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WE call attention elsewhere to the official correspondence between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and we can only add, according to the old adage, we do not think that the Grand Lodge of Quebec has a "leg to stand upon."

WE hasten to correct some little errors which appeared in an editorial comment on a letter relative to the Prestonian Lectureship in our last number. In 1881, the ancient trustees having died out, the fund was transferred into the names of Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS and Bro. MCINTYRE. There has been no official appointment, as we said, since Bro. HENRY WARREN, and no payments have been made to anyone since to himself in 1862. We were in error in supposing that any such payments had been made subsequently to 1862. From 1838 downward there seem to have been the following appointments:—Bros. L. THOMPSON, LEVINSON, THISSELTON, HEWLETT, and WARREN. It would almost appear as if from about 1819 Bro. STEPHEN JONES, of the Lodge of Antiquity, held the appointment until his death. We hope that this statement will clear up any uncertainty as to the facts of the case.

By the lamented death of our esteemed Bro. Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON the office of Treasurer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls becomes vacant. We are pleased to hear that Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., has consented to allow himself to be nominated for the vacant office. His high position in the Craft, as well as his long services and great experience, eminently qualify him for the appointment.

WE note that Bro. LE FEUVRE is appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire, and we congratulate our worthy brother on his well-merited promotion, and the province on having so very zealous and able a brother placed over them, under their distinguished Bro. W. W. B. BEACH. We are quite certain from what we know of Bro. LE FEUVRE that he will seek to maintain the high Masonic character of the important province which he has been called upon to help the Prov. Grand Master in executive administration, and we augur, both from his zeal, knowledge, and discretion, much benefit to Freemasonry, with, at the same time, a commendable support of our great Charities. Bro. LE FEUVRE has been actively connected with the Charity Committee, and knows better than most the real value of these now remarkable organizations, and the needs and duties of his own province. Every province, in our opinion, either singly or conjointly, ought to be strong enough in votes to secure the election of a fitting number of candidates for all the Charities.

WE are informed officially that the paragraph in the *Times* of Monday relative to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Durham is without any authority. The paragraph is as follows:—"FREEMASONRY IN THE NORTH.—It is understood that Sir Hedworth Williamson, Whitburn Hall, Sunderland, will be appointed Provincial Grand Master of Durham, by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, in succession to the late Lord Londonderry."

THE taste for special lodges seems to be on the increase. The last "outcome" of this peculiar movement of the Masonic mind, through taste and temperament of the hour, is to be seen in the formation of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, of which Bro. Sir CHARLES WARREN, now in Bechuanaland, is to be the first Worshipful Master. There were various reasons, connected alike with that distinguished brother and the formation of the lodge, which rendered silence "golden" as in the Spanish proverb, but all occasion for reticence is now removed, and we can speak freely of what has been for some time a "fait accompli." The Quatuor Coronati and the Quinque Sculptores play a conspicuous part in the history of Operative Masonry, at least in Germany and England. Allusion is made to the Quatuor in the Masonic poem, late fourteenth century, and the Coronati

were undoubtedly the Patron Saints of the German Steinmetzen, more or less. There is still a church at Rome where the relics of these nine worthies are said to be preserved. In commemoration these old and faithful Mason the founders of the new lodge have taken a very good name, while the object they have in view, is, as it seems to us, both laudable and common sense, and truly Masonic. It is for the furtherance of Masonic culture and the study of Masonic archaeology. The membership is not intended to be an idle one. Papers will be read and probationary essays required. Bro. Sir CHARLES WARREN is the first Worshipful Master; Bro. W. H. RYLANDS the Senior, and Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D., the Junior Warden. Bro. WALTER BESANT, the well-known writer, will be among the officers, and Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, who needs no praise from us. Bro. PAUL RYLANDS, so honourably connected with the ranks of the Harleian Society, and Bro. PRATT, Military Academy, Woolwich, and Bro. W. SPETH will no doubt be pressed into good Masonic "suit and service." We trust that the future of the Quatuor Coronati may be one of unmingled prosperity, harmony, and utility.

THE Grand Scribe E., Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, installed Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH as Grand Superintendent for Gloucestershire, at Cheltenham, on the 11th inst., before a large assembly of Royal Arch Masons.

WE are again approaching the period when the greater part of the elections for Worshipful Masters takes place. We feel it to be our duty once again, though it is always a seasonable topic of advice and exhortation, to call the attention of our readers to the importance of their duty, and the greatness of their responsibility in this respect. At a time when Freemasonry is so popular, and its lodges so "filled up," there is a danger, though it always exists, in truth, in greater or less degree, of allowing other considerations than absolute fitness in every respect to influence the choice of a Worshipful Master. Even in Masonry the "potentiality of wealth" and the influence of social position are felt, and sometimes the Masonic interests of the lodge are sacrificed, as it seems to us, for reasons utterly unfitting and outside Freemasonry proper. Nothing is more humiliating to bright Masons than to see a Worshipful Master in the chair who cannot go through even his commonest routine without the prompting and aid of an indispensable Past Master, and who to the brother who knows his work, and has taken the trouble to study his duties, appears either a Masonic "faineant," or a Masonic drone. Of course, there are exceptions to every rule, and each case must stand or fall by itself alone; but we feel sure we are right in impressing on our readers that the first element of fitness for the Master is a thorough knowledge of his work, and a skilful, while courteous, discharge of his own duties. So long as he uses a "crutch," so long as he leans upon others, so long as he does not rely on himself, his work must, at the best, be a patchwork, a disjointed work, and leave an unfavourable impression on expert members and casual visitors. Many of the incongruities, and solecisms, and variations, and interpolations which mar the chaste dignity and consummate beauty of our ritual may fairly be ascribed to the hurry or carelessness of presiding officers *not* up to their work, to that tendency to "get up" for particular occasions, instead of the earnest effort of the contemplative and sincere Freemason to attain, by constant attention in our lodges of instruction and on qualified teachers the remarkable if oral lore of our ancient Brotherhood. There is a recklessness just now, amid some portions of our Order, which bodes no good to the future of English Freemasonry, unless checked and controlled in time. Those who are admitted into our lodges seem to think that they are to have everything and obtain everything all at once, and many brethren are far too rapidly pushed forward, from some cause or another, over the heads, too, of better men and Masons than themselves. They forget that in other days, and those not so far removed from our own generation Freemasons had to serve often a long apprenticeship before they were promoted, and we behold the initiates of yesterday seeking for the highest posts in our lodges. There are again of course exceptions. There are those who for instance merit every honour that can be conferred on their Masonic zeal, labour, energy, and sacrifices. We have before our eyes as we write one whom no one grudges the honours he has fitly received. Though comparatively a young Mason, by his geniality, his readiness to help and oblige, his Masonic zeal, and above all his efficient discharge of the most arduous work, he has endeared himself to his contemporaries, and for him the Craft has few honours to which he may not eventually and legitimately aspire. But as a general rule we require care and caution in selection, above all, of a Worshipful Master. And, therefore, we again venture to remind our readers of their special and important Masonic duties at this season of the year, and to say to them, one and all, let your motto be in the election of a Worshipful Master, "Palmam qui meruit ferat."

WE invite attention elsewhere to a most interesting account of a visit to the Ophthalmic Hospice at Jerusalem, which will be perused by our readers with much pleasure and approval. The Ophthalmic Hospice is a development of the active and useful work of the Order of St. John, of which our distinguished Bro. Sir E. LECHEMERE is the head in this country, and deserves the support of all philanthropic persons. Ophthalmic diseases are very prevalent in Eastern countries, and anything that can be done to alleviate the sufferings of the many victims of ophthalmia and kindred complaints is indeed an effort of "Good Samaritanism." To keep up this important Hospice in full activity, to extend its usefulness, and advance its object, is the aim of those who are supporting it. Lady LECHEMERE, 13, Bolton-road, Mayfair, W., will be glad to receive donations or annual subscriptions towards this much-desired and needed end.

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WE are rapidly approaching the close of another year in Time, and another Masonic 12 months of work and life. English Freemasonry is greatly flourishing under the wise and peaceful rule of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, and on every side of us we witness the tokens of its expanding power, and its effective significance. New lodges are being constantly added to our roll, new demands are being as constantly made on our charitable sympathies, and another year is passing which testifies in remarkable measure both to the Charity and Loyalty of our great Order. 1884 has indeed witnessed an outburst and outcome of Roman Catholic fanaticism, deeply to be deplored, and greatly to be deprecated. Without a word of warning, the benevolent LEO XIII., adopting the absurdities of the ill-informed Roman Curia, has thought fit to revive the old bigoted views as regards Freemasonry, and to place Freemasonry everywhere under a so-called Interdict. Of course, in 1884, such an act is alike absurd on the face of it, and utterly impotent; but as it affects Roman Catholics themselves, it has an importance for our Fraternity. There are many Roman Catholic Freemasons among the clergy and the laity of that Church, and everyone therefore, even their own authorities, with a natural wish to live peaceably with their neighbours, are placed in a most inconsistent and annoying position, equally painful to us, equally trying to them. It seems strange that in 1884 LEO should seek to resuscitate the tone and temper of 1738. Freemasonry was originally condemned by CLEMENT, principally because it constituted a meeting place, or neutral ground, for Roman Catholics and Protestants, and its meetings and its lodges were threatened with the severest penalties. We pass over the intervening Allocations of LEO, of PIUS VII., of PIUS IX., and we come to the latest ebullition of Roman Catholic intolerance, by which English Freemasonry is condemned in the same breath with foreign Freemasonry, though the difference of the two systems is as marked as light from darkness, and Roman Catholic writers themselves have often admitted the peculiarly religious, reverential, loyal, benevolent tone of English Freemasonry. We have nothing to say in defence of many foreign jurisdictions, except that, according to our mind, they are almost out of the pale of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We cannot deny that just exception may be taken to their words and acts, which are often senseless and profane, always unrightful and un-Masonic in the highest degree. With these few words we call the attention of our readers to a *resumé* of Masonic events of 1884, which appears elsewhere in our columns.

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WE have thus touched upon most of the principal matters recorded in the weekly and faithful pages of the *Freemason* in 1884. Abroad, Freemasonry is in a very disjointed and a incoherent state, owing to revolutionary changes and unwise agitation. France and Belgium, are in our humble opinion, actually outside Freemasonry proper, and no loyal Anglo-Saxon Freemason can safely enter their lodges as at present conducted. It would be a curious commentary on their ill-omened departure from the true Cosmopolitan principles of the Craft if, in France especially, under a Republican form of Government, their very existence as a legal body was placed in jeopardy by their own headlong course and precipitate innovations. Holland seems inclined to "follow suit;" let us hope that the stability of the Dutch character may save Freemasonry there from another degradation. In Italy, Germany, Hungary, and the North of Europe, Freemasonry appears to pursue the even tenour of its way, not making any striking advance, it is true, but keeping together a band of brotherhood, and a "linked chain" of "good men and true." In America and Canada Freemasonry is not only holding its own, but advancing; and in India and our Colonial Empire, as well as Mexico, Peru, &c., we hear and note some sounds and signs of Masonic life. The Quebec Freemasons have been very pugnacious and warlike as against our patient English Grand Lodge, and the English lodges existing in Quebec, by virtue of an honourable Concordat, and in concurrence with the undoubted law and precedents of European Freemasonry. We hope that the last dignified reply of our GRAND MASTER, approved of unanimously by Grand Lodge, will convince our friends in the Dominion how unwise it is, how suicidal for them to quarrel with the Grand Lodge of England, which strong in its own dignity and inherent rights, will uphold "against all comers" the undoubted privileges of its lodges. Thus wags our Masonic world away year by year. May the close of another year bring peace and prosperity to all our true brethren everywhere, as we raise elsewhere our joyous Christmas anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, Goodwill towards men."

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DEATH has been very active amongst our Fraternity during the last twelve months. Several names occur to us of those whom we sadly miss from our gatherings, whose honest faces and warm hearts we shall no more greet or smile on here below. We may remember well the names specially of the Marquis of LONDONDERRY, Bros. ALPASS, JOHN HAVERS, JOHN CREATON, Sir MICHAEL COSTA, Captain PLATT, LEVANDER, SOUTHWOOD, and many more, who will be all missed men, and for whose fraternal interest and sympathetic friendship still must raise the sigh, and of whom many sincere friends will long proclaim, with faltering accents, the departure and the loss.

## CONSECRATION OF THE BYRON LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS AT NOTTINGHAM.

On Thursday, the 18th inst., the above lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, attached to the Newstead (T.I.) Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham. The following distinguished brethren, together with many others, were present: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; Hatherly, P.G.M.O.; George, P.G. Stwd.; Patchitt, G. Stwd.; FitzHugh, P.P.G.S.W. Notts; Rev. F. V. Bussell, P.G.S.W. Notts; H. J. Norris, P.G.D.C. Notts; J. M. Davis, J. Toplis, S. G. Gilbert, C. B. Trumam, P.G. Treas. Notts; Fish, Ward, Alenson, E. P. Norris, P. C. Parker, Young, P.P.G.W. Leicester; Walker, P.P.G.W. Leicester; Freer, W. Wright, P.G.O. Notts; Poore, P.G.I.G.; Rallings, and Benham.

The ceremony of consecration was most ably and impressively performed by the R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, Past G.W., assisted by the following Grand Officers: Bros. Berridge, G.D. of C.; Poore, Past G.I.G.; and George, Past Grand Stwd. The proceedings commenced by the elevation of a number of brethren to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners, nearly the whole of the P.M.'s of the Mark Province of Notts being included in the list. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, Bro. Matier, Consecrating Officer, taking the chair of W.C.N.; and Bros. Berridge and George occupying respectively the chairs of J. and S. Bro. W. Wright presided at the organ, and Bro. Miles Walker held the post of Guardian. Bro. the Rev. N. Bussell acted as Chaplain, and delivered an oration on Ark Masonry, which was much applauded.

The consecration having been completed, the installation of the W.C.N. elect, Bro. H. J. Norris, was then proceeded with, and was most ably rendered by Bro. Poore. Bro. Norris having been duly installed, appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Toplis, J.; Gilbert, S.B.; Ingram, Treas.; Parker, Scribe; Alenson, S.D.; Fish, J.D.; Hatherly, D.C.; and E. P. Norris, Steward.

The W.C.N., on behalf of the lodge, thanked the brethren who had taken part in the consecration, and it was decided unanimously that for the signal services they had rendered that day they should be elected Honorary Members, and accordingly the following were added to the roll of the lodge: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; R. Berridge, G.D.C.; Poore, P.G.I.G.; Miles Walker, P.P.G.S.W. Leicester; W. Wright, P.G.O. Notts.

Bro. MATIER, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, thanked the W.C.N. and brethren for the honour they had done them.

The offertory was then collected, amounting to 21s., and this was handed to Bro. George to be added to his list as Steward at the forthcoming Benevolent Festival.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to dinner under the presidency of the W.C.N., Bro. H. J. Norris, who was supported by Bros. Matier, Berridge, George, Toplis, and others.

## CONSTITUTION OF A PROV. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A Masonic ceremony of more than ordinary interest to the Fraternity was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Gloucestershire was constituted, and the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., was installed as First Superintendent, under the patent of the Grand Superintendent of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. There are now three Royal Arch chapters in Gloucestershire, over which the Provincial Grand Chapter will have jurisdiction. The Chapter Unanimity is attached to the Foundation Lodge, No. 82, dating back upwards of a century; the Royal Lebanon Chapter, No. 493, is attached to the lodge of the same name and number in Gloucester, and holds a charter dated 1875; and the third chapter, connected with the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, and bearing its name, was consecrated early in the present year, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, and Comps. J. Walker, M.A., P.Z., and R. V. Vassar-Smith being its three First Principals. The formation and rapid growth of this third chapter has been followed by the constitution of a Provincial Grand Chapter.

The ceremony on the 11th inst. was performed by M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., on behalf of the Grand Superintendent, with M.E. Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.N., as H.; S. G. Homfray, Prov. G.H. of Mon., P.G.S.B., as J.; R. C. Else, Prov. G.H. of Monmouthshire, P.G. Std. Br., and the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., G. Asst. Soj., acted as D.'s of C.'s. Among those also present, in addition to M.E. Comps. Sir Michael Hicks Beach and J. Brook-Smith, D. Prov. G.M., were:

M.E. Comps. A. F. Godson, Prov. G.H. Worcester; W. Watkins, P.Z. 683, P.P.G. Treas. Monmouth; W. H. Gwinnett, P.Z. 82; J. Walker, M.A., P.Z. 82, M.E.Z. 839; H. Jeffs, M.E.Z. 82, 493; T. J. Cottle, P.Z. 82; H. J. Crump, P.Z. 493; C. L. Sweeting, 82, P.Z. 92; W. B. Stocker, 82, P.Z. 493; A. B. Rye, P.Z. 82; J. B. Winterbotham, P.Z. 82; L. Winterbotham, P.Z. 82; W. R. Porcher, P.Z., Treas. 82; S. Green, P.Z. 82; W. L. Bain, P.Z. 82; E. Trinder, P.Z. 82; A. V. Hatton, P.Z. 493; F. W. Fisher, P.Z. 493; W. Forth, P.Z. 82; R. V. Vassar-Smith, H. 839, Z. elect, 82; F. Ticehurst, H. elect, 82; J. Bryan, J. 839; J. A. Matthews, J. 493; and Comps. Rev. Dr. Kynaston, 82; Sir Brook Kay, Bart., 82; Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith, 82; T. Taynton, 839; E. C. Sewell, 82; R. Macartney, 839; R. Prowde-Smith, 82; Dr. W. R. Smith, 82; J. L. Butler, S.E. 82; W. Renwick, Treas. 493; W. J. Stephens, 82; T. Cadle, 82; E. Lawrence, N. 82; W. R. Felton, P.S. elect, 82; J. Balcomb, P.S.E. 82; C. S. Atkins, 82; J. A. Matthews, 82; A. Woodward, 493; H. Hunt, P.S. 493; F. Fenner, 82; W. C. Ferris, 493; J. Bruton, P.S. 839; J. Robertson, 82; Rev. S. J. G. Frazer, 82; J. A. Matthews, J. 493; C. Tudway, 82; C. E. Quilter, N. 493, B. London, 493; C. S. Atkins, 82; H. J. Ferris, S.E. 493; G. Peters, 82; J. S. Carleton, N. elect, 82; J. Thorn, 82; F. Moore, 82; S. Bland, 493; J. Campbell, 82; G. Norman, J. elect, 82; and others.

The Installing Officer, Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, having constituted Prov. Grand Chapter in due form and declared it open, stated the object of the meeting and expressed the pleasure with which, for the second time within so brief a period, he met a large body of Gloucestershire R.A. Masons.

The roll of the chapters was then called by Comp. E. TRINDER, Prov. G.S., acting as S.E., and the Grand Superintendent was announced. He was received by a deputation of Past Principals, consisting of Comps. Brooks-Smith, Trinder, Stocker, Gwinnett, Fisher, and J. Walker, and having been introduced was duly installed and invested with the insignia of his office.

In addressing the newly-installed Grand Superintendent the INSTALLING OFFICER said that, speaking in the presence of a body of Gloucestershire Masons, it was necessary to say nothing of those personal and Masonic

qualities which had approved Sir Michael Hicks-Beach to the Fraternity ; but he expressed, on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the pleasure with which he had appointed to his present honour one who, having occupied a distinguished place in the councils of the nation, and whose time was so largely given to the public service, had shown such great interest in Masonry, and had governed his province with such distinguished ability. He hoped and believed that under Sir Michael's beneficent sway the Province of Gloucester would continue still further to grow and unfold in Masonic strength and unity.

The Grand Superintendent of the province then nominated as his Second and Third Principals Comps. Brook-Smith (his Deputy), and H. Jeffs, and they were duly installed and proclaimed.

The election of Treasurer followed, to which office Comp. Gwinnett (Prov. G. Treas.) was elected by the acclamation of the chapter. Comp. Phillips was also elected Janitor.

The remaining officers were then appointed by the Grand Superintendent, the full list of appointments being as follows :

Comp. Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., P.Z., Prov. G.M. Gloucester ...	Prov. G. Supt.
" J. Brook-Smith, M.A., P.Z., D. Prov. G.M. ...	Prov. G.H.
" H. Jeffs, P.Z., P.P.J.G.W. ...	Prov. G.J.
" E. Trinder, P.Z., Prov. G. Sec. ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" A. V. Hatton, P.Z., P.P.J.G.W. ...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Walker, M.A., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W. ...	Prov. G. Pr. Soj.
" T. J. Cottle, P.Z., P.P.J.G.W. ...	Prov. G.Asst.Soj.
" J. B. Winterbotham, P.Z., P.P.G.J.W. ...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" W. H. Gwinnett, P.Z., Prov. G. Treas. ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. L. Bain, P.Z., P.P.G.R. ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. W. Fisher, P.Z., P.P.G.S.W. ...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. B. Stocker, P.Z., P.P.G.S.D. ...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" L. Winterbotham, P.Z., P.P.G.R. ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. A. Matthews ...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Phillips, Prov. G. Tyler... ..	Prov. G. Janitor.

The ordinary business of the chapter having been transacted, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and the companions retired to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served. The Grand Superintendent presided, and in the course of the toast list, acknowledging the fraternal cordiality with which his appointment had been received, he spoke of the pleasure it gave him to meet, in an atmosphere where party was unknown, the cordial and kindly friends who met him on occasions like the present.

An incident of the evening was the presentation to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, on behalf of Comp. Jeffs, of one of the medals struck in 1791 upon the installation of the Prince of Wales, afterwards George the Fourth, as Grand Master of the Order.

**SOME ANCIENT YORK MASONS AND THEIR EARLY HAUNTS.**

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, YORK.

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On the 16th May a "gentleman" named Gregory Rhodes was admitted, and on the 24th June two more "gentlemen," named Jno. Crossley and Wm. Johnstone, were initiated. The latter seems to have been a doctor, and I suspect was a member of a Jacobite family of the name who lived at Pontefract. One of them had a house in York, and was amongst the recusants who were punished by fine and imprisonment about this time. At the same time as the two last entered the Society, the following other "persons" were made: William Marshall, Ralph Campleman, Matthew Cellar (his marke), Benjamin Campbell, William Muschamp, Wm. Robinson, Matthew Gray, John Bradley, and John Hawman.

At this time the old lodge at York suffered from a little internal trouble. It is recorded under date of July 6th, 1726, that

"Whereas it has been certify'd to me that Mr. Willm. Scourfield has presum'd to call a Lodge and make Masons without the consent of the Grand Master or Deputy, and in opposition to the 8th Article of the Constitutions, I do, with the consent of the Grand Master and the approbation of the whole Lodge, declare him to be disqualify'd from being a member of this Society, and he is hereby for ever banish'd from the same.

"Such members as were assisting in constituting and forming Mr. Scourfield's Scismatical Lodge on the 24 of the last month, whose names are John Carpenter, William Musgrave, Thomas Allansen, and Thos. Preston, are, by the same authority, liable to the same sentence; yet upon their acknowledging their error in being deluded and making such submission as shall be judg'd requisite by the Grand Master and Lodge at the next monthly meeting, shall be receiv'd into the favour of the Brotherhood, otherwise to be banish'd with Mr. Scourfield, and their names to be eras'd out of the Roll and Articles.

"If any other Brother or Brothers shall hereafter separate from us, or be aiding and assisting in forming any Lodge under the said Mr. Scourfield or other any person without due license for the same, He or they so offending shall be disown'd as members of this Lodge, and for ever excluded from the same."

The names of Carpenter and Allansen have not appeared previously in the minutes.

On the same day, at the lodge at which the above minute was recorded, at Gibson's Hotel, in Blake-street, Henry Tireman and Will. Thompson were admitted. Tireman is an old York name. Henry Tireman was Sheriff in 1744.

On August 13th, 1726, Bellingham Graham and Nic. Roberts were sworn. The former was a son of Sir Reginald Graham, of North Conyers. He died unmarried in 1730.

The next minute is dated December 13th, 1726, and says that "at a private Lodge at the Star, in Stonegate, the Right Honble. Arthur Ld. Viscount Irwin was sworn and admitted." This was a Scotch peerage, now extinct, and very short lived. The founder of the family was Hugh Ingram, a London merchant, who died in 1612, having acquired the Temple Newsham property. The third viscount married an Isabel Machel, and had nine sons, of whom five—Edward, Richard, Arthur, Henry, and George—were successively fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth viscounts. The last viscount died at Temple Newsham in 1778. The first viscount was Secretary to the Council of the North at York, and had a mansion in the Minster-yard, where James, Duke of York and Albany and his Duchess were lodged during their visit to York, already mentioned.

Two days later another meeting was held at the Star, when Jno. Motley, Wm. Davile, and Thos. Trowsell were sworn, and on the 22nd of the same month Richard Woodhouse and Robart Selburn were admitted.

Here we find a long gap in the records, extending to Midsummer, 1829, during which time we have no record as to the doings of the York brethren. Happily within the last few days I have obtained some information, which

has enabled me to bridge over a portion of the chasm, and placed us in possession of the name of another Grand Master at York. A short time ago, I noticed in an old copy of "Debrett" a statement that the first baronet of the Milner family was Grand Master of Freemasons in England. I knew that he had been made at York, as also that he had not been Grand Master of either of the Southern Bodies, and, after some inquiry and the kind assistance of Capt. Clements Markham and of Bro. Sir F. G. Milner, I have ascertained that the first baronet was Grand Master at York in 1728-9. In a MS. work in four volumes in Leeds Library, entitled "A Collection of Coats of Arms and Descents of the Several Families of the West Riding, from MSS. of John Hopkinson; corrected by T. Wilson, of Leeds," is the following entry under the name of Sir W. Milner: On St. John Baptist Day, 1728, at York, he was elected Grand Master of the Freemasons in England, being the 798 successor from Edwin the Great." This is an interesting addition to the list of the York Grand Masters.

It would be still more interesting to discover the entire list of Grand Masters as given by the early Masons from Edwin at York, if such they promulgated. The number in descent from Edwin seems to show that they believed in a regular actual succession, and that they had a list of names. Where is this list now?

Referring again to the roll of minutes, we find that on June 24th, 1729, "at St. John's Lodge," at the Star Inn, Basil Forcer and John Lambe were sworn. These are both names of old Durham families.

"The same day Edward Thompson, Junior, of Marston, Esq., was chosen Grand Master; Mr. John Wilmer, Deputy Grand Master; Mr. George Rhodes and Mr. George Reynolds, Grand Wardens for the year ensuing, and afterwards the Grand Master was pleased to order ye following appointments, viz.:

"I do appoint Dr. Johnson and Mr. Drake, Mr. Marsden, Mr. Denton, Mr. Brigham, Mr. R. Marsh, and Mr. Eddy to assist in regulating ye state of the Lodge, and redressing from time to time any inconveniences that may arise.

"EDWD. THOMPSON, Grand Master."

Here, again it will be noted are names occurring for the first time. This Board of General Purposes cannot have been a success. At all events, no lodge meetings are recorded until the 4th May, 1730, when one was held at the White Swan, in Petergate, and it was then "Order'd by the Dep. Master then present that if from thenceforth any of the officers of ye Lodge should be absent from ye company at ye monthly Lodges they shall forfeit the sum of one shilling for each omission.

"JOHN WILMER, Dep. G.M."

This is the last entry on the parchment roll of minutes. Edward Thompson, junior, was the grandson of Sir Henry Thompson, of Marston, who was Lord Mayor in 1663 and the ancestor of the present Lord Wenlock.

It will be observed that throughout the whole of the foregoing minutes no mention whatever is made of degrees, so that either the three must have been conferred in one evening, or, what is more likely, the ceremony was much simpler than what was practised elsewhere, and was, in fact, a survival of the old guild ceremony and a simple swearing in and communication of tokens and words.

It is possible that some of the descendants of these ancient brethren may possess family papers and records that would throw light upon our early history. That such things must exist is certain, and the only difficulty is in getting at them. Perhaps this list of their names may have the effect of drawing attention to the subject.

**GRADE AND DEGREE.**

There seems to be a little confusion in the use of these words in a recent controversy in the *Freemason*, which it may not be amiss to consider and touch upon. The words are used as if there was an essential difference between them, whereas, to say the truth, strictly speaking, they are "ab origine" identical in meaning. No doubt, common usage and familiar handling seem to have brought about a difference; but whether that difference is really justifiable is a matter of grave doubt, and deserves careful consideration. In a popular work their difference is thus summarized—for instance, Degree means "quality, class, station," as well as "the 360th part of a circle," and "60 geographical miles;" whereas Grade is said to denote "rank, degree, a step." When, however, we look into the matter closely we find that Degree comes from the Norman-French "Degré," and the Grade from "Graad," a Saxon or Scandinavian word, though Johnson seems to think it also comes from the French; and there is a French word Grade, which means the same as Degree.

Both words are derived from the Latin "gradus," one of several steps, though there was a substantive "gradatio," staircase, and there was an adjective gradatus, and an adverb gradatiom. Some have derived the word from gradior or gradatic, but the best derivation is clearly gradus, which alike may be translated by Degree and Grade.

Still there is a difference in common use. It is perhaps hardly safe to say, as we might be tempted to do, that the difference is between the person and the thing, but there seems to be almost a margin as between the abstract idea and the concrete fact. When it is said, nevertheless, there was one Degree and two Grades before 1717, we confess that we hardly are able to follow the able writer in his conclusions.

We understand him, indeed, to mean that there was one degree conferred with a ceremonial, &c., and two other honorary steps or distinctions. But, as we said before, we venture to doubt if any such difference in the meaning of the words can be safely sustained, or whether there was any such valid difference and so clearly marked. Is it not a distinction rather without a difference?

We think we grasp the idea intended to be conveyed,—that there was a difference between a Degree conferred, and a merely titular distinction; but then, as we said before, we doubt if the words will bear it, and whether it is quite safe philologically or terminologically to adopt such a difference of meaning, much less to assert that such a distinction then existed or was recognized. We must always bear in mind that our use of many English words is very corrupt and by no means expert; and that because we affix a certain meaning to words to-day it is by no means clear that it is anything but a passing use, without authority and without right. Johnson clearly saw no difference in the meaning. He tells us that Grade was then a word of modern introduction, but that it meant rank, degree, and that Degree meant quality, rank, station, place of dignity. He gives us examples of the use in other meanings of first Degree, second, third, fourth Degrees. Therefore, we think a word of caution needful, as we do not feel sure at all that we are warranted, in the common usage of the hour, to make any distinction really and truly as between Degree and Grade.



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The *Freemason* will be published on the morning of Wednesday, the 24th inst., instead of Friday, as usual. This will enable the trade to deliver it previous to the Christmas holidays.

**To Correspondents.**

The following reports, &c., stand over for want of space: **W. M. WYLDE.**—No.  
**CRAFT LODGES.**—Derwent, 40; Euphrates, 212; Palatine, 97; York, 236; Rock, 1289; Friars, 1349; Falcon, 1416; Wolsey, 1656; Creaton, 1791.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**—Prince Frederick William, 753; Wanderers, 1604; West Smithfield, 1623.  
**ROYAL ARCH.**—Royal Albert Chapter, 907.  
Inauguration of the New Masonic Rooms, Belvedere.  
Annual Ladies' Meeting of the Ranelagh Lodge, 834.  
Masonic Celebration at Alton.  
Presentation to a Liverpool Brother.  
Correspondence—**M. H. C.**; **William Hammond.**  
Obituary—**Bro. H. S. Cooper.**

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**  
"The Queen," "Die Bauhütte," "Keystone," "Hull Packet," "El Porvenir," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Sunday Times," "Citizen," "Jewish Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham," "Court Circular," "La Revista Masónica Del Peru," "Keystone," "Leeds Mercury," "Journal of the Society of Arts," "Cadiz Masonic," "Allen's Indian Mail."



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 LATE BRO. LEVANDER.**  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I have in consequence of Bro. Levander's decease had some work to do, and I fear I may be too late (even if you have space to insert a few words from me) for you to do so this week.

But when you can, you would oblige me by allowing me to say how very deeply my lodge and myself have felt his great loss to us, as a body and individually. He had such a clear intellect and masterly mind that if he had not been proficient in Masonry with his warm heart and fine, unselfish disposition, he would have won men to him; but when with a devotion to Masonry he sacrificed, I fear, rest and health to acquire an intimate knowledge of its sublime mysteries, he was ever ready to place his experience and matured wisdom at the disposal of the brethren, without thought of himself or any idea of advancement. His whole career, so far as I have watched it and known it in Masonry, was to think of others before himself, ever to be thinking how he could do a kindly act to another; if it be only at a little sacrifice, it might be more of time and trouble to himself. I have experienced all such kindness from him, and it is now pain and grief to me that he is gone.

I cannot dwell further on it; I will only add the resolution St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, came to on Saturday at our regular meeting, moved by Bro. Baloze, P.M., the father of the lodge, seconded by Bro. Thomas, P.M., P.G.D.C., and unanimously passed, for I think all the brethren will be glad to have their feelings known: "The W.M. and brethren of this lodge desire to record on the minutes of their proceedings the expression of their deep sorrow and regret at the loss they have sustained in the death of their late Secretary, Bro. H. C. Levander, P.M., P.G.D., on 4th December inst. His never-failing courtesy, genial disposition, and kindness of heart endeared him to all the members, whilst his ripe experience and intimate knowledge of Masonry were ever at the command of the W.M. and brethren.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

**JAMES WM. LAMBERT,**  
P.M. 142, Prov. G.R. Middx.,  
Acting Sec. St. Thomas's Lodge.

30, Bedford-row, W.C.,  
December 11th.

**RE NON-CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
The haziness which obscures this question would soon be dispersed if we paid close attention to the Book of Constitutions and the proceedings of Grand Lodge. According to Rule 74 (old Book, 1873 ed., p. 27, sec. 8), "No resolution for a grant of money (except sums of £50 or under, recommended by the Board of Benevolence) or for a new law or regulation, or for the alteration or repeal of an old one, shall become valid, unless confirmed at the next ensuing Quarterly Communication."

The proceedings in Grand Lodge December, 1883, were in strict conformity with this rule when it fell to my lot to move the first resolution of non-confirmation of one of the revised rules passed at a previous meeting. All the instances of non-confirmation carried at the said Grand Lodge were of a similar nature, and in compliance with the same rule. It is very important to preserve this right as a check on the hasty passing of "new regulations or the alterations of old ones," or of "snatch" money votes carried by an accidental majority.

In Rule 110 there is an example of the application of Rule 74.

Rule 130 provides that the election of W.M. must be "confirmed" before he can be installed. It seldom happens that the election is "non-confirmed;" but I have known some unfortunate instances.

"A resolution affecting the funds of the lodge" is therefore open (unless the bye-laws provide for the contrary) to a motion for "non-confirmation," and constitutionally and common-senseically so open. If, however, a majority of the regular attendants of the lodge carried the money vote, the same majority could have carried the confirmation of the minutes at the next ensuing meeting.

Notwithstanding this power in reserve, 'tis very bad form to move non-confirmation out of mere pique, or for any but very good reasons.—Yours fraternally,

December 16th. **E. T. BUDDEN.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
The subjoined account of what occurred in Grand Lodge on December 2nd, 1874, may throw some light upon the meaning of "confirming" the minutes of a previous meeting.

On that occasion the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication, containing Lord Ripon's resignation of the Grand Mastership, had been read and put for confirmation, when Bro. H. G. Warren moved as an amendment: "That, so far as regarded the resignation of the Marquess of Ripon, the minutes be not confirmed." To this the Grand Registrar objected as being out of order, and he said "The minutes were merely a record of what was passed and concluded, and the confirmation was simply to show that they were properly recorded. But if any new law or obligation were imposed, that could not be finally passed at one meeting; it must be confirmed at the next Grand Lodge; therefore, although under one head, the confirmation was really put in two forms. If any new obligation were proposed and carried at one Grand Lodge and affirmed at the next, it was the confirmation of the minutes which made that law." Accordingly, Bro. Warren's amendment was not put. (G. Lodge Reports.)

Rule 74 of the Book of Constitutions is as follows: "No resolution for a grant of money (except sums of £50 or under, recommended by the Board of Benevolence), or for a new law or regulation, or for alteration or repeal of an old one, shall become valid unless confirmed at the next ensuing quarterly communication."

By comparing this Rule with the Grand Registrar's ruling, I think the following principles may be laid down as regards confirmation of minutes in Grand Lodge:—

1. All money grants (except those specified in Rule 74), and all resolutions affecting the laws, require subsequent confirmation to make them valid; such confirmation being given in practice by confirmation of the minutes. Hence the non-confirmation of minutes referred to by you, Sir, in your note appended to your correspondent's letter in your issue of December 13th.

2. No other resolutions or matters recorded in the minutes require any subsequent confirmation; in their case confirmation of minutes is solely to show that such resolutions or other matters are correctly recorded.

3. It is customary, but not (so far as I can find in the Constitutions) necessary, at the Grand Festival to read and confirm the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication, so far as they relate to the election of the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer.

I would submit that these principles should also apply to the confirmation of minutes in a Private Lodge, with this addition—that, by Rule 130, the minutes of the election of W.M. must be confirmed before his election can be deemed complete.

Hence I would reply to "Secretary" that in a Private Lodge money grants, alterations in bye-laws, and the election of W.M. can be rescinded by non-confirmation of minutes, while in all other cases a motion for non-confirmation recorded, not that it could be rescinded, e.g., non-confirmation of minutes recording a grant of £ to 10s. would mean rescission of the grant; but non-confirmation of minutes recording the exclusion of a member would only mean that the exclusion was incorrectly recorded, not that it was rescinded, which could be done only by separate motion to that effect.

With reference to a different subject, I should like to thank "S.M.M.G.O." for his information about the Prestonian Lecture.—I am, yours fraternally,  
**E. L. H.**  
December 16th.

**MASONIC MENDICANCY.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

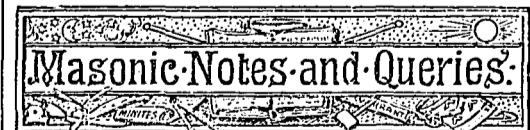
Dear Sir and Brother,  
The letter in your last issue from Bro. Thomas Palmer, S.D. 73, will probably receive a satisfactory explanation from the Secretary to whom it refers, but it has frequently occurred to me that much time is wasted in correspondence with Secretaries through the present necessity of addressing letters to the lodge room, where they probably remain until the following meeting. To obviate this could not an official list of Secretaries, with their addresses, be published annually? The Cosmopolitan Calendar would appear to be the proper medium for such a publication, and the list would certainly add to its completeness, although with the mass of useful information already contained in it I make the suggestion with considerable diffidence. In fact, the "Calendar" is becoming such a massive affair that I think it will soon have to be divided into two volumes, one for the Craft and the other for the various other chapters, &c., &c. But in any event I am sure from my experience a list of Secretaries with their addresses would be a very useful (and soon become an indispensable) thing to possess.—Yours fraternally,  
December, 15th. **A SECRETARY.**



**REVIEWS.**

**THE ARCHITECTURE, ARCHITECTS, AND BUILDERS OF THE MIDDLE AGES.** Price 2s. 6d.

**GEORGE KENNING, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.**  
Bro. James Miller, whilst Master of the Lodge St. Mark, Glasgow, read several carefully prepared papers to the brethren in open lodge, and subsequently had them printed in a neat form for circulation. There are six chapters and valuable appendices, the latter containing "Charter of confirmation granted by William the Lion to the Freemasons in Glasgow." Extract from the "Seal of Cause, granted to the Incorporation of Wrights, A.D. 1600, and copy of the charter granted by the Masons of Scotland to Sir Wm. St. Clair, of Roslin, about the year 1628." There are also the Johan Statutes and other curious documents, and several capital illustrations and woodcuts. Bro. Miller furnishes a succinct account of the various styles of architecture, and more especially of the Christian Pointed, which has of late years been attracting a good deal of attention, and rising rapidly, as its merits will entitle it to, in general estimation. The preface aptly describes the aim of the author, and is dated Nov. 29, 1851. The compactness of the little volume of 156 pages, and divided into chapters, render the work suitable for reading in lodges as Masonic lectures.



**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**BATTLE OF THE GRADES.**  
468] I am sorry that, by a too hasty perusal of Bro. Hunter's work, I have ascribed to the Lodge Journeymen what he attributes to Mary's Chapel. Undoubtedly all my remarks as to any conclusions from the minutes of Lodge Journeymen must be at once given up, though it is impossible not to note all through the tone of doubt and hesitation with which Bro. Hunter, in my opinion, very properly treats this vexed question of the Degrees. What I ought to have said the week before last, and therefore I say it to-day, is that even according to the Scottish minutes generally the monograde theory is, as I see it, absolutely untenable, and that we cannot prop it up, by making a distinction between Degrees and Grades. I feel sure myself that the so-called Monograde theory is now utterly "out of court." There is very

great uncertainty and irregularity in the use of certain technical words in the Scottish minutes, and we err, in my opinion, in laying too much stress on such "minutiae," which may prove a great deal, or may, as is probably the case, prove nothing at all, being used indifferently, and according to the notions of the scribe. If the theory be correct that there was really no difference between the Master and Fellow of Craft, then we must suppose that the Master Mason was merely an elder Fellow of Craft. The "entering and passing" recorded do not always seem to bear the same actual meaning as Bro. Hunter records, while the passing Fellow of Craft and Master seems to point to an identity and interchangeability of name. But is it not possible that there were private meetings of Masters qua Masters not recorded in the general minutes? Thus therefore it seems to me that *presumptively* the monograde theory is at an end; *positively* that it has, as I said, received its quietus. I am very sorry to note that I have not the able advocacy of so valued a student as Bro. Speth. Is Bro. Hughan quite justified in claiming Bro. Gould as his ally *fully* in this little controversy? I think Bro. Gould ought to be allowed to speak for himself in his fourth volume, shortly to appear. I do not understand, though I may be in error, that he entirely endorses the monograde theory. However, Time will show.

## THIRD DEGREE.

## 469] PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.

As the time is now approaching for editors of provincial calendars to be considering their new series for 1885, may I ask them to weigh the words of W. Bro. Hughan written with reference to the well edited Kalendar for Oxfordshire? "It has several excellent features," he says, "especially the list of all the Prov. G. Officers from 1833, and the Past Masters and Past Principals of the Lodges and Chapters are given from their foundation." In some provinces it is the custom to give the names only of those Past Masters and Past Principals who are subscribing members of their respective lodges or chapters at the date of publication of the kalendar.

Now, is not this contrary to our old Masonic virtue of not forgetting our friends? An editor may say I should like to print all our old friends' names, but to do so would greatly increase the bulk and cost of the kalendar. This may be a good excuse in the case of P.G. Officers' names, but can it be so in the case of P.M.'s and P.Z.'s? I venture to think not. How pleasant are the memories to brethren looking down in one list the vista of years, and recalling this brother and that brother, now gone from us, whom he remembers in the chair. Turn to another kalendar, and we are met with blanks in the lists, which might be occasioned by a lodge ceasing to work did he not know otherwise. I utterly repudiate the idea that the record of subscribing P.M.'s and P.Z.'s only tends to make men continue to subscribe. But should it be so is this a *Masonic motive* for so recording? Do we think of our worshipful brethren simply as subscribers? And ought not, therefore, our calendars to give us something more than subscribers' names? Ought not each lodge and Master's name to find a permanent place in his lodge's record?—Fraternally yours, JOHN A. LLOYD, P.M. 1533; M.E.Z. 1533; H. 357; P.P.G. Chap. Oxon and Wilts.

## 470] RAMSAY.

Is the speech attributed to Ramsay, ca. 1740, to be found printed in English anywhere? I have both French and German versions before me; but do not remember ever to have seen an English translation. If such do exist, please say where. G. WM. SPETH.



## Craft Masonry.

**TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).**—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Bro. S. Barnett, W.M., presided. The important business of the evening consisted of conferring the M.M.'s degree upon Bro. E. Barnett, who, as on previous occasions, displayed unusual abilities not only by the manner in which he passed his examination, but by the intelligent apprehension of all that was required of him during the onerous ceremony. The working was most ably performed by the W.M., who was well assisted by Bros. Boaz, S.W., and Peartree, J.W., and the other officers.

The lodge having been closed and supper done, the usual toasts were given and responded to. The visitors were Bros. Walford, 905, and Upton, 1677, both expressing admiration of the way in which the work of the lodge was conducted. The customary complimentary speeches were exchanged between the W.M. and P.M.'s, and more than the usual amiability and excellent humour prevailed amongst everyone present. The proceedings were enhanced by a capital recitation ("Etiquette") by Bro. Peartree, and music and song by Bros. J. D. Barnett, P.M., Org.; W. D. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; and John Ross, P.M. The other P.M.'s present were Bros. R. Z. Bloomfield, Harfield, Stailey, I.P.M.; Nardus, Gluckstein, and E. Gotthel.

**ENFIELD LODGE (No. 1237).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the George Hotel, Enfield. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. G. Fidler, Prov. G.S.D. Middx., supported by the officers and a good muster of Past Masters and brethren. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted. The Deputy Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, Bro. R. H. Thrupp, now arrived, and was saluted in due form. The W.M. conferred the Third Degree upon Bro. A. C. Hide, and Bro. A. Bryant, I.P.M., Prov. G.J.D. Middx., afterwards passed Bros. May and Jennings. Bro. Bryant, P.M., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Tegg, S.W., who having taken the usual obligation, &c., a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Tegg duly installed in the chair of K.S. The new W.M., having been proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees, invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. W. Binnie, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks, S.W.; H. V. Clements, Prov. G.A.S. Middx., J.W.; R. Mathison, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Sec.; J. B. Ward, S.D.; S.

Parsons, J.D.; D. D. Rees, I.G.; B. G. Poulton, D.C.; and J. Very, Tyler. The installation ceremony was then completed in the usual manner. Mr. G. Smart, being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the new W.M. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. R. Mathison, the host, the W.M. presiding. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. for Middx., responded for "The Grand Officers," expressing also his regret at being unable, through living at the extreme end of the province, to be at this lodge as often as he could wish; but when he did come he was always pleased with his reception, and was glad to find the working of the lodge had not deteriorated since his last visit.

"The Healths of the Prov. G.M. for Middx., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.; the Dep. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," were drunk in silence, in consequence of the recent death of the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. H. C. Levander.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," congratulated Bro. Tegg on the high position he had that evening attained to, and was quite sure, from the way in which he had initiated the candidate, he would maintain the prestige of the lodge, and concluded by complimenting Bro. Fidler on the excellent manner he had discharged the duties of Installing Master.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked Bro. Thrupp for the kind things he had said concerning him, likewise the brethren for the cordial reception which had been given to the toast. He should use his utmost endeavours to discharge his important duties in a satisfactory manner, and prove himself worthy of the high position to which he had been elected, and relied upon the assistance and co-operation of the officers and brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in neat and well-chosen words, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Fidler," and presented him with the P.M.'s jewel that had been unanimously voted by the lodge as a token of esteem and appreciation of his services as W.M., and expressed a hope that Bro. Fidler would long be spared to be of service to the Enfield Lodge.

The Immediate Past Master returned thanks for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received, also for the handsome jewel, which he should always feel proud to wear, as it would remind him of the many kindnesses he had received, and of a pleasant year of office, and be an incentive to continue his best endeavours to further the interests of the lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Bryant, P.M.

The toast of "The Initiate" was then given, Bro. Smart replying in suitable terms.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. E. J. Everdell, W.M. 1579; W. M. Tegg, P.M. 754; J. Garrod, P.M.; and G. J. Knightley, 1744, responded, each of whom testified to the pleasure they felt at being present, and expressed thanks for the hospitality extended to them.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and each officer present having responded, the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

The visitors present were Bros. R. H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D. of C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx.; E. J. Everdell, W.M. 1579; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; W. M. Tegg, P.M. 754 (son of the W.M.); R. Clark, P.M. 1158; T. Perry, P.M. 869, P.P.G.A.D.C. Herts; W. S. Cooper, J.W. 754; G. J. Knightley, 1744; and J. Smith, 754.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 2nd inst., when there were present among others Bros. Appleton, W.M.; Stranger, S.W.; Plover, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Feuillade, J.D.; Lingley, I.G.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; and Cockburn, I.P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. G. W. Ruffe and S. J. Haynes were duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the ceremony being well performed.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

**MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).**

—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Hall of the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, on Friday, the 5th inst. Bro. Wm. Gray, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by the following P.M.'s: Bros. Walford, Hastings Miller, and Tovell; there being also present Bros. George, Fisher, Beck, Matthews, Patient, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Forss, Reid, Pope, Watkinson, Grocott, and Wright. The usual routine business was transacted, and Bro. R. G. Clack was passed to the F.C. Degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. R. J. Campbell, who was impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. and his officers. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly heard.

**ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE (No. 1538).**

—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, to which place the lodge has recently been transferred, with the sanction of Grand Lodge. There were present Bros. J. P. Parkes, W.M.; T. J. Robertson, I.P.M., Treas.; A. C. Woodward, P.M., Sec.; G. Gregory, P.M.; W. Smith, P.M.; G. Hatch, S.W.; T. G. Fluck, S.D.; R. J. Larking, jun., I.G.; and a good muster of lay members. The list of visitors included Bros. T. Hawkins, J.W. 25, and J. Best, 1613.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Maitland was passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then invited Bro. Robertson, I.P.M., with the Treasurer's jewel, that office having been conferred upon him by the lodge at a previous emergency meeting. Bro. Robertson having suitably acknowledged the compliment, proceeded to bring up the report of a Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws. The various amendments suggested by the Committee, in order to bring the bye-laws into conformity with the practice of the lodge, were confirmed, with the exception of Bye-law No. 2, which was referred back to the Committee for further consideration. Bro. Gregory, P.M., having intimated his willingness to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution, the W.M. stated his intention of taking the office of Steward for the

Boys' School, and expressed the hope that some brother would do the same for the Girls' School. This brought up Bro. Robertson, who, two years ago, in representing the lodge at the annual Festival of the Boys' School, sent up the largest subscription list of the year. He expressed his pleasure in complying with the appeal made by the W.M., and thus the lodge will next year be represented in all three Charities, a fact upon which so young a lodge is to be very highly congratulated. On the motion of the Secretary, the lodge resolved to head the list of each brother with a subscription of five guineas.

Afterwards the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, general satisfaction being expressed with the arrangements made by the hotel management. The usual toasts were duly honoured. The I.P.M., in giving the health of the Worshipful Master, extolled the constant geniality of that functionary, and assured the brethren that, however they might chaff Bro. Parkes, he would never tread on their corns. The W.M., after responding, proposed the health of Bro. Robertson, I.P.M. and Treasurer, and congratulated the Lodge on having secured his services in that capacity. Bro. Robertson, in reply, said that he felt some difficulty in responding to a toast which placed him somewhat in the position of the Siamese twins, owing to his double office. The W.M. and I.P.M. of a lodge might aptly be compared to the old man and woman in the old-fashioned barometers, for when one was down the other was up; for his part, he was content on this occasion to represent the old lady who came out in fine weather, as he (Bro. Robertson) could assure the brethren it made him extremely happy to be permitted to bask in the sunshine of their favour. Referring to his recent appointment as Treasurer, he said the office was honorary and honourable; but the duties were not onerous; and assured the brethren that he would transact the lodge business with the regularity which was necessary to ensure success.

Bro. Maitland suitably acknowledged the usual compliment paid him by the lodge; and Bro. Woodward, Secretary, in replying to the toast of his health, drew the attention of the brethren to the benefits which he believed would accrue from the removal of the lodge to its present home.

A most enjoyable evening was further enlivened with songs and recitations by Bros. Newell, Viney Smith, Fluck, Tee, and Harper, Bro. Archer having charge of these arrangements, and Bro. Wright (1897) presiding at the piano.

**ELEANOR LODGE (No. 1707).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The W.M. (Bro. Fountain Meen) presided at the opening of the lodge, supported by the officers; there were also present Past Master's Bros. Lovebond, Ramsey, Leaman, and Thomson, also many members of the lodge and visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were duly confirmed, and the very satisfactory report of the audit meeting adopted. Bro. M. Murray was duly passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. R. W. Chapman raised to the Third Degree, after which the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Lovebond, P.M., as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, was then presented. Bro. Thompson having taken the usual obligation, &c., a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the new W.M. regularly placed in the chair, this being the second time Bro. Thompson has occupied the high position of W.M. of this lodge. The officers for the year were appointed as follows: Bros. J. Webb, S.W.; A. Money, J.W.; J. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; C. Lovebond, P.M., Secretary; E. M. Money, S.D.; A. V. Ramsey, J.D.; B. Cars, I.G.; M. M. Marriott, D.C., and Goddard, Tyler. Bro. Lovebond then completed the beautiful ceremony of installation, rendering the whole in a very able manner. A sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Webb, S.W., representing the lodge as Steward.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, at which the W.M. presided. On the cloth being removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Meen, I.P.M., who congratulated Bro. Thompson on again presiding over the lodge, and wishing him, as he so well deserved, every success during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master having replied in suitable terms, gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," also presenting Bro. Meen with the P.M.'s jewel which had been unanimously voted him in token of the satisfaction of the brethren at the way he had discharged the duties of W.M.

Bro. Meen having expressed his thanks for the honour that had been conferred upon him, which he valued all the more because his Mastership had been a very pleasant one, said he hoped to be spared amongst them for some time to render whatever service he could to the lodge.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," for which Bro. Ramsey, P.M., returned thanks; "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. C. Lovebond, the Installing Master, replying; "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. A. G. Fidler, W.M. 1237; J. A. Taverner, P.M. 1237; and E. Poore, P.M. 1237, all of whom testified to the great pleasure they had derived from their visit, and for the most generous and hospitable manner in which they had been entertained; "The Officers," acknowledged by the various brethren who had been appointed to office. The Tyler having given the customary closing toast, the brethren separated, a very pleasant meeting being thus brought to an end, the enjoyment being greatly enhanced by some excellent singing by various brethren present, among whom we must specially mention Bro. Sidney Tower.

The following visitors among others were present: Bros. J. A. Taverner, P.M. 1237; A. G. Fidler, W.M. 1237, Prov. G.S.D. Middx.; and E. Poore, P.M. 1237, P.P.G. D.C. Middx.

**SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).**

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. A. Clement, W.M., and after the reading of the minutes and the presentation of the report of the Audit Committee, Bro. L. Stean, P.M., took the chair, and Bro. Jas. Funston, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Clement for installation. This ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Stean, who was assisted by Bros. W. Clarke, P.G.P., as S.W.; G. T. Barr, P.M., as J.W.; and C. F. Barham, P.M., as I.G. Bro. J. A. Jones, P.M., acted as Dir. of Cers.



On the return of the brethren Bro. Funston, W.M., was saluted in the several Degrees, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Clement, I.P.M.; E. Walker, S.W.; F. Matthews, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, Chap.; D. King, Treas.; J. Cox, Sec.; R. Drysdale, S.D.; H. J. Throver, J.D.; L. A. Harrison, I.G.; W. Beasley, D.C.; G. C. Young, Org.; E. T. Clark and T. Douglass, Stewards; and J. Very, Tyler. Bro. Stean then gave the usual Lectures in an impressive manner, after which Bro. Barr proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stein, the senior P.M. of the lodge, for the service he had rendered as Installing Master. This was seconded by Bro. Matthews, and having been unanimously carried, was briefly responded to. Other routine business was transacted, and the lodge closed in ancient form.

Besides the members whose names appear above there were also present Bros. E. Benjamin, P.M.; H. Waynforth, J. James, J. Austin, H. Josephs, T. Weatherly, H. J. Scott, A. J. Heard, H. J. F. Gale, W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524; R. H. Drysdale, J. B. Bernard, W.M. Beaconsfield Lodge; J. Tidball, E. J. Rose, J. W. Griffiths, C. Deacon, F. Meriton, Dr. W. Holt, W. Edwards, B. Nicholson, G. Colls, W. Strickland, R. S. Mendey, and W. Jones. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. J. Woodman, P.M. 1599; J. A. Robson, W.M. 1445; G. J. Turner, P.M. 183; R. Senecal, P.M. 596; M. Levy, P.M. 1962; J. Gibson, P.M. 1420; L. Bamberger, P.M. 1366; A. McDowall, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; W. S. Webster, P.M. 231; G. F. Snook, S.D. 1693; J. N. Heale, Sec. 45; E. H. Dowler, J.W. 1269; W. H. Baker, S.W. 2030; John Lobb, 228 (member of the School Board for London); E. Sims, 861; G. Smith, 901; E. Heard, 95; G. F. Rowe, 1096; G. Batten, 1693; T. W. Francis, 55; J. J. Hough, 1288; T. Hill, 813; H. Doubleday, 193; G. R. Gwynne, 1613; M. Frank, 188; E. Pendergast, 569; and others.

The installation banquet was served in splendid style by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, from Westminster, under the personal management of Bro. Wood, 2030, and gave universal satisfaction. Grace was sung, and an admirable selection of music performed by Bros. H. W. Schartau, E. Dalzell, W. H. Baker, and Henry Baker. Bro. Schartau accompanied on the pianoforte.

The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., responding for "The Grand Officers." Bro. Clarke observed that the Grand Officers took a much deeper interest in the welfare of the Craft than was formerly the case. Many questions had been settled by the new Book of Constitutions. They had rebuilt the Grand Temple, and were determined to maintain the prestige of a society whose Charities were unbounded, and whose principles allowed good men to meet on a common platform of brotherhood whatever were their religious views, financial position, or political bias.

Bro. Clement, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. Funston, the newly-installed W.M.," who, as the first initiate of the lodge in 1878, had made a good start, and by his persevering endeavours to carry out the tenets of Freemasonry, had reached the honourable position of Master of his lodge. He augured for Bro. Funston a very successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his high appreciation of the kindly and genial manner in which the toast had been received, and observed that having endeavoured faithfully and properly to carry out the duties of the offices to which he had been previously appointed, he hoped as W.M. to continue to deserve and to receive the esteem and cordial assistance of every officer and member of the lodge. He was very proud of being the first initiate, and the more so that he had been initiated and installed by their respected Bro. Stean, P.M., who was a very old Mason, and highly respected in the Craft. He had therefore great pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master."

Bro. Stean, in response, said it gave him a great amount of pleasure to do all in his power to promote the interests of the lodge of which he was "father," and of whose progress in the Craft he was justly proud.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of Bro. Clement, I.P.M., and the Past Masters of the Lodge." He observed that Bro. Clement had worked arduously during his year of office, and he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in placing upon his breast the handsome jewel which the lodge had cordially and unanimously voted as a mark of their esteem, and an acknowledgment of his valuable services as Master during the past year.

Bro. Clement acknowledged the compliment in terms of much appreciation, and said he held it to be a great honour to have been both a founder and Master of the Saint Leonard Lodge, and to have contributed in some degree to the comfort and pleasure of the brethren. He should wear the jewel as another token of the kindness and support which he had received during his year of office.

Bros. Barr, Barham, Benjamin, and Jones also responded.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Clarke, who spoke in the interest of those noble institutions—the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Royal Benevolent Institution, and urged that it was the duty of all Masons in time of prosperity to assist the orphans and the aged connected with the Craft.

The further toasts were those of "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Levy, McDowall, Baker, Lobb, and Gibson; "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

The brethren separated, the general verdict being that the meeting was one of the most successful and interesting in the history of the lodge.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, on Saturday last. Bro. W. E. Farrington, W.M., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. H. Baldwin, S.W.; C. Kipling, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Marshall, G. Treas.; R. Poore, S.D.; E. Newby, J.D.; C. J. Axford, I.G.; E. Albert, D.C.; R. Potter, Tyler; and a number of brethren and visitors.

Bros. McTay and Reece, of the Henry Levander Lodge, were passed. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. D. Sprague, and he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. H. Baldwin, P.G.S.B. Middx., was elected W.M., and Bros. Day and Potter were elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. A P.M.'s jewel, of the usual design, with a collar jewel and collar, were voted to Bro. Farrington, W.M. The brethren dined at the completion of the business.

**STOCKPORT.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held and St. John's festival celebrated on Monday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. Geo. Balfe, W.M.; Francis Preston, I.P.M.; John Bell, S.W.; E. Johnson, J.W.; Geo. Gaskell, Sec.; J. Fox, S.D.; W. Gleave, J.D.; Wm. Booth, P.M.; P.P.G.A.D.C., D.C.; Thos. Davis, I.G.; C. Clarkson, Stwd.; John Scott, P.M.; Tyler; J. Beresford, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D.; G. Nylor, J. L. Newton, A. G. Cummings, H. A. Brook, J. D. Kaus, C. H. Andrew, Herbert Finch, P.M., P.G.D.C.; S. Wilkinson, P.M.; G. S. Bowden, P.M.; J. Emerson, S. Tilley, J. Wood, G. Atherton, T. Torkington, and W. Harrison, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Visitors: J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1450, 1030, P.G.A.D.C. East Lancashire; J. G. Bromley, P.M. 1375; H. Darbyshire, P.M. 581; Thos. Banks, S.W. 1354; Kenneth McLean, W.M. 1030; Thos. Thornilly, W.M. 287; W. H. Mayfield, J.D. 1957; L. D. Bradbury, P.M. 323; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries the W.M. elect, Bro. George Bell, was presented to the Installing Master (Bro. Geo. Balfe), and inducted into the chair of K.S. with due rite and ceremony. Upon the re-admission of the M.M.s., the fact of Bro. Bell's installation was proclaimed to them by the Installing Master, and they forthwith saluted him the customary number of times, after which the W.M., in a few well chosen sentences, presented the I.P.M. with an exceedingly handsome P.M.'s gold jewel for his zealous, faithful, and efficient services to the lodge during the past year. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

The I.P.M. having acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, Bro. Beresford, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., explained the significance and symbolism of the square and problem, which was attentively listened to by the brethren, who do not, as a rule, have the privilege of listening to the explanation, it being generally given at the Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Beresford invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Edmund Johnson, P.G.A.D.C., S.W.; J. Fox, J.W.; C. H. Andrew, Treas.; G. Gaskell, Treas.; W. Gleave, S.D.; T. Davis, J.D.; W. Booth, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C.; H. Collier, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; C. Clarkson, I.G.; Jas. Tutton, S.S.; J. C. Kain, J.S.; and J. Scott, P.M. 323, Tyler. Bro. Beresford also delivered the three addresses, and concluded the ceremony with prayer. From first to last the ceremony was well done, not the least gratifying portion being the chanting of various scriptural passages by those well-known Cheshire vocalists Mark Stafford, G. Gaskell, W. Booth, J. Tutton, H. A. Brook, and S. J. Hampson, the accompaniments being effectively played on the harmonium by Bro. Col. T. Wilkinson, P.M. Bro. H. Finch, P.G.D.C., as one of the Auditors appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts with the lodge, moved the adoption of same, and remarked it was satisfactory to note that, in spite of very little work done during the past year, they had been able to vote the handsome sum of £68 5s. to the Charities. The motion was seconded and carried. On the motion of the S.W., seconded by the J.W., Bros. H. Finch, Harrison, and Booth were appointed members of the Charity Committee.

There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, served in Bro. Bentley's best style, the table being ornamented with a profusion of choice chrysanthemums. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and some excellent glees and part songs sung by the brethren previously mentioned.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—Hengist Lodge (No. 195).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., Bro. Worth in the chair. Bro. Matthew Preston was elected W.M. for the forthcoming year; Bro. Scott Evans was re-elected Treas. Bro. Albert Dawes, P.P.G.O. Surrey, delivered an original and extremely interesting lecture, entitled "Masonic Milestones, from the Creation to the Millennium; or, the Antiquity and Purpose of Craft Masonry, as shown in Biblical, Historical, Architectural, Astronomical, Astrological, and Heraldic Testimony." Commencing with the Creation, he traced the gradual progress of Masonry through its various stages down to modern times, touching on its different collateral developments and showing the identity of its principles with those of the Jewish Oral or Esoteric Law of the symbolism of the Great Pyramid, and finally of Christianity. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer.

**MANCHESTER.**—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—One of the most brilliant and successful meetings ever held in connection with this old lodge took place on the 10th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Henry Paulden. With those who are fortunate enough to have the friendship, or acquaintance even, of Bro. Paulden, there will be no cause for surprise that such a large concourse of distinguished brethren assembled to do him honour on this memorable occasion. It is not more than five years since we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Paulden initiated in this lodge, and well remember the carefully phrased and sensible speech he made afterwards at the social board in response to the toast of the initiate. Ever since that night he has taken the greatest interest in his lodge, and has never wearied of doing his utmost at any time or place to promote the welfare of his lodge and of Freemasonry generally, the well-merited result being his present proud position as W.M. of one of the most popular and well-worked lodges in Lancashire. This lodge also possesses amongst its members a brother who has been most active in his efforts for the good of Freemasonry for many years past, who observes outside his lodge the principles and precepts he is taught within it. We allude to Bro. John Roberts, P.M., P.G.D.C., P.Z. of the chapter, who has done his level best for his lodge, having never been absent more than twice therefrom during the many years he has been a member, and by carrying the principles of Freemasonry in his everyday life. Bro. Roberts has caused such an admiration at home for our Order that his wife takes the most lively interest in it, and has been the means of inducing 12 of her worthy husband's friends to become Masons. Surely this lady deserves a jewel!

The following brethren were present on Wednesday:—Bros. T. Sawyer, W.M.; T. Shorrocks, I.P.M.; Henry

Paulden, S.W.; J. Cliffe, J.W.; Rev. P. Hains, Chap.; J. Roberts, P.M., P.G.D.D.C., Treas.; G. T. Mullock, Sec.; S. Lawton, S.D.; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D.C.; J. Varley, P.P.G. Org., Org.; S. Bramwell, I.G.; R. Timperley, P.P.G.D., P.M.; W. Bagnall, P.M.; J. Hill, P.M.; T. Farrie, P.M.; H. Guthrie, J. Cottingham, T. Guest, P. A. Kestordi, W. Artingstall, Rev. Robt. H. Cotton, W. Bagnall, P. C. Griffin, J. R. Lever, P.M. 317; J. Pass, R. Spencer, W. Dearsden, J. Artingstall, A. Burgon, P. D. Apostoli, C. Duckworth, B. Sudlow, J. Gregory, and J. Sly, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Clement R. N. Beswick-Royds, P.G.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.G.J.W.; J. Chadwick, P.M. 44, P.G. Sec.; T. H. Glendinning, P.M. 1055, P.G.S.D.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.A.V.; Geo. Carter, W.M. 1009; W. Byway, W.M. 1633; A. H. Jeffers, W.M. 1161; J. T. Richardson, P.M., W.M. 581; T. Nelson, W.M. 933; G. W. Irving, W.M. 127 (S.C.); T. Oliver, W.M. 999; F. R. Cooper, W.M. 1055; A. B. Whittaker, P.M. 1633; W. Corbett, P.M. 249; R. Hartley, P.M. 204; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; W. W. Dawson, P.M. 1219; J. Calverley, P.M. 1211; Frank A. Huet, P.M. 696 and 1009; W. H. Peak, P.M. 993; C. J. Schofield, P.M. 1219; F. Hollins, P.M. 581 and 1009; J. Sinclair, P.M. 163; B. R. Howell, S.W. 1375; E. L. Litter, S.W. 1375; A. T. Forrest, S.W. 1633; J. G. Driver, 1633; D. Conway, Treas. 152; S. C. Lowe, 815; C. West, 1 (S.C.); S. Ayland, I.G. 1134; S. J. Naphtali, 1147; J. D. Callison, 1219; F. Runshaw, 1387; W. P. Davies, 1496; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 4 o'clock, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. J. Ellis Roberts (son of the brother to whom we have referred) and Mr. John H. Grimshaw were balloted for, and elected to become members of the lodge. Bro. S. Ayland, of the Newall Lodge, Salford, was elected a joining member of the lodge. By permission of the W.M., Bro. John Roberts, P.M., P.G.D.C., took the chair of K.S., and initiated his son into Freemasonry, after which the W.M., Bro. T. Sawyer, initiated Mr. J. H. Grimshaw. Bro. W. Bagnall (son of Bro. W. Bagnall, P.M.) was passed to the degree of a F.C. by the W.M. The installation ceremony then commenced, and after being presented by Bro. R. A. Ellershaw, P.M., the W.M. elect, Bro. Paulden, was inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony by the Installing Master, Bro. G. T. Mullock, P.M. Upon the re-entrance to the lodge of the M.M.s., the usual proclamation was made to, and salutes given by, them, after which the following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year, and invested by Bro. Mullock: Bros. Jno. Cliffe, S.W.; S. Lawton, J.W.; Rev. P. Hains, P.M., Chap.; J. Roberts, P.M., P.G.D.C., Treas.; G. T. Mullock, P.M., Sec.; Artingstall, S.D.; Bramwell, J.D.; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D. of C.; J. Varley, P.P.G.O., Org.; C. Griffin, I.G.; Guthrie, Burgon, and W. Bagnall, Stwds.; and J. Sly, Tyler. The three addresses were delivered by Bro. W. Bagnall, P.M., and Bro. the Rev. P. Hains concluded the ceremony with prayer. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren afterwards sat down to dinner, and notwithstanding the unusual number of brethren, Bro. Phillips catered for them all in a very satisfactory manner. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The Rev. Phillip Hains, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Initiates, Bros. Roberts and Grimshaw," and, in alluding to the first named, said he was very pleased to see a son of their highly esteemed Bro. Roberts initiated in the Caledonian Lodge, and felt no doubt he would worthily walk in his father's footsteps.

The toast was heartily drunk, and Bro. Martin Thomas sang "The Entered Apprentice's Song," after which the Initiates responded; Bro. Roberts remarking that he was not much of a speaker, but more of a worker, and that he would endeavour to copy his father's example, and be a credit to the lodge.

The toast of "The W. Dep. P.G. Master and Past and Present P.G. Officers" was responded to by Bro. T. H. Glendinning, P.S.G.D.

Bro. J. Cottingham, barrister, proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a capital speech, in the course of which he regretted not being more intimately acquainted with Bro. Paulden, and thereby being enabled to speak more fully of his merits. At the same time, he felt sure that he possessed the confidence of his brethren, or they would not have elected him to his present high position; and as it would be ridiculous to paint the lily or gild refined gold, he would ask the brethren to stand to their glasses and drink the health of the W.M.

It is needless to remark that the invitation was cheerfully responded to, Bro. Thos. Shorrocks, P.M., singing "Here's to his health" in his usual inimitable style.

The W.M., in response, said his feelings at the present moment were of a threefold character—viz., regard for the past, pleasure in the present, and anticipation for the future. He should never forget the thrill of nervous excitement that ran through him, on the night of his initiation, when first entering the lodge, and when later on at the social board he rose to respond to the toast of "The Initiate," and similar feelings possessed him on the present occasion. His connection with the lodge had shown him an unlimited flow of friendship and an unmitigated flow of pleasure, and he could never lose sight of the many kind actions that had been done him by the brethren, and he could safely say that no unkind word had ever been spoken to him. With such pleasureable reminiscences as these, it was extra gratifying to find himself in his present proud position, surrounded by the largest number of faces ever seen in that room, and he was glad to know that all his officers were efficient and anxious to do their utmost to assist him. He had lately been looking over some of the old minute-books of the lodge, the first of which was dated 1802, and he was astounded to find how many great and good men had filled the proud position he then occupied. He assured the brethren he appreciated the confidence they reposed in him, and felt that his pride would be very much humbled if he failed to acknowledge within himself the great and solemn responsibilities of his office. In conclusion, the W.M. said he thanked Bro. Cottingham for his kind and generous remarks, and was sure he should only express the wishes of every member of the lodge if he said he should be pleased to see him (Bro. Cottingham) more often amongst them.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was ably dilated upon by Bro. John Roberts, P.G.D.C., and responded to in a capital speech by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.J.G.W., and Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to,

including "The I.P.M.," "Installing Master," "Visiting Brethren," &c.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. R. Lever, P.M., and a capital selection of songs, glees, &c., were sung by Bros. Martin Thomas, Thomas Shorrocks, Seymour Jackson, Fred Gordon, and J. R. Lever. Bro. James Varley, P.P.G.O., rendered valuable assistance at the piano.

**SALTASH.**—Zetland Lodge (No. 1071).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Alexandra-square. Present: Bros. T. D. Deeble, W.M.; G. Burns, W.M. elect, S.W.; E. R. Doney, J.W.; W. H. L. Clark, P.M., Chap.; W. Foxwell, P.M.; Treas.: J. Rawling, P.M., Sec.; H. Bowden, S.D.; R. C. Revell, J.D.; W. T. Nancarrow, D.C.; W. R. Rawling, I.G.; J. Doney, Stwd.; J. Deeble, P.M.; Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. T. Brooking, S. J. Goodman, F. W. Sutton, Richard Pearce, James Pearce, E. Heving, and E. C. Vosper; also Bros. Richard Dingle, J. H. Dingle, W. M. Harvey, J. Lander, E. J. Smale, J. H. Maccann, E. C. Spencer, J. B. Pearce, R. S. C. Goodman, O. Williams, T. D. Netting, J. O. Betty, T. Shaddock, J. C. Kinsman, and R. Miller. Visitors: Bros. C. Watson, P.M.; W. Jenkins, P.M.; J. H. Rogers, P.M.; R. Pikes, P.M.; W. H. Terrell, P.M.; E. Poor, P.P.G.P., P.M.; C. Organ, W.M. 202; C. Balch, W. Brewer, J. Pearce; W. H. Williams, W. H. Lister, A. H. Widden, W.M. 1212; and others.

The Worshipful Master raised Bro. J. H. Maccann and initiated J. H. Ashton. After the raising and initiation, Bro. T. D. Deeble installed his successor, Bro. George Burns, S.W., W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., and delivered the addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and brethren. The newly-installed Master invested the following as his officers, viz.: Bros. Thomas D. Deeble, I.P.M.; E. R. Doney, S.W.; H. Bowden, J.W.; W. Foxwell, P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; Joseph Rawling, P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. H. L. Clark, P.G. Std. Br., Chap.; R. C. Revell, S.D.; W. R. Rawling, J.D.; W. T. Nancarrow, D.C.; J. Doney, I.G.; T. Shaddock, S.S.; J. H. Dingle, J.S.; and J. Deeble, P.M., Tyler.

The banquet or festival of St. John was held on Wednesday week at Bro. R. G. Carpenter's, Commercial Hotel, Saltash. The spread was an excellent one, and upwards of 60 sat down.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. T. D. Deeble," the Chaplain, on behalf of the W.M., presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. T. D. Deeble. The evening was one of the best ever spent in connection with the Zetland Lodge.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Temple Lodge (No. 1094), and Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—A meeting of a most interesting and instructive character took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when the members of the above-named lodges met together and spent a pleasant and instructive evening. The Temple chair was occupied by Bro. Evan J. Callow, W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; R. C. Yelland, P.M.; H. Horspool, P.M.; T. Birch, P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; J. Alexander, P.M.; J. W. Boulding, J.W.; H. Mercer, J.D.; E. W. Ball, S.S.; J. Cave, and W. Pye; and the Liverpool post of honour was filled by Bro. Dr. Soldat, W.M., amongst the chiefs present being Bros. R. Ripley, P.M., P.G.D.D.C.; J. Duncan, jun., P.M.; J. C. Maguire, P.M.; R. Warriner, P.M.; J. H. Parker, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Hignett, S.W.; C. G. Caddock, J.W.; F. Farrall, Sec.; J. Jessop, J.D.; W. E. Smith, I.G.; and H. Isaac, S.S. Interesting business occupied the attention of the lodges during the joint occupancy of the old lodge room (Bros. Maguire and Duncan giving the lectures in the Third Degree), and during the evening a very valuable set of gavel was presented to the Liverpool Lodge by Bro. R. Ripley. The members of both lodges afterwards had supper in the banqueting room, under the presidency of Bro. E. J. Callow.

**ELLAND.**—Saville Lodge (No. 1231).—The installation of Bro. J. Farnell took place in the lodge rooms, Royal Hotel, on Thursday, the 4th inst., under the presidency of Bro. L. Saville, W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Saville, assisted by Bro. Walker, P.M., to the satisfaction of all present. The following were invested with jewel and collar of office for the ensuing year: Bros. Emsley, S.W.; W. E. Smithies, J.W.; Dr. Hoyle, S.D.; T. Sutcliffe, J.D.; S. W. North, I.G.; T. Buckland, Tyler; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; J. T. Garsed, Treas.; S. Dyson, Sec.; E. Bottomley, Org.; J. Dodson, Almoner; Saville, Charity Representative; J. Rhodes and T. Feather, Stwds. There were also present Bros. L. North, T. Radcliffe, F. Radcliffe, Mills, C. Dennis, J. Taylor, and G. Hallas. Visitors: Bros. T. Pickles Watson, 61; Rosenthal, 1798; Seed, 1302; Rickard, 61; Green, 1736; Haigh, 1736; Midgley, 307; Woods, 408; Bolton, 1736; Lee, 448; and others.

The lodge was closed in harmony, when the brethren sat down to a banquet of a recherché character, consisting of five courses, provided by Mr. Brooks, of the Royal Hotel, under the supervision of Mr. Hack, of Halifax, and it gave the greatest satisfaction.

After dinner, "The Queen" was proposed by the W.M.; "The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Royal Family," by Bro. Dr. Whalley, D.C.; "The Provincial Grand Master and Deputy," by Bro. Walker, P.M., and other toasts by Bros. Emsley, Smithies, Garsed, and Dyson.

Bro. Dr. Whalley proposed the toast of the evening. He said: I rise to discharge an important duty, in which every member of this lodge will agree, and with which every visiting brother will assist, so as to give an enthusiastic and sympathetic greeting to our worthy I.P.M. and late W.M., Bro. Lawson Saville. Many and varied are the qualifications required to enable any man to discharge the duties of W.M. Some are gifted with a retentive memory and a pleasing delivery, which enables them to give the important parts of our ritual so that not only our own members, but also those brethren from other lodges, enjoy every part of the ceremony. Others possess good business tact, which enables them to discover an error in government, when others, equally worthy, would pass them over. In this way our W.Ms. from year to year vary in the manner they discharge the duties of their office. A year ago our lodge appeared to be in a very good condition, but Bro. Saville had no sooner mounted the box and handled the reins than he discovered some parts of the harness out of place. With that prompt and energetic action which characterises all his movements, he adjusted everything, and we have

pleasantly passed through 1884, and find ourselves with a balance-sheet very much better than we formerly anticipated. He has not only rendered those parts of the ritual he took upon himself in a manner which always called forth the good feeling of the brethren, but he delegated to others, who were willing and able to do it, portions of work previously neglected, thus making all perfect, and at the same time exceedingly interesting to those visitors who from time to time favoured us with their presence. The bold and energetic manner in which he left the olden beaten track, and carefully examined objections raised against candidates, blending with his judgment mercy and charity, exposing slander, and bringing to light statements malicious as well as untruthful, unmasking those who, under the cloak of our noble Order, would have remained concealed, for all these good deeds he deserves our warmest thanks. I personally tender to him my heartfelt thanks for his kindness, for had it not been for him, several brethren would not have been seated round this festive board. He has taught us the grand lesson that equity should be the standard of all our actions, that we should not condemn without enquiry, and that with mercy and charity before us we should help the weak and fallen brother, glancing an eye of pity on his faults or losses, and do unto others as we would they should do unto us. I have placed in my hand a very valuable and beautiful jewel, of the best of gold and the most artistic workmanship, on a shield bearing the inscription on one side, and the words Savile Lodge, 1231, on the other, surrounded by a wreath of acacia, the whole forming a suitable presentation for so good and honourable a man, square in all his dealings, and level in all his steps.

Bro. Dr. Whalley came forward, and, fastening the jewel on the breast of Bro. Saville, said: Bro. Lawson Saville, in the name of the Savile Lodge, I fasten this jewel to your left breast, feeling assured you will receive it in the same kind spirit as it is given, may you have long life, health, and strength to wear it, and as you sit from time to time in your well-earned chair it will remind you of the affection and esteem you are held by the brethren, and as we see it sparkle on your breast we shall remember your good deeds in days gone by, and in your declining years, as you look down the dim vistas of the past, this jewel will reflect rays of light throughout surrounding gloom, marking this 4th of December, 1884, as the great red-letter day in the calendar of your history; and when you are summoned from this abode to that Grand Lodge above, you may be seated with others gone before on the right hand of the Great Architect of the Universe, and may the acacia bloom over your grave, diffusing its fragrance to all around, keeping your memory ever green. May your family regard this jewel as their grandest heirloom, and as it passes from children to children's children, may they value it for their father's sake, and never part with it while they have a crust of bread or a glass of water. May God bless you, which I am sure is echoed by all present as they say Amen.

During the delivery of this eloquent oration the most profound silence reigned within the lodge, all seemed deeply affected, and Bro. Dr. Whalley resumed his seat amid loud and continued cheers.

Bro. Saville acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and appeared very much affected.

During the evening Bro. Dennis, the well-known pianist, gave the latest composition, "Pauline," with marvellous effect. Songs were rendered in first-rate style by Bros. S. W. North, Rickard, Pickles Watson, Bolton, Dodgson, and recitals by Bro. Dr. Whalley. This lodge would appear to possess musical and elocutionary talent second to none in the province, thus rendering a visit to its meetings not easily forgotten.

**ROCK FERRY.**—Rock Lodge (No. 1289).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Friday evening, the 12th inst., at the Assembly Rooms of the Royal Rock Hotel, and was characterised by the geniality and true Masonic spirit which have so largely contributed to its success. The chair at the opening was occupied by Bro. H. B. Bare, W.M., who initiated a candidate, and was supported by Bros. G. S. Dean, I.P.M.; L. Ellis, P.M.; J. B. Sparks, P.M.; Henry Jones, P.M.; and William Roberts, S.W., W.M. elect. Among those present were Bros. F. K. Stevenson, P.M., P.P.G.T.; T. Chesworth, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. Chesworth, P.M. 1576; C. Bargery, I.P.M. 1756; Henry Marshall, W.M. 1756; W. Parry, W.M. 1505; C. Wise, P.M. 786; Dr. D. Hendry, S.W. 1756; W. Foulkes, S.W. 1505; R. White, S.W. 241; Dr. J. A. Hendry, 1505; A. Morris, 1182; E. King-Ellison, 786; J. Hamilton, 1756; Dr. Palmer, and others.

The chair was then assumed by Bro. C. S. Dean, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. William Roberts in the Worshipful Master's chair according to ancient form. The ceremony was worked in a most beautiful and effective manner, and elicited the hearty approval of every brother who had the privilege of being present. The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. H. B. Bare, I.P.M.; Joel F. Dean, S.W.; William G. Cronan, J.W.; Rev. G. F. Dean, Chap. (by proxy); Lilley Ellis, P.M., Treas.; R. Lewis-Andrew, Sec.; Rev. John Bruster, S.D.; Dr. P. P. Young, J.D.; Joseph B. Sparks, P.M., D.C.; William Gorst, I.G.; William Thorne, S.S.; William J. Hoskyn, J.S.; and W. Holtway, Tyler (re-elected).

After business the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was served in a most satisfactory manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening, and the entire proceedings proved of a highly enjoyable and interesting character.

**LEIGH.**—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when there were present Bros. J. Hartley, W.M.; T. Banks, S.W.; W. H. Horrocks, J.W.; G. H. Evans, P.M., P.G.S.W., Chap.; W. Bryce, Treas.; W. C. Freeman, Sec.; W. H. Pennington, S.D.; T. Yarwood, J.D.; J. Dickinson, I.G.; W. Smith and J. Jackson, Stwds.; T. Coupe, Tyler; J. Kerfoot, P.M.; J. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. A. Starkie, P.M.; G. A. Mort, P.M.; W. Charleson, P.M.; R. McGregor, W. H. Dale, W. Davies, and J. Walshaw. Visitor: Bro. J. Vickers, W.M. 1384.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bro. Mort, P.M., took the chair, and duly initiated Mr. W. Griffith into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry; Bro. Banks, S.W., presented the working tools. The balance-sheet was discussed and passed. Some general business was transacted, and the lodge was closed in due form by the W.M.

**WINCHESTER.**—William of Wykeham Lodge (No. 1883).—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. F. H. King, took place on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, in the presence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and his Provincial Grand Officers, together with a full lodge. The ceremony of installation was creditably performed by Bro. Burchett, the I.P.M. The following were the officers invested for the ensuing year: Bros. J. T. Burchett, I.P.M.; H. Pottle, S.W.; G. Ward, J.W.; W. H. Jacob, P.M. 76, Treas.; Carling, Sec.; G. Harrison, S.D.; Bascombe, J.D.; T. Bailey and H. Sealey, D.C.'s; Crease and S. Frampton, Stwds.; Chalkley, Org.; Bellingier, I.G.; and Sims, Tyler. The banquet was well supplied by Bro. Clowser, of the City Club.

## INSTRUCTION.

**CORINTHIAN LODGE** (No. 1382).—This lodge met on Tuesday last at Bro. W. Clark's George Hotel, Millwall Docks, Cubitt-town, when there were present Bros. Penniston, W.M.; G. H. Stephens, S.W.; S. G. Bonner, J.W.; W. Millington, P.M., acting Preceptor; Oakley, Sec.; Raiker, S.D.; Esmond, J.D.; S. Marsh, I.G.; and Turton, J. Limn, and others.

The ceremony of passing was carefully worked, Bro. Millington as candidate. Lodge was opened and regularly closed down, after which Bro. Millington, P.M., favoured the brethren with the charge to the E.A.P. on initiation. All business being ended, lodge was closed, a highly instructive meeting having been held. Brethren are cordially invited on Tuesday evenings, and will meet with a hearty welcome.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—The usual meeting was held on the 15th inst. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., and was well attended. Present: Bros. Morse, W.M.; J. H. Wood, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas., Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; R. P. Laundy, S.W.; F. Chandler, J.W.; W. Middleweek, I.G.; and G. Laundy, W. Stwd.

The minutes were read and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Greenway, candidate. The First, Second, and Third Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks to Bro. Morse was unanimously carried for the able manner he had presided in the chair for the first time.

Bro. Dehane then announced, if agreeable to the brethren, that V.V. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C. England, would attend next Monday and explain some of the causes of Diversity of Ritual, which offer was unanimously accepted, and brethren generally are invited to attend punctually at 8 p.m., and give Bro. Woodford a hearty reception. The lodge was then closed.

**UBIQUE LODGE** (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, when there were present Bros. Gibson, Treas., W.M.; J. Glover, S.W.; A. Hayes, J.W.; G. Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; W. Brindley, S.D.; J. Hume, J.D.; J. Wade, P.M., I.G.; C. White, P.M. 299; Edwards, and Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hume being the candidate. Bro. Coughlan gave the lecture on the tracing board. The ceremony of raising (with the traditional history) was then rehearsed, Bro. Hill being the candidate. It was proposed, seconded, and carried "nem. con." that the lodge adjourn from Friday, the 19th inst., to Friday, January 2nd, and Bro. Glover having been unanimously elected W.M. for the week, the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER** (No. 72).—The installation meeting was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst. After the reading of the minutes, Comp. F. Thurston was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. E. Walker, H.; and Comp. G. Edwards, J. The other officers were Comps. H. Webb, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, S.E.; O'Donnell, S.N.; L. J. Fontaine, P.S.; J. Smith, 1st Asst.; C. J. Axford, 2nd Asst.; E. Dodson, P.Z., D.C.; J. Reid, A.D.C.; Bates and Williams, Stwds.; and Potter, Janitor. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. H. Lovegrove, P.Z. One name was handed in for joining, and three for exaltation at the March meeting. The visitors were Comps. J. Stevens, P.Z. 720, and A. J. Bellis. The after proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations, and the M.E.Z., Comp. Thurston, made an excellent start.

**PRUDENT BRETHREN CHAPTER** (No. 145).—The December convocation of this chapter for the installation of Principals and the investiture of officers was held on the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the Principals' chairs being occupied by Comps. N. B. Headon, M.E.Z.; J. H. Leggett, H.; and I. Easley, J. Comp. Easley was installed as M.E.Z., and Comp. J. H. Leggett as H. Comp. H. E. Venn was again installed S.E.; Comp. E. Biggs, S.N.; and Comp. Jermyn Boyd, P.S. Comp. T. W. Leuty was appointed 1st A.S., and Comp. W. F. Marten, 2nd A.S. Comp. Thomas Bull was again invested as Treas. Immediately afterwards Bro. John Guest, of 1774, and Bro. Walter Balchin, of 1604, were introduced and exalted to the Supreme Degree. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. N. B. Headon, who thanked the companions for their present, which he said he highly appreciated as a mark of the companions' sense of his endeavours to perform his duties.

The companions, after receiving some communications from the S.L., closed the chapter and adjourned to banquet, at Freemasons' Tavern. Besides the companions mentioned above who were present were Comps. D. Hazlett, E. W. Braine, H. Dicketts, H. E. Venn, Alfred Woodliffe, John Reid, J. Daw Kerrill, J. R. Hartley, Henry Cox, G. Dowding. Visitors: Comps. Wood and H. Massey.

The usual toasts followed the banquet. Comp. N. B. Headon proposed "The M.E.Z.," which, he said, was a comprehensive one, as it included all the chapter, for the M.E.Z. was the representative of all the companions. They would all give the M.E.Z. credit for a



sincere desire to do his utmost to do honour to the position. He knew the work well, and was anxious on all occasions to have the work perfect. It was to be hoped that the chapter would keep the M.E.Z. and his officers well employed by bringing plenty of candidates.

Comp. Elsley, in acknowledging the toast, said he should do the best he could to make the working of the chapter excellent.

Comp. Guest responded to the toast of "The Exaltees," and said he and Comp. Balchin had very much enjoyed the beautiful ceremony, and they trusted that this was the commencement of many happy evenings they would have the pleasure of spending in the chapter.

Comps. Wood and Massey replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Comp. Leggott, H., replying to the toast of "The H. and J.," said he had very great pleasure in belonging to the chapter, and doing a part of its work. He was very much pleased to see Comp. Elsley in the Z.'s chair, and was much gratified that his own occupancy of the Z. chair in the Victoria Chapter had been the cause of Comp. Elsley taking precedence of him in the Chapter of Prudent Brethren.

The progress of the chapter was a great satisfaction. They had had two candidates that evening, and he was glad to hear they had been impressed with the ceremony, for he felt that the work of this chapter was done in a way which reflected credit on the officers, and was satisfactory to all the companions.

Comp. Thomas Bull, P.Z. and Treas., who was occupying the J. chair, in the absence of the elected J., Comp. J. Moon, who was unable to attend, said he objected to having to make any remarks for a chair which he was only filling as a deputy, and he simply apologised for the absence of Comp. Moon.

In proposing "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. said that whatever power the First Principal of a chapter might have, it was quite certain the great power was in the hands of the Past Principals. Since the last meeting of the chapter they had unfortunately lost by death Comp. J. C. Cox, who while he occupied the Z. chair was suffering from ill-health. They must not, however, forget that they still had left among them Comps. Hazlett, Dicketts, and Headon.

Comp. Dicketts, in the course of his reply, said he had attended a great many Masonic funerals, but he never saw so many members of the Craft, Arch, and higher Degrees attend a single funeral as attended the funeral of Comp. Cox. Referring to the Prudent Brethren Chapter, he was very proud to belong to it, and he continued to do so because he had great pleasure in coming among the members.

Comp. Headon also replied.

Comp. Thos. Bull responded to the toast of "The Treasurer," and hoped his duties would be discharged to the satisfaction of the chapter.

Comp. Venn, Scribe E., also replied for his share of the toast, and said the warmth with which the toast of "The Treasurer and Scribe E." was proposed and drunk should act as a stimulus to those officers to perform their duties with energy and zeal, and uphold and increase as far as they possibly could the welfare of the Prudent Brethren Chapter. They had the satisfaction of feeling at the present moment that during the past year they had been favoured with exceptional candidates, who would bring honour to the chapter. That evening they had exalted two candidates who would be a credit to those companions who introduced them. He was glad to see gentlemen joining the chapter of whom they might justly be proud, because they desired to see the chapter prosperous. There had been no report of the funds of the chapter, but he could assure the companions that the chapter was solvent.

Comp. Jermyn Boyd, P.S., responded on behalf of "The other Officers," and, acknowledging the graceful mention of his father's name by Comp. Elsley, said that mention brought very pleasant memories back to him. But the Prudent Brethren Chapter had itself to thank for the manner in which the junior members came forward. He felt certain that the way in which all the officers occupied the higher positions was an example worthy of imitation. The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Comps. Stewart, M.E.Z.; Ellborn, H.; J. Davis, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Cleghorn, S.N.; Harris, P.S.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Staley, 1st Asst.; Holbrook, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D. of C. Middx., P.Z.; Davis, P.Z.; Parkinson, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, numerous letters of apology for non-attendance were read. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed, and the companions separated at an early hour.

**JERSEY.**—Harmony Chapter (No. 244).—At the Quarterly Convocation of this chapter, held in the Masonic Temple on the 8th inst., the following companions were present: Comps. Dr. E. A. Briggs, Z.; J. G. Pallot, P.Z., acting H.; T. Leat, P.Z., acting J.; P. Bois, P.Z., Treas.; P. G. Hamilton, S.E.; H. M. Bartlett, S.N.; E. L. Bennett, P.Z.; C. Donaldson, F. Vincent, J. Huelin, L. Hespirdoux, J. Gibson, J. G. Renouf, P.Z. 590; P. W. Binet, P.Z. 590; S. Gilley, Z. 491; and A. Roden, P.S. 491.

The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ballot then took place for the exaltation of Bros. Walmsley, Carcaud, and Simon, 1003, and being unanimous, Bro. Walmsley, who was in attendance, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A. Masonry, the Principals delivering the lecture appertaining to their respective chairs in an efficient and impressive manner; the duties of P.S. being performed in an able manner by Comp. S. Gilley, Z. 491. Comp. J. Hamling, 153, Malta, was balloted for and accepted as a joining member. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, when the following were elected: Comp. E. A. Briggs, M.E.Z.; J. G. Pallot, H.; T. Leat, J.; P. Bois, P.Z., Treas.; P. G. Hamilton, S.E.; H. M. Bartlett, S.N.; J. H. Elliott; and G. Rogers, Janitor. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of M.E. Comp. Dr. Le Cronier, P.Z. and D.P.G.M.,

who will represent the province at the forthcoming festival. The business of the chapter being ended, the companions adjourned to refreshment, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**LIVERPOOL.**—St. John's Chapter (No. 673).—On Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, the annual installation of Principals in connection with this chapter took place. The appointments were as follows: Comps. C. Marsh, Z.; R. Foote, H.; G. Godfrey, J.; C. H. Hallwood, S.E.; W. Parry, S.N.; J. Hocken, P.Z., Treas.; S. W. H. Halse, P.S.; and Williamson, Janitor. The installation ceremony was admirably performed by Comp. T. Clark, P.Z., and amongst those present were Comps. W. Goodacre, P.Z.; G. Musker, P.Z.; W. T. May, P.Z.; J. T. Callow, P.Z.; H. Burrows, P.Z.; T. Roberts, P.Z.; J. D. Hesketh, P.Z.; D. Jackson, P.Z.; and W. Brackenbury, P.Z.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).**—A convocation was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.G.R. Dorset, Z.; A. Hubbard, H.; F. Minstrell, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; W. Radcliffe, S.N.; G. Gregory, P.S.; E. George, 1st A.S.; G. W. Knight, H. E. Dehane, J. H. Ager, and F. Brasted.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Comp. Ager being the candidate. A vote of condolence was passed to Comp. Cottabrune, and the chapter was then closed in peace and harmony.

**Mark Masonry.**

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 63).—On the Festival of St. Andrew, at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Sheppard duly installed Bro. D. O. Hobbs as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. W. Horton, I.P.M.; J. Parkinson, S.W.; the Rev. A. L'Argent Bell, J.W.; M. Emanuel, M.O.; S. Clarke, S.O.; the Rev. H. J. Mason, J.O.; the Rev. W. C. Browne, Chap.; G. J. Tilling, Treas.; C. W. Bemister, Sec.; W. O'Neill, Reg. of Marks; A. J. Blackman, S.D.; R. W. Lees, J.D.; J. R. Weston, D. of C.; T. Walton, I.G.; and Biggs and Vare, Tylers.

**Knights Templar.**

**YORK.**—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—On the 9th ult. there was a conclave of this preceptory, when Bro. J. Marshall, E.P., presided. There were also present Bros. A. T. B. Turner, Constable; M. Millington, P., as Marshal; G. Simpson, P., as Chap.; W. Brown, Sub-Marshal; T. B. Whythead, P., Registrar; T. W. Wilson, E. Houlden, W. B. Dyson, and others.

Comp. M. F. W. Williamson, of the Camalodunum Chapter, was inducted into the Order by the E.P., after which the election of E.P. for the ensuing year took place, resulting in Bro. A. T. B. Turner obtaining the suffrages of the members. Bro. T. B. Whythead was re-elected Treasurer. The alms having been collected the conclave was dismissed, and the members spent the remainder of the evening in the refectory in social converse.

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES.**—Mount Grace Preceptory (No. 118).—In the unavoidable absence of the E.P. Sir Knt. R. A. Luck, the preceptory was opened by P.E. Precept. Sir Knt. Bousfield. The V.E. Prov. Prior Sir Knt. Charles James Banister, P.G. Capt. England, paid a visit to the preceptory, and was received in due form under an arch of steel and saluted. Comp. G. Carter, of Hartlepool, member of the Fawcett Chapter, was admitted and installed a Knight Templar by the acting Em. Precept. most impressively.

After the preceptory was closed, the sir knights adjourned to supper and spent a happy evening, under the presidency of Sir Knt. John Trotter, P.P. Sub-Prior.

**Red Cross of Constantine.**

**PREMIER CONCLAVE.**—A well-attended meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, M.P.S.; T. C. Walls, V.E.; Dr. Mickle, S.; G. Pridmore, Prelate; H. J. Lardner, S.B.; Cubitt, P.M.P.S., Treas.; J. Mason, P.M.P.S., &c., Recorder; the Rev. P. Holden, P.M.P.S., &c.; Marsh, P.M.P.S., &c.; Massa, P.M.P.S.; Powell, P.M.P.S., &c.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.P.S., &c.; H. A. Dubois, P.M.P.S.; Hardy, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. R. J. Ward and T. Tichiaz, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly and impressively installed as knights of the Order by the M.P.S., whose performance of the difficult ceremony deserves the highest encomiums. The conclave was then closed, and the Sir K.P.'s adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a most excellent banquet was provided. The M.P.S. presided, and gave the usual toasts briefly but pertinently. The proceedings, which were throughout of a most successful character, terminated at an early hour.

**Royal Ark Mariners.**

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Solent Lodge (No. 63).—At the meeting last week at the Masonic Hall Bro. Tilling installed Bro. W. Horton C.N. for the year ensuing. The following officers were invested: Bros. D. O. Hobbs, J.; the Rev. H. J. Mason, S.; the Rev. A. L'Argent Bell, S.D.; the Rev. W. C. Browne, J.D.; C. W. Bemister, Treasurer and Scribe; W. O'Neill, D.C.; R. W. Lees, G.; and Biggs and Vare, W.'s.

**CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AND THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.**

We are privileged in publishing in the *Freemason* the following most important correspondence:

Grand Master's Office,  
Stanstead, Quebec, 3rd Oct., 1884.

To His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

M. Wor. Brother and Illustrious Sir,

With assurance of loyalty, and under the instructions conveyed to me by the Grand Lodge of Quebec as its chief Executive Officer, I desire to call the official attention of your Royal Highness to the position of Craft Masonry in this province, as affected by the continuance therein of lodges acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and repudiating the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec as the Sovereign Masonic power within the territory.

This Grand Lodge was duly constituted in accordance with the rules prevalent on this continent as to territorial jurisdiction, has been in existence for nearly fifteen years, and has been fraternally recognised by the sister Grand Lodges of the western world, and generally elsewhere, as the Grand Body exercising supreme power in Craft Masonry in the province.

That principle has been generally accepted as fundamental, and has become the rule and guide in matters relating thereto; it was through the acceptance and adoption of that principle that this Grand Lodge was formed; so large a body of Masons have recognised it, that its infraction would cause great disturbance in the Masonic world, and in the interests of peace, harmony, and brotherly love, such a calamity ought, if possible, to be avoided.

At the time this Grand Lodge was organised, there existed in this province three lodges, to wit, St. Paul, No. 374; St. George, No. 440; and St. Lawrence, No. 640, under the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge, and which have continued without changing their allegiance.

For many years after the formation of this Grand Lodge the difficulties and labour attending the same, and the proper shaping of the work, so as to procure efficiency, largely occupied its attention.

Yet, at all times and all occasions, has this Grand Lodge in the most positive manner declared its belief in, and adherence to, that doctrine, and that it would at the proper time assert its exclusive territorial rights.

In the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the time has now arrived for a settlement of the question; such settlement, it is within my instructions and powers to say, can only rest with any degree of satisfaction upon the withdrawal of the exercise of authority by your Grand Lodge over the said lodges now acknowledging its allegiance, and the unconditional admission of the supremacy of this Grand Lodge over all Master Masons and all Craft lodges in the territory of the Province of Quebec; such settlement is in the interest of the Craft here and elsewhere throughout the Masonic world.

Events which have transpired within the past few years have made it quite evident that, apart from the territorial principle, peace and harmony cannot prevail among Masons in this province until it is fully established that there is but one class of Masons here, and but one supreme authority. To assert a healing influence therein, if for no other consideration, it is manifestly certain that one or other of the Grand Bodies should withdraw, discord has fermented among Masons, and scandal has been brought upon the Fraternity thereby: two Masonic bodies bidding for support and struggling for supremacy within this jurisdiction is not a pleasant subject for contemplation; the difficulty has unfortunately gained general notoriety, and is likely to bring disrepute upon the Craft.

There is a feeling of uneasiness among Masons, and many causes, more or less grave, render it important that in the province there should not be two classes of Masons, or "Quebec Masons" and "English Masons," but only one Grand Body, and a united Order.

I need not refer in detail to these causes, as I am sure that they have not altogether escaped your Royal Highness's notice.

The bitterness of one class of our population towards Masons makes it all the more important that there should be no division in our ranks, and the feeling which prevails that our English brethren rely to some extent upon that adverse sentiment, naturally arouses the indignation of the Quebec brethren.

I cannot believe that your Grand Lodge desires to build upon discord and strife in this province, or desires to have the idea prevail that colonial Masons have no rights which English Masons will admit—that whilst colonial Masons are tolerated, they have no prerogative save such as English Masons permit them to possess.

Apart from Masonic considerations the belief that the sentiment of English Masons towards their colonial brethren is of that character, would be fraught with danger, as tending to loosen attachments binding the mother country and the colonies together.

In the present situation probably nine-tenths of the Freemasons in this province acknowledge allegiance to this Grand Lodge. It has a distinct organisation fraternally recognised by the sister Grand Bodies; it has in its power the principle of territorial jurisdiction; it is in a position to efficiently perform Masonic work.

There is nothing which your Grand Lodge can do for its adherents here that this Grand Lodge cannot perform; these are important reasons why the withdrawal should be on your part, aside from the consideration before mentioned.

Believing, as I do, that the interests of the Craft require the discontinuance by you of your authority over Master Masons and Craft lodges in this province, as a final adjustment of the unpleasant difficulties created by its continuance here, I am compelled respectfully to convey to your Royal Highness, the W.M. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England A.F. and A.M., the request of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec A.F. and A.M. that such withdrawal should take place on or before the first day of January next, failing which no other course will be open to me but to declare, according to Masonic methods, a severance of intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its constituent lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the

above mentioned lodges, to wit, St. Paul, No. 374; St. George, No. 440; and St. Lawrence, No. 640, and each and all the members thereof.

I have the honour to be, loyally and fraternally, yours obedient,  
E. R. JOHNSON, G.M., Sec.  
(Attest) JOHN H. ISAACSON, Grand Sec.  
G.L. of Q. A.F. and A.M.

Freemasons' Hall, London,  
27th November, 1884.

To M.W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M.W. Sir and Brother,

I am commanded by the M.W. Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of England to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him, of the 3rd October last, on the subject of the three English lodges in Montreal, viz., St. Paul, No. 374; St. George, No. 440; and St. Lawrence, No. 640, still remaining under this Grand Lodge, in which you urge, on similar grounds to those put forward by your predecessors in the years 1877 and 1880 and 1881, the supercession of these lodges, and intimate that, in the opinion of your Grand Lodge, the time has now arrived for a settlement of the question, explaining that such settlement, to be satisfactory, involves the unconditional admission of the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec over all lodges and Masons in that province. You therefore convey to our Grand Master the request of your Grand Lodge that a withdrawal of the authority of the Grand Lodge of England from over these three lodges should take place on or before the 1st January, 1885, failing which you will declare a severance of intercourse between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and its members and the three lodges in question and their members.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England does not desire unnecessarily to repeat what has been already communicated in the letters which have been addressed by my predecessor and myself, in obedience to his commands, to the late Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; but his Royal Highness must point out that when the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed in the year 1857, and assumed jurisdiction over the territory of Montreal, the three lodges in question were already in existence and working—the St. Paul since 1824; the St. George since 1836; and the St. Lawrence since 1854; and these three lodges have declined to join the movement which resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, or to sever their allegiance from the Grand Lodge of England. When the former body sought recognition from this Grand Lodge it succeeded to and adopted the expressed condition that the existing status of these three lodges should be maintained. This point was stipulated for by the Grand Lodge of England, and was distinctly agreed to by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Matters remained on this footing until the year 1869, when the Quebec Masons separated from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and formed themselves into the Grand Lodge of Quebec and declared their independence, which was ultimately acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada; but on the newly-established Grand Lodge of Quebec applying to the Grand Lodge of England for recognition they were reminded of the terms previously entered into by our Grand Lodge with that of Canada, relative to the three lodges in question, and were informed that such recognition could only be accorded them on similar terms. To these conditions the Grand Lodge of Quebec declined to assent, and the matter has remained in "statu quo," although various letters have passed on the subject between the two Grand Masters. It has been repeatedly explained that the Grand Lodge of England would offer no obstacle to these lodges entering into allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec; but that is a matter entirely for these lodges to determine. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England has always declined to use coercive measures to bring about the result, holding that the lodge are entitled to act independently without pressure. The request now made involves the principle that because a Grand Lodge is founded in a territory, lodges therein already lawfully existing, become unlawful if they do not join in adhering to the newly-formed body.

To this doctrine the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England cannot subscribe. A Grand Lodge by its own creation, cannot invalidate the actual lodges already legally existing in the territory over which it assume jurisdiction. The creation of the new body does not annul the prior right, indeed, the request to withdraw the warrants implies that under them the continuance of these lodges is justified.

The Grand Lodge of England has consistently adhered to the position thus stated. At the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, a lodge under the Grand Lodge of England continued its allegiance, and is still working at Halifax in harmony with the local Grand Lodge.

The reference in your letter to two Masonic bodies bidding for support and struggling for supremacy does not appear to apply in any way to the present position.

His Royal Highness is naturally anxious that peace and harmony should prevail amongst all Masons, but he does not see that he would be justified in forcing upon these three lodges, against their expressed desire, their extinction. Whilst, therefore, much regretting his inability to comply with the wish of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, he cannot undertake to ask the Grand Lodge of England to reverse its former decision upon the grounds and for the reasons advanced.—I have the honour to be, &c.,  
(Signed) SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

## Obituary.

### BRO. THE MARQUIS OF CHOLMONDELEY.

The Marquis of Cholmondeley, whose death took place at Houghton Hall, Norfolk, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, No. 357, in 1810, the year of its constitution. Among his lordship's contemporaries being Bros. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., Past Grand Chaplain, and the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., who happily survive, and the first Earl of Ellesmere, the 11th Earl of Home, and the 2nd Viscount Templeton, who pre-deceased him. Houghton Hall, at which he died, was the seat of the great Minister of George I. and George II.—Sir Robert Walpole—and will be memorable in the annals of the Craft as having been the place where Francis Duke of Lorraine, afterwards Emperor of Germany, who was initiated into Masonry at the Hague in 1731, had the Master's Degree conferred upon him shortly afterwards.



Bro. Capt. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., has accepted the office of President of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Lieut.-Col. Cowen, and H. C. Overall, were among the guests on Friday evening last at the dinner at Guildhall Tavern, of the coal, corn, and finance committee of the London Corporation.

Bro. Lord Wolsley was last week re-elected President of the North London Rifle Club, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Halford, Bart., being one of the re-elected Vice-Presidents.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser was present at the St. Sepulchre precinct dinner, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday last. Bro. E. M. Lott, G.O., presided over the musical arrangements.

Bros. Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., Past G.C.; T. P. Pigott, D.C.L. P.G.A.D.C.; and Alderman Savory took part last week in the opening of a bazaar at Kensington, in aid of the funds of the "Poor Clergy Relief Corporation."

Bro. Bradshaw Brown, of Fenchurch-street, has negotiated the sale to Cardinal Manning of rather over an acre of land near the new Tilbury-docks, at a sum equivalent to more than £3000 per acre, as a site for a Roman Catholic church.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, on taking his seat in the Mansion House Justice Room on Monday, took the opportunity of making a special appeal to the public through the Press for the further much-needed contributions to the poor-box at this inclement season of the year.

Bro. Edward Spooner, President of the New Wandsworth Philanthropic Society, will thankfully receive contributions towards the fund being raised for providing a dinner on Christmas-day for 600 poor children, and a tea and entertainment to 250 old men and women on the 9th January, 1885. Address, 1, Albert-terrace, Haldon-road, Wandsworth, S.W.

FUNERAL OF AN OLD FREEMASON.—On the 5th inst. the remains of one of the oldest inhabitants of Brightingsea, Essex (Mr. Samuel Coppin) were interred in the churchyard, and, as a mark of respect for his memory, most of the business establishments were closed. A number of members of the Freemasons' Lodge "Hope" attended the funeral, deceased being, it is said, the oldest Freemason in this district, he having been a Mason over 50 years. Deceased was in his 88th year.—*Essex Standard*.

The consecration of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar will take place at 33, Golden-square, W., on Monday next, the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m. precisely. The Great Sub-Prior, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, will officiate in chief, and will afterwards install Sir Knight H. Lovegrove, E.P. designate, Sir Knights J. Neal York and J. Shilcock being Constable designate and Marshal designate respectively. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Sir Knight John Read, P.E.P., 30°. The banquet will take place at the Holborn Restaurant at 7 p.m.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas., Chairman of the City of London Orphan School, Committee, laid the memorial stone of one of the new blocks of building known as the London Almshouses, in Shepherd's-lane, Brixton, on Wednesday afternoon. At the conclusion of the ceremony a handsome silver trowel bearing a suitable inscription was presented to Bro. Marshall, and a silver tankard and bouquet to Mrs. Marshall.

The following dinners have taken place during the week ending December 20th at Freemasons' Tavern: Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge; British Lodge; Asaph Chapter. Tuesday—Enoch Chapter; Royal York Chapter; Cadogan Lodge. Wednesday—Commercial Travellers' School; Novie Magians. Thursday—Great Northern Lodge; Globe Lodge; Strand Benevolent Fund. Friday—Jordan Lodge; Odd Volumes.

Bro. A. M. Broadley returned thanks for the toast of "The Visitors" at the Court Dinner of the Painter-stainers' Company, held in their hall, Trinity-lane, on the 10th inst. In doing so he dwelt effectively on the time-honoured association of the Painter-stainers' Company, the work it had undertaken to carry out in the present, and the practical and useful administration of its charitable trusts. Bro. Broadley spoke at some length of the important part played by guilds in the history of civilization, and expressed a firm conviction that such associations as the Painter-stainers' Company would still have a long, enduring, and prosperous existence.

W. Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted the invitation of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 109, Dover, to deliver his interesting lecture on the First Degree, explanatory of the details of ritual and ceremonial, at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dover, on Monday, the 5th prox., at 6 p.m. The date for its delivery at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction has been changed from 15th January to the 1st, and the place of meeting to the Collegiate School, Worple-road, Wimbeldon, at 6.30 p.m. Bro. Stevens is also invited to deliver this lecture in the Graystone Lodge, Whitstable, and also at Margate at early dates in January; and to the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, at Dulwich, on February 6th.

CHAMPAGNE.—This year's vintage in the champagne district is satisfactory both as regards quantity and quality, the very fine weather in the autumn resulting in the crop being housed in splendid condition. We learn that one of the leading houses at Epernay—Messrs. Moët and Chandon—have made from their own vineyards (about 2000 acres of the best crûs) over 4000 hogsheads of wine, to which must be added the very considerable purchases made by them under contract with the proprietors of neighbouring vineyards, the grapes being pressed by them in their own pressoirs.

Bro. H. B. Marshall presided on Tuesday evening at the winter dinner of the City of London Tradesmen's Club.

Bro. Earl Granville left Walmer Castle for London on Wednesday, in order to transact business at the Foreign Office.

Bros. A. J. Altman, A. Brookman, and others, were present at the fifth annual winter dinner of the Aldersgate Club, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.

We have been very kindly reminded by the Secretary of St. Mark's Lodge of M.M.M., No. 1, that our late Bro. H. C. Levander was, at the time of his death, the oldest Past Master of that well-known and influential Mark Lodge.

The "Pure Coffee Trading Association," of 54, Gresham-street, E.C., to which was awarded the silver medal—the highest possible distinction—at the International Health Exhibition, confines its attention entirely to the sale of coffee, and its success has been so marked that we have no hesitation in recommending the firm to our readers. Its appliances for roasting and making coffee attracted well-merited praise at the Healtheries, and the machinery there used may now be seen in daily operation at Gresham-street. We may add that Bro. Edward Woods has recently undertaken the management of the business, and to him we refer our friends for advice in their purchases.

The sixth biennial Aldersgate Ball will take place at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 22nd January next. The previous balls have been most successful, having been the means of enabling the Committee of Management to contribute on each occasion towards the support of the Aldersgate Charities. This time it will be held under the distinguished patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Sheriff Phillips, Bros. Alderman Staples, Bros. A. J. Altman, A. Brookman, E. W. Stillwell, George Kenning, &c. Admirable arrangements have been made in order to ensure a pleasant gathering, while the band of the Hon. Artillery Company, under Signor Tamplini, will, by the kind permission of the commanding officer, be in attendance. Early application for tickets should be made. Double ticket, for lady and gentlemen, 21s.; lady's ticket, 11s.; gentleman's ticket, 14s.—to include, in each case, supper and light refreshments.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR ESSEX, 1884-5.—This useful guide is published under the sanction of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and by the authority of the Prov. G.M., the Prov. G. Superintendent, and the Prov. G.M. M.M. of East Anglia. It comprises a calendar for the year, lists of officers of the G. and Prov. G. Lodges and Chapters, as well as of the subordinate lodges and chapters in the Craft, Arch, and Mark Degrees, and full particulars with list of members of the voting powers possessed by the province in connection with our Masonic Institutions. It is well arranged, accurate, so far as our researches go, and does great credit to Bro. G. Shedd, P.M. 76, and H. E. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, to whom the work of compilation was entrusted. In all other respects, printing, portability, &c., this is a good model of a provincial calendar.

## GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Western Railway Company have made the most liberal arrangements for intending travellers during the Christmas holidays. Reduced fares and extra train service on the company's main lines are the principal order of the day, but it is desirable to point out that besides the booking office at the Paddington terminus, ticket offices are now open at no less than eleven important Metropolitan centres—namely, 103 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street, Holborn-circus; 38, Charing-cross; 5, Arthur-street, London-bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 26, Regent-street; 67, Gresham-place; and 4, Cheapside. These offices were opened on Thursday, the 18th instant, and here tickets up to Wednesday next may be obtained, tickets which will be available for use on any day, the last day of issue being included. This will prove a great convenience to the hordes of people who are sure to be travelling at this festive season, while special trains for the conveyance of parcels will prove a similar convenience to those who look to send or receive Christmas hampers, &c.

## LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Special arrangements, which cannot fail to be most advantageous to the travelling public, have been made by the London and North Western Railway Company, in order to meet the heavy demands made upon their resources at this season of the year. Christmas is the time for family gatherings, and as families now-a-days are pretty widely distributed in their business occupations, the question of special conveniences just now is a very important one. However, railway enterprise generally effects what it puts its hand to, and a mere glance at our advertisement columns will suffice to show that the executive staff of the L. and N. W. R. Co. have done what is required, and will be in a position to meet even the heaviest pressure. They have likewise given their attention to the Parcels traffic, which, considering the immense numbers of Christmas hampers that are likely to be despatched to all parts of the country, has necessarily to be strengthened. However, as we have said, a glance at the arrangements will show that the public will find the company, as usual, fully equal to the emergency, and also that they have consulted the pockets of their customers as well by arranging to issue tickets at considerably reduced fares. In fact, the company has, as it always does, laid itself out in order to promote the comfort and convenience of its customers.

£50 to £300.—Tobaccoists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4, 1/1, 14 stamps. [ADV.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are securities of health to all nations, of what ever clime. They have given hope, relief, and comfort to millions. In constitutions debilitated by excesses of any kind, or in general prostration of the system, their effect is tonic and restorative. They eradicate from the system the mortal causes of ailment, and renew in the frame its pristine animation, health, and vigour. They greatly increase the appetite, give tone to the stomach, assist the digestion, and impart elasticity to the spirits; their essence enters the circulation, and carried through its course exerts its cleansing power on every organ. In the lungs they effect most striking changes, converting the impure venous into pure arterial blood, by which the whole frame is recruited and interstitial deposits removed.—[ADV.]

## FREEMASONRY IN 1884.



It is doubtless with a somewhat mingled feeling of sorrow and rejoicing that the majority of our readers, like ourselves, will regard the year which is now so rapidly drawing to its close. That Freemasonry has succeeded in strengthening and even extending its old prestige is unquestionable. It has had to run the usual gauntlet of denunciation from many quarters, but it has emerged from the trying ordeal with increased and increasing credit. Where any detriment has happened to the Fraternity, it will generally be found to have arisen from the unfaithfulness of the brethren themselves to the principles it was their duty to uphold. As regards the position of the Craft in the United Kingdom and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown, if we compare it now with what it was at the corresponding period of 1883, we shall find good reason for congratulating ourselves most warmly. Our progress at home has been eminently satisfactory, and if in some of the Australasian colonies the question of continuing or severing the connection with their mother Grand Lodges has been taken in hand by the brethren out there more seriously than heretofore, this is a matter which cannot be said to affect for evil the general welfare of our branch of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. On the contrary, it must be looked upon as a direct evidence of the increasing strength of the Craft, when the resident brethren in a particular colony seriously debate among themselves whether it will be the wiser policy for them to remain under the old banner or unfurl one of their own. The news which reaches us ever and anon from India and China, from Africa, and other districts abroad, either bears unequivocal testimony to the general soundness and prosperity of our Institutions, or is decidedly hopeful as to their future progress. In our relations with the independent Grand Lodges of British North America, there is to be noted only one subject of difference of any great importance and that we are happy to say is not of our seeking; nor, in the event of the unpleasantness becoming more acute, do we think it will seriously affect the usual calmness of our Grand Lodge authorities or induce them to show less forbearance than has been shown under parallel circumstances on previous occasions. With the Grand Lodges in the United States as well as with those in Europe, with which we are on terms of friendly and fraternal intercourse, our relations have run their course without the intervention of a single circumstance in any way calculated to disturb their harmony. In short, both in our home administration and in our foreign relations, whatever has happened has, as a rule, been of a most gratifying character, and we feel justified in looking forward to the new year on which we are about to enter, with every reasonable prospect of a continuance of our present prosperity. On the other hand, the losses we have to deplore have been exceptionally numerous and severe. Death has claimed many victims, not only among those whom in the course of nature we must expect to lose, but likewise among our young brethren and brethren of mature age, to the continuance of whose sojourn in our midst for many years to come we had accustomed ourselves to look forward. Moreover, of the latter, several had deservedly attained a high position in the Craft; some had been rewarded for their services with Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge honours, while all had laboured successfully in order to promote the welfare of our Society. There is no doubt the remembrance of their many great qualities will long continue, but in the case of some few amongst them it will be certainly difficult, and perhaps well-nigh impossible, to find brethren as able, as they may be willing, to walk in their footsteps. But we must not prolong regrets which are unavailing. The task that is now before us, if not untinged with regret, is on the whole an agreeable one. The record we have to lay before our readers is one of which any society might be proud, and though the narrow limits at our disposal will make it impossible for us to give details of all that has happened, we dare say, when the tale is told, there will be a pretty general agreement of opinion that the year 1884 has not been lived in vain, and that its influence on the fortunes of our Craft will be of a favourable and enduring character.

It will be for the convenience of our friends that, in describing the events of a whole year, we should follow the good old custom of sub-dividing our narrative, so that the details may be grouped together under the sub-heads to which they properly belong. Thus, as the basis of all our modern Masonic systems is the three degrees of the Craft proper, we cannot do better perhaps than devote our first paragraph to

## CRAFT MASONRY,

the influence of which is so vastly important, that its condition must be regarded as the key to the question whether Freemasonry is, or is not, as flourishing during any one given period of time as it is shown to have been during any other period. That the Craft has more than held its own during the year 1884 has already been stated, broadly and generally; but it is desirable we should supplement this statement by recounting the principal circumstances which justify it. Thus the addition to the roll of our Grand Lodge of sundry new lodges is one indubitable piece of evidence in its favour, which must have weight even with the unfavourable critic, and as many as 52 warrants for lodges have been granted since the close of the Grand Lodge Communication of December, 1883. The very common objection that mere numerical increase is no evidence of progress will certainly not hold good in this instance. Of the 52 new lodges only four belong to the Metropolitan district, while 24 are distributed among 15 provinces and the Isle of Man, which has no provincial organisation, the remaining 24 being additions to

our strength in the Colonies, namely, nine under the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, three under that of Victoria, three in Queensland, five in New Zealand—two in Wellington District, two in Auckland, and one where there is no District Grand Lodge—three in Bengal, and one in Madras. A few of these lodges have been constituted under special circumstances. The University of London Lodge, No. 2033, was consecrated by the Pro Grand Master, and is intended for brethren connected with the Metropolitan University, its first W.M. being Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar; its first S.W. Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., who at the time was Lord Mayor of London, G.J.W.; and its acting I.P.M., Bro. Sir Farrer Herschell, Q.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor-General. The King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029, of which Bro. Dr. Richardson is the first W.M., and the Lodge of Prudence, No. 2069, Leeds, are *teetotal* lodges, and Lodge L1 France, No. 2060, hailing from London, is intended for brethren of French nationality who reside in this country, and are prepared to accept the principles of Freemasonry as contained in our Book of Constitutions. For the consecration of the two new Isle of Man Lodges, Ellen Vannin, No. 2049 and St. Trinian's, No. 2050, a special deputation of Grand Officers, headed by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. visited the island.

The proceedings at our Grand Lodge meetings have been of the usual character; but there are circumstances connected with one or two of them which are worthy of being specified. Though the decorative portion of the new building is far from complete, such rapid progress had been made with the structure itself, that Grand Lodge was enabled to meet as usual within its walls at the Grand Festival in April, and the Earl of Carnarvon, who presided, made it the theme of a brief congratulatory comment at the time. At the latest Communication on the 3rd December Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, as Chairman of the Building Committee, submitted a report of its proceedings, which, as showing that the additional expense incurred over and above the amount for which the Temple had been insured would not be very considerable, and also that the portraits of Past Grand Masters, the loss of which, it was feared, would prove irreparable, would be replaced by copies from other authentic engravings or portraits of the same distinguished brethren, must be regarded as most satisfactory. It is also gratifying to know that the Committee have had the Hall not only rebuilt, but enlarged to the extent of accommodating quite a hundred more members, and that they have likewise taken further precautions against the possible risk of fire in the future. In June, the Pope's violent Encyclical against Freemasonry was made the subject of a brief, but eloquent, protest on the part of Grand Lodge against the ungrounded aspersions cast by his Holiness upon our Society. The speech in which this protest was moved was very dignified, and well worthy of the acknowledged reputation of our Pro Grand Master. The resolution submitted on the occasion by his lordship, and of which his address was merely introductory, was firm, yet moderate in tone, and confined itself to an expression of regret on the part of Grand Lodge that the Encyclical "in which the charges of Atheism, sedition, and vice are made against Masonry in general, without discrimination or qualification," had been issued, and to one of "astonishment and regret that English Freemasonry should, by some misapprehension of facts, be included in this sweeping charge, which the law, practices, and traditions of the Order, as well as the position of its rulers, clearly prove to be utterly without foundation." It is almost needless to say that the resolution, which was seconded by the late Bro. John Havers, was carried without a dissenting voice.

As a matter of course, in view of the mournful circumstances attending the sad and lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W. of England and Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and having regard to his illustrious rank and the many eminent services he had rendered to the Craft, a special meeting of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of passing resolutions of condolence with her Majesty the Queen, his mother, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., his brother, and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, his widow. The day chosen for the sad function was the 24th April. The Earl of Carnarvon presided, and the several resolutions were passed amid manifestations of sorrow which were as universal as they were heartfelt. We may add here that other Masonic gatherings of a similarly special character were held for the same purpose in very many parts of the country, and that everywhere were manifested the same feelings of sympathy with our Royal Family, the same evidences of respect for the deceased Prince's memory, and the same profound grief that one so young and gifted should have been taken from us so prematurely.

Among other meetings which deserve a place in this record must be mentioned, in the first place, a special gathering at Durham towards the close of January, for the purpose of enabling the brethren of the province to give a hearty welcome to the late Duke of Albany who was then on a visit to the north of England. For this purpose a special Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the old Cathedral city, under the presidency of our late Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. The attendance was numerous, and a framed address was presented to his Royal Highness, who right royally and Masonically acknowledged the compliment. The circumstances attending this meeting will be all the more memorable from the fact of the two principal actors in it—the Duke of Albany and the Marquis of Londonderry—having passed away before the close of the year. Then in May, a Special Grand Lodge was held in Peterborough, at which it had been the



intention of H.R.H. the Grand Master to preside, the object being to lay with Masonic ceremonial the first stone of the new Cathedral tower. His brother's death, however, rendered it impossible for the Grand Master to hold by his original purpose, and in his absence, the chief actor was the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, who was accompanied by the Grand Wardens, the Grand Chaplains, and most of the other Grand Officers of the year, there being likewise present, the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, with the officers of his Prov. Grand Lodge, and a strong muster of the Masters, Wardens, and members of the lodges composing it as well as of visiting brethren from far and near. The Bishop of the diocese, who is also a Mason, of necessity took a leading part in the proceedings, which, as the weather was bright and sunshiny, passed off admirably. On 9th July, another special G. Lodge was held at Redhill, Surrey, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., attended by his G. Officers, laid the foundation stone of the chapel of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, the P.G. Lodge of Surrey, under Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M., with many visitors being also present. Two other meetings, both being of a somewhat cognate character, have graced the year 1884, namely, those held at York on the 20th February, and at Worcester on the 27th August. Both were Masonic exhibitions and conversaciones, the former being held under the auspices of the Rosicrucian College of York, and the latter under those of the P.G.M., Sir Ed. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., the Prov. Grand Lodge, and the Mayor of Worcester. Both were well attended and both passed off successfully.

Of the changes that have occurred in the executive of Grand Lodge, or among the representatives in the provinces of the M.W.G. Master, it may be stated that, if they are not very numerous, they are certainly important. Both Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., and Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton had held office for many years in their respective spheres of duty, the former having exercised the functions of Grand Registrar for one and twenty years, and the latter those of President of the Board of General Purposes for ten years. That brethren who had been so long entrusted with so much grave responsibility, should at length be desirous of seeking rest in retirement, is only natural, and it is a matter for general rejoicing that such able successors have been appointed, Bro. Philbrick being the present Grand Registrar, and Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes. It is equally matter for general congratulation that the eminent services rendered by Bros. McIntyre and Sir J. B. Monckton have been so amply recognised by the Grand Master, His Royal Highness having been pleased to confer on each of them the rank of a P. Grand Warden of England. One other important office—that of Grand Treasurer—also changed hands at the appointed time in March last, Grand Lodge having, by a large majority elected Bro. H. B. Marshall, in succession to Bro. J. D. Allcroft, who was elected to the office in March, 1883. The change is noteworthy from the fact that it may be said to have established firmly the principle which a large section—or, as it has turned out, a majority—of the Craft have advocated for some time past, namely, that, as the duties of the Grand Treasurership no longer involve any responsibility, a new brother, presumed to be worthy of having so great a distinction conferred upon him, should annually be elected to the office. There was a sharp and somewhat angry contention in the interval between the meetings for the nomination and ballot for the rival candidates—Bros. Allcroft and Marshall—but the latter carried the day; and the recent nomination of three candidates for the Grand Treasurership, of whom one will be elected in March next, in succession to Bro. Marshall, testifies to the proposition we have before stated, namely, that Bro. Marshall's election over Bro. Allcroft in March, following on that of Bro. Allcroft over the late Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton in March, 1883, must be regarded as finally establishing the principle which the successful candidates were successively called upon to represent. In the provinces four important posts have fallen vacant, three of them—the P.G. Masterships of Oxfordshire, South Wales (Western Division), and Durham—by the deaths of their respective holders, the Duke of Albany, Colonel Lloyd-Phillips, and the Marquis of Londonderry; and the fourth, the Prov. G. Mastership of West Yorkshire, by the resignation of Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., who, after a tenure of the office of close on ten years, now carries with him into his retirement from the more active cares of Masonic duty the love and respect of the whole English Craft, but especially of that portion of it which flourished so abundantly under his kind and beneficent rule. Of the four posts thus made vacant, only one has yet been filled—that of the P.G. Mastership of South Wales (Western Division), to which H.R.H. the Grand Master has recently appointed Lord Kensington, the late Deputy G.M. of the province. There is also a vacancy on the staff of the Grand Secretary caused by the retirement of Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, who, when he musters up the requisite courage to give up attending to his old duties, will not only, we hope, enjoy for many years the full pension he has so justly earned, and which has been so gracefully awarded to him by Grand Lodge, but will also find many opportunities of mingling among his old friends and receiving their respectful and friendly greetings.

Of the brethren who have been honoured non-officially the instances are, as usual, very numerous, but only in the more important cases do we feel it incumbent on us to make special mention of them here. In May, R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, the veteran Past Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland, was presented with his portrait, done in oils by Bro. J. Luntley, the brethren of his province having chosen this method of honouring their revered brother by subscribing amongst themselves the necessary funds, so that the counterfeit presentment of him might be hung in the Masonic Hall at Leicester, and testify alike to the services he had rendered to the Craft and the affectionate regard they felt for him. Towards the end of July, the members of the Board of General Purposes, being anxious to signify their sense of the ability and uniform courtesy with which Bro. Sir J. B.

Monckton had so long presided over them, presented him with a handsome silver punchbowl and illuminated address. In November, Bro. Marshall, Grand Treasurer, was presented with his portrait, as a kindly memento of his services to Freemasonry, but especially as Grand Treasurer, and the day previous Bro. Captain George Lambert received a token of the respect in which his services both to non-Masonic and Masonic Institutions are held by a numerous and influential section of the general public. Lastly, a few hours previous to the Communication on the 3rd December, was held a meeting, which took place at Freemasons' Tavern, and at which Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, who had been invited to preside, handed to Bro. Hughan a writing table, together with a cheque for the sum raised as a testimonial in recognition of that brother's invaluable services to the cause of Masonic literature. The amount (£364) was certainly not such as we had hoped and expected it would have been, considering that it represented the contributions of the whole Masonic Craft in England, as well as of sundry brethren belonging to other jurisdictions. We confess we should like to have seen a larger sum raised, not because the value of a money testimonial like this can be accurately gauged by the total of the sum given, but because it is too small to fairly represent what ought to be the extent of the obligations which English brethren are under to Bro. Hughan for his literary labours. Any recognition must be highly valued by Bro. Hughan; but the Craft would have better shown its sense of the honour due to itself as well as to him had it subscribed more liberally to the fund.\* These are the principal recognitions of Masonic service which have occurred during the year; the rest do not need that we should specify them.

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

The intimate connection of Arch and Craft Masonry renders any lengthy remarks respecting the former quite unnecessary. The Degree has prospered. Warrants for 17 new chapters have been issued during the year, six of them being for chapters connected with London lodges, two for chapters abroad (one at Amoy, and one in New South Wales), and the remaining nine in the provinces. In May, on the recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes, Supreme Grand Chapter voted grants of £500 each to the Girls' and Boys' Schools and the Benevolent Institution, and resolved on appropriating a further sum of £500 in the purchase of an organ for the Temple to replace the one destroyed by fire in May, 1883. In August a Committee was appointed for the purpose of revising the Royal Arch Regulations with a view to making them assimilate as far as practicable with the revised edition of the Book of Constitutions. Authority was also given to the members of the Nativity Chapter, No. 126, Bromley, to wear a centenary jewel, the said chapter having completed an uninterrupted existence of 100 years. Lastly, it should be stated that the chair of Third Grand Principal and that of Prov. Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire have been rendered vacant by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, and that the Prov. Grand Chapters of Durham and West Yorkshire are at present without their respective chiefs, in the former case through the death of the Marquis of Londonderry and in the latter through the retirement of Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B.

#### MARK MASONRY.

The amazing progress made of late years by this branch of Masonry is the subject of almost daily conversation, and must be immensely gratifying to the members of it who have laboured unceasingly to promote its welfare. We have no wish to overwhelm our readers with a long statistical account of the Degree. It will be enough if we state that the installation early in December of last year of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.P.G.M. M.M., has done much to enhance the popularity of the Mark, and extend its lodges wider and wider still, both in the old country and in the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown. During the present year as many as 23 lodges have been added to the roll, while one (Mark No. 4,) has been resuscitated and will, doubtless, lose no chance of justifying the confidence thus reposed in its ability to work successfully. Of the new lodges, five, including the newly-consecrated Grand Stewards Lodge, meet within the London district; 13 are scattered throughout the provinces, and the remaining 5 belong to foreign parts, one being stationed in Tasmania, one in Bengal, one in New South Wales, one in Cape Town, and one in the newly-constituted Province of Natal. Three new provinces have been erected, Worcester-shire, Gibraltar, and that of Natal just referred to. As to the numerical strength, we may form some idea of its membership from the fact of the registered advancements having, according to the latest returns issued by the General Board, reached 19,387. Its financial condition is equally the subject of congratulation. The invested funds amount to £6300, of which £2900 is in respect of the General Fund, £2000 in that of the Benevolent Fund, and £1400 on account of the Educational Fund. The Benevolent Fund held its Sixteenth Annual Festival at the Crystal Palace, on the 23rd July. The chair was occupied by Bro. Major J. Woodall Woodall, J.P., P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire, and the Board of Stewards was 47 strong, the result being that subscriptions to the extent of £832 were announced, or considerably more than had been realised at any previous celebration on its behalf. As a further evidence of the activity of our Mark brethren it should be mentioned that besides the two stated communications of Grand Lodge, two Movable Grand Lodges were held, one at York on the 9th May, when opportunity was taken to consecrate the Streanshalh Lodge, No. 337, Whitby, and the other at Exeter, on the 6th August. At both these gatherings Grand Lodge, which mustered in great force with the Grand Master at its head, met with a hearty reception from the Prov. Grand Lodges under Bro. Major Woodall and Lieut.-Colonel Tanner Davy respectively. There was also held on the 24th April a Special Grand Lodge, when Bro. Lord Henniker presided, and resolutions of condolence with the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the Duchess of Albany were passed in respect of the Duke of Albany, M.W.P.G.M.M.M., whose last appearance in Mark Grand Lodge had been at the installation as

M.W.P.G.M.M.M. of his brother, the Prince of Wales, our Craft Grand Master. The latest event of interest in connection with this Degree was the consecration, on Tuesday, the 2nd December, of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, the members of which will be strictly limited to Grand and Past Grand Stewards of Grand Lodge. The ceremony was impressively carried out by the Earl of Kintore, G.M., and with Bro. C. E. Soppet as its W. Master, and such other well-known brethren as Bros. Spice, Hogard, Cumberland, &c., among its officers, we have no hesitating in stating that the lodge could not have started under better auspices. Of the inevitable changes which each succeeding year effects in this as in other branches of Masonry, it is noteworthy that Lord Henniker was succeeded in June last by the Earl of Kintore, the latter's post of D.G.M. being occupied by Lord Egerton of Tatton. The kindly face of Bro. D. M. Dewar, Asst. G. Secretary, has gone for ever from our sight, and there is no doubt his death has been a great loss to the Mark. His brethren, however, did what they could to show their great respect for his many and valuable services by raising a fund for his widow of some £340, Grand Lodge itself contributing as its mite the sum of £50. His post in the office of Grand Secretary is now occupied by Bro. C. F. Matier, a most indefatigable brother, who will render most efficient service in his new capacity, though it is impossible he can surpass in zeal and courtesy his able and genial predecessor.

Among the other new officials must be mentioned Bros. Sir H. B. Hancock, Chief Justice of Gibraltar, P.G.M. of the new Mark Province of Gibraltar; Bro. A. F. Godson, installed but the other day P.G.M. of Worcestershire—now for the first time included in the list of Mark Provinces; and Bro. R. I. Finemore, the first P.G.M. of Natal. We note also that Bro. W. Charlton Hughes has succeeded Bro. J. W. Smith as P.G.M. of Bombay, and Bro. Col. G. B. Wolsley, Bro. Col. A. Stewart as P.G.M. Bengal. Bros. Sir Pryse-Pryse, Bart., P.G.M. South Wales, and R. C. Else, P.G.M. Somerset, have had their terms of office respectively extended for a further period of three years. Be it added that Bro. F. Davison, Grand Treasurer, has been honoured with the rank of P.G.J.W., and that the post of the late Bro. H. C. Levander, as Grand Registrar of Marks, and his place in the Grand Master's Royal Ark Mariners Council are both vacant.

It is, of course, impossible in a survey of this kind to quite ignore the somewhat embittered dispute between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and our Mark Grand Lodge. The subject has been pretty well worn threadbare by this time, nor is it the place here, or, indeed, our intention, to touch upon the merits of the disputant bodies. Perhaps if our friend the enemy were associated with any other jurisdiction than Quebec, a way might be found of settling the matter amicably, and in a manner honourable to both sides. But the Quebec officials are of such inflammatory temperament, that perhaps we shall best consult the future interests of peace by stating the bare fact that the present position of the rival bodies is as nearly as possible what it was at the corresponding period of 1883.

#### CHIVALRIC AND HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

The unkind critic who finds we say but little of the various branches of Masonry which may be grouped together under this head, will not improbably suggest that we are reticent because we have nothing to say that is worth recording. This is by no means the case. Each of these degrees has more than held its own during the year; but the numbers we have to deal with are smaller, and what they are able to effect is less easily noticed. Our Knights Templar are a very quiet and unassuming body, unlike the Knights Templar organisations of the United States with their public parades and pageants, their drill competitions, and their pilgrimages. This kind of thing is unknown here, the bare records of meetings and the statistics contained in the "Cosmo" being the only kind of publicity vouchsafed, or, indeed, desired. The roll of preceptories under the Great Priory of England has been slightly added to, while the general membership, if it has not been materially strengthened, has certainly maintained its strength. The complete independence which was established last year by the Great Priory of Canada has had no effect on Templary here, for the reason that Canada was previously independent in everything but name. As regards the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, four new conclaves have been added to the roll, and these are all established in Australia; or if they have not yet been constituted, they will be so very shortly. Three new Rose Croix Chapters figure in the returns of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and a similar increment is observable in the case of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees, which now has 15 instead of 12 subordinate councils. It must also be borne in mind that all the members of these various bodies bear their part in the general work of Masonry, and that hardly a Festival subscription list is published which does not contain one or more handsome contributions from some chapter—other than Royal Arch—council, conclave, or preceptory. If what Bro. Jacob Norton calls our "High Degree-ers" make very little noise in the Masonic world, it is because they know the work they put their hands to will be done even more effectually without ostentation. If, for instance, in the case of the Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Rite, a "balance, being capital," exceeding £15,000, on the 30th June, 1884, may be taken as the evidence of a fair state of prosperity—and, in our humble opinion, it is—then our "High Degree-ers" must be pretty well circumstanced, and, what is of even greater consequence, their affairs must be very well and economically administered. In fine, our Chivalric and High Degrees must not be excepted from the acknowledged prosperous condition of English Masonry; the reports and statistics which have appeared in our columns place this fact beyond all question.

#### OUR INSTITUTIONS.

We have every reason to be satisfied with, and even proud of, what has happened in connection with our Institutions. It is true there has been achieved

nothing of an exceptionally brilliant character, as was the case at the Boys' School Festival in 1883, when Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, presided, and upwards of £23,000 was found to have been realised in the way of subscriptions and donations. But it must be gratifying to learn that this unusual influx of funds to a single Institution at one Festival has not, as it was feared at the time might prove to be the case, had the effect of impairing seriously the ordinary flow of contributions into the coffers either of the same or the sister Charities. The three Festivals of 1883 yielded together some £47,000; those held during 1884 produced a sum total of nearly £42,000, and if we bear in mind that a considerable portion of the sum realised at the Boys' Festival in the former was for the special purpose of erecting a junior school, we must see good reason to be pleased with the general total yielded in the latter. The Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 26th February. Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, had kindly undertaken to preside, but illness stepped in at the critical moment to prevent this arrangement being carried out, and the chair was occupied by Sir J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes. The gathering was numerous and representative, and Bro. Terry had the satisfaction of announcing a total of nearly £14,350, which was ultimately increased to £14,665. This great success is all the more satisfactory, as it enabled the Committee of Management to suggest a further increase in the number of annuitants—and the increase was sadly necessary—from 165 to 170 on the Male Fund, and from 167 to 182 on the Female Fund. In May was held the Ninety-sixth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. of Essex, presided; there was the usual muster of friends and supporters of the Institution, and Bro. Hedges must be congratulated on the total of over £13,000, which, in the course of the evening, it became his duty to announce. There is one feature in connection with this Anniversary, which it is desirable we should introduce. In the case of the two School celebrations, there is always associated with them a Stewards' visit to the Institution and a public distribution of prizes. This associate celebration in respect of the Girls' Institution was held at St. John's Hill, on the 19th May, when the President for the day was no less distinguished a personage than the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, a name very dear to Freemasonry, not only from the fact of her father having been one of us, but also, and in an especial degree, from the deep interest exhibited by her ladyship on several notable occasions towards our Society, as well as from the fact of her husband, Bro. Burdett-Coutts, W.M. of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, Westminster, being one of the Stewards. Thus it was from the hands of this lady, whose name is so dear to the Craft, that the girls who had distinguished themselves in the early half of this year received the prizes they had so honourably earned, and it was from her lips they heard many kindly words of advice which we are convinced they will take into their young hearts and treasure there during the rest of their days. The service rendered by the Baroness at this Festival was shortly afterwards made the occasion for presenting her with an address of thanks, not only for what she had done in this one instance, but likewise for her repeated displays of generous interest in the doings of our Fraternity. Last of all there was held at the Crystal Palace, on the 28th June, under the genial presidency of our worthy Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., then Lord Mayor of London, the 86th Festival of the Boys' School, when Bro. Binckes had the pleasure of being able to state the result of his Stewards' efforts at a total of £14,100, which, though considerably below his exceptional announcement in 1883, falls but little, if at all, short of being the most considerable sum ever raised, even at one of his successful gatherings. Him, too, we must congratulate on so splendid a result, and we do so the more heartily because in his endeavours to secure the services of an efficient chairman, he experienced pretty much the same number of disappointments as his brother Secretary of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, though in Bro. Binckes's case the disappointments were intensified by the fact of his having enlisted for this purpose the assistance of the late lamented Duke of Albany, who had graciously accepted the post of Chairman at the Boys' Festival for this year, and indeed had only fixed the day it would be convenient for him to preside a short space before his death occurred. The minor Festival at the Institution itself, when the prizes were distributed, passed off admirably under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br. As to the proposed Preparatory School, we may state that not only has the requisite ground been purchased, but contracts for erecting the additional buildings and a new hall have been entered into and their fulfilment is already far advanced towards completion, so that we look to there being an appreciable increase in the establishment at Wood Green early in the course of next year. And who knows but that perhaps an illustrious member of the Craft may have it in his power to inaugurate the new School? We hope it may be so, and that this casual expression of a hope, for which there is no other warranty than our own hearty good wishes for the School's welfare, may be realised.

#### PROVINCIAL AND OTHER CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

It is so natural the Craft should give its chief attention to the Central Masonic Institutions—Institutions which appeal annually for support to the brethren throughout the whole country, and by which applicants from all parts are benefited—that we fear there is some danger of those minor associations which have been established in so many of our provinces, and in connection with so many of our metropolitan lodges, meeting with but scant recognition in return for their valuable assistance to poor or deceased members and their families. Yet many of these are organised on a large scale, own considerable funded property, and by the local good they do, must perceptibly lessen the severe pressure which is increasingly being brought to bear on the resources of our principal Charities. We have not the space to give full particulars of the work done by these various bodies; many of

them, such as the East and West Lancashire, the Cheshire, Devon and Durham, are known beyond the immediate limits in which they carry out their beneficent operations, but a brief account of one of them—the West Lancashire Educational Institution—must suffice on the present occasion. During the last year £1160 was expended in the education, clothing, and advancement in life of 168 children. The balance remaining in hand was not far short of £1850, and the total invested capital of the Institution was £17,786. Hitherto the children it has assisted have been educated only; but a law recently passed enables the Court of Governors to send children to schools where they will be maintained and clothed as well, the case of the two girls who were only the other day accepted as pupils at our Girls' School, under the altered conditions of purchase by annual payments, being the most recent and therefore the most familiar illustration of the working of the new rule. This is the kind of help which is given by the class of local organisation we are referring to, and it will be allowed that it is precisely the kind of help of which so much is needed, and of which those who render it have great reason to be proud. Another kind of local charitable association which finds especial favour with many lodges and in various provinces is that which distributes its funds among its subscribers, by ballot or otherwise, in the form of Life-Governorships or Life-Subscriptions to our principal Institutions. To these associations the latter are very greatly indebted, as will be seen from the following brief summary of the last report of the Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, as submitted at its annual meeting at Anderton's Hotel on the 7th November last. The sum received during the year by Bro. W. W. Snelling, Honorary Secretary, was over £1531, of which £472 was paid to the Male Fund, and £300 to the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £310 to the Girls' School; and £367 10s. to the Boys' School, making a total of each payments amounting in round figures to £1450. The expenses slightly exceeded £22 for printing, postage, &c., and after all there remained a balance in bank of somewhat less than £60. Of course, the difference between the two classes of association is very marked. One, of which we have given the W. Lancashire Charity Fund as a specimen, is supported locally, and it assists the families of local brethren; the other, of which the Metropolitan Benevolent Association is an illustration, gives its support wholly and directly to the central Institution. Both, however, do an almost incalculable amount of good, and our survey of the year would have been sadly incomplete had we allowed this serviceable aid to pass unnoticed and uncommended.

#### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

We should lay ourselves open to the charge of boastfulness on behalf of the Fraternity we represent if we did more than place before our readers the monthly statistics of the work delegated by Grand Lodge to be done by its Board of Benevolence. The figures which follow say all that need be said on the subject. In December, 1883, there were 33 petitioners relieved with £775; in January, 1884, 16 petitioners with £535; in February, 21 petitioners with £490; in March, 32 petitioners with £890; in April, 29 petitioners with £1000; in May, 33 petitioners with £1075; in June, 22 petitioners with £855; in July, 26 petitioners with £615; in August, 16 petitioners with £535; in September, 19 petitioners with £560; in October, 34 petitioners with £1160; and in November, 37 petitioners with £710; making a total for the 12 months of 318 petitioners relieved with £9200, in sums ranging from £5 upwards. And yet there are those who say that the Society of Freemasons which disburses all these moneys in order to maintain its Institutions for the aged and the orphan, and in affording temporary help to its poorer members is steeped in infamy!

#### MASONIC LITERATURE.

A sketch of our proceedings would be incomplete which did not include some mention of the literary productions of the year. These are not numerous, perhaps, but certain of them will occupy a foremost place in our standard literature as long as Freemasonry itself exists. It is probable the wish was father to the thought that the fourth volume of Bro. R. F. Gould's "History of Freemasonry" would be published before the end of 1884. At all events the promised volume has not as yet made its appearance as we were led to expect, and the work has advanced only one stage nearer completion; but the stage in question covers some of the most difficult ground which it will be the author's duty to traverse, and though he has not succeeded in winning for all his theories the cordial acquiescence of his critics, it is generally allowed that he has exhibited in his third volume most of the qualities by which his preceding volumes were characterised, though some think he has not done so with quite the same degree of success. This is not surprising, if we bear in mind the difficulties we have just recited as inevitable in any attempt to deal completely and conscientiously, as Bro. Gould has done, with the subject of Early English Masonry. But it is right the general reader should have this pointed out to him, because, if he takes the critics as his sole guide, there will be some chance of his running into the absurd idea that Bro. Gould's work does not increase in trustworthiness as it advances nearer to the 1717 epoch. We have expressed our disagreement with some of his conclusions, but it is impossible such differences of opinion can have the effect of disestablishing his history from its pride of place as the first real attempt to trace the rise and progress of our ancient Craft. A work of a less ambitious, because of a more circumscribed character, but of its kind equally meritorious, is Bro. Hughan's newest contribution on the "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry." Here again there has been some divergence of opinion between ourselves and the author in respect of certain of his opinions, and here also—and for a similar reason—it is desirable the reader should form his own conclusions; but he must do so only after he has become acquainted with those of Bro. Hughan, instead of being guided, as so many are, by what the critics say. A third work, of considerable interest, is Bro. Fort's essay on the "Mediæval Builders," a study

worthy in all respect of the learned author of the "Antiquities of Freemasonry." There have also appeared in these columns the histories of two out of our three principal Charities, one of which, that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has already been re-published separately, while the other, that of the Boys' School, is on the eve of re-publication. The other literary work of the Fraternity has been chiefly of an ephemeral character, the most noteworthy, perhaps, being the essays and pamphlets which Pope Leo XIII.'s denunciation of Freemasonry was certain to evoke. It may be as well to add that very great progress has been made in the tedious process of archaeological investigation. As far as possible we have made a point of describing the more important results of such labours in that portion of the *Freemason* which is assigned to the discussion of this kind of question. In fine, we are far too inquisitive a generation of beings to rest satisfied with the works of writers of the old school, and, under the able guidance of Bros. Hughan, Gould, Woodford, and others, we may justly claim to have done much to elevate the tone and character of Masonic literature.

#### OBITUARY.

The deaths that have occurred since we published our last Annual Summary of Events are more formidable than usual in respect of number, and even more formidable still if we take into account the rank and attainments of very many of our deceased brethren. The familiar places thus made vacant it has in many cases been found extremely difficult to fill. Many others are still vacant, while as regards those who have died most recently, we are hardly yet in a position to form anything like a just estimate of the loss to the Craft our deprivation of their services will prove. First and foremost on the roll of our departed worthies stands the name of the Duke of Albany, who, although a young Mason, had shown an aptitude as well as a predilection for Masonic duty which, it is no mere stereotyped expression of compliment to say, have been rarely equalled and never surpassed. Out of respect to his memory, those among the positions he held which involved the performance by him personally of certain functions have been left unoccupied for the present. When his successors have been appointed they will have a grand encouragement to the strict yet courteous discharge of their duties in the brilliant example set them by His Royal Highness. Next in point of estimation must be mentioned Col. J. A. Lloyd-Phillips, P.G.M. of the Western Division of South Wales, and the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. of Durham, both of whom had rendered valuable services to Freemasonry, and were deservedly esteemed and respected by the brethren, not only of the provinces they ruled, but of the country generally. Among the other leaders of the Craft whose places in Grand Lodge and Chapter will know them no more we have to lament the deaths of Bros. John Havers, P.G.J.W., Captain W. Platt, P.G.J.W., Sir Michael Costa, P.G.J.W. and P.G.O., the Rev. A. R. Ward, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, P.G. Treas., Treasurer of the Girls' School, and one of the Trustees of all three Institutions; W. Hickman, P.G.A.D.C., D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; H. S. Alpess, P.G. Std. Br. and Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire; Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.; H. C. Levander, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; and Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary of the Mark Grand Lodge. But these are only a part, though undoubtedly they constitute the most distinguished part, of our losses. Among other well-known brethren there have died such tried or promising Craftsmen as Bros. John Southwood, P.M. and Sec., and P.Z. of the John Hervey Lodge and Chapter, 1260; John Bellerby, P.G. Stwd.; E. B. Grabham, P.P.G.S.W. Middx.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; S. Oldfield Bailey, a prominent figure among our West Yorkshire brethren; T. Chenery, Editor of the *Times*; James Milledge, P.P.G.S.W. Dorsetshire; the entertaining and genial master of song, George Buckland, P.M. 1319; S. Smout, P.M. 1642, and M.E.Z. 1642; A. D. Loewenstark, P.M., P.Z.; Sergeant-Major Geo. Scarfe, P.M.; W. P. Phillips, P.M. Doric Lodge, 81, Suffolk; Frank Adlard, P.M. 712; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; Richard Wright, P.M. 22; M. Pearson; John Walker, P.M. 27; J. McCandlish Gardner, 1505; F. W. Barnes, P.M. 1380; R. Percy, P.M. 228, who not so very long before his decease was one of the best known and most popular Preceptors in the north of London; W. Stapleton, W.M. Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382; J. W. McWean, P.M. 1035; Robert Bridge, P.M. 266; F. J. Stimpson; S. Rosenthal, the portrait painter; Captain J. Birkin, P.M. 262; W. H. Gregory, 1897; T. Haigh, 1299; C. Lowther Kemp, W.M. elect 1924; James Gibbs; S. Chester, of the Derwent, No. 40, Hastings; Joseph Skeaf, W.M. 2042, P.P.G.D. West Lancashire; J. Lewis Oates, P.M. 304; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; and H. S. Cooper, an old P.M. of 228. This is a terribly long list, and includes the names of brethren whose death we shall not cease regretting for many a long day to come. Most of them, however, have left behind them some valuable memory of loyal service rendered to lodge or chapter, while the few who have not were taken from us before they had time to prove their worth.

#### IRELAND.

We have often had occasion to remark on the scarcity of the Masonic news we obtain from Ireland, and the past year can claim no exemption from the complaint. Yet the little we have to say speaks well for the zeal and energy of our Irish brethren. We wish we could see the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin more liberally supported, especially by the provincial brethren. Still, a slight improvement in this respect has been noticeable during the past twelve months, and probably the improvement would have been greater had the political state of the country been less disturbed. A successful entertainment in aid of the Institution took place in Derry, under the auspices of Bro. Dr. Hime, in April, and towards the close of November there was held, with the same object and under very distinguished patronage, a grand Masonic bazaar and fancy fair in the city of Armagh. No doubt other demonstrations of a similar character will have been made at other times and in other places. In October a new Masonic Hall was consecrated in Mountmellick by the Earl of Huntington, Prov. G.M. of the Midland Counties, and in August the memorial stone of the parish church of Coleraine was laid Masonically by Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., P.G.J.W. England, when on a visit to the Irish landed estates belonging to the Corporation of the City of London. It is also worthy of note that the brethren of the district celebrated St. John the Evangelist's Day (27th December), 1883, in St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, at Cork. The brethren mustered in force, there was a vast concourse of spectators to witness the unaccustomed gathering, the brethren being in their full regalia; and after full choral service, a most eloquent sermon was preached, partly in defence of Freemasonry, and



partly in aid of the Orphan Schools at Dublin. The Dean and Chapter officiated, and when all was over, the Bishop pronounced the Benediction and the brethren left the sacred building. At the same time it must not be supposed that the Craft has been left unassailed by the priesthood of the Romish Church in Ireland any more than it has elsewhere, neither has it escaped attack on the supposed Orange proclivities of the Irish Craft. Against the latter charge, however, Bro. the Hon. D. Plunket, one of the members in Parliament for the Dublin University, most ably and eloquently vindicated the Society; while as to the former, this kind of attack is now so frequent that all we can do or advise others of our brethren to do is to "grin and bear" them.

## SCOTLAND.

Under the wise rule of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, as under that of Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., the Grand Lodge of Scotland has gone on so prosperously that not only has it emerged from the financial difficulties which so heavily pressed on it a few years since, but it has thoroughly overhauled its affairs, and has organised also a new and promising scheme for the administration of its Charity Fund. Its daughter lodges have increased in number; it has established two new provinces, one for Gibraltar, and one for the counties of Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland; it has a fair average number of "entrants," or initiates, as we term them, and it can boast of a new Masonic hall at Kirkwall for the new Home Province, and of various Masonic functions discharged in connection with public buildings. Lastly, it is just entering on a new year under the auspices of Sir A. C. Blythwood, Bart., as G. Master—the Earl of Mar and Kellie having expressed a wish to be relieved from the cares and responsibilities of a further year of office—with the Earls of Haddington and Kintore as Depute and Substitute G. Masters respectively. Under these circumstances, and as Bro. D. Murray Lyon is still exercising the important functions of G. Secretary, we may anticipate for our brethren north of the Tweed at least as successful a career under their new Chief as they enjoyed under the two predecessors we have named. We may also mention that friendly relations are on the eve of being established between the Supreme G.R.A. Chapter of Scotland and the Mark Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Kintore, who is G. Master of the latter, and a G. Officer of the former, having been chiefly instrumental in bringing the two bodies more closely together.

## FREEMASONRY IN OUR COLONIES.

For the most part what we have said as to the position of the Craft at home will be found applicable to that of British Colonial Masonry. Generally it is prosperous, and there are few, if any, clouds darkening the horizon. In Canada matters have gone smoothly, the most prominent event being the complete establishment of independence by the Great Priory of the Dominion and its recognition as a separate body by the Grand Encampment of the United States. The neighbouring Grand Lodge of Quebec is unfortunately placed. The Grand Chapter associated with it is engaged in a battle royal with our Mark Grand Lodge. For itself, it appears to be anxious to enlarge the sphere of disputation, and has already favoured the Grand Master of our United Grand Lodge (Craft) with a threatening letter, and the time it has chosen for this display of eccentricity is a few months after a bill to absolve it from the penalties of the local act against secret societies has been lost in the Provincial Legislature. Much study has made the worthy brethren out here mad, and, what is more remarkable still, is there is clearly no method in their madness. In Africa we have to note the establishment of a new Mark province for Natal; while in Australasia, except in one of the Colonies, there have been no material changes. The presence in Victoria and New South Wales of so called independent Grand Lodges appears to have had little or no prejudicial effect on the District Grand Lodges holding under England, Scotland, and Ireland. The new bodies meet, and are recognised by quite a number of other Grand Lodges in America; but they seem to fare very much like a play which, after an indifferent first night, is announced for further performance. They make no impression on the brethren whose sympathies they stand most in need of. The majority of the old regular lodges take no notice of them, and if this state of things continues much longer the so-called Grand Lodges of Victoria and New South Wales will die of inanition. Moreover, in Victoria, the three concurrent jurisdictions are governed by the same Chief, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., who, in the first place, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Irish lodges, and then in March, with the consent of the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. of Ireland, was installed District Grand Master for the English and Scotch lodges. This step will certainly not have the effect of hastening the consummation desired so much by the spurious Grand Lodge of the Colony. In South Australia they have carried out the purpose of setting up a Grand Lodge of their own successfully, and in a manner to which no reasonable objection can be taken. In the preliminary arrangements complete unanimity was hardly to be expected, but something very like it was obtained, and there is now a Grand Lodge of South Australia established by the concurrent voice of, as nearly as possible, the whole of the English, Irish, and Scotch lodges in the Colony. There is a complete organization of Grand Officers and three lodges have been constituted under the new régime. The greatest respect was shown at the time the separation was being effected for the mother Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, and we doubt not that at some not very remote period the independence of the new body will be recognised here. We offer no opinion on the policy which has dictated this movement; we merely state what has happened. In New South Wales the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine has been established on an apparently firm footing; while at Gibraltar there is a new Mark Province under our Mark Grand Lodge, and a new Craft Province under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In Egypt, China, India, and elsewhere the Society has gone on strengthening and extending its position slowly but surely.

## FREEMASONRY IN FOREIGN PARTS.

We have no time or space to do more than bestow a passing glance on the doings of the Craft in foreign countries. That which most, and most naturally, interests us here is the position occupied by Freemasonry in the United States of North America. Their ideas and ours may not harmonise very well together in matters of detail. They seem to us—just as, no doubt, we seem to them—to have strange notions about interjurisdictional rights, the eligibility of candidates in certain respects, the amount of privacy that must be observed as regards certain of our ceremonials, &c., &c. But the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, as understood and practised by them and us, are to all intents and purposes the same, and when anything occurs which is likely or intended to injure or benefit the Craft, we are both equally interested, though the chances are that neither will be seriously affected for evil or for good. There is probably more show

there about Masonry than here, and there is room, perhaps, in some of the jurisdictions for a little more practice of, and a little less preaching about, the beauties of Freemasonry. But, after all, Freemasonry is well-established and well-organised in the United States. It thrives there immensely, if numbers are a criterion of strength, and there is a vast amount of good work done by the brethren in the several jurisdictions under the auspices of their respective Grand Lodges. The meetings are held frequently, and when held are numerously attended. In their ranks are very many of the most respected and ablest citizens. In short, Masonry enjoys a well-deserved popularity in the United States, and is prosperous there as well as here, for pretty much the same reason, namely, that there as well as here it deserves to prosper. May its present state always continue, except where changes may be introduced which will strengthen and enlarge its claims on public respect!

We wish we could speak in the same strain of Foreign Freemasonry in some other countries. Early in the year there were fêtes held in Brussels in honour of the reconciliation of the Dutch and Belgian Lodges. This means neither more nor less than that Masonry in Holland, which has heretofore inclined more in our own direction than in any other, now approximates very closely in character to Freemasonry as understood in Belgium, and Belgian Masonry in its turn is in almost complete sympathy with the Grand Orient of France. This change that has taken place in Holland is, no doubt, a result of the death of Prince Frederick, for so many years the Chief of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, and is all the more to be regretted because by the death, this year, of Alexander, Prince of Orange, the one brother who had the will and the power to do anything to counteract the vicious effects of French Masonic influence, has been taken away. As regards other foreign countries, there is little to be said. It may or may not be true that Alphonso of Spain has become a Mason; if he has, we can well imagine the horror and indignation with which such a fact must have inspired the Vatican. But it is not in Latin Christendom that we look, in these days, at all events, to learn much that is likely to strengthen or promote the well-being of Freemasonry.

## MISCELLANEOUS AND CONCLUDING.

There are, of course, many occurrences to which particular reference has not been made, the great length of our remarks being the plea we offer in extenuation of their omission. To some of these, such as the Centenary of No. 252, at Dudley, and the Jubilees of the Surrey Lodge, No. 413, Reigate, and Menturia Lodge, No. 418, Hanley, we should have gladly allotted some space, had it been possible to find any. In these circumstances we must refer our readers to the table of "Occurrences" which is appended, and which, if of necessity it is briefer, in treating individual events, contains a much stronger array of details. We commend it to their notice as calculated to prove a useful chronological guide to the year of which it treats.

## THE "RED APRON" LODGES.

BY BRO. E. L. HAWKINS.

The Book of Constitutions (1834) says (Rule 39): "Eighteen Grand Stewards shall be annually appointed for the regulation of the Grand Festival, under the directions of the Grand Master." (Rule 40)—"The Grand Stewards shall be appointed from 18 different lodges, each of which shall recommend one of its subscribing members, who must be a Master Mason, to be presented by the former Grand Steward of that lodge, for the approbation and appointment of the Grand Master." (Rule 41)—"The name and residence of the brother recommended as Grand Steward shall be transmitted by his lodge to the Grand Secretary, 14 days at least previously to the Grand Festival." (Rule 42)—"No Brother shall be eligible as a Grand Steward unless he was initiated in the lodge by which he is recommended, or has been 12 months a subscribing member to it." (Rule 46)—"If any lodge possessing the privilege of recommendation shall neglect to send to the Grand Secretary the name of one of its members, or to supply the place of one who shall decline the office or become incapable of discharging the duties thereof, as required by the preceding articles, the lodge shall forfeit its privilege, and the Grand Master shall nominate some other lodge to have such privilege in future." (Rule 47)—"The Grand Stewards shall have the exclusive privilege of becoming members of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, subject to its by-laws and regulations."

Taking the above extracts from the Book of Constitutions as my text, I shall endeavour to show by what steps 18 lodges have acquired the exclusive privilege of nominating Grand Stewards, subject only to the approbation of the Grand Master.

The earliest reference to Grand Stewards that I have been able to find occurs in Anderson of 1738, on p. 112, where it is stated that at the Grand Lodge, held on Lady-day, 1721, "the Grand Wardens were ordered, as usual, to prepare the Feast, and to take some Stewards to their Assistance, Brothers of Ability and Capacity, and to appoint some Brethren to attend the Tables; for that no Strangers must be there. But the Grand Officers not finding a proper number of Stewards, our Brother Mr. Josiah Villeneau, Upholder in the Burrough Southwark, generously undertook the whole himself, attended by some Waiters, Thomas Morrice, Francis Bailey, &c."

At the next meeting of Grand Lodge, on 24th June, 1721, Bro. Villeneau was appointed Grand Warden, and was thanked "for his care of the Feast."

Next, on 25th April, 1723, it was ordered that the tickets for the next Feast should be disposed of by the Grand Wardens and the Stewards; and accordingly Anderson (page 116) gives the names of the six Stewards who were publicly thanked for their services at the Feast on 24th June, 1723. How these six were appointed he does not explain; but we may presume it to have been in accordance with Rule XXIII. of the Constitutions of 1723, which says: "If it be thought expedient, and the Grand Master, with the Majority of the Masters and Wardens, agree to hold a Grand Feast, according to the ancient laudable Custom of Masons, then the Grand Wardens shall have the care of preparing the Tickets, seal'd with the Grand Master's Seal, of disposing of the Tickets, of receiving the Money for the Tickets, of buying the Materials of the Feast, of finding out a proper and convenient Place to feast in; and of every other thing that concerns the Entertainment. But that the work may not be too burthensome to the two Grand Wardens, and that all Matters may be expeditiously and safely managed, the Grand Master, or his Deputy, shall have power to nominate and appoint a certain Number of Stewards, as his Worship shall think fit, to act in concert with the two Grand Wardens; all things relating to the Feast being decided amongst them by a Majority of Voices; except the Grand Master or his Deputy interpose by a particular Direction or Appointment."

Thus the first recorded appointment of Grand Stewards is in 1723, when their number is six, and the Premier Book of Constitutions gives their appointment to the Grand Master, but without specifying their number.

At the Feast of 24th June, 1724, 12 Stewards acted, of whom six were the Stewards of the previous year. The following year no Stewards were appointed, and Brother John James Heidegger was ordered "to prepare the Feast in the best Manner;" and the next year there were "no Stewards, but Brother Edward Lambert undertook to prepare the Feast." The same Brother again prepared the Feast in 1727; and on 26th November, 1728, "Brother Desaguliers moved to revive the Office of Stewards to assist the Grand Wardens in preparing the Feast, and that their number be 12, which was readily agreed to." (*Anderson, 1738, page 123.*)

From this time there were 12 Stewards regularly appointed for each Annual Feast, until on 29th May, 1815, 18 were appointed, which has continued to be the number ever since; except in 1846, when the G. Master refused to accept the nomination made by Lodge No. 30, and only 17 Stewards were appointed, and in the next year only 16 were appointed, for what reason I do not know. (*G. Lodge Reports.*) (Bro. Hughan says in the "Masonic Register," page 40: "From 1735 to 1813 12 Stewards were annually selected;" but he is surely in error as to the first date, for Anderson gives the names of 12 Stewards regularly on from 1728, except for 1730, when there was no Feast, owing to the absence of the Grand Master, the Duke of Norfolk, at Venice.)

The distinctive clothing now worn by Grand Stewards was first allowed to them on 17th March, 1730-1, when "the Stewards for the year were allowed to have Jewels of Silver (tho' not gilded) pendent to Red Ribbons about their Necks, to bear White Rods, and to line their White Leather Aprons with Red Silk." Hence the lodges which now furnish Grand Stewards are known as "Red Apron Lodges."

The next privilege they obtained was that each Steward might name his successor in office for the following year. This was granted to them on 2nd March, 1731-2—(*Anderson, 1738, page 167*)—in order, as Preston says, to encourage gentlemen to accept the office of Steward. (*Illustrations, Ed. 1801, page 231.*)

Next it was agreed on 31st March, 1735, that all Grand Officers, the Grand Master excepted, should be elected from those who had served as Stewards—(*Gould's "Four Old Lodges," page 31*)—and this great privilege was confirmed to them on 3rd February, 1779, when the Master and other brethren of the Stewards' Lodge complained that of late years those who served as Stewards had declined to join the Stewards' Lodge, and to remedy this the following resolution was agreed to: "Whereas it appears, from the book of Constitutions, to have been the invariable usage of the society to appoint the officers of the grand lodge from such brethren only who have served the office of grand steward, Resolved, that in future no brother be appointed a grand officer until he shall have served the office of steward at a grand feast; nor unless he be an actual subscribing member of the stewards' lodge at the time of his appointment." (*Constitutions, 1784, page 328.*)

The year 1735 was apparently that in which the Stewards were most influential, for besides the privilege of providing the Grand Officers, they also obtained in that year the formation of the Stewards' Lodge, which was granted on 24th June, 1735, in compliance with an address to Grand Lodge from former Stewards. "In consideration of their past Service and future Usefulness" Grand Lodge ordained:—

1. "That they should be constituted a Lodge of Masters, to be called the Stewards Lodge, to be register'd as such in the Grand Lodge Books and printed List, with the Times and Place of their Meetings.
2. "That the Stewards Lodge shall have the privilege of sending a Deputation of 12 to every Grand Lodge, viz., the Master, Two Wardens and Nine more, and Each of the 12 shall vote there, and Each of 'em that attends shall pay Half a Crown, towards the Expence of the Grand Lodge.
3. "That no Brother who has not been a Steward shall wear the same Sort of Aprons and Ribbons.
4. "That each of the 12 Deputies from the Stewards Lodge shall, in the Grand Lodge, wear a peculiar jewel suspended in the Red Ribbon; the Pattern of which was then approved.
5. "That the 12 Stewards of the current year shall always attend the Grand Lodge in their proper Clothing and Jewels, paying at the Rate of four Lodges towards the Expence of the Communication: But they are not to vote, nor even to speak, except when desired, or else of what relates to the ensuing Feast only." (*Anderson, 1738, p. 168.*)

Accordingly at the Grand Lodge of 11th December, 1735, "Sir Robert Lawley, Master of the Stewards Lodge, with his Wardens and nine more, with their new Badges, appeared full 12 the first time."

However, there was much dissatisfaction felt at these extraordinary privileges being granted to the Stewards; it is stated in the Freemasons' Calendar for 1783 (p. 22) that the 12 Stewards who appeared in December, 1735, were not allowed to vote, though it is not clear to me whether this refers to the Deputation from the new Stewards Lodge or to the 12 Stewards of the current year, who are clearly distinct bodies; and a vigorous attempt was made to cancel the new privileges by a refusal to confirm the minutes of the June meeting. But, "In the course of the collecting the votes on this occasion, there appeared so much confusion that it was not possible for the Grand Officers to determine with any certainty what the numbers on either side of the question were. They were therefore obliged to dismiss the debate and close the lodge." (Extracted from Grand Lodge Minutes by Bro. Gould. "Four Old Lodges," p. 31.)

But the minutes apparently were confirmed at some time, for the new Stewards' Lodge appears in the Grand Lodge List for 1736 as No. 117 (*Gould, p. 5*), but when the numbers of the Lodges were altered by order of the Grand Lodge on 18th April, 1792, it was placed at the head of the list without a number (*Freemason's Calendar for 1793*), the position it now occupies; though Preston (*Illustrations, Ed. 1801, p. 237*) says this privilege was "a measure very incompatible with the original Constitutions, and which can never be sanctioned by the rules of the Society. Several Lodges have entered protests against it in their private books; which at some future time may have an effect, and probably induce a re-investigation of the subject."

It is worth while to pause here to recapitulate the privileges obtained by the Grand Stewards during the first 12 years of their existence; they were first appointed in 1723 by the Grand Master, their number was fixed at 12 in 1728, they obtained distinctive clothing in 1730-1, in the following year they were allowed to name their successors, in 1735 they got a monopoly of all the offices in Grand Lodge, and in the same year the Stewards' Lodge was

formed with the privilege of sending 12 members with individual votes to Grand Lodge.

Their next privilege was gained when "On February, 1770, the grand lodge resolved, that the stewards' lodge be allowed the privilege of sending a number of brethren, equal to any other four lodges, to every future committee of charity; and that as the master alone of each private lodge only has a right to attend, in order to make a proper distinction between the stewards' lodge and the other lodges, the master and three other members of that lodge be permitted to attend at every succeeding committee on behalf of the said lodge." (*Constitutions, 1784, page 383.*)

At the Union in 1813 its monopoly of supplying Grand Officers was apparently tacitly withdrawn from the Stewards' Lodge, though its right to send to Grand Lodge twelve Grand Stewards from its members existing at the Union was preserved to it, but with the proviso "it being understood and agreed that, from and after the Union, an annual appointment shall be made of the Stewards if necessary." (*Articles of Union, Art. vii.*)

Accordingly on 29th May, 1815, eighteen Grand Stewards were appointed, being nominated by the Grand Master (*Grand Lodge Reports*) and the appointment of their successors, in 1816, was also made by the Grand Master (*Constitutions, 1827, page 42*); this being the last instance of the appointment of Stewards by him, for on 24th April, 1816, the Stewards for the ensuing year were presented by their predecessors, being one from each of the eighteen lodges from which the Grand Master had made his last appointments; and the Grand Stewards have been annually selected in this way ever since.

The eighteen lodges from which the Stewards were appointed in 1816 were:

No. in 1816.		Present No.
1.	The Grand Masters' Lodge	1
2.	Antiquity	2
4.	Royal Somerset House and Inverness	4
6.	Friendship	6
8.	British	8
14.	Tuscan	14
22.	Emulation	21
25.	Globe	23
29.	Castle Lodge of Harmony	26
34.	Old King's Arms	28
35.	St. Alban's	29
40.	Corner Stone	5
(United in 1843 with No. 5.)		
75.	Felicity	58
82.	Peace and Harmony	60
142.	Regularity	91
156.	Shakspeare	99
435.	Pilgrim	238
493.	Prince of Wales	259

The above are now the "Red Apron Lodges," except that in 1834 the "Pilgrim" Lodge lost its privilege, and was replaced by the "Jerusalem" Lodge, now No. 197, no reason being given in Grand Lodge Reports for the change, but it is stated in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review for 1834* (p. 51), that the "Pilgrim" Lodge declined to send a Steward for that year; and on 28th April, 1852, the Grand Master announced that the "Old King's Arms" Lodge had lost its privilege by not submitting a name in time, and that he had selected the "Old Union" Lodge, now No. 46, in its place. An attempt to reverse this decision was made at the following meeting, but failed. (*Grand Lodge Reports.*)

I have now traced, clearly, I hope, the privileges granted at various times to the Grand Stewards, and have shown that the present "Red Apron" Lodges were, with two exceptions, selected by the Grand Master in 1816, and will conclude with saying that on 19th April, 1848, it was proposed that all London lodges should be allowed to furnish Grand Stewards—eighteen lodges to be taken in rotation annually. The motion was lost by a majority of 40. Great amusement was caused by one speaker, who said that "the present Red Apron Lodges were in possession of all the wealth, all the talent, and all the education to be found in Masonry." (*Freemasons' Quarterly Review, 1848, p. 172.*)

### A VISIT TO THE BRITISH OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, JERUSALEM.

On the Bethlehem-road, about 10 minutes' walk from the Jaffa Gate of Jerusalem, stands a building which at once attracts attention not only on account of its substantial character, but also from the splendid situation it occupies. Thoroughly Oriental in style, indeed more so than usual, it yet lacks that appearance of having been thrown together—with windows stuck in anywhere—that general look of unevenness which we have hitherto so frequently observed. Massive and square in its outline, with large windows heavily ironed, regular parapets, and a castellated tower—the "keep" as it were—one might readily imagine it to be a kind of outlying fortification, and it really appears as if it could stand a fair siege. Surrounding it and stretching away towards Bethlehem is a large orchard, full of olive, fig, walnut, and other trees, with innumerable vines, planted wherever one can be placed;—the whole presenting a most refreshing aspect, and evidence of cultivation most unusual in this part of Palestine. Over the gateway floats a large flag, with the white Maltese cross on a crimson ground, while over the door, carved in stone, is a shield with a similar device.

This is "The British Hospice of St. John," as it is generally termed by the inhabitants, or more fully, "The British Ophthalmic Hospital established by the English Langue of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem;" a Society which in its charitable work recognises no difference of nationality or creed, but is thoroughly unsectarian, its members desiring only, as far as their means permit, to do whatever is possible in mitigation of that universal suffering which, in some form or other, is the common lot of humanity, and thus to perpetuate the humane and generous purpose of the chivalrous and ancient Order from which they take their name, and which is in them revived.

A ring at the bell brings a turbanned and baggy-trowsered attendant with a heavy grey moustache to the gate, who, to our enquiry, informs us that the doctor is at home, and invites us to enter. We descend a short flight of steps and find ourselves in a large courtyard, surrounded on all sides by buildings and overlooked by terraces. On one side of this courtyard extends a series of rooms opening from it, which belong to the out-patients' department. At the further end is a covered archway, from which open the kitchen and store rooms. On the opposite side, a door leads to

the laundry and bath room; while to our left is another very large and lofty archway, with a floor slightly raised, and neatly enclosed from the outer courtyard by a railing. We enter here and introduce ourselves to the doctor, and under his guidance we proceed to make a tour of the building.

The upper floor consists of private rooms, all opening directly from a stone-paved, arched corridor, leading to a broad terrace, from which a magnificent view is obtained of the surrounding country. Descending from this with our host, we enter the wards which have been set apart for male patients. These are six in number, and can be arranged to accommodate 16 men, but are intended for 10 only, except in case of emergency. Passing through the iron door, under the covered archway, a small room is pointed out as the disinfecting chamber, where, by means of intense moist heat, all clothing and bedding are purified. The bath room and laundry are next pointed out. We are then conducted to the three wards set apart for female patients; and, as in the case of the male wards, these can receive a larger number on an emergency, but in case of a preponderance of females at any time a further arrangement has been made by which one ward for two patients can be subtracted from the male Hospital, and put in communication with the female wards. Descending again to the courtyard, we are led into the out-patients' department, which consists of a spacious waiting room, clean and airy, yet shady, with a stone floor, and opening by a side door into the consulting room. Passing from these we are shown the kitchen, a fine and commodious chamber with a large fire-place. The water supply is obtained for drinking and cooking purposes from a large cistern, as is usual in this country, while for other domestic purposes a never failing supply is had from the aqueduct of Solomon, which runs through the estate and close behind the house.

The doctor points out to us that by the foregoing arrangements he has all his departments close at hand and easy of access, yet each entirely separated and shut off from the others. The male wards, female wards, out-patients' department, kitchen, laundry and private rooms, are all detached from each other. The female wards especially are well situated for their purpose, having a large balcony to themselves overlooking the valley, whilst everything else necessary is quite separate from the rest of the house, and perfect privacy is obtained.

The last room visited is the doctor's study, which we find to be the centre of the establishment, all the keys of the house, some 40 or more in number, being kept here—together with all the books, medical instruments, papers, accounts, &c., of the Institution.

Next day, being one of the regular out-patients' days, we had an invitation to be present during the morning, which we gladly accepted. The Hospital is thrown open to all comers three days every week—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the other days being set apart—Thursday as the operation day, Tuesday and Saturday for special cases and those requiring prolonged examination.

Next morning, then, at eight o'clock, we appear, making our way to the gate through a dense and motley crowd of all nations and classes—Christians, Jews from all parts of the world, Moslems, Bedouins, and Fellahs. Amongst them there are faces of all kinds and degrees of colour, from black to white, and we hear many strange and different dialects spoken. Some of these people, we are told, have been waiting for hours already; however, 9 a.m. is the time fixed. On entering we find the attendants putting the waiting room in order for the day and arranging the benches, the interpreter being also in attendance. Presently the doctor arrives, and having given a look round to see that all is ready, orders the door to be opened. The attendants take their places by the door, one having a box with cards under his arm, while the interpreter stands by to observe and regulate this part of the work. One of the greatest difficulties which has had to be overcome was how to keep the patients in order; naturally unruly, turbulent, and unaccustomed to anything like discipline, the entrance of a crowd such as this was found to be merely a question of physical force—the weakest going to the wall. However, the difficulty has been ingeniously overcome. Most of the people being illiterate, numbers or figures are of no use; besides, each day a certain proportion of them would surely be lost, and such was found to be the case. The attendant has a series of small variously coloured and differently shaped cards, arranged in tens. As the first person enters, according to sex, he or she receives one of these until the first ten are exhausted, when another series commences, and so on—men and women getting different sorts of cards. In the waiting room the attendant singles out five patients of the first detachment, and places them in readiness to enter the doctor's room. Let us suppose that we commence with women—they are followed by five men—again, five women, then five men, and so on till all are admitted in turn. This arrangement is found to work extremely well, and perfect order is maintained without difficulty, as any turbulence, noise, or disobedience is punished by the doctor himself, who deprives the offender of his turn, and places him among the last to be seen. The attendant knows in what order he issued the cards, so that it is useless for anyone to try to usurp the place of another. "First come first served" is the rule, and there is no exception made in any case—each must take his or her right turn.

At length the door is opened, when all at once there is a hubbub—each forcing forwards; however, this is in vain, as the attendants only allow the patients to pass singly, giving each a card. If it be observed that anyone is jostling or pushing, especially if it be a man, he is marked and reported, when probably he is put among the last to be seen. This practice, we are informed, has proved very salutary, and now it is the rarest possible occurrence for any confusion to take place.

The patients now pass into the waiting room, to take their turns for being seen.

With the doctor we enter the consulting room and take seats close by him, being warned that we are not to be surprised if he gives us a hint to retire in the event of any Moslem women entering, as he rigidly respects their customs and prejudices in this respect. He says, however, that he does not anticipate any difficulty, as the women usually unveil before him without any trouble or hesitation. All being ready, the doctor touches his bell, when the first batch of five patients enter—females—two Moslems, one Jewess, and two Fellahs. The first has cataract, and is preparing for operation; then comes one suffering from some affection of the eye-lids, which we learn is of very common occurrence in the country. The next case is one of a simple character, and is soon disposed of. This is followed by a young peasant woman, who came for the first time; the face is covered—an unusual thing for the Fellahs—but on being removed two sightless eye-balls are presented, the cornea being covered with dense white patches effectually preventing vision. This case receives a careful examination, after which the doctor applies something to the inside of the eye-lids, re-

marking that this is one of those pitiable cases where vision has been lost entirely for want of timely treatment, and that according to the effect produced by what has just been applied, will there be the slightest chance of any vision ever being restored; his opinion being unfavourable. In the next case the eye is acutely inflamed and dreadful to us to see; the patient says but little, and on being asked if she knows of any cause, simply remarks "Min Allah," i.e., "God's pleasure." After looking carefully for a second or two the doctor inverts the upper lid, and to our astonishment removes a piece of straw imbedded almost entirely. The poor woman appears almost more astonished than we are ourselves, and we are glad to be told that she will be again all right in the course of a few days. This completes the number, each of whom, after the doctor has finished, passes over to the dispensary, where they receive their applications, dispensed under his own observation.

Again the bell sounds, when five men are ushered in. A Jew, a Mussulman of good standing, two Bedouins, and a Christian.

The first has chronic ophthalmia of long standing, and has undergone a good deal of maltreatment, aggravated to a great extent by intensely dirty habits; however, he is now very much improved. The next—the Mussulman—appears very grateful, and we are told that, although now but little seems to be amiss, he was in a very bad state when first admitted, and in the greatest danger of losing his remaining eye, having lost the other some years previously from a similar attack; the doctors call it "an eye saved."

Now came the Bedouins, wild-looking and untutored, dirty to a degree, and evidently not much accustomed to come near the haunts of civilisation. They come from the desert, far to the South of the Dead Sea, near Petra, and have arrived during the night. Both are serious cases, and both nearly blind, having been of long-standing and neglected. The "Hakim" says if they can be brought to stay a few days, and carry out the treatment, they will do very well. But the great difficulty he finds with such people, is that they expect to be cured at once in one visit without treatment, and are very apt to return home after a few days not much improved. However, these say they will remain as long as the "Hakim" desires, wishing to stay in the Hospital; to this the "Hakim" to his great regret is compelled to tell them he cannot accede, the Hospital not yet being in a fit condition for indoor patients.

These are succeeded by five women, an admirable arrangement, as it proves. One of these was a poor Fellah woman with two children; one an intelligent looking boy of three-and-a-half years, who has been seen before, and who the doctor says is hopelessly and helplessly blind, from blundering treatment by a native "Hakim;" the eyes were both slightly inflamed, some powerful caustic having been used, which had only aggravated the inflammation and destroyed vision entirely, both eye-balls being collapsed and sightless.

The poor mother brings her baby to-day, and lays it before the doctor imploringly, asking him to look at the infant's eyes to see if they are all right, and if there be anything wrong with them; he informs her that the infant is quite well, and the eyes are as perfect as possible; this puts the mother's mind at ease, and with a few directions, especially enforcing cleanliness, she is passed on. It was most affecting to see how anxiously and imploringly she looked for the doctor's opinion.

Five men next appear; the first, who came in smiling, was one who had to be led about for some years, but has had sight restored by a recent operation, and comes to-day to show himself and express his gratitude. The doctor says that he has now a large number of cases, all of which require operation, but that want of funds to complete his ward prevents him doing more than a few which do not need admission as in-patients.

This goes on all the morning, till over eighty patients have been attended to; all varying, some of the most serious character, some slight, most neglected hitherto, but all requiring and here receiving proper treatment and advice. Sometimes the daily attendance amounts to as many as one hundred and fifty.

A great many cases were pointed out where serious affections had been cured, but still kept under observation. Several have only come when past the remediable stage and nothing further can be done. But lately a large proportion present themselves in an early stage, and the doctor says these cases keep increasing. That the patients are grateful to a degree is obvious to any ordinary observer, and their appreciation evidenced by the patience with which they wait their turn for hours sometimes. One may also judge this by the distance from which patients come, for example from such widely apart places as Damascus and Petra, Gaza, Jaffa, Samaria, Nablus, Safid, Tiberias, from east of the Jordan, and indeed all parts of the country.

What struck us especially was the perfect order maintained throughout, notwithstanding the heterogenous composition of the crowd; a great difference, the doctor tells us, from his first experiences, when a free fight for places was of common occurrence. But rigid adherence to the principle of "no respect of persons" has had its effect, and now, knowing that it is of no use to push forward, they go very quietly. A great improvement has also been observed in the habits of the patients themselves, as they find they are not allowed to present themselves in a dirty state. Another rule never departed from is that no medicine or application will be supplied in a dirty bottle or vessel of any kind. At first there was great trouble in this respect; now there is but little, and the strictness with which cleanliness in every form is enforced, whether in regard to the person, to the eyes, or to the remedies, appear to us to be one of the most useful and commendable features of the work.

The amount of good that has already been done it is impossible to estimate; much seed has been sown of which the result has not yet fully appeared; what estimation the Hospital stands in is evidenced by the great and increasing number of patients—two thousand in ten months! The total attendances having amounted to nine thousand! How highly its work and necessity is appreciated by the Turkish Government is shown by the munificent gift of His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, who has purchased and presented to the Order the splendid site they now occupy.

Besides meeting a much needed want, there can be no two opinions that the Order has acted wisely and well in establishing its Hospital, as of old, on an unsectarian basis. The Order has taken a most important step in forwarding civilisation, as by extending the benefits of the Institution to all alike, without interfering with or even referring to their religious views, they bring the blessings and good effects of civilisation prominently before the people themselves and so induce them to adopt it.

In conclusion we must say that few visits made during our stay in Palestine afforded us such genuine and unmixed pleasure as this.



## OCCURRENCES OF THE YEAR.

1ST DECEMBER, 1883, TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1884.

DECEMBER, 1883.

- 3.—Annual Meeting of the General Grand Conclave, Rome and Red Cross of Constantine.
- 4.—Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge, Earl of Kintore nominated G.M.
- 5.—Quarterly Communication United Grand Lodge. Revision of Book of Constitutions completed.
- 8.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales installed M.W.G.M. and M.W.P.G.M. Mark Grand Lodge.
- 10.—Consecration by Lord H. Thynne, M.P., P.G. Sup. Wilts, of the Methuen Chapter, No. 1523, Marlborough. First M.E.Z., Comp. Ringer, Prov. G.S.B.
- 11.—Consecration by Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, P.G.M., of the Urania Mark Lodge, No. 326, Louth, Lincolnshire. First W.M., Bro. J. Mawer.
- 13.—Annual Meeting, at Norwich, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Norfolk.
- 14.—Dedication by Bro. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M., of a new Masonic Hall, Goole, W. Yorkshire.
- 17.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021. First W.M., Bro. Capt. George Lambert, P.G. Svd. Br.
- 18.—Masonic Bazaar in aid of Freemasons' Hall, Salford, opened by Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire.
- 19.—Consecration by Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000. First W.M., Bro. J. S. Lavies, M.D.
- 20.—Annual Meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Jersey.
- 21.—Death of Bro. E. B. Grabham, P.P.G.S.W. Middx.
- 27.—Masonic Celebration of St. John the Evangelist's Day, in Cork Cathedral.  
Centenary celebration of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool; Bro. Morris Davies, W.M. Bro. Jas. Newton elected, for the 57th consecutive time, Tyler of the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, Richmond, Yorkshire.

JANUARY, 1884.

- 2.—New Year's entertainments to old folks at Croydon and Manchester.
- 4.—Consecration of the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020. First W.M., Bro. Alderman Staples.  
Dedication of new Masonic Hall, at Crowle, by Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482, Lincolnshire.
- 8.—Consecration of the Haven Lodge, No. 2022, Ealing, First W.M., Bro. Jas. Fisher, P.M. 540.  
Annual Masonic Ball at Liverpool.
- 9.—Sixth Annual Meeting of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast, N. America.
- 11.—Grand Masonic Ball at Leeds for charitable purposes, supported by the two Yorkshire Provinces.
- 12.—Death of Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire.  
Rank of Patron instituted by Girls' School. Prince and Princess of Wales, Grand Patron and Grand Patroness respectively.  
Dinner to Bro. J. W. R. Brown, of the *Liverpool Mercury*, on migrating to London.
- 14.—Masonic Soiree and Ball at Salford.  
Patronship of Boys' School extended to Ladies, Lewises, Lodges, Chapters, &c.  
Gallery Lodge Ball at Brixton.
- 15.—Installation of Major-Gen. Cecil Ives as D.W.M. Clare Lodge, No. 1823, for Duke of Albany, W.M.
- 16.—Christmas Entertainment to pupils of Girls' School.  
Consecration by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., of the Tilbury Lodge, No. 2006, Essex. First W.M., Bro. D. S. Baynes, S.W. No. 1506.  
Quarterly Meeting, at Halifax, of the Prov. Grand Lodge, West Yorkshire.
- 18.—Commemoration Ceremony by Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, in honour of the late Bro. Carl Bergmann.
- 19.—Jubilee Celebration by Surrey Lodge, No. 416, Reigate. Bro. Rev. Ambrose Hall, P.G.C., W.M.
- 21.—Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., installed W.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1.
- 23.—Board of Benevolence. 16 cases relieved with £535.  
Ball at Preston, Lancashire, in aid of the Masonic Charities.
- 29.—Unveiling of Masonic Window at Bispham Church, near Blackpool.  
Address by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P. Prov. G.S.W. N. and E. Yorkshire, on "Lodge Duties," in Humber Installed Masters Lodge of Instruction, Hull.
- 30.—Constitution of new Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, Natal. First Prov. G.M., Bro. R. I. Finnemore.  
Special Prov. Grand Lodge at Durban. Address of Welcome to H.R.H. Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W.
- 31.—Ball at Lancaster in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

FEBRUARY, 1884.

- 1.—Meeting at Portsmouth of the Prov. Grand Chapter, Hants and Isle of Wight.  
Address by Fawcett Lodge, No. 661, Seaham Harbour, to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.
- 6.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter.
- 7.—Presentation to Bro. J. Messent, P.G. Svd. Br., P.M. and Treasurer St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, on resigning, after 20 years' service, the latter office.
- 11.—Presentation of Testimonial by Loyal Welsh Lodge of Instruction, No. 378, Pembroke, to Preceptor Bro. G. W. Ford, P.M., P.G.J.W. South Wales (West. Div.)
- 13.—Annual Soiree, Caledonian Lodge, No. 204, Manchester.  
Death of Allan Cameron, aged 89, Initiated in Lodge No. 43 (Scotch Const.), in December, 1814, and the oldest Freemason in Scotland.
- 14.—Consecration by R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, Narborough. First W.M., Bro. Rev. W. Langley.  
Consecration of a new Masonic Hall, Canton.
- 15.—Ball of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671.  
Panmure R.A. Chapter of Instruction, No. 720, inaugurated, Camberwell. Preceptor, Comp. T. Poore.

- 16.—Funeral of Bro. Chenery, Editor of the *Times*.
- 17.—Death of Bro. S. Oldfield Bailey, of Bradford, W. Yorkshire.
- 18.—Godson Mark Lodge, No. 330, Kidderminster, consecrated. First W.M., Bro. G. Taylor, Prov. G. (Craft) Secretary, Worcestershire.
- 20.—Board of Benevolence. 21 cases relieved with £490.  
Exhibition and Conversazione, York, under York College Rosicrucians.
- 21.—Ball at Liverpool Lodge by Derby Lodge, No. 724.  
Exaltation to R.A. Degree of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., P. and D.G.M. Victoria, all three Constitutions, in Washington Chapter, No. 368 (I.C.)
- 24.—Fêtes at Brussels in honour of a conciliation of Belgian and Dutch Masonic Lodges.
- 25.—Death of Bro. James Milledge, P.P.G.S.W. Dorset.
- 26.—Festival of the R.M.B. Institution. Sir J. B. Monckton for Bro. J. D. Allcroft, G. Treasurer, Chairman. Result—£14,665.  
Ball by Faith Lodge, No. 484, Ashton-in-Makerfield, in aid of R.M.B.I.
- 27.—Funeral of Bro. Dr. D. L. Parry, P.M. No. 1086, Stoneycroft, near Liverpool.  
Annual Ball by Penge Lodge, No. 1815.
- 29.—Ball by St. John's Lodge, No. 280 (S.C.), Coldstream.

MARCH, 1884.

- 4.—Consecration by Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., of the Raymond Thrupp Lodge, No. 2024, Hampton Court. First W.M., Bro. C. Graham.
- 5.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge. Bro. H. B. Marshall elected Grand Treasurer.  
Consecration of the Crook Lodge, No. 2019, Crook, Durham. First W.M., Bro. S. Holdsworth.
- 9.—Death of Bro. George Buckland, P.M. No. 1319.
- 10.—Consecration of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030. First W.M., Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts.  
Death of Bro. S. Smout, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1642.
- 11.—New Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1559, inaugurated. Preceptor, Bro. G. Wood, No. 1681.
- 12.—Testimonial presented to Bro. Thos. Shorrocks, I.P.M. Caledonian Lodge, No. 204, Manchester.
- 14.—Annual Supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.
- 17.—Volubian R.A. Chapter, No. 75, Falmouth, resuscitated.  
The 21st Annual Meeting of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution.
- 19.—Board of Benevolence. 32 cases relieved with £890.
- 20.—Consecration by Bro. Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M. Kent, of the Borough of Greenwich Mark Lodge, No. 332. First W.M., Bro. Ralph Gooding, W.M. Bon Accord Lodge.  
Consecration of the Garnett Council, Allied Degrees, Lancaster. First W.M., Bro. C. H. Garnett, 31°
- 21.—Masonic Ball, Kirkdale, Liverpool, in aid of West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.
- 22.—Annual Ball of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426.
- 23.—Death of Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, P.M., P.Z.
- 24.—Consecration of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032. First W.M., Bro. B. E. Blasby.
- 25.—Annual Meeting, at Portmadoc, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, North Wales.
- 26.—Death of Bro. Sergt.-Major George Scarfe, P.M. Installation of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., P.G.M. (I.C.), Victoria, as D.G.M. Victoria, under the English and Scotch Constitutions.
- 27.—Death of H.R.H. Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W. England; P.G.M. Oxfordshire.  
Convocation, at Oldham, of the Prov. Grand Chapter, East Lancashire.
- 28.—Annual Meeting, at Durban, of the District Grand Lodge of Natal.

APRIL, 1884.

- 1.—Funeral at Woodbridge, Suffolk, of Bro. W. P. Phillips, P.M. Doric Lodge, No. 81.
- 4.—Testimonial presented to Bro. Marychurch, Secretary Loyal Berkshire L. of Hope, No. 574, Sudbury.
- 5.—Funeral in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, of H.R.H. Duke of Albany.
- 7.—Special Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter, Suffolk, to condole with Royal Family on Death of Duke of Albany.
- 10.—Special P.G. Lodge, Oxfordshire, in memory of its late P.G.M. Duke of Albany.  
Annual Meeting, at Newton Abbot, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Devon.
- 12.—Death of Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P.
- 16.—Annual Meeting, at Carlisle, of P.G. Lodge and P.G. Chapter, Cumberland and Westmorland.  
Annual Meeting, at Huddersfield, of Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire.  
Special Meetings—at Southampton of the Prov. G. Lodge, Prov. G. Chapter, and Prov. G. Mark Lodge Hants and Isle of Wight; and at Leicester of Prov. G. Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland—in memoriam H.R.H. Duke of Albany.
- 17.—Bill in Quebec Parliament to except G. Lodge of Quebec from operation of Secret Societies Act thrown out on second reading.
- 19.—Quarterly Court, R.M.I. for Girls. Election of 23 Girls.  
Death of Bro. Joseph Nunn, Secretary Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72.
- 20.—Pope Leo XIII. issues his Encyclical against Freemasonry.
- 21.—Quarterly Court, R.M.I. for Boys. Election of 23 Boys.
- 23.—Board of Benevolence. Twenty-nine cases relieved with £1,000.  
Half-yearly Meeting at Sheffield of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge, West Yorkshire.  
Entertainment in Dery in aid of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, Dublin.  
Consecration by Viscount Ebrington, P.G.M. Devon, of the St. George's Lodge, No. 2025, Plymouth. First W.M. Bro. G. R. Barrett.  
Death of Bro. D. M. Dewar, Asst. G. Secretary Mark G. Lodge.
- 24.—Special Meeting United G. Lodge, in memoriam H.R.H. Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W.  
Fra. H. G. Buss resigns office of Treasurer-General, Rosicrucian Society.

- 24.—The Vikings Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 245, consecrated at Northampton by Bro. W. Kelly, P.G.M.M.M.  
Presentation of Portrait to Bro. H. H. Smith, Lodge of Emulation, No. 1505, Liverpool, on his retirement from the chair of W. Master.
- 25.—Special Meeting Mark Grand Lodge, in memoriam H.R.H. Duke of Albany, M.W.P.G.M.  
Bro. Maurice Hart, P.G.D.D.C. W. Lancashire, appointed Treasurer of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee; *Vice*, Bro. H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of Works, resigned.
- 29.—Presentation of Portrait to Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland.  
Consecration by Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., G. Sec., of Kintore Mark Lodge, No. 333. First W.M. Bro. G. H. N. Bridges.  
Death of Bro. Sir Michael Costa, P.G.J.W., P.G.O.
- 30.—Grand Festival. Election of Grand Officers for the Year.  
Meeting at Brighton of the Prov. G. Chapter of Sussex.

MAY, 1884.

- 1.—Annual Meeting, at Rochdale, of the Prov. G. Lodge of East Lancashire.
- 3.—Testimonial presented to Bro. John Mason, P.M. and Secretary, Elliott Lodge, No. 1567.
- 6.—Consecration by Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, of the Masefield Lodge, No. 2034, Moseley. First W.M., Bro. F. W. Underhill, P.M. No. 887.  
Consecration by Bro. Phillbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., of the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, Chingford. First W.M., Bro. W. Herbage.
- 7.—Foundation Stone of Peterborough Cathedral Tower laid by Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master.  
Supreme G. Chapter. Election of Grand Officers for the year. Grants of £500 to each of our Institutions, and £500 voted for purchase of Organ for Temple.
- 8.—Consecration by Bro. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M., of the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, Kirkburton, W. Yorkshire. First W.M., Bro. W. Schofield, P.P.G.P.
- 9.—Movable Mark G. Lodge at York. Consecration by Bro. Lord Henniker, G.M., of the Streamshah Lodge, No. 337, Whitby. First W.M., Bro. W. M. Marwood.  
Annual Meeting, at Melton-Mowbray, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, North Hants and Derbyshire.
- 10.—Death of Bro. Frank Adlard, W.M. No. 712.
- 12.—Consecration by Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.M., of the Lebanon Mark Lodge, No. 335, Fowey. First W.M., Bro. J. A. Collins.
- 14.—Consecration by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033. First W.M., Bro. Philbrick, Q.C.  
Consecration by Lord Henniker, of the York Mark Lodge, No. 334, Cambridge. First W.M., Bro. J. N. York.  
Presentation in Honor Oak Lodge of an Address to Bro. Col. Ramsay, P.D.G.M. Punjab.
- 16.—Annual Election R.M. Benevolent Institution. 27 males and 31 females elected.  
Consecration by Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G. Sup., of the Royal Hanover R.A. Chapter, No. 1777, Twickenham. First M.E.Z. Comp. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas.  
Annual Banquet of the Henley Lodge of Instruction, No. 1472.
- 17.—Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, inaugurated.
- 19.—Girls' School Prizes distributed by Baroness Burdett-Coutts.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence. Thirty-three cases relieved with £1075.  
The 6th Anniversary Festival, R.M.I. for Girls. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, Chairman. Result £13,037.  
Consecration by Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M., of the West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041, Wilmington. First W.M. Bro. W. Bristow, P.M. G. Stewards Lodge.
- 22.—Death of Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire.
- 23.—Death of Bro. Rd. Wright, P.M.P.Z., No. 22.
- 25.—Death of Bro. John Walker, P.M., No. 27.
- 26.—Annual Meeting, at Woking, of Prov. G. Chapter of Surrey.  
Testimonial presented to Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor No. 1642.  
Resuscitation of Mark Lodge, No. 4, M.M.M. Bro. H. Lovegrove, W.M.
- 28.—Funeral of Bro. M. Pearson, J.W. No. 1086, Liverpool.
- 29.—Annual Meeting, at Hanley, of Prov. G. Lodge of Staffordshire.
- 31.—Consecration by Col. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029. First W.M. Bro. B. W. Richardson, M.D.

JUNE, 1884.

- 3.—Annual Meeting, at Stroud, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Worcestershire.  
Half-yearly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge. Earl of Kintore installed M.W.G.M. Bro. Frederic Davison, G. Treasurer, invested as P.G.J. Warden.
- 4.—Quarterly Communication, United G. Lodge. Resolution protesting against the Pope's Encyclical. Bro. T. Fenn, Pres. of B. of Gen. Purposes *vice* Sir J. B. Monckton, retired with rank of P.G.J.W.
- 5.—Death of R.W. Bro. Col. J. A. Lloyd-Phillips, P.G.M. South Wales, West Division.
- 6.—Corner-stone of New Masonic Temple, Providence, Rhode Island, laid by G.M. of Rhode Island.
- 7.—Consecration by Col. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Anerley Chapter, No. 1397. First M.E.Z. Comp. W. Bennett, P.M. No. 1397.
- 9.—Funeral of Bro. J. McCandlish Gardner, Lodge No. 1505, Liverpool.
- 10.—Foundation Stone of new Masonic Hall, South Shields, laid by Bro. T. G. Mabane, Mayor, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Durham.
- 12.—Jubilee of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, Hanley, Staffordshire.

- 13.—Installation of M.E. Comp. J. Neal York as Prov. G. Sup. of Cambridgeshire.
- 14.—Funeral of Bro. R. Percy, P.M. No. 228.
- 15.—Consecration by Comp. James Terry, Prov. G. J. Herts, of Temperance-in-the-East Chapter, No. 899. First M.E.Z. Comp. G. Graveley.
- 16.—Annual Meetings, at Kingston-on-Thames, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Surrey, and at High Wycombe, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Berks and Bucks.
- 18.—Presentation of a New Banner to St. John's Lodge, No. 2, New Brunswick. Board of Benevolence. Twenty-two cases relieved with £855.
- 19.—Funeral of Bro. F. W. Barnes, P.M. No. 1380.
- 23.—Consecration by Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G. Sup. East Lancashire, of the Starkie Chapter, No. 935, Salford. First M.E.Z. Comp. J. J. Meakin.
- 24.—Summer Excursion of the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677. Consecration by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., of the Portcullis Lodge, No. 2038, Langport, Somersetshire. First W.M. Bro. John Hughes. Foundation stone laid of new Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
- 25.—Complimentary Dinner to Bro. Dr. Samuel Benton, I.P.M. Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657. Opening of a new Masonic Hall at Mossel Bay. Summer Entertainments of Fortitude Lodge, No. 281, Lancaster, and Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, Liverpool.
- 26.—Annual Fête and Distribution of Prizes, Boys' School.
- 27.—Annual Meeting, at Aldershot, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge, Hants and Isle of Wight. Ladies' Festival at Richmond, under the auspices of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177.
- 28.—The 86th Anniversary Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys. Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., G.J. Warden, Chairman. Result £14,061.
- 30.—Consecration by Bro. H. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, of the Apollo Lodge, No. 2042, Liverpool. First W.M. Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.P.G.O.

JULY, 1884.

- 2.—Annual Meeting at Deal of the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent.
- 4.—Consecration by Bro. W. Kelly, P.G.M., of the William Kelly Mark Lodge, No. 339, Winhill, Derbyshire. Meeting at Liverpool of the Court of Governors of the W. Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Nineteen children elected upon the fund. Bro. T. J. Haynes installed Prov. G. Master, Gibraltar, under Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 7.—Summer Excursion of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, Spalding.
- 8.—First Annual Meeting since its independence of the National G. Priory, Canada. Col. McLeod Moore, S.G. Master.
- 9.—H.R.H. Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., lays Foundation Stone of the Chapel of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, Redhill, Surrey. Summer Entertainments by the Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester, the St. John Lodge, No. 1306, and Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.
- 10.—Annual Meeting, at 8A, Red Lion Square, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey. Annual Meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch of the Prov. G. Chapter, Leicestershire and Rutland. Summer Fête of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.
- 11.—Consecration by Col. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59. First M.E.Z. Comp. S. B. Wilson. Consecration of the Norwood Rose Croix Chapter, No. 98, South Norwood. First M.W.S. Ill. Bro. W. Mulligan, 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 16.—Annual Picnics of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 178, Wigan, and Truth Lodge, No. 521, Huddersfield.
- 17.—Funeral at Delft of H.R.H. Alexander, Prince of Orange, G.M. of the G. Lodge of the Netherlands. Death of Bro. Justice Watkins Williams.
- 18.—Meeting at 33, Golden Square, of the P.G. Masters Chapter, and Lodge and Royal Bruce Chapter, Royal Order of Scotland. Advancement of Candidates.
- 20.—Beaureper Lodge, No. 787, Belper, attends Divine Service, when Bro. Rev. E. A. Hillyard preached a powerful and eloquent Sermon on "Papal and other Bulls against Freemasonry."
- 21.—Consecration by Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, Harrow. First W.M. Bro. H. Lovegrove.
- 22.—Annual Meeting at Oxford of the P.G. Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon. Consecration by Col. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Beckenham Lodge, No. 2047, Beckenham. First W.M. Bro. R. S. Archbold, P.M. No. 19.
- 23.—The 16th Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. Major J. W. Woodall, P.G.M.M.M., N. and E. Yorkshire, Chairman. Result £832. Board of Benevolence. Twenty-six cases relieved with £615. Centenary Celebration of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley. Bro. R. G. Walker, W.M. Annual Meeting, at Worthington, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge, Cumberland and Westmorland. Summer Excursion of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540. Testimonial Presented by Members of Board of Gen. Purposes to Sir J. B. Monckton, Past President. Annual Meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Hertfordshire.—Bro. Dawson appointed D.P.G.M. Consecration of the Wilson Iles Lodge, No. 2052, Waltham Cross, Herts.—First W.M., Bro. R. Bird.
- 26.—Consecration by Comp. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Scribe E. West Lancashire, of the Lathom Chapter, No. 730, Chorley.
- 27.—Death of Bro. W. Stapleton, W.M. Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382.
- 29.—Consecration by Col. Clerke, G.S., of the Wharton Lodge, No. 2045. First W.M. Bro. W. Side, P.M. No. 1507. Consecration by Comp. W.W. B. Beach, P.G. Sup. Hants and Isle of Wight, of the Ancasta Chapter, No. 1461, Woolston. First M.E.Z. Comp. W. Bowyer, P.P.G.S.B.
- 31.—Annual Meeting at Lyme Regis of Prov. G. Lodge Dorset.

AUGUST, 1884.

- 2.—Annual Meeting, at Enfield, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Middlesex. Consecration by Comp. J. P. Bell, P.G. Supt. N. and E. Yorkshire, of the Alexandra Chapter, No. 1511, Hornsea. First M.E.Z., Comp. B. L. Wells.
- 4.—Excursion of Everton Lodge, No. 823, Liverpool, in aid of W. Lancashire Masonic Charities.
- 6.—Supreme G. Chapter. Committee appointed to revise R.A. Regulations. Movable Mark Grand Lodge at Exeter.
- 7.—Annual Meeting, at Exeter, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Devon.
- 8.—Annual Meeting, at Aldershot, of the Prov. G. Lodge, Hants and Isle of Wight. Death of Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.
- 9.—Meeting of the G. Council, Allied Degrees. Bro. A. Williams, D.G.M., vice Bro. C. F. Matier, resigned.
- 11.—Annual Meeting, at Penzance, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall. Funeral at Norwood of Bro. W. Carthew Davey, W.M. elect No. 1512.
- 13.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., of the Royal Forest of Dean Mark Lodge, No. 340. First W.M., Bro. W. C. Heane. Annual Meeting, at Maldon, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Essex.
- 14.—Tender of Messrs. Fish, Prestage, and Co., for erection of new buildings at Wood Green, accepted.
- 19.—Annual Meeting, at Wells, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Somersetshire.
- 20.—Board of Benevolence. Sixteen cases relieved with £535. Death of Bro. John Havers, P.G.J.W. of England. Constitution of a Prov. G. Lodge for Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland. First Prov. G.M., Bro. Sheriff Thomas. Memorial stone of the new Town Hall, Kirkwall, laid by Earl of Mar and Kellie, G.M.M. Scotland.
- 21.—Testimonial presented to Bro. W. H. Veevers, Preceptor Downshire Lodge of Instruction, No. 594, Liverpool.
- 22.—Death of Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight. Memorial stone of the parish church, Coleraine, Ireland, laid Masonically by Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., P.G.J.W. England.
- 23.—Death of Bro. Robert Bridge, P.M. Naphtali Lodge, No. 266, Heywood, E. Lancashire.
- 27.—Masonic Exhibition and Conversation at Worcester.
- 28.—Annual Meeting, at Worcester, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Worcestershire. Death of Bro. F. W. McWean, P.M. No. 1035, Liverpool. Consecration by Comp. G. W. Latham, Prov. G. Scribe E. Cheshire, of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 428, Northwich. First M.E.Z., Comp. R. N. Banks.
- 30.—Memorial stone of the Hawick Cottage Hospital laid by Earl of Mar and Kellie, G.M.M. Scotland.
- 31.—Death of Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Secretary W. Lancashire.

SEPTEMBER, 1884.

- 1.—Annual Meeting, at Durham, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Durham.
- 3.—Quarterly Communication United Grand Lodge. Resolution of regret at death of Bro. John Havers. Death of Bro. F. J. Stimson. Summer Excursion of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382.
- 6.—Consecration by Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M., of the Londonderry Lodge, No. 2039, Sunderland. First W.M., Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec. Durham.
- 10.—Annual Meeting, at Maryport, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland.
- 12.—Annual Meeting, at Devizes, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Wiltshire.
- 15.—Annual Meeting, at Falmouth, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Cornwall.
- 16.—Annual Meeting, at Yeovil, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Somersetshire. Presentation of an address to the Baroness Burdett-Coutts by the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030.
- 17.—Board of Benevolence. Nineteen cases relieved with £560.
- 18.—Annual Meeting, at Altrincham, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cheshire.
- 22.—Annual Meeting, at Stockton-on-Tees, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Durham.
- 23.—Death of Bro. Sigismund Rosenthal, P.M.
- 24.—Annual Meeting, at Ulverston, of the Prov. G. Lodge of West Lancashire. Hall of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, re-opened by Bro. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. W. Yorkshire.
- 25.—H.R.H. Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., attends meeting at Mussoorie of the District G. Lodge of Bengal.
- 27.—Funeral at Cambridge of Bro. Rev. A. R. Ward, M.A., Past G. Chaplain. Memorial to late Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, D.P.G.M. Herts, unveiled in Watford Cemetery.
- 28.—Death of Bro. Captain J. Birkin, P.M. No. 262, Shrewsbury.
- 29.—Annual Meeting, at Birkenhead, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Cheshire.

OCTOBER, 1884.

- 1.—Annual Meeting, at Whitby, of the Prov. G. Lodge of N. and E. Yorkshire. Death of Bro. W. H. Gregory, Citadel Lodge, No. 1897.
- 2.—Annual Meeting, at Durham, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Durham. Consecration by Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., D.P.G.M., of the Kendrick Lodge, No. 2043, Reading. First W.M., Bro. W. G. Flanagan, P.P.G.P. Berks and Bucks.
- 3.—General Court of the Governors of the W. Lancashire Educational Institution. Six children taken upon the fund. Funeral, at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, of Bro. T. Haigh, Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.

- 3.—Death of Bro. C. Lowther Kemp, W.M. elect Wickham Lodge, No. 1924.
- 6.—Funeral of Bro. S. Chester, Derwent Lodge, No. 41, Hastings.
- 8.—Testimonial to Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., a founder, P.M. and Treasurer, John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260. Consecration by Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. East Anglia, of the Chelmer Mark Lodge, No. 342, Chelmsford. First W.M., Bro. J. Pearce Lewin.
- 9.—Annual Meeting, at Brighton, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex.
- 11.—Quarterly Court of the Girls' School. Election of 14 Girls.
- 13.—Quarterly Court of the Boys' School. Election of 30 Boys.
- 14.—Annual Meeting, at Coventry, of Prov. G. Lodge of Warwickshire.
- 15.—Annual Meeting, at Chorley, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Lancashire. Stated Meeting of the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite. Reception of Candidates for the 32<sup>o</sup>, 31<sup>o</sup>, and 30<sup>o</sup>.
- 16.—Special Meeting, at Liverpool, of the Prov. G. Lodge of W. Lancashire. Adoption of Amended Bye-Laws of the Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and Fund of Charity. Annual Convocation, at Liverpool, of the Prov. G. Chapter of W. Lancashire. Consecration by Bro. H. R. Hatherly, Prov. G. Mark Secretary, Notts, of the St. Alban's Mark Lodge, No. 344, Nottingham.
- 20.—Consecration by Col. Clerke, G. Sec., of La France Lodge, No. 2060. First W.M., Bro. E. H. Thiellay.
- 22.—Meeting, at Sheffield, of the Prov. G. Lodge of W. Yorkshire. Resolution of regret at resignation of Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. Board of Benevolence. Thirty-four cases relieved with £1160. Death of Bro. James Gibbs, United Service Lodge, No. 786, Liverpool. Half-Yearly Meeting, at Valletta, Malta, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of the Mediterranean.
- 24.—Meeting of the General Committee of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Bro. Dr. R. Kellitt Smith elected a Trustee, vice the late Bro. H. S. Alpass.
- 27.—Banquet of the Montefiore, Tranquillity, Joppa, Israel, and Samson Lodges, in commemoration of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore's completion of his 100th year.

NOVEMBER, 1884.

- 1.—Consecration by Col. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Eilan Vannin Lodge, No. 2049, Douglas, Isle of Man. First W.M., Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M. Death of Bro. Joseph Skeaf, W.M. No. 2042, P.P.G.O. W. Lancashire.
- 3.—Consecration by Col. Clerke of St. Trinian's Lodge, No. 2050, Douglas, Isle of Man. First W.M., Bro. G. C. Heron, P.M.
- 4.—Consecration by Earl of Huntingdon, P.G.M. Midland Counties, Ireland, of a new Masonic Hall, Mountmellick.
- 5.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme G. Chapter. Masonic Banquet at Mansion House by Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., to G. Officers of England, &c. Death of the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., P.G.M. Durham. Annual Meeting, at Salisbury, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Wiltshire.
- 6.—Annual Meeting, at Melton Mowbray, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland. Quarterly Communication G. Lodge of Scotland. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., nominated G. Master. Resolution of thanks to Earl of Mar and Kellie, retiring G.M.
- 7.—Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association.
- 8.—Consecration by Bro. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M., of the Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, Leeds. First W.M., Bro. E. Woodhouse, Mayor of Leeds.
- 10.—Annual Meeting, at Woolwich, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Kent.
- 11.—Consecration by Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M., of the St. Osyth Lodge, No. 2063, Clacton-on-Sea. First W.M., Bro. Sir J. H. Johnson, P.M. No. 99.
- 12.—Death of Bro. J. Lewis Oates, P.M. No. 304. Annual Meeting, at Gainsborough, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire. Testimonial to Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Preceptor Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.
- 13.—Testimonial to Bro. Edwin Bare, P.M., Preceptor Guelph Lodge of Instruction, No. 1685.
- 14.—Special Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. Vote of condolence with the Marchioness of Londonderry.
- 18.—Entertainment by Bro. Dr. Strong at R.M.B.I., Croydon. Meeting at Darlington of the Provincial Priory of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed. Banquet by Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021.
- 19.—Annual Meeting, at Southend, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Essex. Board of Benevolence. Thirty-seven cases relieved with £710. Annual Meeting, at Bridport, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Dorsetshire. Annual Meeting, at York, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of N. and E. Yorkshire. Death of Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire.
- 20.—Annual Meeting, at Cambridge, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cambridgeshire.
- 21.—Presentation Banquet to Bro. Captain Geo. Lambert, P.G.S.B.
- 22.—Presentation of Portrait to Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer.
- 27.—Death of Lieut.-Col. Creaton, P.G. Treasurer.
- 28.—Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Chairman. Death of Bro. H. S. Cooper, P.M. No. 228.
- 29.—Consecration by Col. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Gallery Chapter, No. 1928. First M.E.Z., Comp. J. Henwood Thomas.
- 30.—Death of Bro. John Southwood, P.M., P.Z. No. 1260.

**BRO. ROB MORRIS'S REMINISCENCES OF SMYRNA.**

When I was in Smyrna, Asia Minor, in 1868, I had upon my mind, among other things, to inquire concerning a lodge established there. I had seen in an extract from the "Travels of Alexander Drummond, British Consul at Aleppo, in Asia," this quotation. Writing from Smyrna, in 1745, he says: "As I have mentioned the lodge of Freemasons, I cannot help congratulating myself upon the opportunity I had of making—(initiating?)—so many worthy brethren in this place, and of forming the only lodge that is in the Levant."

Will your well-posted correspondents tell us the history of Mr. Drummond as a Masonic deputy? What was his authority? Of which of the Grand Lodges in England was he the representative? I could not learn anything of the matter in Smyrna.

Connected with the quotation above, I find the following lines, which, in a very poor style of poetry, imply the large spread and influence of the lodge at Smyrna. I need not explain that the Meles is a river in those parts:

For ages past, a savage race  
O'erspread these Asian plains;  
All nature wore a gloomy face,  
And pensive moved the swains.

But now Britannia's generous sons  
A glorious Lodge have raised  
Near the famed banks where Meles runs,  
And Homer's cattle grazed.

The briery wilds to groves are changed,  
With orange trees around,  
And fragrant lemons, fairly 'ranged,  
O'ershade the blissful ground.

Approving Phœbus shines more bright,  
The flowers appear more gay;  
New objects rise to cheer the sight  
With each revolving day.

While safe within the sacred walls,  
Where heavenly friendship reigns,  
The friendly Masons hear the calls  
Of all the needy swains.

Their generous aid, with cheerful soul,  
They grant to those who sue;  
And while the wholesome precepts roll,  
Their smiling joys renew.

I trust the kind-hearted Editor will not charge me with passing this off for poetry. It sounds to my ears like shaking broken glass in a tin cup; but, for all that, there is a moral, viz., that the introduction of Freemasonry among the Asiatics had resulted in much good. This I can readily believe after witnessing the effects of the lodge Charities in and about Smyrna. There is no people who appreciate the workings of Masonry more highly than the Turks, and if ever the political excitement which threatens to break their empire into pieces shall subside, it will be the grandest field for Masonry now unoccupied.

There is another poem, but I cannot refer to its source, which belongs in this connection. It is entitled "The Lonely Grave," and refers to a tombstone at Bagdad, Persia, marked with Masonic symbols, but containing no epitaph. It is worth reading:

Tread softly here,—or pause to breathe  
A prayer o'er him who sleeps beneath,  
Though savage hands in silence spread  
The warmless sands that hide the dead;  
Yet here, as wandering Arabs tell,  
A guardian spirit loves to dwell,  
'Tis said, such gentle spirits seek  
The tears on widowed beauty's cheek,  
And bring those precious drops to lave  
The sainted Pilgrim's secret grave.

Tread softly,—though the tempest blows  
Unheeded o'er his deep repose,—  
Though now the sun's relentless ray  
Has parched to dust this holy clay,—  
The spirit in this clay enshrined  
Once mounted swifter than the wind,—  
Once looked, O Sun! beyond thy sphere,  
Then dared to measure thy career,  
And rose above this earth as far  
As comets pass the meanest star.

Tread softly,—midst this barren sand  
Lie relics of a bounteous hand;  
That hand, if living, would have pressed  
The wandering stranger to his breast;  
And filled the cup of gladness here,  
Thy dark and dreary path to cheer:  
O spare this dust! it once was part  
Of an all-kind, all-bounteous heart,  
If yet with vital warmth it glowed  
On thee its bounty would have flowed.

Tread softly,—on this hallowed mound  
The "Body of Brotherhood" is found!  
Revere the signet in his breast,—  
In holiest virtue 'twas confessed:  
He only lived on earth to prove  
The fullness of a Brother's love;  
If in thy bosom dwells the sign  
Of charity and love divine  
Give to this grave the dutious tear,  
A Friend, a Brother, slumbers here.

"Ye Rahere Almoners," founded by Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M., and Mr. Thomas Sangster, C.C., held the first of the season's series of Smoking Concerts at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Monday last, when Bro. W. Section and several other brethren, members of the Victoria Glee Club, gave an admirable entertainment on behalf of the funds of this deserving charitable institution. Bros. A. C. Morton, C.C.; Joseph Young, A. E. Emdin, and other brethren who are members of the Grand Council were present, as were also Bro. Stevens and Mr. Sangster in their respective capacities of Councillor and Recorder. A most agreeable evening was enjoyed by all present, and hearty thanks were accorded to the Victoria Glee Club for the musical treat they had afforded, and the assistance thereby rendered to the funds of the Almonry.

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