no influence one way or the other. Adding together, where necessary, the amounts entered under the Male and Female Funds respectively, I find the expenses composed of the following items, namely: "Salaries, Office," "Collector, Commission," and "Messenger," together £1319 8s. 6d.; "Stationery, Printing," &c., £339 10s. 5d.; "Advertisements," £32 5s. 3d.; "Postages, &c., including Expenses of Election," £361 14s. 8d.; "Petty Expenses," £30 1s. 7d.; "Hire of Hall on day of Election," £5 5s.; "Rent, &c., of Office," £90; "Law Charges," £3 18s.; "Assistance in Office," £14 14s. These together amount to £2196 17s. 5d., and so nearly correspond in total with the £2196 7s. stated by Bro. Terry as representing, from his point of view, the total of the "working expenses," that I almost feel justified in regarding them as the identical items he took out for the purpose of his calculation. The following items belong to the Asylum, namely: "Medicine for Residents at Institution," £25; "Warden," £20; "Matron," £62; "Pension to late Gardener and Gardener's Salary," £83 4s.; "Rates and Taxes," £94 4s. 8d.; "Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied," £311 7s. 8d.; "Entertainment of Stewards and Annuity," £100 12s. 9d.; "Rent of Field," £33 17s. 5d.; "Architect's Commission," £13 17s.; together £744 3s. 6d. There are likewise four other items for "Provincial, &c., Expenses," "Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy," "Gratuities," and "Bankers' Charges," £2 2s. 5d., making a third sum of £189 1s. 3d.; the grand total being £3130 2s. 2d., which, with the £30 spent for Sustentation of Building, gives the £3160 already noted.

If it be said that a mere enumeration of the items of expense is no proof of economy, I will compare the above with the expenditure stated in one of the earliest reports I have at hand—that of 1875—the first that was issued after the installation of the Prince of Wales, Bro. Terry having been Secretary for rather more than two years. The expenditure as therein set down amounts to £1534 15s. 6d., the principal items being—salaries, commission, and pension of £200 to the then late Secretary, Bro. Farnfield, amounting to £953 11s.; printing, stationery, &c., £139 2s. 8d.; postages, &c., including election expenses, £142 13s. 4d.; rent, &c., office, £36, or together £1271 7s. The balance does not need to be described. The increase is no doubt considerable, but I think a glance at the following facts, which are derived from the published reports, will show that it is perfectly justifiable. The proceeds of the festival in 1875 were £7020; in 1883, £13,250; increase £6230. In 1875 the Government Stock held by the Male and Female Funds together was £41,400; in 1883, £61,525; increase £20,125. In 1875, the donations and annual subscriptions amounted for the two Funds to £7849; in 1883 to £12,888; increase £5039. Owing to these increases and the larger grant by Grand Lodge, the number of annuitants has been raised from 208 (120 men and 88 women) with 14 half-pay widows to 315 (155 men and 160 women) with 19 half-pay widows, and the annuities from £36 (men) and £28 (women) to £40 and £32 respectively, the sums paid in annuities being in 1875 £6729, and in 1883 £11,527. The numbers now on the funds are 163 men and 167 women, or together 330. It may be also interesting to state that the 11 festivals held since Bro. Terry became Secretary have together yielded £120,208, in round figures, giving an average per festival of £10,928, of which the last nine—from 1875, inclusive—have given £107,988, or £11,999 per festival. The average for the 14 festivals from 1859 to 1872, both inclusive, was £2762.

I notice from your report that Bro. Moore began by attacking the whole expenditure as being too costly, and finished by finding fault with part of the commission received by the Collector. All who are acquainted with that officer are aware that he not only works very hard for what he receives, but that he also voluntarily attends lodge and chapter night after night in order to plead the cause of the Institution, and that he does so very successfully.

I leave it to others to say if much in the way of saving is likely to be effected by meddling overmuch with an executive which accomplishes such splendid results as I have indicated.—Fraternally yours,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE ON THE R.M.B.I.

## THE CHARITY JEWEL AND STEWARDS' BADGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The article in the Book of Constitutions against the wearing jewels, badges, &c., other than those sanctioned is considerably intensified in the New Book, and the description of decorations that may be worn are better and more minutely defined, but no mention whatever is made of the Charity jewel as sanctioned by edict of the M.W. Grand Master communicated to Grand Lodge June 7th, 1876, and printed at the end of the later reprints of the 1873 edition of the Book of Constitutions.

May I ask what is to be inferred from this fact? Is the prohibition more defined and the jewels more precisely described as a warning to any future M.W. Grand Master that he has no power or authority to issue edicts allowing other jewels to be worn? Or are we to have the old edict reinserted contrary to the law? and are we to go on wearing Charity jewels and Stewards' badges as heretofore?

If it is the intention to allow these things to be worn due and proper sanction ought to be given by Grand Lodge to this effect. It will be a very severe snub to some of our more charitable brethren, should they be liable to be ordered to doff their Charity jewel with clasps, rosettes, and tri-coloured ribbon, and will nip in the bud the aspirations of some of our younger ones if they are told they must not wear their Stewards' badges, and although a good deed ought to be done for its own sake, it is just possible our Charities may suffer if our Stewards are not given decorations, or not permitted to wear them. I am much surprised that no one seems to have yet taken note of this somewhat important matter.—Yours fraternally,

A CHARITY STEWARD.

## ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I suppose that the above book will be revised in a similar manner to the Book of Constitutions (Craft)? There are several rather vague clauses in the existing book, and one in particular strikes me. What is the proper and regular way of approving of a petition to form a chapter? Must the petition be signed complete and be presented to the W.M. in open lodge, or is it sufficient to ask the W.M. and Wardens to sign the petition without bringing the matter before the lodge at all?—Yours fraternally,

P.Z.

## KING SOLOMON AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice a query by Bro. Hollon, of York, in your last. But he must know full well that to answer the question he propounds, we must prejudice and solve the whole "Crux" of Masonic legend. When he adds that Lieut.-Col. Warren found no traces of Freemasonry in underground Jerusalem, he is not correct. That energetic explorer discovered a very curious fact in itself, that the marks of Jewish and Tyrian Masons were still on underground stones, "fresh as paint," and which thus bear a silent and unconscious witness to the loyalty and reality of our ancient Masonic traditions. The earliest allusion to King Solomon and the Masons is in the Additional Matthew Cooke's MS., of date, according to Mr. Bond, British Museum, 1425, not 1490 as generally assumed. Since then the tradition has been unchanging and the symbolism of the Temple unceasing. And I may remark, there is no "a priori" difficulty in accepting as true this cherished tradition of our world-wide lore.—Yours, &c.,

MASONIC STUDENT.



## THE MASONIC WORLD. January, 1884. Boston, U.S.

This magazine, which has reached its eighth number, is, as far as we can make out, an American organ of the Rite of Misraim and Memphis. We have been struck with two articles in it, on which we think it well to make a few remarks. The first is a paper by Chas. Sotheran, "the noted author and genealogist," who is well known, we believe, to many in England, as he seems to be in the United States. It is a defence of the so-called Count Cagliostro, an attempt to "whitewash" him; indeed, at times it seeks to make him almost a "hero." Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie did the same thing, and very ably too, in his "Cyclopaedia," but, in our opinion, with but small success. We are inclined to think that the careful verdict recorded against Balsanio in "Kenning's Cyclopaedia" is the true one, and, so far, unaffected by any "gush" which may be put forth about that "interesting individual." That his real name was Joseph Balsanio is as clear as that he had no claim to that of Count Cagliostro or any other title. That he was "wanted by the police" in more countries than one is equally certain, and that he was impostor, adventurer, charlatan, is as demonstrable as anything else according to "Cocker." To make him out a patriot, a philanthropist, a humanitarian, a benefactor to his race, is an insult to our common sense, a sad way of writing history, a perfect paradox, and an entire aberration. His whole conduct, whether in Italy, Spain, Germany, Russia, England, or France, shows him to have been a consummate rogue and vagabond, and his conduct in respect of Madame De la Motte and the diamond necklace stamps him with the ineffaceable brand of lying, baseness, and fraud. There is a curious old Masonic print, most rare coloured, even rare plain, which depicts his exposure and expulsion from the Lodge of Antiquity, and the verdict of Freemasonry against him is distinct and decided, and cannot be upset by Jesuitical defences, by ingenious if unsound explanations. Lord George Gordon died in Newgate for that very libel with which Cagliostro was mixed up, and that that amiable but erratic fanatic was connected with Balsanio at all, is a proof of his own great weakness, and adds nothing to the defence of Balsanio. His stronger brother, Lord William Gordon, withdrew his countenance from the adventurer and intriguer, and the verdict of 100 years ago is the same as to-day—that his name is a discredit to Freemasonry. At page 117 is a curious passage, termed Masonic history, which so far may fairly come under Sir Robert Walpole's hearty and emphatic declaration. It reads as follows: "The word remained lost until discovered in the ruins of a temple at

Memphis by workmen employed for the purpose by Hermes the second. It was written in hieroglyphics upon two golden deltas, and was easily deciphered by the most wise and learned Hermes. [Those who would know more of its interesting history should make themselves acquainted with the ritual of the Royal Arch Degree E.M.R.M.] This word upon the triangles constituted the signet of the Grand Hierophant, and was equal to a charter giving authority to work the Degrees. (It was hereditary.) For seventy years after the destruction of the temple and loss of the word, the mysteries were almost entirely suppressed, that is, they were not worked regularly or by any particular authority, but when Apachnas ascended the throne, 1773 B.C., he released the Masons in Egypt from captivity and gave them permission to rebuild the temple [not at Memphis, but at Thebes]. His firman read as follows: 'Thus saith, Apachnas, King of Egypt: The God of Heaven hath blessed me and given into my hands the land of Egypt, therefore I give to as many of the Masons as dwell in Egypt permission to go free and unmolested to Thebes, where they may build another temple to their God.'—By order of APACHNAS, King of Egypt.—APHOBIS, Royal Scribe." We have consulted a learned Egyptologist, and he tells us that the writer of this passage has fallen into a tissue of hopeless and unhistorical blunders. The firman alleged is an absurdity. Independently of Firman being a comparatively modern Persian word, no such order or declaration exists. Apachnas, who is also called Apachnan, and even Pachnan, was a real person. Aphobis, or Aphosis as he is mostly called, succeeded him, according to one or two authorities, though according to another two kings intervened. Any such alleged Decree concerning the Masons, or "Sutekh," is an entire mistake. We regret that people professing to write history will give us legend, and we doubt the advisability of any one in 1884 making deliberate statements as to Egyptian remains, which any Egyptologist can tell us at once are unreal and unreliable, not existent and not forthcoming.

## MASONIC CALENDAR AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF WILTSHIRE. Edited by Bro. W. NOTT, Prov. Charity Secretary.

The fourth annual issue of this useful and well printed Masonic Provincial Calendar is now before us, and, as in past years, we can most truly commend it to the notice and patronage of the Craft. These little concise handbooks of Provincial Freemasonry contain a great deal of information, valuable for the body at large as for those more immediately connected with them. We note "inter alia" how under Bro. Nott's zealous labours the Charity work of Wiltshire is progressing, and that the province has now for 426 brethren 1260 votes for the charities; of these 412 are Benevolent votes and 838 Girls' and Boys'. We thank Bro. Nott for kindly transmitting a copy to us of his carefully compiled and accurately edited Wiltshire Calendar.

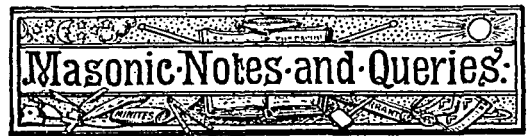
## THE LANCASTER MASONIC CALENDAR for 1884. Lancaster: H. Longman, Market-street.

Bro. H. Longman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. West Lancashire, the courteous and energetic Secretary of the Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, Lancaster, has recently compiled and issued for the first time a very neat pocket Masonic calendar, entitled "The Lancaster Masonic Calendar for 1884," which will be for the local Masons of that town what the Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book is to the general body of the Craft. It is of handy size, contains 24 pp., and is brimful of information, being in fact a *valde necesse* for local Masons. It contains dates of meetings and list of officers of the various lodges, chapters, conclaves, &c., held in the town; brief and concise information relative to the different local and principal Masonic Charities, with the number of votes possessed by each lodge for the same; and what will prove of particular interest, a chronological list of local Masonic events. The almanac is nicely printed, and reflects the highest credit on our worthy brother's Masonic spirit.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA, 1883.

We have received the official report, and though it is but as it were a normal report of a Grand Chapter far away, it presents one particular feature in it which calls for note and animadversion. The presiding officer at the fourteenth annual convocation calls special attention to the proceedings of a chapter which shall be nameless to us. To his immense astonishment he finds in a particular chapter under his jurisdiction a certain companion returned as a member, though for 14 years previously had never been returned by the chapter. On inquiry he finds that particular chapter, though it has never returned this companion's name since the formation of the Grand Chapter, has for the merit of "six dollars" condoned his past absences and arrears and declared him to be in full membership. It seems to us, firstly, that any chapter is grossly in fault which, for a payment of a trifling sum ignores 14 years' of arrears, pays up nothing to the Grand Chapter, except for the current year (we presume, of course), and proclaims this companion "in absentia" as good a member of the chapter as those who had faithfully adhered to its fortunes, good or bad. And what can we say of the companion himself, except that he must be a very half-hearted companion, with no interest in the welfare of his chapter, no sympathy for Royal Arch Masonry. We should not advert to this little matter but for the growing number of unaffiliated members on the American continent, who may be counted by tens of thousands, and constitute the weakness and burden of Freemasonry. We trust that the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia will suspend that same chapter until it makes a proper "amende," and compel it to pay up the companion's capitation payment for 14 years. If the chapter likes to compromise its own annual payments for six dollars let it do so; but let it not take away from the Grand Chapter what is lawfully and Masonically its due.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never-failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic troubles, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive, action.—[ADVT.]



## W. BRO. TEW AND ROYAL ARCH MASONRY AT DONCASTER.

I am always pleased to read any oration or address by the zealous D. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, and so have carefully studied his interesting observations delivered to the companions of the Magdalen Chapter, No. 242, Doncaster. His praise of the labours of Bro. Delanoy, M.E.Z., was well deserved, and it is pleasant to find the services of Masonic Historians being generally so well received. I trust it will stimulate other brethren to write accounts of their old lodges, not only for the sake of their fellow members, but for the information of all of us who make Freemasonry a study. The W. Bro. Tew says "the charter of the Magdalen Chapter is dated 1820, and on the 8th May, 1822, the old charter of 447 was returned to Supreme Grand Chapter, when I presume a new one was sent back in due course." I have looked into the matter, and find that the Magdalen Chapter was chartered in 1803, at Doncaster, as No. 124, (when the chapters were kept distinct from the lodges) and in response to the order of the "United Grand Chapter" (that "regular chapters existing prior to May, 1817," on making known to what lodges they attach themselves to, shall "receive renewal charters free from expence") the warrant was exchanged for the one dated in 1822. In a list of chapters (over 100 in number) that had obeyed such order, printed in the report of Grand Chapter of November 27th, 1721, occurs "447, Magdalen Chapter, Doncaster," so that it is quite clear the companions of No. 242 date from 1803, and connected themselves with St. George's Lodge when No. 447, which became 298 in 1832, and has been 242 from 1803. No. 242 completed its centenary in 1880, and the chapter its jubilee in 1883.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## 301] OLD MSS., &amp;c.

Can any brother put me in the way of studying any bonafide eighteenth century Masonic MS. of the Ritual. I have heard of one or two "floating about." COLLECTOR. Care of Editor Freemason.

## 302] PORTRAITS OF FREEMASONS.

If any brother will let me have a list of Masonic portraits of which he knows, or has seen, I will exchange references with him. I hear of some eighteenth century prints not now easily procurable. COLLECTOR. Care of Editor Freemason.



## Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185).—Presentation to Bro. Staley.—A very numerous assembly of members and visitors met at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 18th inst. Bro. A. Staley, W.M., whose reign was about to close, occupied the chair during the first portion of the programme, the business of which included the initiating of Messrs. Charles Louis Thompson, David Loebel, and Wilhelm Buecheumacher. Bro. R. Z. Bloomfield having been appointed Installing Master, proceeded with the ceremony and installed Bro. Bro. S. Barnett, S.W., into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom, and acquitted himself in a manner that left little to be desired. The new W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. Staley, I.P.M.; S. M. Boaz, S.W.; H. Peartree, J.W.; W. D. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; A. S. Myers, Sec.; W. S. Lyons, S.D.; Harry Tipper, J.D.; A. Marks, I.G.; J. M. Levy, D.C.; L. Bloomfield, A.D.C.; S. Rosenfeld, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler.

The lodge was next called to refreshment, which was ample and well served, and upon the removal of the cloth grace was sung and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts at once proceeded with. The new W.M., occupying for the first time a position which with not a few induces a considerable degree of nervousness, seemed to be quite at home at once as if he had been in the habit of conducting a Masonic lodge all his life. He also showed a great amount of tact in the brevity and practical good sense in all he had to say. It is needless to describe the manner in which the toasts of "The Queen," "Grand Master," and "Grand Officers" were given and received, for the cordiality and enthusiasm these names call forth in Masonic lodges is well known.

The toast of "The Initiates" was most ably responded to by Bro. C. L. Thompson, who remarked that he had opportunities of witnessing many ceremonies most striking and solemn in their character, but the ceremonies in one of which he had to take part and in the other had the privilege of being present, appeared to him most impressive, especially the ceremony of installation. He trusted to become a good and faithful Mason and eventually to reach the position of Master of the lodge.

Bros. Benjamin and Beam replied for "The Visitors," and both strongly eulogised the working of the lodge and expressed their appreciation and delight at the manner in which the installation was conducted.

Bro. A. Staley, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said it was with high gratification he for the first time rose to propose the health of the W.M. It had been so pleasant to witness the very able and courteous way in which the various duties appertaining to the different offices were performed during his progress towards the chair by the W.M., that he felt sure the selection of the brethren would prove of the highest interest and conduce to the prosperity of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master expressed his warmest thanks and submitted the name of Bro. Staley, whom he characterised as no unworthy successor to the many able and talented brethren who had preceded him in the chair. By his energy, zeal, and perseverance the I.P.M. had immensely benefited the lodge, for during his year of office he had initiated no less than 20 candidates.



The Immediate Past Master, thanking the W.M. and brethren for the heartiness with which the toast of his health had been received, could only reiterate his appreciation of their kindly feeling and cordial support.

In giving "The Health of the Installing Master," the Worshipful Master observed that it is frequently asserted that Past Masters are, after all, but little use in a lodge, yet what they had witnessed that evening showed how valuable was the aid of a Past Master, and with what sterling ability they performed their duties when called upon.

Bro. Bloomfield replied in a characteristic speech. Bro. N. Moss spoke in response to "The Prosperity of the Benevolent Fund," and showed that during the past year calls to the amount of £150 had been met, leaving a balance of £790; and also mentioned that the initiates had given a donation of £1 1s. each towards the fund.

The remaining toasts were then briefly given and replied to.

It should be mentioned that before proceeding to refreshment a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master, and several intimate friends, members of the lodge, escorted Bro. Staley to an adjoining room, and there presented him with a silver service, consisting of five pieces, claret jug, teapot, &c., of a quaint Queen Anne pattern, upon each of which appeared engraved his monogram, and upon one also an inscription of the sentiments of esteem and regard felt for the recipient by the donors.

Bro. Staley with considerable emotion said: Brethren, I feel at a loss for suitable words adequately to express my feelings at this unexpected mark of your goodwill and regard. I can assure you what little I have done for the benefit of the lodge has been an easy task, for the kindly and unflinching support always so willingly extended to me inspired me with the confidence that should I in any respect be so unfortunate as to fail, a strong arm will be ready to help and support, and prevent my feeling. I thank you most heartily for this very handsome token of your friendship; it will ever remind me of the happy period of my Mastership of the Lodge of Tranquillity and the affectionate friends that surrounded me, with the profoundest gratification. I trust we may be spared for many years to work hand in hand to promote its best interests and to further the grand principles of brotherly love and truth.

The presentation was made by Bro. John Ross, on behalf of a few brethren.

The P.M.s. present were Bros. J. Ross, R. Z. Bloomfield, J. Croker, S. Moss, N. Moss, Defries, Bush, Harfield, and Sydney E. Gotthel. The visitors were H. Aaron, W.M. 1668; J. M. Gartley, W.M. 205; G. W. Beam, W.M. 188; W. M. Benjamin, W.M. 1017; A. T. Leach, W.M. 749; A. J. R. Trendle, P.M. 29; A. J. Phillips, P.M. 205; J. Da Silva, P.M. 205; J. P. Benjamin, P.M. 188; J. Myers, P.M. 188; Garten, J.W. 105; Martin, S.W. 212; Hatfield, S.D. 1320; Nathan, 599; Haines, 205; Lichtenfeld, 205; Myers, 30; Brand, 72; Hills, 755; Lazarus, late of Tranquillity; E. Willis, 1305; Fox, 749; Chandler, 749; Hewlett, 193; and a number of others. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Harry Tipper.

**FRIENDSHIP LODGE (No. 206).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., when there present Bros. Chas. T. Scrivener, W.M.; J. Anderson, S.W.; W. Gowland, J.W.; S. Gamman, Treas.; A. Ramsey, Sec.; V. Arber, J.D.; Rooney, I.G.; Wiggins, P.M.; Collier, P.M.; E. Squirrel, P.M.; N. Barrett, A. Jacobs, E. J. Gillespie, and Spencer, 1597, a visitor. The lodge having been opened, the passing of Bro. Gillespie was performed, and this being the only business of the meeting the lodge was closed.

**ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 231).**—Presentation to Bro. John Messent, P.G.S.B.—An unusually interesting meeting of the members of the above lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 7th inst., when the ceremony of the installation of the W.M. was performed for the twenty-fifth consecutive time by Bro. John Messent, P.M., P.G.S.B., and occasion taken of the resignation of that brother from the office of Treasurer, which he has held for the past 20 years, to present him with an illuminated address. About 100 brethren assembled, amongst whom were the following: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Col. J. Peters, G. Swd. Br.; J. Messent, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; W. Ganz, P.G.O.; Major-General Barnett Ford, P.G.D. Bengal; John Toplis, P.M. 47, P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. Chapman, P.M. 47; H. Vickers, S.W. 47; Col. Harrington Trevelyan, P.M. 563; E. P. Freeman, P.G.S. Sussex; Henry Alcock, 162; Henry Parker, P.P.G.O. Middx.; Francis Webb; Henneker Rance, 859; G. Ford, 271, P.G.R. Sussex; W. E. Ransford, P.M.; F. Kirk, P.M. 503, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; W. W. Humphrey, P.M. 538; T. Olig, I.P.M. 1287; J. Boyd, P.M. 173; T. Yeo, W.M. 705; W. Meybrick, W.M. elect; Bayley Mason, I.P.M.; Dr. J. H. Paul, P.M.; Alfred Richards, P.M.; W. Sutton, P.M. 21; Robbins, P.M.; Bridger, P.M.; E. Roger Cutler, P.M.; Calkin Lewis, P.M.; Weston, P.M.; Gregson, P.M.; Edwards, P.M.; C. D. Hoblyn, P.M.; W. Chubb, P.M.; R. Kyrle, S.W.; G. Bishop, J.W.; C. Harding, P.M.; Henry Cutler, Hon. Sec.; S. Parker Dixon, S.D.; F. Strobell Bouilly, J.D.; Fletcher Berch, I.G.; R. Smith, W. J. Nutting, F. J. Bailey, G. Miller, H. J. Price, S. A. Walker, St. Leonard Chubb, J. Lee, W. Sherwood, C. J. Percival, W. T. Pugh, W. Giffard Dévey, and others. Letters of regret at their absence were read from Bro. Col. Shadwell Clarke, G. Sec., and several other brethren.

The lodge being opened according to ancient form and the usual ordinary business disposed of, the W.M., Bro. Bayley Mason, rose and said: Bro. P.M. Messent, I have now to perform one of the most pleasant duties that has devolved upon me during my year of office. It is a very great satisfaction to me to be made the mouthpiece of the lodge on this occasion, one of the most gratifying that has occurred during its long existence. The lodge has on more than one occasion given substantial testimony of its appreciation of the good "suit of service" you have rendered during the long period of 20 years that you have so admirably filled the office of Hon. Treasurer with such tact, judgment, and courtesy, and during which time you have shed a lustre on our lodge and risen to the first rank in Freemasonry. I have now, Bro. Messent, to ask your acceptance of this scroll. Intrinsically, perhaps, not of so

much value as other gifts you have received, but to your naturally poetic temperament it is in a form that will be pleasing to you, for as our poet has said "Thanks to men of noble minds is honourable meed." Sir, you have "honourable meed," for you have the thanks of the whole lodge, and if one thing more than another can enhance the value of this testimonial it is the fact of its being perfectly unanimous and bearing the signatures of every brother in the lodge, and one, which you yourself, sir, your friends and those near and dear to you can always look upon with just pride and satisfaction. Personally I have to thank you for your kind assistance and consideration during my year of office and to recapitulate the kind expressions conveyed on this scroll, for "kind words can never die," that is my philosophy; so with every kind wish, the respect, esteem, and I may add the affection of the entire lodge I beg your acceptance of the testimonial.

The testimonial, which is perhaps one of the most elaborate ever produced, is renaissance in style and composed of a grandly designed groundwork of gold, upon which is displayed various figures emblematic of Masonry and holding shields charged with emblems all in their proper colours; there is also a profusion of roses of various hues and thistles displayed and brought in between the scrolls, giving a massive yet elegant appearance. In the top centre points is a richly designed niche wherein stands the figure of St. Andrew, being the patron saint of the lodge; in the bottom centre point is a circular shield of silver, upon which is placed the crest of Bro. Messent; the background of the design is filled in with chocolate colours giving a fine artistic effect. The writing is in gothic letters, with rich illuminated capitals in which Masonic emblems are introduced.

After the presentation of the testimonial, which was made in due form, Bro. Messent, P.G.S.B., amid much applause, responded, and said: It will not surprise you, brethren, if I find myself somewhat wanting in words to express my feelings to you to-night. The subject I have to speak on is not, in one sense, a good one, and besides I have been the recipient of so many kindnesses and compliments at your hands that it cannot be wondered at, I am sure, if, on the placing of this the coping stone on the structure of your fraternal affection and good fellowship, I find my stock of thanks limited. Still, in the most grateful way I say brethren, I thank you. I shall always look upon this elegant present as I have on others, and value it, as I have others, not on account of their intrinsic value, which has been great, but as symbolic of the kind and fraternal affection which for over a quarter of a century has existed between myself and the members of the St. Andrew Lodge. I was initiated in the lodge in the year 1855. I had the honour to be J.W. in 1857, S.W. in 1858, W.M. in 1859, and Treasurer in 1864—a post I have held for 20 years. Since I left the chair, in 1859, I have installed every Master who has occupied it, a fact which I feel to be entirely due to the forbearance and kindness of the various brethren who have presided over the lodge, who did not like to wrest from me an honour which they could have borne as well if not better than I. And amongst the many kindnesses you have bestowed on me I cannot forget that you were good enough in the year 1876 to depute me, on the centenary meeting of our dear old lodge, to deliver the centenary address. The history of our lodge for the past 100 years I imperfectly tried to lay before you, and I now sincerely hope the lodge may exist until another and many other centenaries have passed, and that brethren of zeal and ability will be found to recount its history. And now, brethren, I wish to put it beyond a doubt that I seek to be released from my duties as Treasurer of the St. Andrew's Lodge, from no desire to shirk work, and still less because I have the slightest lessening interest in the lodge. Office in the St. Andrew's Lodge is an honour which I have enjoyed, I think I might say usurped, too long, and so I wish to hand it over to a successor. I am glad indeed that that successor should be my old friend and worthy Bro. Major Charles Harding, P.M., with whom I have been associated professionally and Masonically for very many years, and who you will see is to have the honour, and a most distinguished one it is, of proposing the re-election of our beloved Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at next Grand Lodge. In concluding my most imperfect remarks I beg to thank all the brethren whose united efforts have produced the elegant present you have been so good as to offer me this evening. I refrain from mentioning the names of any lest I should omit one, and I conclude by wishing the brethren every possible blessing and the lodge all prosperity. I hope to remain a member of the lodge for many years and to do my share to ensure both.

The ceremony of installing the W.M., Bro. Michael Maybrick, was performed by Bro. John Messent, P.G.S.B. The ceremony being concluded, Bro. Hoblyn, P.M., reminded the lodge that during the vacation the brethren had presented their esteemed Hon. Secretary with a testimonial consisting of a silver salver with suitable inscription and a diamond ring. On account of the vacation this presentation was made out of lodge, and he now begged to move "That this lodge desires to express its best sympathy with an entire approval of the action taken by the brethren in presenting to Bro. Cutler a testimonial which this lodge considers is but a just tribute to one who has served the lodge long, faithfully, and well, and has by his kindness and urbanity so endeared himself to its members. The motion was recorded by Major C. Harding and unanimously carried and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Cutler. Other matters were disposed of and the brethren adjourned to a banquet prepared in their best style by Bros. Spiers and Pond.

The W.M., Bro. Maybrick, presided, and the usual toasts were given and responded to; that of "The Grand Officers" by Bros. Sir John Monckton, Pres. B.G.P., and Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; and that of "The Visitors" by Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.R. Sussex, and Bro. Geo. Chapman, P.M. of the Newstead Lodge, Nottingham.

An excellent selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Parker, P.P.G.O. Middx., and the proceedings, which had been of an unusually interesting and enjoyable character, did not terminate until a late hour.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 715).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. H. Seymour Cutler, W.M.; Herbert Cuff, S.W.; E. Anderson, jun., J.W.; H. Birdseye, P.M., Sec.;

J. E. U. Green, S.D.; E. Richardson, I.G.; Crossfield, P.M.; W. Birdseye, P.M.; Zivinger, P.M.; Jonas, P.M.; Cope, P.M.; and M. Bennett. Visitors: Bros. Jarvis, W.M. 14, G.S.; Orchard, P.M. 198; Barnett, W.M. 1673; George Kenning, P.M. 192, 1657, P.G. D. Middx.; Hawkins, P.M. 1693; Pirie, P.M. Star of Burmah; Head, Joy, Carnell, Mann, Upfield Green, and D'Arcy.

The lodge being opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. W. H. Seymour Cutler proceeded to install his successor, Bro. H. Cuff, into the chair of K.S., which he did in a masterly and eloquent manner. The following officers were then invested with collars of office: Bros. Anderson, S.W.; Green, J.W.; Bennett, S.D.; and Richardson, I.G. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cutler on his retiring from the chair, after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, under the chairmanship of the new W.M., Bro. Herbert Cuff, who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and the enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced with some excellent music and recitations from Bros. Jarvis, Hawkins, and other brethren. Bro. Richardson will represent the lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Present: Bros. David Hughes, W.M.; McClelland, S.W.; E. Harris, J.W.; John Hughes, I.P.M.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; Henry Harbord, S.D.; Daniel Hughes, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; R. Pittam Stevens, I.G.; R. F. Whur, W. Stwd.; J. Woodstock, Tyler; Gillard, Haylock, and Hoddinott, Stwds.; W. Lewis, P.M.; G. A. Cundy, P.M.; Dance, P.M.; Derry, Torry, Gross, Barwell, Venner, Ross, Chivers, Bater, Barwell, Chamberlain, Taylor, Watkins, Rubardt, Whitnall, Harden, G. Smith, Parker, Vears, Diamond and Fimster.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Glanville and Ross were passed to the Second Degree. The lodge unanimously voted 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward. The brethren then adjourned to supper, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in able form by the W.M.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 12th inst., and was well attended, there being present Bros. G. Coleman, W.M.; E. Jacobs, P.M. and Treas., acting S.W.; G. Ralph, acting J.W.; W. Bourne, Sec.; T. A. Dickson, S.D.; B. Solomons, J.D.; Bassett, D.C.; John Figgiss, I.G.; S. Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; G. Reynolds, A.W.S.; W. A. Gulliford, I.P.M.; C. Kedgely, P.M.; G. A. Holditch, Z. Mordecai, E. Ralph, J. W. Woodward, Frank Gulliford, S. Hewett, G. H. Reynolds, C. J. Shannon, J. Mayo, W. F. Thorpe, W. Unwin, Thos. Snow, James Woodward, W. S. Ralph, W. Cousins, Thos. A. Thompson, Turner Wilson, H. Isaacs, G. C. Howard, A. Isaacs, W. C. C. Essex, and James Bellamy. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Smith, 1563; W. Fowles, 1348; T. Mordecai, 1248; J. Cox, P.M. 190; E. Withers, 795; H. Hyams, 1348; E. Solomons, 1997; and J. Cruttenden, 779.

The W.M. opened the lodge and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Mayo, S. Hewett, Frank Gulliford, G. H. Reynolds, G. A. Holditch, C. J. Shannon, and D. Mordecai were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in a most impressive manner by the W.M., who afterwards passed Bros. W. T. Ralph, W. Unwin, T. Snow, and J. Woodward to the Degree of F.C., all the candidates being most attentive to the ceremonies. The Auditors' report, which was read at the last meeting, having been confirmed, the W.M. received the "Hearty good Wishes" of the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to the banquetting room, where a capital dinner was provided.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. W. H. Gulliford, I.P.M., said it was with a great amount of pleasure and satisfaction that he took the gavel in his hand to propose what he felt sure the brethren would drink most heartily, and that was the health of their W.M. He felt it was a great honour. At their last happy meeting attention was called that he was the child of the lodge. He was now in the noble position of W.M. He was their first initiate, and his attention and perseverance all through his offices from I.G. to W.M. was a model to all. He would now ask the brethren to drink the health of the W.M. with bumpers, wishing him a happy year of office.

The Worshipful Master in reply thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which his health had been drunk. He felt very sorry that his two Wardens were absent through illness, which all would regret, but he had been ably assisted, especially by two visiting brethren, who were constant attendants at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, and it only proved to him how necessary it was to Masonry that the lodge of instruction should be well supported. He had the interest of the lodge at heart, and would do all in his power to promote its success.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the health of "The Visitors," coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Cox, P.M. 190, and W. C. Smith, 1563, who severally acknowledged the toast, the latter brother remarking that he met the W.M. constantly at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, and he much regretted that their dear old Preceptor, Bro. W. H. Richardson, P.M., was not present to see the Worshipful Master's admirable working.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters" spoke highly of the I.P.M., Bro. Gulliford. They had worked well together at the lodge of instruction. Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M. and Treasurer, took every care of the funds, and Bro. Bourne, P.M. and Secretary, devoted much time and attention to the Lodge. Bro. Kedgely, P.M., was always amongst them, and gave great assistance to the lodge; and Bro. S. Jacobs, P.M. and W.S., all knew him well, and how he performed his duties.

All the brethren mentioned in the toast having spoken in acknowledgment, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers." He knew he had the sympathy of the brethren with his Wardens in their illness and being unable to attend. But their duties had been well fulfilled. All officers had done their duty well, and he would call upon Bro. Dickson to return thanks, who accordingly responded to the toast.

Bro. G. Reynolds, the Secretary to the lodge of instruc-

tion, acknowledged the good wishes of the brethren expressed upon discovering it was the anniversary of his birthday. The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening, to which Bro. Bassett with his wonderful conjuring, Bro. Fowle's recitation, and the musical talents of Bros. Essex, G. Ralph, Frank Gulliford, and G. Hudson, added considerably.

**LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 15th inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. Walter, C. Claridge, W.M.; G. C. Mathams, S.W.; A. Haigh Brown, J.W.; A. McDowall, I.P.M.; W. McDougall, Treas.; N. Green, P.M. and Sec.; A. H. Sandle, S.D.; W. J. Tasman, J.D.; E. W. Smith, Org.; L. V. Walker, I.G.; J. D. McAlpin, M.C.; J. C. Tilt, 1st Stwd.; Jno. Green, 2nd Stwd.; J. Lackland, Tyler; also Bros. Morris, Hancock, Nuding, Stein, McNish, C. G. Brown, Kitchingman, and W. S. Wright. Visitors: Bros. A. Ogden, 706; J. D. Gellen, 1599; H. Nuding, W.M. 140; E. E. Smith, P.M. 1559; and Eaton Farring, W.M. 1760.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Sloper Wright, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was declared elected, and the W.M. initiated the candidate into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

**SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 14th inst., Bro. J. C. Moor, W.M., presiding. He was supported by Bros. C. McNamara, I.P.M. and Prov. G. Std. Br.; A. T. Munro, P.M. 949; T. Pinkney, W.M. 1578; J. E. Nelson, W.M. 80; J. Egglestone, P.M. 949, and the following officers of the lodge: Bro. J. R. Pattison, S.W.; R. Singleton, J.W.; G. C. Watson, P.M., P.G.J.D., Sec.; Edwin Clarkson, S.D.; Christopher M. Wake, J.D.; H. Simpson, acting I.G.; John J. Clay, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D. of C.; E. G. Watson, Org.; Wm. A. O. Sutcliffe and J. G. Marshall, Stwds.; Wm. Birch, Auditor; and J. Brown, Tyler. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been confirmed, Bro. William Jackson, 949, was elected as a joining member. Bro. Dr. Pearcey was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. A. T. Munro. Bro. J. J. Clay announced that a petition for a new lodge, to be conducted on total abstinence principles, had been prepared and duly signed. The Prov. Grand Master, the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., had much pleasure in acceding to the wishes of the promoters that the lodge, if duly warranted, should be called the Londonderry Lodge. The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. R. Hudson, was proposed to be the first W.M.; J. C. Moor, W.M. 97, to be the first S.W.; and Deans, J.W. 80, to be the first J.W. He (Bro. Clay) had much pleasure in proposing that the petition be approved and recommended by the Palatine Lodge, and signed by the W.M. and Wardens. Bro. McNamara, I.P.M., seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The W.M. announced that he, the Wardens, and several Past Masters and brethren of the lodge attended the special Prov. Grand Lodge held at Durham, on the 30th ult., to receive a visit from H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. He moved that such an important and historical event as the royal visit to the province should be placed on record on the minutes of the lodge, which was agreed to nem con. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

**KING'S LYNN.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 107).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 4th inst., when there were present among others the following: Bros. R. H. Aldham, W.M.; J. S. B. Glasier, I.P.M.; Sir W. H. B. Folkes, Bart., M.P., P.M.; Hamon le Strange, C. T. Ives, C. W. Morris, G. S. Woodwark, J. R. Chadwick, M. Mensor, M. B. Bircham, W. Patrick, G. G. Sadler, W. J. Pole, W. Seppings, and G. W. Page, P.Ms.; Rev. J. B. Slight, S.W.; Harry Green, J.W.; Rev. E. J. Alvis, Chap.; Robinson Cruso, Treas.; J. Green, Sec.; W. W. Wilkin, S.D.; G. B. Folkes, J.D.; G. Witt, I.G.; A. H. Crosse, Org.; J. G. Churchman, Steward. Visitors: Bros. W. B. Page, P.M. 71; C. Parker, W.M. 809; W. G. Sheringham, P.M. 1114; G. F. Grummett, P.M. 1114; Rev. J. C. Saunders, P.M. 859; R. F. Atkinson, S.W. 1114; J. H. Carter, 985; C. E. Ward, 985; J. L. Ree, B. D. Quinhampton, 93; and a full lodge of brethren.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Rev. J. B. Slight, was presented, and with ancient rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. G. S. Woodwark, P.M., assisted by Bro. C. T. Ives, P.M., by whom the ceremony was performed in their well known efficient and impressive manner, in the presence of a Board of 19 Installed Masters. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. H. Aldham, I.P.M.; Harry Green, S.W.; W. W. Wilkin, J.W.; Rev. A. J. Groom, Chap.; Robinson Cruso, Treas.; James Green, Sec.; G. B. Folkes, S.D.; G. Witt, J.D.; J. T. Stanton, I.G.; A. H. Crosse, Org.; J. D. Thew and J. G. Churchman, Stwds.; and G. Lake, Tyler. The Worshipful Master addressed each officer on his investiture in a manner which not only clearly defined his duties, but also evinced that he (the W.M.) was capable of ruling and directing his lodge with efficiency.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Marshall, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. the Rev. E. J. Alvis, P.P.G. Chap., eliciting a cordial and liberal response. Bro. Alvis in the course of his remarks referred to the success of the Masonic ball last April, which enabled a surplus of £28 14s. 9d. to be devoted to charitable purposes.

**MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. Thos. Sawyer, P.M.; Thomas Shorrocks, I.P.M.; Hy. Paulden, S.W.; John Cliffe, J.W.; Rev. Philip Hains, P.M. Chap.; Councillor John Roberts, P.M., Treas.; A.G.D.C. E. Lances.; Geo. T. Mullock, P.M., Sec.; Robt. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D.C.; Samuel Lawton, S.D.; Wm. Bramwell, I.G.; John Pass, S.S.; and Taylor.

Lodge having been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Bernard Steel and declared to be unanimous in his favour; after which he was introduced into the lodge and duly initiated by the W.M. The Treasurer drew the attention of the brethren to a request made by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master that the lodge would make a point of sending an annual subscription to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution. It was resolved to take the matter into consideration at the next meeting of the lodge. A dispensation was read from Prov. Grand Lodge to wear Craft clothing at the soiree of the lodge to take place the same evening. The lodge was then closed.

**CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms in the Town Hall, on the 13th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. R. Irving, W.M.; P. Yates, I.P.M.; Jos. Barnes, S.W.; J. M. Kerr, P.M. and Treas.; Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Bradshaw, Sec.; L. Eccles, J.D.; Geo. Tootell, I.G.; E. Lawrence, P.M.; J. B. Withnell, P.M.; J. Atherton, P.M. 1032, acting as Tyler; Thos. Sharples, Thos. F. Jackson, J. Willis, J. Monks, B. P. France, S. Fowler, Geo. Yates, and Joseph Hopkinson, Sec. 1032.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and after consideration of the correspondence, successful ballots were taken for Bro. T. H. Entwistle as a joining member, and for Messrs. John Henderson, Wm. McNaught, and John Scott as candidates for initiation. The next proposition was one worthy of note, as being the first of its kind in the history of the lodge, and was received by the brethren with great satisfaction. This was the proposition of Bro. Edward Lawrence, P.M., that his eldest son, Mr. John Lawrence, naval engineer, become a member of the lodge, and be initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. Kerr, in seconding the proposition, expressed the pleasure he felt not only on account of the long knowledge and acquaintance he had of Mr. John Lawrence, of his high character, qualities, and position, but of the pleasing incident, unique in the history of the lodge, and seldom occurring in any—that of an old and valued Past Master proposing his son in his own lodge. Several brethren expressed the feelings of gratification with which this happy incident had been received, and thought it augured well for the Masonic progress and prosperity of the lodge, and congratulated Bro. Lawrence, P.M., upon the pleasing event. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Kerr for his presentation to the lodge of a Festival Steward's certificate, suitably framed.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined at Stansfield's Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and they separated after having spent a most happy evening.

**ALDERSHOT.—Meridian Lodge (No. 743).**—The installation meeting of this lodge—attached to the 1st East Surrey (late 31st) Kent, and one of the few military lodges now remaining—was held at the Masonic Hall on the 7th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Magilligan, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Newington, P.M.; Rowe, S.W.; Foss, J.W.; Baldwin, Sec.; Collenson, J.D.; Nightingale, I.G.; Rodgers, Tyler; Bros. Bates, McMillen, Ballam, Basin, Taylor, and Nelson. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Robertson, W.M.; Hitchings, Norton, and Robinson, of No. 1331; Vine, P.M., 26 (I.C.); and Rouse, P.M. 175 (S.C.).

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Newington for valuable services rendered by him during his Mastership, and Bro. Newington acknowledged the gift in suitable terms. Bro. Nelson was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. Bro. Rowe was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Magilligan, who carried out the ceremony in a most impressive manner. After the installation Bro. Rowe invested his officers as follows: Bros. Foss, S.W.; Baldwin, J.W.; Nightingale, Sec.; Magilligan, Treas.; Collenson, S.D.; Wareham, J.D.; Basin, I.G.; and Rodgers, Tyler. The brethren having proposed to present Bro. Magilligan with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his past services, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

**MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge (No. 1147).**—The installation of this select lodge (whose motto is Y Duraigoch—ddyry cychwyn, "the translation of which we believe is 'The red dragon leads the van'") took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Richard Barlow, W.M.; Mark Fairweather, S.W.; Robert Chadwick, J.W.; Ishmael Davies, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Robt. Peel, P.M., Sec.; Evan Roberts, J.D.; Ellis Jones, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Thos. Elliott, P.M., D. of C.; John Oliver Evans, P.M.; Frank Griffin, P.M.; Robt. Davies Arthur Freer, Geo. Kinloch, G. H. Hewarding, J. R. Warwick, R. Vawser, Christopher Wren, and J. Sly, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. George Mellon, V.W. D.P.G.M. East Lancashire; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; J. H. Lawson, P.M. 1236, P.P.G.D.; R. Gudgeon, 322; James Rome, 1009; W. Freeman, P.M. 1354; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened shortly before four o'clock and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of installation commenced, Bro. T. R. Peel, by permission of the W.M., occupying the chair of K.S. and fulfilling the onerous duties of Installing Master by inducting the W.M. elect, Bro. Mark Fairweather, into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony and with that extreme care and correctness for which Bro. Peel has earned notoriety, to the satisfaction of all present and to the credit of the lodge. The usual proclamations having been made and salutes given, Bro. Ishmael Davies (a zealous and much esteemed member of the lodge) invested the following brethren officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Chadwick, S.W.; Evan Roberts, J.W.; Ishmael Davies, P.M., Treas. (invested by Bro. Peel); R. Vawser, Sec.; G. Kinloch, S.D.; Christopher Wren, J.D.; Frank Griffin, P.M., D. of C.; J. R. Warwick, I.G.; R. Davies, S.S.; A. Freer, J.S.; and J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. Peel delivered the three addresses and concluded the ceremony with prayer.

Before closing the lodge Bro. Peel proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted out of the lodge funds towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This sum is to be placed upon the list of Bro. Ishmael Davies, that worthy

brother having volunteered to fulfil the duties of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the institution, and thus makes a total of £66 ros. given by the lodge during the past year. A proposition, of which previous notice had been given by Bro. Ishmael Davies, that the sum of £2 2s. should be paid out of the lodge funds to each of the four representatives of the lodge who attended the Grand Lodge convocation in December last was carried, and it was stated by two of the representatives then present that the £8 8s. would be given to the East Lancashire Systematic Fund. The Auditors' report of the balance sheet was next taken and adopted, after which "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then wended their way to the Queen's Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared for them, and which gave the utmost satisfaction to all. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and included "The Health of Bro. George Mellor, V.W. Deputy P.G.M.," who replied. "The Masonic Charities," responded to at length by Bro. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," and "The Visitors," all of which were suitably acknowledged. During the evening Bro. John Greenwood (the Lancashire John Parry) gave in his unrivalled style several songs, and rendered valuable aid as accompanist on the piano.

**BUXTON.—Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann (No. 1235).**—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on the 7th inst., at the Court House, where the brethren assembled after the luncheon which took place at the close of the annual meeting of the chapter attached to this lodge, and which will be found reported in our Royal Arch intelligence. Bros. J. H. Lawson, P.P.G.D., the W.M., opened the lodge, being supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. Gladwin, J.W. and W.M. elect; W. Malam, Chap.; R. H. Lomas, Sec.; W. F. Mill, S.D.; J. E. Harrison, J.D.; T. Cooper, Org.; W. Boughen, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; C. Wilkinson, P.M.; Josiah Taylor, P.M.; P. Le Gros, P.M.; T. W. Varley, A. Oram, R. Lane, E. Broomhead, J. E. Sutton, W. R. Bryden, H. D. Hudson, W. Brierley, G. Goodwin, J. Stanley, W. F. Frost, I. Hall, T. W. Brittain, W. Lees, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Stubbs, 850, P.P.G.R. Derby, P.G.S.W. Notts; W. C. Moore, 1688, P.P.G.S.D.; John Smith, 731, Prov. G.S.W.; Capt. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.M. 62, P.G.D.; P. Bramwell, P.M. 1052, P.P.G.S.W.; G. H. Jackson, P.M. 654, Prov. G.A.D.C.; John Chadwick, P.M. 44, Prov. G. Sec.; James Whitehead, P.M. 1052, P.P.G.D.C.; J. E. Jones, W.M. 1952, Prov. G.S.B.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 645, 1387, P.P.G.D.C. East Lanc.; J. C. Hyde, S.W. 1952; J. D. Simpson, I.G. 1952; W. Cartwright, P.M. 633; Percy Evershed, S.W. 624; C. H. G. Hay, W.M. 1770; S. Robinson, 625; J. Hallam, D.C. 1952; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; J. Marsden, S.W. 654; H. Wint, and others.

After the usual routine business had been transacted, Bro. J. Gladwin, J.W., was installed in the chair by Bro. J. Chadwick, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. East Lanes., assisted by Bros. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C., and W. Boughen, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. The W.M. invested the undermentioned brethren as officers for the forthcoming year: Bros. W. F. Mill, S.W.; J. E. Harrison, J.W.; J. H. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; Rev. W. Malam, Chap.; R. Lane, Sec.; R. Lomas, S.D.; T. Cooper, J.D.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C. (by proxy); T. Cooper, Org.; H. D. Hudson, I.G.; S. Jacques, Std. Br.; E. Broomhead and T. W. Varley, Stwds.; and John Perkin, Tyler. The whole of the ceremonies were very ably performed.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Old Hall Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. The reputation of that historical building for its *cuisine* needs no comment from us, its reputation, through ages, being proverbial. In consequence of the day being the festival of both the Craft lodge and Royal Arch chapter, the toasts were made to embrace those usually observed at both Craft and Arch banquets. Bro. Beswicke-Royds responded to that in honour of "The Officers of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter," and Bro. J. Smith for "The Prov. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter." "The Newly-Installed Principals" was proposed by Comp. P. Le Gros, P.M., and acknowledged by Comps. W. C. Moore and James Whitehead; and "The Newly-Installed W.M.," proposed by Bro. J. E. Harrison, was responded to by the W.M., Bro. Gladwin, both being received with manifest enthusiasm.

"The I.P.M. and Past Principals" was proposed by Bro. A. E. Ainsworth, who in a few sympathetic words directed the attention of the brethren to the circumstances that necessitated the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Lawson, as also some of the senior members; he at the same time, with much feeling and in graphic language, pointing out the solemn lesson taught in the Third Degree.

After a due acknowledgment of the toast, "The Charities" was proposed by Bro. W. Boughen and responded to by Bro. John Stanley, the latter again expressing a willingness to attend as Steward on behalf of the Girls' School, and after a somewhat pithy speech that quaint and welcome brother succeeded in collecting the sum of £44 towards the Institution for which he so eloquently pleaded.

"The Installing Master and Principals," proposed by Bro. J. Whitehead and responded to by Bro. J. Chadwick; "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. A. E. Ainsworth and duly acknowledged; "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the W.M. and severally responded to, were the remaining toasts. The proceedings were enlivened with some excellent songs, and the meeting altogether was most enjoyable.

**BEAMINSTER.—Manor Lodge (No. 1367).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge room, White Hart Hotel, on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. S. R. Baskett, W.M.; C. G. Purkis, P.P.G. Purst., I.P.M.; J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., S.W.; A. Butter, J.W.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; C. Hann, Sec.; E. G. Legg, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., D.C.; R. Toleman, J.D.; S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., Stwd.; W. H. W. Toby, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; H. Maunders, R. R. Sansom, C. Toleman, and the following visitors: Bros. Jas. Wheatley, I.P.M. 814; F. J. Stringfellow, W.M. 814; S. Whetham, P.M. 707, P.P.G. Reg.; Thos. Giles, W.M. 707, P.M. 35, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Hants; and R. Tucker, jun., 707.

Lodge having been opened by the W.M. and the minutes of the last regular meeting and a lodge of emergency read and confirmed, Bro. J. S. Webb, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Toby, P.M., to receive the benefit of installation. The W.M. then regularly opened a Board of Installed Masters, and placed Bro. Webb in the chair of K.S. in proper form. The Board of Installed Masters having been regularly closed, the working tools of the Three Degrees were presented to the W.M., and the addresses to the officers given by Bro. C. G. Purkis, P.M., in his usual perfect style. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Baskett, I.P.M.; Butter, S.W.; Hann, J.W.; Purkis, Sec.; Andrews, Treas.; Legg, D.C.; R. Toleman, S.D.; C. Toleman, J.D.; Maunder, I.G.; S. Cox, P.M., and R. R. Samson, Stwds.; and J. Keech, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to banquet when the usual toasts were given and a pleasant evening spent. In proposing the toast of the evening Bro. Toby, P.M., mentioned that the lodge might feel themselves lucky in getting such an experienced Master as Bro. Webb to preside over them; and as a proof of the active spirit of the W.M. he mentioned that besides being W.M. of this lodge Bro. Webb held at the present time the corresponding offices in his chapter and in his Mark Lodge. Bro. Webb feelingly returned thanks and expressed his intention of doing all in his power to promote the interests of the lodge and to instruct his officers and brethren.

**TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—A "Lewis" Presentation to the W.M.**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, 12th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. J. Pepprell, when there were also present Bros. J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bradney, P.M.; J. Dodge, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Goss, jun., P.M.; A. T. Blamey, P.M.; John Lane, I.P.M.; B. Knight, S.W.; S. Garcia, J.W.; F. S. Hex, Sec.; M. Wicks, S.D.; T. Priest, J.D.; R. Lethren, I.G.; G. Rowland, D.C.; W. Hill, T. Taylor, W. Sadler, W. E. Taylor, H. C. Bolt, J. W. McKellar, T. H. Wills, F. J. Crossman, J. E. Newton, Tyler; and others.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last regular lodge read and confirmed, Bro. J. Lane, I.P.M., rose to make a personal statement in relation to the W.M. and the lodge. Adverting to the fact that their esteemed W.M. had had a son and heir born at the last lodge night (Jan. 8th), which event occurred during the very hour the W.M. was occupying the chair of K.S., he stated that the brethren had resolved to commemorate the event, which appeared to be almost, if not entirely, unique in Masonry, by presenting the W.M. with a silver goblet, and he had the honour, and felt it to be a very great pleasure personally and on behalf of the brethren in asking the W.M. to accept the same as a token of their fraternal esteem and affection. The goblet, which was procured by Bro. S. Garcia, J.W., bore the following inscription engraved thereon, a copy of which, printed in gold on a handsome card by Bro. S. Sanderson, was also handed to the W.M.: "February 12th, A.D. 1884, A.L. 5884. Presented by the members of the Jordan Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1402, Torquay, to the W. Bro. G. J. Pepprell, W.M., in commemoration of the birth of his son, Russell George Lewis, which occurred whilst the brethren were assembled in open lodge under the presidency of the Master on January 8th, A.D. 1884, A.L. 5884."

Bro. B. Knight, S.W., proposed, and Bro. J. Dodge, P.M., Treas., seconded a resolution, which was unanimously agreed to, that a record of the presentation should be entered on the minutes of the lodge. This was warmly supported by Bros. J. Chapman, J. Murray, W. Bradney, A. T. Blamey, F. S. Hex, M. Wicks, and others, who testified to the good feeling which characterised the members of the Jordan Lodge, and the high estimation in which the W.M. was held by the brethren.

Bro. G. J. Pepprell, the W.M., in reply said he was quite unable to express his feelings on that occasion, the whole thing having come upon him as a surprise, not having the slightest idea that anything of the kind was in contemplation, the brethren having kept their secret well; and although he did not feel that he had deserved the high honour the brethren had thus conferred on him, he wished to thank them most sincerely for their valuable gift, and assured them that he should prize it very much, and hoped that it might descend to his son and his son's son as a proof of the esteem and fraternal fellowship of the members of the Jordan Lodge; and (as had been previously expressed by Bro. Lane) if it should please the G.A.O.T.U. to spare his boy's life, that he and many of the brethren might have the pleasure of seeing him initiated into Freemasonry in that lodge. The W.M.'s remarks were warmly received and applauded.

The next business was to vote a sum of £5 5s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be put on the list of the W.M., Bro. G. J. Pepprell, who was going up as Steward on 26th inst. A candidate for initiation having been duly proposed and other routine business transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

**MOLD.—Sir Watkin Lodge (No. 1477).—**The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 11th inst., at 4 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Lewis, assisted by the following officers: Bros. J. S. Swift, I.P.M.; James Salmon, P.M.; John Corbett, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Adams, S.W.; Wm. Roberts, P.M., Sec.; T. Williams, S.D.; J. Edwards, J.D.; John Beasley, I.G.; John Young, Org.; and upwards of 15 brethren. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. H. G. Little, 1674; T. L. Lovelady, 721; T. G. Musgrave, 769; A. J. Brearton, P.M.; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (Freemason).

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. T. Parry and T. S. Adams were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. James Salmon, P.M., in a very efficient manner. This being the election meeting, Bro. G. H. Adams was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. Corbett being again voted Treasurer. After the transaction of the usual routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together and spent the evening very pleasantly.

**LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—**An emergency meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M., was in his place, and opened the proceedings, and during the afternoon

there were present Bros. W. Savage, I.P.M.; R. Burgess, S.W.; J. M. Boyd, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, Prov. G.S.D., Treas.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; J. Orr Marples, I.G.; J. J. Monk, Org.; H. Round and E. H. Allen, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. John Cobham, P.M. 241 and 1380; Tudor Rogers, E. Graham, T. L. Duncan, W. Briscoe, G. St. John Dwight, H. Fineberg, J. Fineberg, J. H. Light, C. Dottridge, Owen Dacroy, T. F. Doyle, J. Rawthorne, J. Chambers, D. Fleming, A. Hines, P.M. 1052; R. Cumming, G. E. Carroll, A. Harrison, Eaton Batty, W. J. Campion, B. Hughes, R. Watterson, and P. Buck. The visitors included Bros. A. A. Baker, 947; C. Copeman, 786; and F. Hawkins, 1013.

Mr. Thomas Henry Wilde was initiated, and Bro. Carroll raised in the course of the afternoon, the work of the two degrees being most admirably conducted by the W.M., Bro. Shrapnell, who received valuable and efficient help from his officers. After the usual "trifling, foolish banquet" a capital variety programme of songs, duets, piano-forte solos, imitations, &c., was given by Bros. Eaton Batty, Dr. J. B. Macpherson, Gale St. John, J. Orr Marples, Dr. E. H. Allen, H. Fineberg, J. Fineberg, J. J. Monk, W. Savage, and others.

Another emergency meeting was held on Monday afternoon, the 18th inst., at the same place, when Bro. Dunbar, about to proceed to Australia with "Fun on the Bristol" Company, travelled all the way from London to receive his Third Degree previous to starting on his voyage to the Antipodes.

**HEBBURN-ON-TYNE.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 1643).—**On Wednesday afternoon, 13th inst., the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall for the purpose of celebrating the installation of Bro. S. Chadwick, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large gathering of the brethren, amongst whom were Bros. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; J. McCulloch, P.P.G.J.W.; T. G. Mabane, P.P.G.S.D.; John Moul, W.M. 48; J. G. Smith, I.P.M. 48; C. McNamara, I.P.M. 97, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Binks, W.M. 240; J. Probert, P.M. 424; J. Ponder, P.M. 1119; H. Golder, I.P.M. 1119; T. S. Wraith, P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; W. Eckford, P.M.; and J. C. Moor, W.M. 97 (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. George Hardy, W.M., P.G.A.D.C., Bro. Chadwick was presented by Bro. Wraith, the senior P.M. of the lodge, to receive at the hands of Bro. Hardy the benefits of installation. Bro. Hardy having in a very impressive manner installed his successor in the chair of K.S., and given the various charges, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. G. Hardy, I.P.M., D.C.; C. W. Newlands, S.W.; W. Atkinson, J.W.; F. W. Pittuck, Sec.; James McCulloch, P.M., Treas.; F. West, S.D.; H. Parker, J.D.; George Richardson, I.G.; R. Paxton and Dobinson, Stwds.; and R. Murray, Tyler. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and the brethren dined together at the Ellison House Hotel (Bro. A. A. Hall's).

**RAWTENSTALL.—Hardman Lodge (No. 1948).—**The installation meeting was held and the festival of St. John the Evangelist celebrated at the Queen's Arms Hotel, on the 11th inst., when, after the usual preliminaries, Bro. Thomas Jackson, D.C., installed Bro. George Turner Hardman as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months, the following brethren being afterwards invested as the officers: Bros. John Kenyon, S.W.; William Halstead, J.W.; George Edward Hardman, I.P.M.; Richd. Barrow, Chap.; William Wallwork, Treas.; Joseph Harling, Sec.; James B. Peacock, S.D.; Henry Hunt, J.D.; William J. Dunkin, Org.; Peter Moore and William Haworth, Stewards; William H. Eastwood, I.G.; and George Sandham, Tyler.

The following visiting brethren were present: Bros. John de Demington, I.P.M. 115; W. Stephenson, P.M., H. Hargreaves, S.W.; Robert Green, George H. Duckworth, James Clark, all of 215; Isaiiah Moorhouse, P.M., John Ramsbottom, P.M., John Nuttall, P.M., James Ingham, P.M., M. J. Lonsdale, S.D., J. H. Lord, I.G., Joseph Haworth, all of 274; James Hall, P.M., John W. Booth, P.M., Jonas Southurst, S.W., Atkinson Sutcliffe, J.W., all of 283; John Stewart, W.M., Robert Stewart, Jonathan Nuttall, S.W., George Calvert, Sec., all of 286; A. Milline, P.G.A.D.C., 1012; John Royston, P.M., Richd. Rushton, P.M., both of 1145; S. Horrocks, P.M., T. Wolstenholme, S.W., and H. Imeson, P.M., all of 1634.

The lodge being closed, the brethren, about 60 in number, adjourned to the banquet room, which was tastefully laid out, and partook of the good things provided for them by Bro. Hornsby, the host, the banquet being served in a very efficient manner and giving every satisfaction. After removing the cloth, the brethren enjoyed a very agreeable evening, the usual toasts being responded to with Masonic honours in excellent style, under the direction of Bro. Jackson, D.C. The evening was enlivened by songs, rendered in a first-class manner by Bros. J. Ramsbottom, J. Taylor, J. Hall, H. Hunt, W. Haworth, and others, accompanied by Bro. W. J. Dunkin on the piano and harmonium.

**CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.—High Peak Lodge (No. 1952).—**The second anniversary of this lodge, when Bro. James C. Hyde, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, was held in the lodge room, at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 11th inst. The attendance was large, more than 50 brethren from neighbouring lodges being present. Those who are aware of Bro. Hyde's exertions in the cause of Masonry in Chapel-en-le-Frith will feel that the members of this lodge have shown their appreciation of his services in electing him to preside over their meetings during the next twelve months, and will wish him every success during his term of office. After the ordinary lodge business had been concluded, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. T. E. Jones, W.M., P.G.S.B., assisted by Bro. J. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.P., and Bro. James Whitehead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The officers were invested by Bro. R. Darwin, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., as follows: Bros. T. E. Jones, I.P.M.; J. B. Boycott, S.W.; Jos. Heathcote, J.W.; R. H. Hyde, Treas.; J. St. Leger, Sec.; J. D. Simpson, S.D.; Jos. Lingard, J.D.; J. Hallam, I.G.; E. Walker, Org.; and J. Whitehead, D.C.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured at the banquet which followed the lodge proceedings, Bro. T. E. Jones, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," adding that the office to which he had been elected was a high and a responsible one, but that he had

no doubt that he (Bro. Hyde) would discharge the duties as zealously as he fulfilled those of his former positions.

Bro. Hyde having responded, "The Health of the I.P.M." was proposed by Bro. Heathcote, J.W., and acknowledged by Bro. Jones. "The Installing Masters" was proposed by Bro. Ferguson, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Wright, P.M. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was coupled with the names of Bro. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. East Lancs., and Bro. J. W. Lowe, 67, W.M. 1253, and Bro. Lowe responded. The remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. Boycott; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Bramwell, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Glossop; and the Tyler's toast. Bro. Greenwood, who acted as accompanist during the evening, and Bro. Smith added to the pleasures of the company by some admirably rendered songs.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—**The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th inst. Present: Bros. Tonkin, W.M.; Goffin, S.W.; Bottle, J.W.; Cotterburne, Preceptor; Maschfield, S.D.; Mason, J.D.; Orpe, I.G.; Bassington, Hon. Treas.; Cross, Hon. Sec.; Cobham, Alison, Bond, Collens, Harris, Smith, Forscutt, Balchin, W. H. Baker, and Stroud.

Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Forscutt being the candidate. The W.M. resigned his position to Bro. Bond, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, after opening the lodge in the Second Degree, Bro. Stroud being the candidate. Bro. Tonkin resumed his position as W.M., and opened the lodge in the Third Degree. Lodge was closed down, and the J.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

A meeting of the Faith Masonic Charities' Association was then held, and the ballot taken proved in favour of Bro. G. F. Edwards.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—**A meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511, W.M.; J. Collings, P.M. 511, S.W.; Capt. A. Nicols, I.P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, J.W.; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; A. Hardy, S.D.; F. Chandler, J.D.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; D. Gellison, P.M. 1425; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; C. Andrews, P.M. 77; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425; H. Purdue, W.M. 834; B. J. Cuthbertson, P.M. 27; W. H. Gulliford, P.M. 1017, I.P.M. 1614; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; E. A. Dutton, P.M. 176; C. H. Wood, W. Harris, E. F. Ferris, C. Breitbart, J. Laurence, H. P. Gilbert, F. Goswell, C. Vandyk, C. Botley, W. Perry, D. Stroud, C. Horton, J. R. Phillips, G. Simpson, F. Swain, W. Crutenden, W. Middleweek, W. Robinson, M. J. Green, J. Chapman, J. J. Thomas, W. R. Hatton, J. Cammell, T. C. Edmunds, J. Temple, R. E. Cursons, T. Artand, and W. Honeyball. Visitors: Bros. F. Gulliford, 1614; E. Reynolds, 1614; Rev. W. Francis, S.W. 1974; Chas. Hunter, 1974; C. C. Gibby, 1658; Hugh King, 160; R. White, 1328; W. J. Bowles, 834; J. Bailey, 1805; R. Fletcher, 901; A. La Coste, Union Masonic; and J. Greenway, 1260.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First, and the seven Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the following: Bros. H. P. Gilbert, 1828; H. Purdue, S.W. 834; W. Death, 511; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; J. Collings, P.M. 511; and A. Hardy, 201. Lodge was then called off and on and resumed to the Second Degree, and the five Sections were worked by Bros. C. S. Mote, 1732; Capt. A. Nicols, I.P.M. 1974; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; C. Andrews, P.M. 77; and E. A. Dutton, P.M. 167. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. R. E. Cursons, 1681; T. C. Edmunds, 1507; and J. Collings, P.M. 511, worked the three Sections. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and a cordial vote to Bro. Read for presiding and the brethren who had worked the Sections was unanimously carried. An invitation was received from the Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction asking the members to work the Fifteen Sections, which was accepted, and the Sections at once filled up. The following were elected joining members: Bros. the Rev. William Francis, S.W. 1974; Chas. Hunter, 1974; Joseph Bailey, 1805; C. C. Gibby, 1658; R. Fletcher, 901; A. La Coste, Union Masonic; Joseph Greenway, Hugh King, 160; Richard White, 1328; and W. J. Bowles, 834. The lodge was then closed in the usual manner.

**SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—**The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, when there were present Bros. Powles, W.M.; Cattermole, S.W.; Dale, J.W.; Anderson, S.D.; Wills, J.D.; Wimble, I.G.; Bellis, Preceptor; Eagle, Sec.; also Bros. Taffs, Hook, Burnett, Hansen, Christiansen, Benedetti, Wallis, Thomas, Andrew, Gurney, Macnaghten, Eedle, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes read, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Eedle acting as candidate. The First Section of the Lecture was then worked by Bro. Thomas, after which Bro. Cattermole was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday, and the lodge was closed. This lodge of instruction, although it has only been established a few years, has formed a Benevolent Association of over 40 members in order to assist the Masonic Charities.

**EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—**The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, there being present Bros. Skug, W.M.; Johnson, I.P.M.; Paton, S.W.; Forster, J.W.; also Bros. Baker, Spencer, Gartley, Lecquire, Gardner, Sims, Temple, Fitzer, Runacres, Eidmans, Sutton, and Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the questions leading to Third Degree were answered by Bro. Temple. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Temple acting as candidate. The

lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Eidmans acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Fitzner was elected a joining member. A cordial vote of thanks was passed, the same to be entered on the minutes, to the W.M. for his able working in the chair, it being the first time he had presided over this lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Paton was elected Master for the ensuing meeting and was pleased to appoint officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time. Bro. Runacres's resignation as Treasurer was accepted with regret, and Bro. Sims, was elected in his stead. The following brethren were then appointed to frame the bye-laws of the lodge: Bros. Johnson, Sims, Paton, Skug, Eidmans, and Spencer. All business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

### Royal Arch.

**WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 11th inst. Present: Comps. Higgins, P.Z., as Z. (in the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Cuff); Williams, P.Z., as H.; J. Marston, J.; W. Stephens, P.Z., Treas.; Gates, as Scribe N.; Brown, P.S.; J. Collinson, 1st A.S.; J. Linscott, H. Dehane, Patterson, and others.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. A convocation of Installed Principals was then opened, and Comp. J. J. Patterson (who was unable to be present at the last convocation) was duly installed into the chair of H. by Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z., installing Principal. The convocation was then closed, and Bro. Rice was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry.

The chapter was then closed, and at the dinner which followed the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a very handsome jewel was presented to Comp. H. D. M. Williams in recognition of his services as M.E.Z. during the past year.

**ORPHEUS CHAPTER (No. 1706).**—This chapter held its regular convocation on Saturday, the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Comps. W. Ganz, G. Org., P.Z., as M.E.Z. (in the unavoidable absence of E. Comp. M. Maybrick); Blyth, H.; Dr. Lavies, J.; G. Cooper, J. S. Hodson, Walmsley Little, G. C. Burry, Charles Belton, Richard Eve. Visitors: Comps. J. Lewis-Thomas, Past G.S.B.; E. J. Barrow, Past G.S.B.; H. Cristall, E. Baxter, F. Binckes, J. L. Mather, Dr. Pearce, E. Cambridge. Bro. G. H. McLaughlin was very ably exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. This being the usual evening for election of officers, Comp. Blyth was elected M.E.Z.; Lavies, H.; J. S. Hodson, J.; and Benson was re-elected Treasurer. The names of four brethren were proposed as candidates for exaltation. All business being ended, the companions retired to a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, admirably served and interspersed with that harmony for which the Orpheus Lodge is justly celebrated.

**WIGAN.—Harmony Chapter (No. 178).**—A convocation of emergency of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 11th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. G. L. Campbell, Z.; Thos. Milligan, H.; H. D. Croft, J.; J. D. Murray, S.E.; J. Browne, A.S.; J. M. Kerr, A. H. Crossley, A. Weir, R. Leyland, R. Irving, T. Sharples, J. Bradshaw, T. Hunter, James Wilson, J. Phillips, P.Z.; and C. B. Holmes, P.Z.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the ballot was taken for Bro. George Makinsan, 178, who, together with Bros. James Lawrence, P.M., and T. F. Jackson, both of 730, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masons by M.E. Comp. C. B. Holmes, P.Z., Comp. Murray discharging the duties of P.S. in the absence of that officer. The chapter having been closed the companions adjourned to the ante-room for refreshment.

**GUERNSEY.—Loyalty Chapter (No. 243).**—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, on the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. J. M. Bichard, M.E.Z.; F. Weyson, H.; J. Toms, J.; Quick, P.S.; Le Huray, Palmer, Hutchinson, Biddlecombe, Sneath, De. Jausserand, R. M. Smythson, S.E.; and Comp. Emra Holmes, P.Z. 225, P.P.G. Soj. Cornwall, as a visitor.

The business before the chapter was to ballot for Comp. Holmes, who was duly elected as a joining member, and the exaltation of Bro. Lazarus Harris, of No. 1809, who had been previously accepted. The impressive ceremony was duly performed by M.E. Comp. Bichard who also gave the mystical lecture, the symbolical and historical lectures being delivered by Comp. Weyson.

At the close of the ceremony the companions adjourned for refreshment. Comp. Harris in responding to his health said that he had made a close study for years past of the Talmud, and therefore very much that he had seen that night was not new to him. He was greatly instructed in the degree, and hope to advance in it.

"The Health of Comp. Emra Holmes" having been proposed from the chair, in response he thanked the companions for the great kindness and cordiality with which he had been received by the Craft in Guernsey, and dwelt at some length on Masonry and the special beauty and dignity of the Royal Arch Degree. He thought it was a great pity, bearing in mind that three lodges numbering some 250 members met in that temple, that there were only some 30 who had taken the Royal Arch Degree. He pointed out a very curious and interesting discovery he had made in the ancient Parish Church of St. Peter Port. The windows of the church, which had been recently restored and filled with stained glass, were mostly flamboyant and very handsome. The two great transept windows were rose windows, or rather one was a Catherine wheel, showing the symbol of St. Catherine's martyrdom, whilst the other, which was copied from Bayreux Cathedral, was a very fine geometrical window, the upper portion or rose being somewhat like the Scotch Royal Arch jewel. It was a circle in which were clearly shown the double triangle and the point within the circle from which radiated arms; above the rose, which was divided into 12 parts, filled with figures of the 12 Apostles, was the star, six-pointed. It was a four-light window instead of three or five lights, but was otherwise a perfect Masonic window worthy of note.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).**—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Comps. Ellershaw, M.E.Z.; Duff, P.Z., as H.; Wilde, J.; Longman, P. Prov. G.P.S.; Simpson, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Hall, P.Z.; Stanton, S.E.; Gregson, P.S.; Stanley, A.S.; Hannah, A.S.; and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, the Treasurer presented his accounts, which showed a very favourable balance in favour of the chapter. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, and resulted as follows: Comps. Capt. Garnett, M.E.Z.; Wilde, H.; Bayley, J.; Simpson, Treas. (re-elected); Stanton, S.E. (re-elected); Gregson, S.N.; Stanley, P.S.; and A. K. Allinson, Janitor.

**BUXTON.—Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann (No. 1235).**—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on the 7th inst. in the presence of a large assemblage of companions. The chapter was opened in the Court House by the Three Principals, Comps. W. Boughen, Z.; W. C. Moore, H.; and James Whitehead, J. After reading and confirming the minutes of the last chapter, the Principals elect, viz., Comps. W. C. Moore, James Whitehead, and Peter Bramwell, were presented and duly installed into their respective chairs by Ex. Comp. Arthur Stubbs, P.Z. 47, Prov. G.S.E. Notts, in a most impressive manner. The companions were then readmitted, and after the usual salutations the following officers were invested: Comps. Wm. Cartwright, S.E.; J. H. Jackson, S.N.; G. Smedley, P.S.; J. E. Harrison, 1st A.S.; A. Oram, 2nd A.S.; W. Boughen, Treas.; and J. Perkin, Janitor. In addition to those named there were present Ex. Comps. T. E. Jones, P.S.; J. H. Lawson, P.Z., Prov. G.S.B.; P. Le Gros, P.Z.; R. H. Lomas, and the following visitors: Ex. Comps. C. R. N. Beswick-Royds, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G.H. East Lanc.; J. Chadwick, P.Z. 152, Prov. G.S.E. E. Lanc.; John Smith, P.Z. 731; and N. Dumville, P.Z. 204. The chapter was closed in the usual manner, and the companions adjourned to the Old Hall Hotel for luncheon, whilst the room was being prepared for the meeting of the Craft lodge, reported in another column.

**LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).**—The installation meeting of this popular chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on the 6th inst. There were present Comps. A. D. Hesketh, M.E.Z.; R. Martin, P.Z., Prov. G. Treas.; B. B. Marson, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; C. Arden, H.; H. W. Sandbrook, J.; T. O. Dutton, S.E.; T. Wright, S.N.; J. Keet, A.S.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; P. Larsen, Janitor; J. Pittaway, J. H. Tysen, Thos. Trevitt, P. J. Buck, J. L. Shrapnell, B. J. Kirkland, J. Finebury, B. Samson, T. H. Pierce, J. Jones, T. Davis, John Potter, and W. Morris. Visitors: Comps. John Hayes, M.E.Z. 594, P.P.G.S.B.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G.S.E.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, M.E.Z. 1350, Prov. G.J.; W. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hocken, P.Z. 673; T. H. Walker, 292; W. E. Coxon, 292; T. H. Parry, 32, I.C.; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.Z. 1094; and J. C. Robinson, S.N. 249 (Freemason).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Wm. Rawsthorn, 1182; R. Watterson, 1609; and B. Hughes, 1609, who were declared duly elected; and being in attendance they were admitted and exalted to the supreme degree. The following companions were afterwards installed by Comp. A. D. Hesketh, P.Z.: Comps. C. Arden, M.E.Z.; W. W. Sandbrook, H.; T. O. Dutton, J.; J. H. Tyson, S.E.; T. Wright, S.N.; J. Keet, P.S.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; T. Trevitt and B. J. Kirkland, Stwds.; and P. Larsen, Janitor. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, and the M.E.Z. in the name of the companions presented Comp. A. Woolrich with a valuable diamond ring, in recognition of his valuable services as Treasurer. A vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to Comp. Hesketh, P.Z., the Installing Officer, the M.E.Z. presented him with a valuable P.Z.'s jewel.

The chapter having been closed in due form the companions adjourned to the banqueting room to an excellently served repast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the number of the visiting brethren bearing testimony to the very efficient manner the installation ceremony had been performed. (The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.)

### Mark Masonry.

**EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 226).**—The regular quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich, Bro. A. Penfold, P.M., P.G.M.O. Kent, in the chair in the absence of Bro. H. Shaw, W.M., through illness. The lodge being duly opened, the ballot was taken for Quarter-Master James Morton (A.S.C.), of 1536, and proving unanimous, that brother was advanced in rare style by the presiding W.M. and his officers. Among the brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.W. Kent; W. A. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent; G. Kennedy, Sec., P.P.G.A.S. Kent; T. Holleyman, S.W., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; G. Spinks, M.O., P.G.A.D.C. Kent; T. Hayes, S.O., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; Rev. C. F. Reilly, Chap.; W. Moulds, R.M., P.P.G.I.G. Kent; T. Ovenden, S.D., P.G. Stwd. Kent; J. Bilton, J.D.; Joseph Whiteheart, I.G.; W. Popplestone, A.D.C.; T. Cooper, W. Stwd.; J. Anderson, acting Tyler; H. Swinerd, J. Aillud, McNerny, 44; G. H. Parker, 263; and C. Jolly, 226, P.G. Org. Kent (Freemason).

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Capon's, the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, where refreshments were provided. The usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were honoured, the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A.," being received with enthusiasm, the Worshipful Master in proposing it dwelling upon the rare Masonic knowledge of our distinguished brother in all the degrees. The toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," were coupled with the names of Bros. Spinks, Jolly, and Ovenden, who severally returned thanks.

Bro. Coupland then proposed in eloquent terms "The W.M.," who in response expressed his pleasure, as one of the founders of the lodge, to see it in such a sound financial position. He was sorry for the illness of the W.M., and felt that he was only doing his duty by taking the chair at any emergency, and would, while he had

health and strength, work hard to keep it in its present proud position as one of, if not now, the foremost of the Mark lodges in the province. He then proposed the toast of "The Initiative," and Bro. Morton responded in a neat speech brimful of wit and humour.

In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Parker, who is an officer in the Royal Navy and a member of the District Grand Lodge of Malta, expressed his admiration of the work done and of the hospitality shown him. He should always speak, in whatever part of the world he might be, of the handsome and brotherly reception he had met with at the Excelsior Lodge.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," for whom Bros. Coupland and Weston returned thanks; and "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Holleyman, who responded, and then after a pleasant evening devoted to work and harmony, the proceedings terminated.

**WIGAN.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).**

—The members of this lodge met as usual at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Wednesday, 13th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. Dean, W.M., P.G.S.O.; T. Milner, S.W.; A. H. Byrom, J.W.; J. Browne, S.D.; J. Marsden, Reg. of Mks.; A. H. Crossley, Sec.; Richd. Knowles, S.S.; James Dawber, Org.; R. Layland, W. Johnson, M.O.; W. M. Wyld, S.O.; G. G. Tatham, J. D. Murray, I.P.M., Grand Std. Br.; W. A. Byrom, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. of Mks.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., P.P.G.S.O., D. of C.; G. Makinsan, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. and his officers, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Atherton Ainsworth, P.M. 1403, and candidate for advancement, and was favourable. Bro. J. Milner, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., was again re-elected Treas., and Bros. J. Browne and R. B. Seddon, Auditors. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered the lodge was closed.

### Knights Templar.

**YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).**

—On Thursday, the 7th inst., this preceptory held a special convocation for the purpose of welcoming to the birthplace of English Masonry Bro. the Rev. H. R. Coleman, of Louisville, Kentucky, who was returning through England from his second Masonic tour through the Holy Land. The preceptory was opened by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whythead, there being also present Sir Knts. M. Millington, E.P.; J. S. Cumberland, P.; J. Marshall, Const.; A. T. B. Turner, Marshal; W. Brown, George Simpson, P. C. Palliser, J. Barker, E.P. 114; J. S. Walton, C. D. H. Drury, of St. Cuthbert's Preceptory; and others. The Sub-Prior of North and East Yorkshire, Sir Knt. J. W. Woodall, was announced and received, and took his seat at the right of the throne. The acting E.P. then welcomed Sir Knt. Coleman and the Sub-Prior added some words expressive of the pleasure it gave him to be present, to which Sir Knt. Coleman responded. Comp. J. T. Seller, of the Eboracum Chapter, was afterwards inducted into the Order and installed, which afforded the visitors an opportunity of witnessing the most approved English form of conferring the Degree, and Sir Knt. Coleman was afterwards elected an honorary member of the preceptory.

After its close the members entertained their guest at dinner in the refectory, and a most pleasant evening closed a happy day. On the following morning Bro. Coleman was, by the courtesy of Bro. J. Todd, Treas. of 236, enabled to inspect the ancient relics of the Grand Lodge of all England held at York in the last century.

### New Zealand.

**CHRISTCHURCH.—Robert Burns Lodge**

(No. 604 S.C.)—The annual meeting, for the purpose of installing the R.W.M. and investing the officers, was held in the Canterbury Masonic Hall, on Thursday, December 27th last. There was a very large number of W.Ms. and P.Ms. present, representing all three Constitutions; indeed, the dais, which is a large one, was crowded to its fullest extent, many, in fact, having to be seated in the body of the hall. Among those present were Bros. W. M. Mitchell, P.M. 604 E.C., D.G. Sec.; J. Joyce, P.M. 1935 E.C., D.G.S.W.; J. Carter, W.M. Corinthian I.C.; J. C. Watson, P.M. 675 S.C., D.G.J.W.; J. Taylor, P.M. 585 S.C.; F. Graham, P.M. 656 S.C.; H. Y. Gourlay, P.M. 604 S.C.; S. Neale, W.M. 585 S.C.; C. Louison, R.W.M. 675 S.C.; J. C. Cooper, W.M. 1048 E.C.; G. Simpson, P.M. 604 S.C.; D. Christie, P.M. 604 S.C.; M. Sandstien, P.M. 1048 E.C.; W. E. Y. Mills, P.M. 1048 E.C.; G. McCormick, P.M. I.C.; J. Grubb, P.M. 585; F. W. Francis, W.S.W.; R. Buchanan, W.J.W.; P. Duncan, Treas.; R. W. S. Eastwood, Sec.; F. Williams, S.D.; J. T. Park, J.D.; A. E. Schmidt, I.G.; W. Toms, Tyler; and a very large number of members and visitors from almost all parts of the colony.

The D.G.M., Bro. Rev. James Hill, and his officers having been introduced by the Stewards, Bro. L. A. Eleng, the R.W.M., called upon him in the name of the lodge to proceed with the ceremony of installation, which he accordingly did, and Bro. F. W. Francis, S.W., the R.W.M. elect, was installed as R.W.M. by a Board of Installed Masters, and invested by Bro. J. C. Watson, P.M., D.G. J.W. The following officers were invested by the D.G.M.: Bros. A. Fraser, W.S.M.; R. M. Fulton, W.D.M.; R. Buchanan, W.S.W.; J. T. Park, W.J.W.; P. Duncan, Treas. (re-elected); R. W. S. Eastwood, Sec. (re-elected); A. C. Schmidt, S.D.; H. Tuck, J.D.; F. Williams and P. Hill, Stwds.; Geo. Maule, Chap.; W. Jackson, I.G.; and W. Toms, Tyler (re-elected).

At the close of the ceremony, and after the usual vote of thanks had been given to the D.G.M. and to the choir, which under the conductorship of Bro. Messenger, S.W. 1048 (E.C.) had tended in a very great degree to make the meeting a success, the lodge was closed by the R.W.M. and the brethren retired for a few minutes while the hall was cleared and the banquet tables laid, when about 180 brethren sat down to a first-class repast.

After the usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "Three Grand Masters" had been duly given and honoured,

The R.W.M., Bro. Francis, proposed "The Health of the D.G.M." He was sure that the D.G.M. had the

hearty good wishes of all the brethren present, no matter what constitution they belonged to. The great respect in which Bro. Hill was held by all classes of the Masonic community, must indeed be flattering to him. The manner in which he had performed the ceremony that evening must indeed have caused a pleasure to all who had witnessed it.

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Hill thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health. He would commend to the R.W. Master the full performance of the duties which he had taken upon himself that evening, and from what he personally knew of Bro. Francis, he was confident that they would be performed in a creditable manner, and that he would have the full support of his officers in whatever he might undertake.

Bro. D. C. Watson asked the brethren to drink "The Health of Bro. F. W. Francis, R.W.M." He could speak as one who had watched the progress of Bro. Francis from the time that he had entered the lodge, some six years ago, during almost the whole of which time he had filled some office or other with credit to himself, and he (Bro. D. C. Watson) was certain a great treat was in store for the brethren of the lodge during the coming year, and that the lodge would, notwithstanding the bad times which were at present affecting the community, make rapid progress under Bro. Francis's rule.

The toast having been duly honoured in truly Masonic style, Bro. Francis said he had some diffidence in replying to the toast which the brethren had responded to so heartily. He might say that during the whole of the time which he had held office in the lodge he had only endeavoured to fulfil his duties in a manner which should afterwards reflect credit upon himself and the lodge, and while in the chair he should endeavour to do likewise. He especially thanked those brethren who had come from a distance to witness the installation that evening, as he knew that some had travelled more than 100 miles to be there, and he thought they deserved his thank.

The other toasts were "The I.P.M.," "The Officers," "The Past Officers," "The Visitors," "The D.G. Officers," a very pleasant evening being brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. SAMUEL OLDFIELD BAILEY.**

With sincere regret we announce the death of Bro. Samuel Oldfield Bailey, lithographer, of Bradford, which event took place on the 17th inst., at his residence, Victoria-road, Manningham, in his 63rd year. Bro. Bailey, although he never attained to a high position in public life, had, by his usefulness in whatever he took in hand, his uprightness of character, and his genial temperament, commanded the esteem of a large circle of his fellow-townsmen. Partly in consequence of the professional training he had received, but in greater measure by his intuitive love of the beautiful in nature and in art, Bro. Bailey had been led for many years past to take an active interest in the promotion of art culture, and one of his greatest pleasures was that of assisting others in the work. He was one of the founders of the Bradford Art Society, for several years its president, and throughout the society's existence one of its most consistent supporters. His judgment in art matters was in frequent requisition as examiner of the works of local art students. He also connected himself with the Bradford Historical and Antiquarian Society soon after its formation, and from that period has held the office of vice-president. Freemasonry found in him an ardent adherent and zealous officer. He was initiated in the Harmony Lodge, No. 600, on the 19th April, 1865, passing the chair, and remaining a subscribing member till death; he was Prov. P.G.S. of W. in 1871, and first Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1648, at its consecration in December, 1876. In other movements of a social and educational character he had taken part, and in all of them his good offices were ever to be relied on. Bro. Bailey had up to within the past three weeks enjoyed excellent health, but about that period took cold after enjoying his customary Turkish bath, and suffered for some days from a bronchial attack. From this, however, he was recovering, when inflammation of the bowels set in, and he rapidly succumbed. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family. The funeral took place at Undercliffe Cemetery on Monday last, and the respect in which Bro. Bailey was held was marked by the presence of a large number of personal friends and representatives of various societies with which he had been associated. Among the latter were upwards of 30 members of the Bradford Historical and Antiquarian Society. The Bradford Art Society, of which the deceased was one of the founders, was also well represented; and the following brethren paid the last rites to their departed brother:—From the Lodge of Hope, 302: Bros. Henry Smith, Prov. G.S.; Thos. Hill, P.P.G.S.W.; Benj. Broughton, P.P.G.S.W. Lodge of Harmony, 600: Bros. R. L. Watson, W.M.; John Beanland, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; L. Goldstein, P.M.; Jas. Wright, P.M.; Jas. Dewhurst, P.M.; S. Render, P.M.; J. R. Welsman, P.M.; and others. Shakespeare Lodge, 1018: Bros. H. R. C. Latimer, W.M.; Wroe, P.M.; G. Althorp, P.M., &c. Prince of Wales Lodge, 1648: Bros. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. W. Barber, P.M.; J. H. Lovelass, P.G.O.; J. Ramsden, P.M.; and B. Ingham, P.M. In addition to many other personal friends of the deceased there were present members of the congregation of Zoar Baptist Chapel, Darfield-street, where Mr. Bailey had attended for many years, and a select class of young men connected with the school which he had taught. The coffin, which was of polished oak, was covered with wreaths of beautiful flowers, and was lowered into the vault amid many expressions of regretful feeling.

**BRO. ALLAN CAMERON.**

On the morning of the 13th inst. passed away Allan Cameron, at the age of 89, the oldest Freemason in Scotland. He had been a member of the Fort William Lodge, No. 43, since December 19th, 1814, and up to within a few months of his death had taken an active part in the doings of the Craft. Friday last week being the day of his funeral, the brethren passed in procession through the town to the house of the deceased. After prayers had been said by the Rev. Robertson, of Fort Augustus, the procession re-formed, and, preceded by a piper playing a pathetic lament, the corpse was borne shoulder high slowly to the outskirts of the town. Here vehicles were waiting, and,

following the hearse, the brethren proceeded to Kilmallie Churchyard, where, with Masonic honours, midst the ashes of his fathers they laid the body of our venerable brother.

**FUNERAL OF BRO. CHENERY.**

Untimely as the close of Bro. Chenery's busy life was, and quiet, unpretending, and retiring as his habits were, he had in the comparatively short period during which he filled the post of Editor of the *Times* largely increased the number of friends whom his genial, kindly nature and unassuming knowledge attracted in the literary circles where he is best known; and these amiable characteristics of his were, perhaps, most generally in the remembrance of those who met on Saturday at the house in Serjeants'-inn, where he died, as also of the more numerous gathering at Brompton Cemetery, where his remains were buried. The coffin of polished oak with brass mountings, and without pall but covered with memorial wreaths of flowers sent by friends, was borne in an open funeral car. The first of the eight mourning coaches which followed was occupied by Mr. J. McMillan, Mr. J. C. MacDonald, Mr. R. F. McMillan, and Mr. D. McMillan, and in others there were Mr. Walter, M.P., Mr. A. F. Walter, Mr. Frederick Clifford, the Rev. Dr. Ginsburg, the Rev. Dr. Aldis Wright, Professor Stanley Leathes, Mr. T. Woolner, R.A., Mr. De la Pryme, the Rev. Dr. Wace, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Mr. N. McColl, Mr. E. L. Brandreth, besides almost all Bro. Chenery's colleagues and assistants at the *Times* office. Many friends had, however, assembled at the cemetery, and among these were Sir Henry Sumner Maine, Sir Owen Tudor Burne, Sir George Birdwood, the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., Mr. Courtenay, M.P., Sir R. Blennerhassett, M.P., Mr. Ralli, M.P., Mr. Joseph Cowen, M.P., Mr. Justin McCarthy, M.P., Sir George Dasent, Mr. J. R. Dasent, Dr. Gilbert, Professor Sylvester, Mr. Jas. Payn, Mr. Charles Shaw, Dr. Lightner, Mr. Hyde Clarke, Dr. Quain, Mr. Frank Hill, Mr. G. Barnett Smith, the Hon. Algernon Bourke, Col. Knollys, Capt. Hozier, Mr. R. Giffen, Mr. T. W. Snagge, Mr. Cordy Jeaffreson, Mr. D. C. Boulger, Mr. O'Hara, Dr. Hueffer, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Eaton (Secretary of the Royal Academy, representing Sir Frederick Leighton, who was unavoidably prevented from attending the funeral), and Mr. Scharf, Director of the National Portrait Gallery. There were also present many members of the Parliamentary corps, of the Law reporting staff, and literary contributors to the columns of the *Times*, as well as representatives of the printing and publishing departments. The funeral service was read by the Rev. A. J. D. O'Keefe, assisted by the Dean of Westminster, who read the lesson in the cemetery chapel, where the first part of the service was held, and pronounced the benediction at the graveside. The plate on the coffin bore the inscription, "Thomas Chenery, died 11th February, 1884, aged 57 years." Among those friends who sent funeral wreaths were Mrs. Walter, Lady John Manners, Miss Delane, Mrs. E. Lennox Boyd (a cushion of violets), Mrs. McMillan and her four daughters, Mrs. A. Symes Shand, Mr. J. Brinsley Richards, Mrs. E. L. Brandreth and her daughter, Mrs. J. E. H. Gordon, Sir J. Whittaker and Lady Ellis, Mrs. Batt, Mrs. Locking, and Mrs. Fielder. The Rev. Dr. Herman Adler would have attended the funeral, but was unable to be present, as it took place during the time of Divine service at his synagogue. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Professor Bryce, M.P., and others wrote expressing regret at being unable to attend. The grave, it may be mentioned, in which Bro. Chenery was laid is next to that in which the remains of his mother and her two sisters were interred.



"Margery's Lovers" is the name of the new comedy at the Court, by Mr. Brander Matthews, produced on Monday last. We hope to notice it in an early issue.

"Cast Adrift" was brought out at the Olympic on Saturday, with Mr. H. H. Vincent, Mr. Melford, Miss Alma Murray, Miss Laura Linden, Miss Cathcart, and Mr. Rowland Buckstone as the principal artistes. This drama has been played in London before, at the Surrey and Sadler's Wells theatres.

"A Wife's Victory," by Mr. Hawbrey, will shortly be produced at the Novelty, with Miss Ada Cavendish and Mr. Chas. Sugden in the cast. Miss Harris has been more fortunate than anyone else in the management of this house, and we hope there will be no occasion to close it. We believe for the first time it has been patronised by Royalty, the Prince of Wales having visited it on Thursday last week.

The new theatre in Coventry-street and Oxenden-street called the Prince's is without doubt the finest of all our London playhouses. It closely resembles the Savoy in its auditorium; but its decorations are on a still handsomer scale, whilst its approaches, staircases, foyers, smoking saloons are without equal in England. Mr. Phipps, the well-known architect of theatres, has surpassed any of his many works in London, and there is not that cold, damp feeling which one usually observes in all new buildings. The stalls and balcony are covered in what ladies, we believe, call "crushed strawberry"; the lighting is by electricity, thereby making the house at all times cool and comfortable of atmosphere, and the electric light is steady. One of the novel features is the iron curtain, which is let down every night after the performance; indeed, everything has been done that human ingenuity can devise to bring that terrible master—fire—within control, or rather to prevent its becoming a master. This curtain weighs about two tons, yet a child can lower and raise it by the lever. Time was when managers did not consider it policy to provide lounges and smoking saloons for their patrons, for fear it distracted them from the performance; but it is found now-a-days that all these personal comforts only add to the popularity of the house. At the Prince's one can between the acts carry on a conversation with friends under shady palms, by sparkling fountains, in Morish annexes, or in marble halls. The principal entrance opens into a vestibule of ample dimensions, divided into eight bays by Corinthian pilasters resting on a panelled subbase; an enriched frieze and cornice runs round above the pilasters, and the whole is vaulted

over and gilded. The floor of this vestibule and the staircases are composed and constructed of marble. We think Mr. Edgar Bruce was very wise when opening his new theatre not to at the same time have brought out a new play. He has reproduced Mr. W. S. Gilbert's "Palace of Truth," and "In Honour Bound" by Mr. Sydney Grundy. It is thirteen years since "The Palace of Truth" was played in London, and it may be as long again before it is once more to be seen, and we advise any one who wants to see it to go at once, for Mr. Bruce is about bringing out a new play by Messrs. Herman and Jones, the joint authors of the "Silver King," and will not revive "Forgiven" as has been stated in some quarters. The cast is composed of Mr. Anson, Miss Lingard, Bro. George Temple, Mr. Kyrle Bellew, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Miss Tilbury (daughter of Miss Lydia Thompson), Miss Sophie Lyre, Bro. J. Maclean, and Miss Florence Marryat, certainly a picked company. The night before the opening of the theatre Mr. Edgar Bruce invited a number of friends to view the house, on which occasion a brilliant company gathered, among whom we noticed Bro. Bancroft, Bro. Sir Charles Hutton Gregory, K.C.M.G., 33; and Miss Fanny Stirling, Bro. Robert and Mrs. Brough (Miss Florence Trevelyan), Bro. Ex-Under Sheriff Wragg, Bro. J. L. Toole, Rev. W. Helmore, chaplain to her Majesty, Bro. Chas. Morton, Miss Harriet Coveney, Bro. H. Walsham, Mr. Kyrle Bellew and Mrs. Bernard Beere, Bro. D. Albertson, Bro. E. Righton, Bro. Capt. Bashford, Mr. E. Russell, Bro. J. G. Taylor and Miss Lingard, Lord Houghton and the Hon. F. Milnes, Bro. Major and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Barnes, Bro. Arthur Swanborough and Miss Eleanor Bufton, Mr. Arthur Conway, Mr. H. Paulton, Miss Nicholls, Mrs. Maddick, Bro. W. Holland, Mr. G. Grossmith, Bro. H. J. Hitchens, Bro. Hy. Wright and Miss Nellie Bromley, Bro. Abud, Bro. C. Warner, Mr. Tom Robertson and Miss Cora Stuart, Bro. H. Ashley, Mr. H. Neville, Miss Constance Loseby, and Miss Emily Thorne.

On Thursday, the 14th inst., Bro. J. L. Toole brought out the long promised "Paw Clawdian," which proved, as was anticipated, a genuine parody of the old sort, written in Mr. Burnand's happiest vein. This, a travesty on "Claudian," cannot fail to be a fund of amusement for a long while to come—as long as "Claudian" lasts, for almost every one who sees the original at the Princess's will journey to see Toole take it off. Copied closely to the classical drama, and imitating to the life the principal characters in "Claudian," it is yet without the least venom, and we feel sure that when Mr. Wilson Barrett and Miss Eastlake see it—which they are sure to do—they will give way to the heartiest laughter. The punning is of the best quality, the humour is unartificial, and such hearty fun has been furnished but rarely. At first sight it may be said that to take off such a grand play as "Claudian," which appeals to all the higher faculties in man, is like scoffing; but on closer reasoning it must be admitted that it is a great compliment paid to Messrs. Hermann and Willis's work. As imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so may this burlesque be said to be a good advertisement for Mr. Wilson Barrett. It may seem a little hard that Miss Eastlake's eccentricities of voice and manner should be parodied; but if they were not worth imitating it would not be done. Miss Marie Linden in "Stage Dora" copied Mrs. Bernard-Beere, and now she becomes Miss Eastlake's "double" in "Paw Clawdian." She has caught her attitudes, her husky tone of speech, with marvellous cleverness, and perhaps a cleverer form of travesty has never been seen. Almida becomes All-my-ida. Instead of the ramparts we have other "rum parts." Mr. Ward is the Coal-Holey Clement, of course anything but a saint, but a disreputable hermit. In our issue of the 5th ult. we gave at length the curse uttered by the holy Clement, we now give the travesty as an illustration that Mr. Burnand has caught the true old-fashioned spirit of burlesque:

"And this my cuss upon your latest venture is,  
Go on! be young for ever through the centuries;  
See melodramas everywhere produced;  
See pieces come to theatres to be goosed;  
See theatres come to pieces—as they will—  
But thou live on! Be Claudian punning still.  
Thy starlike course thou'lt run for many years,  
Drawing pit, stalls, and boxes, drawing tiers;  
The innocent sunshine shall die out before  
You enter every night by the stage door  
Except in summer. Your black little fellow  
Who follows shall grow up and play Othello.  
But thou shall still be Claudian, have to do it,  
Night after night compelled to go right through it,  
And be as fresh as ever! Herman, Willis  
Will struggle on by taking Parr's life pills  
And disappear! Yet on and on you'll play,  
Saying the lines that are hard lines to say,  
Until an audience its sides shall split,  
And you bring down the house, reduce the pit,  
Add rows of stalls—yet Claudian will not stop,  
And when night after night the houses drop,  
And order reigns supreme then you will choose  
Whether you'll finish or go on and lose!  
Till then I leave you—and so ends the cuss."

Bro. Toole appears as the profligate nobleman in the market-place of Byzantium, and in his toga, not omitting the Roman nose, affords abundant opportunity for laughter. In the original Almida addresses him as Master, Master; in the burlesque All-my-ida calls him Masher, Masher. We have the "decline and fall," in other words Toole's earthquake which ends in Bro. Toole on a four-post bedstead awaking and asking if he is Claudian, then revealing himself as Toole. What we admire so much is that there is not the least ill-nature in this parody, and we are quite certain that Bro. Toole would be the last person to give cause of offence to anyone, particularly to a brother actor. The travesty is preceded by Mr. Arthur Laws's farcical comedy "A Mint of Money," in which Bro. Toole appears as a millionaire, a proprietor of oil wells in the Far West, and therefore a great catch for match-making mothers. He falls across a lady who has a numerous family of daughters, one for each day in the week except Sunday. He climbs up a beech tree and hears his character discussed by the mamma and her six daughters. At last he pairs off, not with any of these maidens but with a poor relation. "Toole up a tree" would make the fortunes of any piece, therefore it is not to be wondered at his gaining thunders of applause. We do not recollect a better programme being provided at Toole's theatre than that just now being given nightly.



A team of Australian cricketers has been made up for a visit to this country during the forthcoming season.

The half-yearly election of the Girls' School will be held on the 19th and that of the Boys' School on the 21st of April, instead of on the 12th and 14th, in consequence of Eastertide.

Bro. Alderman Savory presided at the second annual meeting of the St. Bride's Youths' Institute and Reading-room on Tuesday evening, and distributed Alderman Sir Robert Carden's prizes for swimming.

Bro. Lieut. H. Wright, J.W. 1827, has been appointed acting adjutant by Colonel Clifford Wigram, of the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade, during the leave of absence of Major and Adjutant Richardson.

Bro. John White, as the writer of the articles in the *Times* on "The Dwellings of the London Poor" in Southwark, which have been attributed to Mr. Sorton-Parry, has written to the *Citizen* to say that the latter would not claim any such position.

Bro. John Messent, P.G.S.B., was on the 7th inst., presented with a most elaborately illuminated testimonial at the installation meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, in recognition of his 20 years' service as Treasurer.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted an invitation to deliver his interesting Masonic lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," in the Union Lodge of Instruction, at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Friday evening, March 14th, the occasion of the annual festival of the lodge.

We are asked to contradict the report contained in our last issue that the City of London Lodge, No. 901, had removed to the Old Bell Inn, Addle Hill, there being no intention on the part of the lodge of changing its quarters. The £10 announced in our report of the installation meeting in January as having been invested out of the Benevolent Fund should have been £100.

Bro. J. Sidney Tomkins, C.C., 569, and Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright, J.W. 1827, were present at the annual dinner of "2" (Farrington Within Ward) Company of the London Rifle Brigade on Monday. Bro. Tomkins responded in able terms for the toast of "The Lord Mayor and Corporation," his speech eliciting much applause.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Bro. Lord Carrington and Dr. Buchanan, on Monday morning last visited some of the poorest and worst courts in St. Pancras and Holborn. Her Majesty the Queen has given her consent for the Prince of Wales to serve on the Commission to be formed to inquire into the whole question of the dwellings of the poor. The presence of his Royal Highness on the Commission is welcomed as another sign of his interest in the welfare and sympathy with the distress of great masses of the English people.

Strong efforts are, it is said, being made in Canada to secure a British team to attend the Canadian Wimbledon next year. A letter has been received by the Dominion authorities from Col. Wilson, of the Scottish team, to the effect that it would give the Scottish Volunteers, at all events, great pleasure to come to Canada, and, in his opinion, all that was necessary to secure the presence of a British team was to extend a formal invitation from the Association to the War Office in London. If matters cannot be arranged this year, it is very likely that a team will visit Canada in 1885.—*Broad Arrow*.

The following dinners, &c., have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the past week: Monday, Feb. 18th—Grand Masters Lodge, Civil Service Vocal Union, British Lodge Installation Banquet, Wandsworth Tricycle Club Meeting, Tuesday, 19th—Warwick Club Ball, Cadogan Lodge, Enoch Chapter, Salisbury Lodge, Industry Chapter, National Peristeric Society Meeting, Wednesday, 20th—London Morayshire Club, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Noviomagus, Oak Lodge. Thursday, 21st—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, St. James's Fancy Dress Ball, Linnean Club, St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, United Pilgrims Chapter, Globe Lodge. Friday, 22nd—Crichton Lodge Ball, Jerusalem Lodge, New Holborn Quadrille Assembly. Saturday, 23rd—Bachelors' Quadrille Party, Asslus Cricket Club Ball.

On Saturday last the bust of the late Mr. Spottiswoode, P.R.S., subscribed for by the employés of the firm of Eyre and Spottiswoode, and executed by Bro. Belt, Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, who was himself in early life one of themselves, was unveiled at the Queen's Printing Office, East Harding-street, by Mr. Eyre, the head of the firm. Amongst those present were Mr. Eyre jun., Mrs. Eyre, and their son, godson of the late Mr. Spottiswoode, Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode, and a number of other relatives, as well as a considerable gathering of employés of the firm. Bro. Belt, in answer to repeated calls, addressed the meeting. The bust is in bronze, and has been specially executed by Bro. Belt from a cast taken of the features of the deceased. It stands upon a short plinth of black marble surmounted by books, which is inscribed "A tribute from daily witnesses of a noble life."

The death of Mr. Chenery, for six years editor of the *Times*, removes not only a friend of the Jews, but a devoted student of their history and language. The scholarly work which Mr. Chenery had done in Hebrew and in translation from the Hebrew, has often been referred to in these columns. He was one of the first members of the Committee of the Society of Hebrew Literature, and contributed to its publications a series of legends from the Midrash, which are very bright and effective renderings. Under his editorship of the *Times* the Russian atrocities on the Jews were denounced and the career of Sir Moses Montefiore illustrated. The stupendous labours which Mr. Chenery imposed upon himself doubtless hastened his death. He went to the editor's desk a middle-aged man, and left it six years afterwards with blanched hair and old before his time.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

Bro. Alfred Tisley, P.G.S., W.M. 1589, was on Monday last installed W.M. of the British Lodge, No. 8.

Dr. Müllendorff, who has for the past 26 years been Professor of Early German History in Berlin University, died on Tuesday night.

The sixth annual dinner of the employés of the firm of H. B. Marshall and Sons, wholesale newsagents, Fleet-street, was held on Saturday at the Westminster-chambers Restaurant.

Messrs. J. M. Klenck and Co. (Bro. Klenck), auctioneers and valuers for compensation claims, have removed from 25 and 26, Bishopsgate-street Without, to 42, Bishopsgate-street Within, their former premises being required by the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The first list of subscriptions to the Sir Julius Benedict Testimonial Fund closed on the 17th inst. The preliminary meeting of the General Committee, of which body Bro. the Earl of Lathom is chairman, will take place at an early date.

The 95th annual festival of the City Dispensary was held on Tuesday evening at the Albion Tavern, Bro. the Lord Mayor presiding. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts Bro. Samuel White proposed "The Sheriffs and Corporation of the City of London," to which Bro. Frank Green responded. Bro. T. Spreckley proposed "The Medical Officers."

Monday, the 11th inst., being the 50th birthday anniversary of Bro. G. Burney, the esteemed host of the King William the Fourth, Greenwich, and the preliminary meeting for the formation of the Borough of Greenwich Mark Lodge being held at his house on that evening, his health was proposed and most heartily responded to and drunk with enthusiasm by the brethren at the meeting, and in response Bro. Burney hoped ever to be worthy of the trust they had that day reposed in him, and drunk success to the new lodge.

The movement in Canada for a permanent Grand Master is making headway. If the correspondence to the Masonic journals is to be considered an indication of the general opinion, it appears to be in favour of not settling the question until R.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, the present esteemed Deputy G.M., has succeeded to the Grand Mastership. One correspondent makes a very pertinent remark bearing on the system at present in vogue: "One great benefit would accrue, at least, if our Grand Masters were brethren financially independent. I need not mention it, but I refer your readers to the list of Grand Lodge pensioners."

Bro. James Terry entertained a party of friends, numbering 16, to dinner on Tuesday last at the Albion. Bro. Terry proposed "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and Bro. Dr. Strong replied. The toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" was replied to by Bro. Capt. Durrant, Lieut. Birkett, and Terry, jun., of the Hon. Artillery Company. Bro. Shipp, Secretary of the London and Westminster Bank, acknowledged the toast of "The Commerce and Banking Interests of the Country." Bro. Edgar Bowyer proposed "The Health of Bro. Terry," and Bro. Dr. Strong proposed "The Health of the Vice-Chairman, Bro. Terry, jun." As the dinner was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Jennings, comment is unnecessary. The party reluctantly separated at a late hour.

The rumour that the Pope intends to remove the Papal ban from English and American Freemasonry causes the *Montreal Herald* to comment as follows: "If the report is true, the Pope has been a long time discovering that there are Freemasons—and Freemasons . . ."

The weakest part of the Ultramontane programme to-day in this province is its war upon Freemasonry, because the character of the Freemasons of Canada, whether French or English, stands so high that charges of their enemies are not believed. It is true that some statements have recently been published intended to affect the personal standing of some Montreal Freemasons, and calculated, if true, to give aid and comfort to the enemies of the Order in this province. But the offensive statements are not vouched for; for they are essentially scandalous, and even if true, they would not affect the general character of the body."

A very interesting and novel competition was decided on Friday and Saturday last. It was certainly novel from the fact of its being the first of the kind ever held. It took place at the West London School of Telegraphy and Electrical Engineering in Uxbridge-road, and was for a silver cup, offered by the proprietors of the *Telegraphist*, a monthly journal devoted to the interests of this science, to the most rapid and best sender in the Morse key of 250 words selected by the judges. Forty operators who, with the exception of two connected with railways, all are in the Postal Telegraph service, entered the competition, two ladies being amongst the number. The majority were from London offices, but there were also competitors from Glasgow, Leeds, Wolverhampton, and Swansea. The competition was not directly promoted by the Government authorities, but had their sanction and encouragement in the fact that the Morse and Wheatstone instruments employed were lent by the engineer-in-chief of the Post Office, who also sent one of the staff to fix them and have them in charge.

We cut the following paragraph from the columns of a contemporary: "Until quite recently we were under the impression that the Hon. Miss St. Leger was the first and only woman who had witnessed the mysteries of Freemasonry. The following advertisement, which we reprint from the *Newcastle Courant* of January 4th, 1770, gives us a decided contradiction, and a page from the history of Freemasonry which is not to be found in the records of the Craft: 'This is to acquaint the public—that on Monday, the first instant, being the Lodge (or monthly meeting) Night of the Free and Accepted Masons of the 22nd Regiment, held at the *Crown*, near Newgate (Newcastle), Mrs. Bell, the landlady of the house, broke open a door (with a poker) that had not been opened for some time past; by which means she got into an adjacent room, made two holes through the walls, and, by that stratagem, discovered the secrets of freemasonry; and she, knowing herself to be the first woman in the world that ever found out the secret, is willing to make it known to all her sex. So any lady who is desirous of learning the secrets of freemasonry, by applying to that well-learned woman (Mrs. Bell that lived fifteen years in and about Newgate), may be instructed in the secrets of freemasonry.'"

Bro. J. Gladwin was installed W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, No. 1235, at Buxton, on the 7th inst.

A committee of total abstinents propose, as soon as they can get together funds sufficient, to offer two handsome prizes of the value respectively of £700 and £300 for the best cheap palatable non-intoxicating drink.

The third annual costume ball in aid of the funds of the Bolingbroke House Pay Hospital was held on Wednesday night at the Albert Hall, a very large company attending the entertainment.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642, will not meet on the 29th inst., the brethren having adjourned so that they may attend the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834, where the Fifteen Sections will be worked on that evening.

The Prince of Wales has consented to preside at the meeting of the Institute of Agriculture in South Kensington Museum on March 17th, when a paper upon "Ensilage, and its Influence upon British Agriculture," will be read by Mr. Henry Woods, of Merton.

The well-known collie dog "Help," which has been collecting subscriptions throughout the country on behalf of the Railway Servants' Orphanage, London, was killed yesterday by a train at a level crossing at Middlesbrough.

A ball in connection with the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, will take place on Monday next, at Freemasons' Tavern. The names of many well-known brethren appear on the list of Stewards, and judging from the successful and pleasant gatherings that have been held in the past, we may safely promise an enjoyable evening to all who may be present.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter Principal King of Arms, proceeded to Windsor Castle on Monday, and placed the banner and insignia of Prince Albert Victor (eldest son of the Prince of Wales), who was recently created a Knight of the Garter, in the choir of St. George's Chapel. The banner was hung between the ensigns of the Duke of Connaught and the Duke of Cambridge.

The Countess of Grosvenor has sent through Miss Howson, daughter of the Dean of Chester, a gold cross to each of the lay clerks of Chester Cathedral who took part in the funeral service of the late Earl of Grosvenor, with the wish that they should wear it as a souvenir. The cross is of chaste design, bearing on one side the letter "G" under a coronet, and on the reverse the date "January 25th, 1884."

Mr. J. S. Hood, Superintendent at Irongate Wharf, who has saved in all 14 lives, and was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Medal in 1876, has just been awarded in addition the clasp for a gallant act performed on the 6th inst., when he rescued from the Thames a soldier of the 1st Seaforth Highlanders, who, while going on board the General Steam Navigation Company's steamer Penguin, fell overboard.

It will be remembered that on the 23rd ult. the Clacton Lifeboat, provided by Grand Lodge, went out in a terrible storm to relieve the crew of a vessel in distress, in the attempt to do which two of the lifeboat's crew lost their lives, and left widows and children. Some lodges have already contributed from their funds to raise a sum for the assistance of these widows and orphans. The Prince of Wales, never unmindful of acts of heroism and devotion, will move in Grand Lodge at next meeting that Grand Lodge vote two sums of £50 each to the families of the deceased men.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834, at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, on Friday next, the 29th inst., Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. and Preceptor, in the chair. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely, and the working will be as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. H. Purdue, J.W. 834; Second, Bro. W. C. Williams, J.D. 1585; Third, Bro. W. H. Bluden, W.M. 865; Fourth, Bro. D. Stroud, 55; Fifth, Bro. A. Alais, P.M. 834; Sixth, Bro. J. H. Taylor, P.M. 1767; Seventh, Bro. A. H. Hardy, 201. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Dopson, J.D. 834; Second, Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, I.P.M. 1974; Third, Bro. C. Webster, 1381; Fourth, Bro. M. Speigel, P.M. 188; Fifth, Bro. S. Smout, I.P.M. 1642. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; Second, Bro. R. H. Williams, J.D. 1767; Third, Bro. G. Davis, P.M. 167.

The final meeting of the Committee entrusted with the arrangements for the recent annual Masonic ball at the Town Hall, Liverpool, was held on Friday evening, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., occupied the chair, and there was a numerous attendance. Bro. J. C. Robinson, the Hon. Sec., submitted the financial statement of the ball, from which it appeared that, including donations, there remained a balance of £93 11s. 9d. to be handed over to Bro. J. T. Callow, the Hon. Treas. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution in aid of the funds of the Charity—a monetary result which was considered exceedingly satisfactory in view of the lukewarmness displayed by many brethren who might naturally have been expected to take great interest in the scheme. Cordial votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. G. Broadbridge and R. Martin, the Hon. Secs. of the Institution, for their generous gifts of stewards' badges; to Bro. J. C. Robinson for his valuable services as Secretary; and to Bros. R. Foote and H. H. Smith for their zealous assistance in connection with the refreshment arrangements. A ballot for Life Governors of this Charity as the result of stewards' fees was then taken, and the following were successful in securing this highly-prized honour: Bros. J. C. McGuire, R. Kitchingman, G. Godfrey, T. Hatton, and R. Foote, the last named brother intimating his intention of contributing a sum sufficient to make his life governorship a vice-presidency of the Institution. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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