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## FREEMASONRY IN 1888.

It is almost inevitable that there should be a certain degree of monotony in describing from year to year the proceedings of a Society which has been established for a great length of time, which, in the progress of its career, has attained a high degree of prosperity, and which rarely, if ever, encounters any serious obstacle to a regular and even continuance of that prosperity. This, at all events, is the result of our experience after a long series of annual reviews of Freemasonry and its doings under the various British Constitutions, the only substantial difference in these reviews being in the measure of prosperity which it has been our privilege to record. The enthusiasm that was aroused by the installation of the Prince of Wales in 1875 was followed by a calm which extended over several years, but during the whole of that period the Society was acquiring fresh strength—new lodges and chapters were being constituted, new associations for the relief of Masonic distress were being established, and new centres of influence created in countries which had previously known but little of the principles of our Society. Then came the year of the Queen's Jubilee, and the Masonic enthusiasm of 1875 was renewed in the same magnificent Hall, under circumstances which redounded equally to the credit of the Fraternity. And then—still more wonderful to relate!—when the public admiration excited by this second gathering had barely had time to cool, the same Royal Albert Hall was the scene of a third, and still greater triumph, and the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was celebrated with a splendour and success which have never been equalled, much less surpassed, at the celebration of any other anniversary of a similar character. What the future may have in store for us it would be rash to speculate, but after a succession of such remarkable events we imagine it would surprise no one if, in the course of the next few years, after a brief period of comparative repose, another and still more remarkable success should be in store for us. However, as we have said already, anything in the way of an attempt to forecast the future is unwise and inexpedient. We have shown that for a number of years Freemasonry has gone on progressing marvelously, the even tenour of its course being every now and then broken, not by any serious diminution of strength or influence, but by additions to our prestige, which even the most sanguine of our friends and well-wishers can hardly have anticipated. But we will not dwell further on matters with which our friends are already familiar. Our object is to describe the principal events of the year which has now virtually ended, and any changes that may have been made in the constitution of our Society or in the relations to each other of its several component parts; and to this object we shall address ourselves without further preface.

### CRAFT MASONRY.

In our review of Freemasonry during the year 1887, we noted that according to the list of lodges, as published in our “Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar,” Lodge No. 2235 was the last on the roll of United Grand Lodge. We gather from the new list which appears in the same Calendar for 1888 that in the twelve months which have since elapsed the Grand Master has granted Warrants for the Constitution of 56 additional lodges, the highest number on the roll being the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2290, Fairfield, located in the Province of West Lancashire. Of these 56 additional lodges, London is in a position to claim eight, namely, the Cordwainer Ward, Tyssen-Amherst, and Argonauts—Nos. 2241, 2242, and 2243 respectively—the Chough, Barnato, and Cator—Nos. 2264, 2265, and 2266 respectively—and the St. Pancras and Rye Lodges—Nos. 2271 and 2272. But though these have been all started under exceedingly favourable auspices, and appear to have a long and prosperous future before them, there is not included amongst them one that seems likely to attain to such a position of eminence as the Empire and Anglo-American Lodges, or the Drury Lane and Savage Club Lodges. The establishment of lodges of the character of these latter appears to have been a necessity, their popularity and efficiency, as well as the marvellous success they have achieved in their several spheres of labour, fully justifying the issue of their warrants, but the former are mostly intended to meet local, rather than general requirements, and though we are satisfied they will do all that is expected of them, we must not look to their achieving more than they were originally intended to fulfil. The new Provincial Lodges are 22 in number, West Yorkshire having added four to its roll—Nos. 2259, 2261, 2263, and 2268, of which the last two are located in Sheffield; West Lancashire three, namely, Nos. 2269, 2289, and 2290; Berks and Bucks two—the Cowper and Newton, No. 2244, and the Dagmar, No. 2262; and Essex two—the Philbrick, No. 2255, and the Warner, No. 2256, both located at Chingford; while the following have been each of them strengthened by a single lodge, namely, Norfolk—the Earl of Leicester, No. 2237, Wells; Herefordshire—the Arrow, No. 2240, Kington; Surrey—the Cyclist, No. 2246, East Molesey; Devonshire—the Western District United Service, No. 2258, East Stonehouse; Northumberland—the Ridley,

No. 2260, Newcastle, so named after its respected Prov. Grand Master; Bristol—the Powell, No. 2257, named after the Deputy P.G. Master; East Lancashire—the Thornham, No. 2279, Thornham; Northants and Hunts—the Euston, No. 2283, St. Neots, thus named in honour of Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M.; Herts—the Kingswood, No. 2279, Elstree; Lincolnshire—the Smyth, No. 2284, Grimsby, after Major Smyth, Prov. G.M.; and Cumberland and Westmorland—the Eden, No. 2285, Workington. The remaining 26 lodges are located in the Colonies or Dependencies of the British Crown, the great Australasian Colonies being in a position to claim no less than 17 out of the number, that is to say, Victoria, seven; New South Wales and Queensland four each; and West Australia two. New Zealand has obtained three new lodges; India two, one having been added to the Dist. G. Lodge of Bengal, and the other to that of Bombay; the East Division of South Africa one; and the Fiji Islands, Barbados in the West Indies, and Cyprus one each, the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277, Limassol, being the first that, so far as we know, has ever been established in the last-named island. From these 26 lodges abroad, we must deduct the four in New South Wales, that colony having just set up for itself an independent United Grand Lodge of its own; and, in all probability, there will shortly be a further reduction from our roll of the seven Victoria lodges. The latest news from that colony is calculated to induce the belief that it has followed the example of New South Wales, and established a United Grand Lodge of its own, under Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., as M.W.G. Master. If so, the lodges which have been warranted by our Grand Master during the year 1888 will not be able to boast of any lengthened connection with the United G. Lodge of England, any distinction they may consider themselves entitled to claim from their English connection being on the score of their warrants having been the latest issued for the Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria while they were yet part and parcel of the English section of the Fraternity. However, the circumstances will be more fully described in their proper place, under the head of Colonial Masonry; but it may be as well to point out that, as the Grand Lodge of New South Wales has been already established and recognised by us, and as there is every reason to anticipate that, if or when an independent G. Lodge is set up in Victoria, we shall adopt a precisely similar course and recognise it as fully as we have the sister G. Lodge in the neighbouring colony, the lodges on the roll of the G. Lodge of England will be diminished by the 82 in New South Wales and 103 in Victoria, or, at all events, by all but a very small minority of them; so that, though the enumeration of our lodges may remain unaltered, the number actually on the roll will not exceed about 1900.

As regards the proceedings of Grand Lodge, we note that, at the Quarterly Communication in March, on the motion of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G. Master, who presided, seconded by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, a resolution of sympathy was unanimously passed with his Imperial Highness Frederick, Crown Prince of Germany, and Deputy Protector of Freemasons in that country, in the terrible illness from which he was suffering, and which, a few months later, terminated fatally. Subsequently, the Prince of Wales was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, while Bro. Asher Barfield, who obtained a vast majority of votes over his rival, Bro. S. B. Wilson, became Grand Treasurer elect for the ensuing year. Three days after this meeting a deputation from Grand Lodge, headed by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, waited upon their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House, and presented to her Royal Highness a diamond butterfly, as the gift from Grand Lodge on the occasion of her “Silver Wedding” with his Royal Highness the Grand Master, the gift being most graciously acknowledged, on her behalf, by the Prince. In June, the chair was occupied by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., who, a short time previously, had returned from his visit to the Australian Colonies, and who was greeted with hearty cheers as he entered and was conducted to the throne. It was then announced that his Royal Highness had personally presented the address of sympathy, already referred to, to his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince, who, by the lamented death of his father, the venerable Emperor William of Germany, had himself become Emperor, and that he had further taken upon himself to address, on behalf of Grand Lodge, a letter of condolence to the new Emperor on the death of his aged and august predecessor. This letter and the reply it evoked from the Emperor Frederick were read in open lodge amid the sympathetic applause of the brethren present. A further communication from the Grand Master was also read, to the effect that his Royal Highness was desirous that Grand Lodge should reciprocate the kindness shown to himself by the King of Sweden—who happened to be on a visit to this country at the time, and who in the year 1868 had assisted the late King in introducing him into Freemasonry. The G. Master, therefore, recommended that his Majesty should have the rank of Past Grand Master of England conferred upon him; and a motion to this effect having been proposed and seconded, was at once carried by acclamation. The Pro Grand Master likewise stated that the Grand Master had been pleased to accept the position of Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, in accordance with the expressed wish of that body as officially conveyed to his Royal Highness, and he further intimated that steps were being taken by the brethren of the various Constitutions in New South Wales to bring the lodges in the Colony under the banner of a United Grand Lodge, and by so doing to put an end once and for ever to the discord which had for so many years and so largely prevailed amongst them. At the same meeting a resolution was unanimously agreed to, “*emphatically condemning*” any entertainment or other inducement being “*given to influence brethren by any candidate for office in Grand Lodge.*”

In September, there was, as usual, but little business except what was of a formal character to engage the attention of Grand Lodge, though the

letters of condolence and thanks which had passed between the Grand Master and his illustrious Sister, the widowed Empress Frederick of Germany, on the occasion of the death of the Emperor Frederick, were read to the brethren, and by them endorsed with the warmest approval. It was also announced that the Grand Master, in the name of Grand Lodge, had caused a set of the clothing and insignia pertaining to the rank of Past Grand Master to be forwarded to the King of Sweden, but that owing to the absence from his dominions of that Monarch, it had been impossible for the gift to be acknowledged. But in December a letter of thanks was read from his Majesty, not only for the present, but also for the kindly spirit which had influenced G. Lodge to confer the position of a Past G. Master and present him with the appropriate clothing and badge. On the same occasion a resolution in accordance with a recommendation from the Grand Master was unanimously carried for the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and it was announced that his Royal Highness had been graciously pleased to accept the office of Grand Patron of that body. An attempt on the part of Bro. Woodward, P.G.S.B., to induce G. Lodge to amend Rule 210 of the Book of Constitutions was defeated, and Bros. Edward Terry, P.G. Std., and George Everett were nominated as candidates for the Grand Treasurership for the ensuing year.

The principal event of the year was the celebration, in June last, of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to which we shall be able to refer at greater length in the notice of "Our Institutions," but, irrespective of this, there have been many noteworthy gatherings, the most important being that which took place at Blackburn on the 9th of May, when H.R.H. the Grand Master, assisted by the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, under their respected Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M., laid the foundation-stone of the new Technical Schools, there being present to witness the interesting ceremony a large concourse not only of the brethren, but likewise of the general public, while the Princess of Wales herself was an eye witness of the spectacle. On the 7th September, a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held at Stockport, and Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser, who presided, in place of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, laid the foundation-stone of a new Technical Institute, the officers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge being present in very considerable numbers to assist his lordship. On the 9th of October, a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at Leicester, and the first stone of the Children's Hospital was laid with the usual Masonic ceremonial. On the 14th December, 1887, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. of Gloucestershire, laid the foundation-stone of the new Grammar School at Cheltenham. On the 30th May, Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Northumberland, acting on behalf of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M., with the assistance of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, laid the foundation-stone of a new Chancel for Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool. On the 30th October, the corner-stone of the new Parish Church, Workington, was laid by Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, D.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland. There have also been several similar ceremonies in connection with new Masonic Halls in various parts of the country. Thus the Masonic Hall at Weymouth was re-opened, after undergoing alterations and repairs, on the 10th August. The new Hall of the Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, was consecrated by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, on the 2nd December, 1887. On the 31st May last, Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent, laid the memorial stone of a new Masonic Hall at Plumstead, while in October, Yorkshire was the scene of certainly three such ceremonies—a new Hall at Rotherham having been opened by Bro. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, on the 25th, while Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, dedicated the hall of the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, York, on the 22nd, and Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Dep. P.G.M. of the same Province, laid the foundation-stone of a third at Howden on the 1st of the month. These events, though of an ordinary character, are worth specifying, as they indicate a desire on the part of the lodges to have quarters of their own instead of renting accommodation at road-side taverns or hotels.

Among the other events of the year may be mentioned the presentation on the 27th February, by the brethren of Durham, of an address and silver vase to Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., and Lady Williamson, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding; the formal congratulations on the 14th March by the members of the Bournemouth Lodges to Prince Oscar of Sweden, on the occasion of his approaching marriage; the presentation, the same month, of a silver bowl and spoon to the infant daughter of Bro. Vassar-Smith, by the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham; and the presentation of addresses or testimonials—or both—at different times to Bro. T. Fenn in Grand Lodge for his services at the Jubilee Memorial Meeting last year in the Albert Hall, and in a second instance, for the very constant and able assistance he had rendered to Lodge La France, No. 2060; and Bro. Robert Grey by the members of the House Committee for his services as Chairman of the Executive Committee of Stewards at the Girls' School Centenary Festival; to Comp. J. H. Sillitoe for his services to R.A. Masonry in East Lancashire, and to Bro. W. H. Spaul, Prov. G. Sec. Shropshire, for the ability and energy he had shown in behalf of his Provincial Grand Lodge. It should also be mentioned that on the return to England of the Anglo-American Lodge Deputation to the United States, Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary of the lodge, and one of the members of the said deputation, handed to the lodge a silver loving cup which he had been commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Maryland to present to it, in recognition of the very fraternal kindness it had shown to Bro. Shryock, G.M. of Maryland, on the occasion of his visit, the previous year, to this country, while at the same meeting at which this pleasant duty was fulfilled, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., invested Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., with the jewel transmitted through the same channel to the latter, to wear as the representative, at our Grand Lodge, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. We may also call attention to the fact that two of our lodges—the Peace and Harmony, No. 60, and the Probity, No. 61, of Halifax—celebrated, during the year, the 150th anniversary of their constitution, while others have been privileged to celebrate their centenary anniversary, among these latter being the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton, the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, Keighley, and the Industry Lodge, No. 186. The presentation of embroidered standards to the Prov. G. Lodge of Worcestershire, at its annual meeting, by Lady Lechmere, wife of the Prov. G. Master, and of an organ to the Masonic Hall at Liverpool, by a non-Mason, marks the increasing interest taken in our proceedings by the outside public, while the lodge of sorrow held at Freemasons' Hall in the month of April by the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, in memory of the late Emperor William of Germany, is an indication of

the sympathy which has been felt among the brethren of this country for the loss which the Craft in Germany had sustained the month previously, by the death of its aged and respected protector.

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

There seldom is a very full record to give of the proceedings of Supreme Grand Chapter and its subordinate chapters, but it invariably happens that what little there is to recount is of a satisfactory nature. This year, indeed, there have been fewer additional chapters consecrated, the average ranging from a dozen to a dozen and a half, while only nine warrants have been issued during 1888, two of these being for chapters in London—the Manchester, No. 179, and the Empire, No. 2108; five for provincial chapters—the Harmony, No. 133, Faversham, Kent, the Portsmouth Temperance, No. 2068, in Hants and the Isle of Wight, the Unity, No. 71, Lowestoft, in Suffolk, the Loyal Monmouth, No. 457, in Monmouthshire, and the Henry Cook, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness, in the Province of West Lancashire; the remaining two having been granted for chapters in New South Wales—the Samaritan Chapter of St. Leonard's, No. 1654, St. Leonard's, near Sydney, and the Combermere, No. 1795, Albury. Now, however, that New South Wales has become an independent Masonic power, these last two chapters, with those previously established in the Colony, will, no doubt, follow the example of the Craft Lodges, and organise a Grand Chapter of their own. As to the proceedings in Grand Chapter, it should be remarked that at the May Convocation the sum of 100 guineas was voted as a contribution to the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and that in December the recently constituted Grand Chapter of South Australia was duly and fraternally recognised. One unpleasant circumstance has to be recorded. Certain chapters having been warranted in Melbourne—Colony of Victoria—by the Grand Chapter of Canada, a dignified protest was addressed to the latter body by our Supreme Grand Chapter, and it was pointed out that there were already several Royal Arch Chapters which derived their warrants from England, and which, for some time past, had been constituted as a District Chapter. This protest, however, had no effect. The Grand Chapter of Canada expressed its belief that, as it was the peer of our Grand Chapter, it had a perfect right to establish chapters in what it absurdly described as unoccupied territory, that is, in territories over which there was no local Supreme authority. Under these circumstances, no other course was open to Grand Chapter than to communicate with the District Authorities in Victoria, and require them to hold no communication whatever with these intrusive chapters of Canadian Constitution. A resolution to this effect was unanimously passed at the May Convocation. But little remains to be added. Comp. the Earl of Euston was installed Grand Superintendent for the Province of Northants and Hunts, in March, in succession to Comp. the Duke of Manchester, and at Crewe, on the 27th September, Comp. the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, M.A., was installed Grand Superintendent of Cheshire *vice* the late Comp. Lord De Tabley. The several chapters to which Centenary warrants have been granted, namely, the St. James's Chapter, No. 2; the Vigilance Chapter, No. 111, Darlington; and the Friendship, No. 257, Portsmouth, also celebrated their respective Centenary Festivals with becoming splendour.

#### MARK MASONRY.

The progress made by this popular branch of Masonry has been of a most satisfactory kind. Ten new lodges have been added to the roll, raising the number to 395, while the number of registered members of the Degree has increased from 23,279, at which it stood on the 30th September, 1887, to 24,637 at the corresponding date in the present year, the actual increase being 1358, which is in excess of last year's addition by rather more than 300. During the same period warrants for two additional Royal Ark Mariners Lodges have been issued, and certificates for 311 members of the Degree, raising the total of registered Royal Ark Mariners from 2326 to 2637. No new Provinces have been created, but in the case of five already established, new Provincial Grand Mark Masters have been appointed, namely, Bro. Colonel Sanford, *vice* Bro. Brig.-Gen. Wolseley, Province of Bengal; Bro. Graves-Drapes, in succession to Bro. the Rev. J. Fairclough, Province of Burmah; Bro. Baron de Ferrières, *vice* Bro. John Walker, resigned, Province of Gloucestershire; Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, *vice* Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, Province of N. and E. Yorkshire; and Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, Province of the Mediterranean, which, for the previous two years, had been in charge of the Dep. P.G. Mark Master. In three other cases, the patents of the Prov. G. Masters have been renewed for the further customary period of three years. On 10th March, an address of congratulation to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M., and the Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their silver wedding, was presented to their Royal Highnesses, at Marlborough House, by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Pro G. Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and by them most graciously acknowledged, the address being enclosed in a handsome silver casket; while an address of sympathy, which it had been agreed at the Moveable Grand Lodge, held at Cheltenham on the 10th July, to present to the Grand Master and the German Ambassador on the death of his Majesty the Emperor Frederick of Germany, was forwarded to his Royal Highness and his Excellency, and acknowledged. Nor must we forget to mention that, at the said Moveable Grand Lodge just referred to, Bro. Baron de Ferrières was installed in office by Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, Dep. G. Master, who was in the chair; and that, on the 25th July, the 20th Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, at which the noble Marquis presided, proved a great success, the amount of the subscriptions, though less than in 1887, being very considerable, and amounting to upwards of £1818. Of this, nearly £1500 had been paid in by the end of September, and, in consequence of the great increase in the funds of this Mark Charity, it was resolved, at the winter half-yearly Communication held on the 4th inst., to increase the amount of the annuities granted to aged brethren and widows to £26 in the case of the former and £21 in the case of the latter, a further sum of £5 being granted to each annuitant at Christmas to enable them to provide themselves with clothing or fuel. The educational branch of the same Fund has also been extended, there being 26 children—13 boys and 13 girls—now deriving from it the benefits of education and a partial provision of clothing. Indeed, the financial position of this Degree is very strong, the General Fund having investments to its credit the amount of £2800, and the Benevolent Fund, in its several branches, to that of £7100, the aggregate of the two being not very far short of £10,000. There is one other event, which, as it is of exceedingly rare occurrence in Mark Masonry, deserves to be noticed, namely, the laying of the corner-stone of Rose Ash Church, near South Molton, by Bro. C. Spence Bate, Dep. Prov. G. Mark Master of Devonshire. This event took place on the 30th July, and, so far as memory

serves us, is the first of its kind in the annals of Mark Masonry. But we need not continue our remarks, what we have said already being more than sufficient to show that the Mark system has gained strength during the year 1888 to a very appreciable degree, and that it remains, as it has been for many years past, one of the most popular of our modern Masonic organisations.

#### CHIVALRIC AND HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

We think there is little doubt that the Order of the Temple has made some material progress during the past 12 months, not, it may be, in respect of numbers so much as in the greater vigour of its proceedings. It has been our agreeable duty to report more Templar meetings than in former years, and we have noted in particular that greater activity has been shown by the executive officers of many of the Provincial Pories—that is, if we may regard the greater prominence which the meetings of several of these bodies has had a right to claim at our hands. The most intent on the performance of their duties would seem to have been the Pories of Northumberland, Durham, &c., of West Yorkshire, of Devonshire, which in Sir Knight Lemon has a most energetic ruler, and Kent and Surrey. Great Priory, also, has been adopting stringent measures, with a view to setting its house in better order, and at its annual meeting, in May, a large number of preceptories, which had existed for years past in name only, were erased from the roll. Unfortunately, a difficulty exists owing to the conduct of the Great Priory of Canada in establishing preceptories at Melbourne, and the two Great Pories may be said to be at daggers drawn. There can be little doubt as to which of the two is in the wrong. Frater McLeod Moore, Supreme G. Master of the Canadian Templars, said distinctly in his Allocution at the meeting of his Great Priory, in July, that the issue of a warrant for a preceptory in Melbourne had originated in the mistaken belief on his part that there were no preceptories under the banner of England in that Colony, and he recommended the withdrawal of the objectionable warrant. The Great Priory of Canada, however, paid no attention to his recommendation, but expressed its determination to pursue its own course. It is not, therefore, surprising that the friendly relations hitherto existing between the two Great Pories should have ceased and determined. The Ancient and Accepted Rite is happy in having no history for the past year; by which we do not mean that it has done nothing, but that its proceedings have been so regular, and its position, both as regards membership and pecuniarily, so satisfactory, that it is impossible to say more of its proceedings than that they indicate a perfectly sound condition on the part of this influential body. The Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine is somewhat modest in its doings, nor do we gather from the records of the year that it has materially strengthened its position, though there is little doubt, we think, as to its having maintained it satisfactorily. The Royal Order of Scotland and the Rosicrucian Society have a somewhat similar account to render of what has passed during 1888, while the Royal and Select Masters and the Allied Masonic Degrees seem to have increased in numbers. Lastly, there is the Order of the Secret Monitor, which, though of recent introduction into this country, has been making very considerable headway, and already has quite an appreciable number of conclaves ranged under its banner, with the prospect of many additions being made to the roll. The annual meeting, which took place on the 20th June, and was followed by the celebration of the Grand Festival with considerable pomp and circumstances, showed there was plenty of vitality in the Order.

#### OUR INSTITUTIONS.

It is incontestable that the support extended to our principal Masonic Institutions has been greater in 1888 than at any previous period of their history, even the large total contributed during the year of the Queen's Jubilee, when Grand Lodge supplemented the donations and subscriptions of the Craft with upwards of £12,000, having been exceeded by a round £10,000. But though the year 1888 will be memorable on this account, our sense of rejoicing at the receipt by our Charities of the splendid sum of £75,000 is materially affected by the striking disparity which is noticeable between the product of this year's Festival of the Boys' School and the average product of the preceding 13 years, the latter having been £13,066 per year, while the total of the 90th Anniversary Festival on the 27th June was only £8673, the falling off being only a few pounds short of £4400. There is, of course, no difficulty in accounting for this very serious reduction, but it is one which ought never to have been permitted to occur either in consequence of the tremendous enthusiasm aroused among the lodges and brethren in connection with the Centenary of the Girls' School, or because a certain amount of dissatisfaction with the management of the authorities existed among certain sections of the Craft. We should have attached less importance to the method which we have good reason to believe was adopted by some lodges and individual members of signalling this dissatisfaction by withholding their annual contributions, had the Institution been able at a moment's notice to contract its expenditure so as to keep within its reduced income, or if its invested capital had been more considerable. But the authorities were bound to continue the same rate of expenditure for the reason that they had undertaken, at the instance of the whole Craft itself, to maintain, clothe, and educate a certain number of boys, and no reduction—no immediate reduction—if this undertaking was to be carried out properly, was possible. We consider the Craft was bound in honour, under these circumstances, to furnish the sum indispensably necessary to meet the requirements of the Institution, and if it, or any portion of it, had reason to believe that the authorities were careless, or were wilfully neglectful in their management, it would still have been able to prosecute any inquiry it might have thought desirable into the conduct of those authorities. Had this latter course been adopted, and the amount provided for the year's expenditure, our pride and gratification at what, perhaps, may be called the charitable campaign of the year would have been without detracting of any sort or kind. We have said enough, however, on this score, and will proceed to give the usual details as to the results of the said campaign as they more particularly affect each Institution.

Taking the Charities in the order in which their respective anniversaries were held, we note that Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, presided at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 20th February, that he was ably supported by a Board of 276 Stewards, with the indefatigable Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., as its Honorary Secretary, and that, after the usual earnest and eloquent appeal of the Chairman, Bro. Terry had the satisfaction of announcing a total which was ultimately increased to £15,296, a sum sufficient to provide for the annuities of the year and

leave a margin of a few hundreds of pounds with which to satisfy any unforeseen contingencies. But, at the annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers on the 3rd Friday in May, though the number of vacancies on the two Funds was small, and the candidates were extremely numerous, it was not considered desirable to create any fresh annuities, and thereby increase the heavy annual responsibilities of the Institution. Hence, while the report of the Committee of Management rendered full justice to the services rendered by Bro. Sir Geo. Elliot and his Board of Stewards, and accorded them a hearty vote of thanks for the success of their efforts on behalf of the Charity, it was by tacit consent agreed that only the vacancies which had occurred during the year and the deferred annuities should be filled. Consequently, only 23 men, from a list of 67 candidates, and 15 widows, from a list of 62 candidates—including in both cases the deferred annuitants—were elected, the unsuccessful candidates carrying forward their votes to the election which will take place in May, 1889. An attempt on the part of some provincial brethren to have the date of the annual election altered from the third Friday in May to the Monday following the last Friday in April was defeated, and Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Vice-Patron, P.A.G.D.C.—a son of the first Secretary of the Institution—was elected Treasurer, *vice* Bro. Edgar Bowyer, deceased. The customary New Year and Summer Entertainments to the inmates of the Asylum were given, and passed off as satisfactorily as in previous years; nor must we omit to mention that the Old Masonians—a society or club composed of former pupils of our Boys' School—paid a visit to the Asylum on one occasion for the express purpose of entertaining the Old Folks, a purpose in which it is hardly necessary to say that they succeeded admirably; and we trust so acceptable a courtesy will be repeated in the years to come. As for the immediate future, it is early yet to attempt any forecast of what will be the result of the Festival which will be held on the 27th February next, under the auspices of Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G. Master of Northants and Hunts. We know that the Board of Stewards is about 200 strong, and that Bro. Terry is devoting his whole energy and time to obtaining the services of further brethren as members of the Board, and we trust his efforts will be crowned with success. There is likely to be a heavier list of candidates than ever at the election in May of next year, and we all know, or can easily imagine, the difficulty which must be experienced in raising annually so large a sum as £15,000, especially when there are two other Institutions appealing to the same body of donors and subscribers for the supplies with which to accomplish their appointed work. However, as we have just said, all concerned have our best wishes for their success; and we know it will not be for lack of hard work on the part of Bro. Terry and the Stewards if the Returns should fall short of the sum required.

The friends of the senior Charity—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—have every reason to be content, and even more than content, with the proceedings of the Craft in its behalf during the year. Centenary celebrations are events of by no means rare occurrence in Masonry; but these have hitherto been confined to our lodges and chapters. It was not till the close of last year that people found themselves in a position to form any idea of the probable character which the Centenary Festival of one of our Institutions would assume. No one ever doubted that the most persistent efforts would be made on the part of the Committees and Secretary of the Institution, in order that so unaccustomed an anniversary should be held with the utmost possible pomp and splendour; but even the most sanguine among the prophets of a grand success can hardly have been prepared for one which is incomparably the greatest that has yet been recorded in the annals of Charitable festivities. The Board of Stewards, which it was hoped at the outset might muster 1000 brethren, consisted ultimately of 1475 brethren, while, instead of the £30,000 or £32,000 which the authorities had set themselves to raise in order to meet the ordinary expenses of the year and provide for the Centenary Memorial Scheme of a new Hall and reconstructed premises, the total announced from the chair was upwards of £50,500, and has since been augmented to upwards of £51,000. But it is not only in these two particulars that this Centenary anniversary stands out so conspicuously among this class of festive gatherings. With so large a Board of Stewards, each of whom—to say nothing of the ladies and non-Stewards, who always muster in proportionately large numbers at these meetings—would have the right to be present at the Festival, it was necessary to obtain premises large enough to accommodate the multitude which was certain to attend. Hence the Royal Albert Hall was engaged and the lower portion of it transformed into a vast and handsomely decorated banquet hall, in which about 1200 of the Stewards and principal guests sat down to dinner, while the upper portion was devoted to the accommodation of ladies, and non-Stewards, the latter of whom were all required to be members of our Society, and wore the clothing and insignia of their rank. His Royal Highness the Grand Master presided in person, and was supported by his Majesty the King of Sweden—who had been made Past Master of England the day previously, by resolution of Grand Lodge, and who graciously accepted the Steward's badge from the Prince of Wales—his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, P.S.G.W., Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., G. Master of Scotland; the Marquis of Headfort, S.G.W. of Ireland; the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom, Pro and Deputy Grand Masters of England, respectively; the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. Grand Master Nottinghamshire; Lords Leigh, Kensington, Suffield, and Harlech, the Earl of Euston, Viscount Ebrington, Lord Egerton of Tatton, and many other Prov. Grand Masters, besides Grand and Past Grand Officers innumerable, the whole company present including some thousands, and the scene being such as has never before been witnessed, and will probably never be surpassed. The Anglo-Danish Exhibition had also been engaged for the sole benefit of the guests during the evening, and but that the weather was not precisely suited for outdoor display, the gardens and the conservatory would have been as brilliant and gay as the Albert Hall. But the celebration was not confined to the banquet. The distribution of prizes has for many years past been an important feature of the anniversary festivity, and in this instance the prizes were distributed and the calisthenic exercises, for which the School is so famous, performed in the same Albert Hall on the Monday preceding the Festival, in the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, and some thousands of interested and delighted spectators, the Princess of Wales herself most graciously decorating the two medallists of the year, while the rest of the prizes were distributed by the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon; the Pro Grand Master, the Earls of Lathom and Euston and other dignitaries of the Order being present, as well as Bro. Grey, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Stewards, Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution, Bros. Frank Richardson, Thomas Fenn, &c. Since then Miss Davis and the educational staff, Miss Buck, the Matron, and her assistants, and all the pupils have been presented with memorials of the great event, the girls with silver and the rest

golden brooches. As regards the other events that have occurred in connection with this Institution, there is little else to record than that the particular form which the Centenary Memorial Scheme shall take has been determined on, and that the works will be commenced at an early date; that the half-yearly elections were held in April and October respectively; while the successes of the Girls at those public examinations, for which they are encouraged to enter, have been as usual gratifying, though it may be to a less conspicuous extent than in some other years. The services of Bro. Hedges have been deservedly recognised, and Bro. Grey has been presented with an address of thanks for the part he played as Chairman of the Centenary Executive Committee of Stewards; and as regards the future, there is every reason to anticipate that the prestige of the Institution will be maintained and even enhanced, when the improvements and additions to the existing premises have been carried out. But on this point we need say little here.

It was generally anticipated that the Boys' School Festival, which is the last of our great Anniversaries, would suffer by the overshadowing importance of that of its Sister School, which immediately precedes it, leaving in ordinary years an interval of six or seven weeks for the Stewards to carry on uninterruptedly their work of canvassing, but which, on this occasion, was held at the beginning as that of the Boys' Institution was held at the end of the same month of June. It was further recognised that the series of violent attacks on the management which had been made during the preceding three months would certainly exercise a depressing effect on the Stewards, and prove an obstacle to their obtaining anything beyond a rather poor average of donations and subscriptions. But few were prepared for so signal a falling off from the preceding year, a strong belief pervading the Fraternity generally that, though the Festival would be less of a success than usual, it would yield sufficient for the absolute requirements of the year. However, when the day arrived, and the Stewards and their friends mustered in the hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devonshire, Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.B., the Secretary of the Institution, found that the total of the donations and subscriptions accumulated by his Board of 218 Stewards amounted to no more than £8673, the last time it had been his duty to announce a total of less than £10,000 having been in the year 1874, when the boys in the School, instead of being nearly 260, were only 153 in number. As to the other occurrences of the year now virtually ended, we have already mentioned the fact of a series of violent attacks having been made on the Executive during the first half of the year, but at the Quarterly Court held in July, it was resolved that a Committee of Inquiry, under Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, should have full power to inquire into the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Institution, it being left to Bro. Philbrick to select his own coadjutors, the sole restriction on his freedom of choice being that one half of the brethren so chosen should be taken from the Provinces. The Committee commenced its labours early in November. It has taken a mass of evidence, and will, in due course, hand in its report, but till that is done, our lips are closed. We may mention, however, that the work of the School appears to have been carried on satisfactorily during the year, if the report delivered at the annual distribution of prizes, the appearance of the boys on that occasion, and the successes they have obtained at various examinations, are a criterion to go by. We may state also that the elections were held as usual in April and October, but as no additions to the strength of the establishment were possible, the list of candidates is still a heavy one.

#### PROVINCIAL AND OTHER CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

The plan of establishing Charitable organisations for educating the children of poor and deceased brethren or providing small annuities for such members or their widows is continually growing in favour among the Craft, and, though we are not aware of any thing of a special character having happened in connection with these associations during the year, we are gratified at finding ourselves in a position to speak in terms of warm commendation of the manner in which the brethren who are responsible for their management have discharged their duties. Our readers will, no doubt, recollect that Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., in returning thanks as President of the Board of Stewards at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, for the toast of Prosperity to that Institution, laid particular stress on the efforts which for some years past had been made, and made successfully, by the lodges and brethren in the Province of West Lancashire, over which he so ably presides, to relieve the wants of their own poor and educate their own necessitous children; and it must be gratifying to his lordship to find that the various West Lancashire Benevolent and Educational Associations are carrying out their work with greater and still greater success every year, while their invested capital is, at the same time, becoming steadily more and more considerable. The adjoining Province of East Lancashire can also boast of a similar organisation, which is also in a very prosperous condition. So, too, can the Province of Cheshire, while among the provinces which have followed in the wake of these, or have set up Associations by which brethren are able to contribute support to our great Central Charities without too heavily trenching upon their means, may be mentioned those of Devonshire, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Leicestershire and Rutland, Staffordshire, and Cambridgeshire. The relief which the one class of this Institution is able to afford by assisting their own necessitous brethren and families, and the assistance which the other class renders to the principal Charities by affording facilities for contributing to their funds, is of incalculable value, and all who are in any way engaged in their management deserve the thanks of the whole English Fraternity.

#### THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

It seems but the other day that Bro. John M. Clabon was inviting Grand Lodge to accept his scheme for dealing with the surplus of the Fund of Benevolence, which, if we remember rightly, amounted to about £40,000. Since then, however, the applications to the Board which administers this Fund have been so numerous, and the cases they represented so serious, that very large inroads have already been made on this capital, and if the pressure continues at the same rate as recently for very much longer, there is every likelihood that the surplus will have disappeared altogether. So at least we are justified in inferring from the report which appeared in these columns last week of the latest meeting of the Board, when it was announced that in order to keep pace with the demands made upon it, a sum of £9000 or rather £12,000 had had to be sold out, and that before the Board commenced its labours at that meeting it was already £1100 in debt. However, without further speculating as to what the future may bring forth, we append a summary of the cases relieved during the year 1888, and the amount distributed in relieving them. They are as follow: January, 27 cases relieved with £782; February, 46 cases with £1205; March, 35

cases with £885; April, 44 cases with £1075; May, 42 cases with £1015; June, 35 cases with £990; July, 32 cases with £1000; August, 27 cases with £637; September, 26 cases with £746; October, 45 cases with £1182; November, 38 cases with £984; December, 42 cases with £967. Total 439 cases relieved with £11,468.

#### MASONIC LITERATURE.

Though no very remarkable additions have been made to our Masonic literature, the year 1888 has not been entirely barren in this respect. A few months since Bro. George Kenning had the honour of publishing a work by Bro. H. J. Whympier, entitled "The Religion of Freemasonry," with an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, and which, as Bro. Whympier resides in India, was carefully edited by Bro. G. W. Speth. Whether the readers of Bro. Whympier accept his theory or not of the Christian origin of Freemasonry, they will have no option but to admit that he has shown great knowledge of his subject, and great ability in his treatment. There has also appeared, firstly in the columns of the *Freemason*, and subsequently in book form, a "History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," from its foundation in 1788 to its centenary in 1888, by Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, whose series of Histories of our Institutions is thus completed. A third work by Bro. John Finlay Finlayson entitled "Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry" has also been issued from the press within the last few days, the publisher in this case also being Bro. George Kenning. Lastly, we venture to think it will not be deemed presumptuous on our part if we mention that with this number for the current week is completed the 21st volume of the *Freemason*, which made its first appearance in January, 1869, and will consequently enter upon the year of its majority on the 1st prox. The fact that this journal has gone on increasing more and more abundantly every year in favour with the Craft, is a sure sign that it is doing its work well, and will undoubtedly be very gratifying to its enterprising proprietor.

#### OBITUARY.

We cannot say that our tale of losses is heavier than in preceding years, or that the losses themselves are more severe; but there is no doubt they have been both numerous enough and severe enough to cause very general and very sincere regret. Among the more distinguished who have left us must be mentioned Bro. E. Tyrrell Leith, the predecessor of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught in the District G. Mastership of Bombay, who died only a short time back at the comparatively early age of 46 years; Bro. G. Parker Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br. of England, and one of the great luminaries of our Order in East Lancashire, who had achieved much, and from whom even though he was more advanced in years than Bro. Leith, still further service might have been expected; Bro. Edgar Bowyear, P.G. Std. Br., Treasurer of the R. M. Benevolent Institution, who, though in a different sphere of labour, had also striven most untiringly and successfully in behalf of Masonry and its Charities; Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., P.G.D., who had done good service as a founder of the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020; Bro. Griffiths Smith, Past A.G.D.C.; Bro. J. Brook-Smith, M.A., P.G.D., D. Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire, who was among the ablest of our Provincial Masons, and deservedly popular among the lodges and brethren in his own province; and Bro. Sir Charles Bright, P.D.P.G. Master of Middlesex. We may also be permitted to offer a brief tribute of respect, by including them in this memoir, to Bros. R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treasurer of Surrey; Charles Heywood, Past Prov. J.G. Warden of East Lancashire; J. G. Woodward, P. Prov. S.G.W. Nottinghamshire; Col. D. MacCliver, E.P. of the famous Baldwin Preceptory of Knights Templar of Bristol, who entertained the American Templar Pilgrims, during the year of the Queen's Jubilee, at a banquet in London; John H. Younghusband, P.P.J.G.W. West Lancashire; and Jos. F. Lavies, M.P., P.P.G. Warden of Surrey. Among less known but still worthy members we find Bros. J. R. Evans, W.M. 292, Liverpool; Chaplin Henry, the accomplished musician; Col. Duncan, M.P., Sir R. J. Buxton, Bart., an initiate of Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford; Herbert Cuff, P.M., P.Z.; A. W. Strong, W.M. Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585; Thos. Eustace, P.M. 697; J. F. White, P.M. 176; F. Buckland, P.M., P.Z. 889; R. H. Townend, P.M.; Geo. Andrews, P.M. 871; W. Phelps, P.M., P.Z. Nottingham; S. Siddorn, W.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton; John Butt, W.M. 903; Richard Wiltshire, P.M. 704; John T. Alston, P.M. 213; T. Lloyd Evans, P.M.; H. Paulden, P.M. 204 and M.E.Z. 204; Dr. W. Hill Evans, P.M., P.Z.; W. W. Dawson, P.M., P.Z.; John Trickett, C.E., P.M. 1194; and last, but not least memorable, the patriarchal Bro. John Tresidder, of Penryn, Cornwall, who died in the 103rd year of his age, and was initiated in the Lodge of Truth and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, on the 6th August, 1805.

#### SCOTLAND.

The course of Freemasonry has run as smoothly to the North as to the South of the Tweed, and we must congratulate our Scottish brethren on the proceedings of a year, which, if not as eventful as some that we have known, has been marked throughout by solid and successful work. Only nine new lodges have been warranted, raising the number on the roll from 751 to 760, and, as a set off against this, must be set the reduction which has taken place by the erection of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and which will take place if, as there is reason to believe is almost certain, a United Grand Lodge of Victoria should be established likewise. However, the number of intrants—i.e., of initiates—during the year has been 4584, or nearly 200 in excess of the number in 1887, while the income amounted to £4543. The scheme for establishing a Fund of Benevolence, which shall possess a capital of £10,000, has made some headway, and, to judge from a hint let fall by Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., in returning thanks at the Grand Festival on St. Andrew's Day for his health, as Grand Master—to which office he has been elected for the fourth time—it is on the cards that a great effort may be made throughout Scotland during the new year to raise the required amount. The most notable occurrence may be regarded as the presentation to the Queen, on the occasion of her visit to the Glasgow Exhibition, of an address to Sir A. Campbell, as Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, in which the Scottish Fraternity expressed in appropriate terms its loyalty and devotion to our Gracious Majesty, and to this address her Majesty was pleased to return her thanks. Another event of great interest was the bi-centenary celebration, in May, of the constitution of the Leith and Canongate Lodge, No. 5, and we must also record that on the occasion of the Grand Festival, at the instance of Bro. Lord Saltoun, J.G.W., a telegram was sent by the Grand Master to the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, congratulating it upon its establishment, and expressing the heartiest good wishes for its future prosperity. Nor must we forget that, if the year has been, as we

have said, generally prosperous, there have been some serious losses to deplore, the loss by death of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past G.M., being the most conspicuous, while hardly less important is that caused more recently by the death of Bro. Sir William Pearce, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Glasgow, which may be looked upon as nearly, if not quite, the most important of the provinces under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. There have also died Bro. Alexander Hay, who was a most able and influential member of the Fraternity in Edinburgh, and Bro. Caldwell, a member of the Board of Grand Stewards, and one of the foremost and most active brethren in the Scottish branch of the Craft in New Zealand. On the whole, however, our Scottish brethren have had much to rejoice over during the year, and we sincerely trust they may never find themselves less prosperous than now.

## IRELAND.

We cannot say that we have been able to overcome the reticence of our Irish brethren, who still appear to think the non-Masonic press a more becoming channel for communicating news of our Craft doings than the recognised organs of our Society. The most important event we have to record is the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin, which, with the usual attendant fête, took place in the Leinster Hall, on the 12th May, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master, occupying the chair of President on the occasion, while the prizes were distributed by the Duchess of Abercorn. The evening previous to this annual event was also made memorable by a grand ball, which was given by Lodge 25, Dublin, and took place in the same hall, there being a very numerous and fashionable gathering present, conspicuous among whom were the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn. We are also in a position to mention that two new Masonic halls have been dedicated during the year, one of them, which is located at Gilford, County Down, having been dedicated by Major Leslie Thompson, assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers of Down, on the 12th June, and the other, which is situated at Derriaghey, near Milltown, by Bro. Thomas Valentine, Deputy Grand Master of Antrim, who was also loyally assisted by the Prov. G. Officers and supported by the brethren. Unfortunately, among the limited news we have been permitted to furnish must be included the mournful intelligence of the deaths, in June last, of two among the more prominent members of the Irish Fraternity, namely, Bro. Col. King-Harman, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Meath, who, as the representative in the House of Commons of an English Constituency, and as a member of the present Government, was well known and respected here; and Bro. S. B. Oldham, Dep. G. Secretary and Treasurer of the G. Lodge of Ireland, who, from his long and meritorious connection with the Craft in Ireland, as well as from the invariable courtesy with which he performed his official duties and the readiness he exhibited at all times to furnish information to our authorities, was also well known and greatly respected in English Masonic circles. These are undoubtedly grievous losses, and all will sympathise with the brethren of Ireland, on whom they press so nearly and with such grave severity.

## OUR COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES.

The lodges and brethren in our Colonies and possessions abroad, whether affiliated to the Grand Lodges of the Old Country or existing under separate Constitutions of their own, have participated largely in the good fortune which has befallen the Fraternity in the British Empire. The relations presently existing between ourselves and one or more of the independent Grand Bodies in the Dominion of Canada continue to exhibit, as they have done for some time, a certain degree of tension, but in time, no doubt, the differences which have arisen will be healed, and that perfect harmony will prevail without which Freemasonry is little else than a delusion and a snare. There is the same condition of non-intercourse between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England as we had to record last year, and the Grand Chapter of Canada has been setting at defiance the laws of interjurisdictional courtesy and good feeling, to say nothing of the unwritten law of usage which has hitherto prevailed in matters of this kind, by setting up Royal Arch Chapters in the City of Melbourne in the midst of our English, Irish, and Scotch Chapters, while the two Great Priorities of England and Canada are at loggerheads because the latter insists on maintaining a similarly illegal position in the same City of Melbourne, with certain of its newly-warranted preceptories. In India the Craft has been able to pursue the even tenour of its way with credit to itself and the Fraternity at large, nor have we much else to record than that the lodges and Charitable Associations in the several Presidencies or District G. Lodges have strengthened or maintained their position. A few changes have taken place. Comp. E. Woodall Parker has been installed Superintendent of R.A. Masonry in the Punjab, and in the month of November Bro. Lord Connemara, Governor of Madras, was installed Dist. G. Master of that Presidency. Elsewhere we note that Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson, K.C.M.G., was installed Dist. G. Master of Wellington (N.Z.), Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, District Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Malta, and Bro. George J. Ryan, M.D., Dist. G.M. of the Argentine Republic, *vice* Bro. Rich. D. Masefield, deceased, while on the resignation of Bro. John Williams as Dist. G.M. of New South Wales, Bro. Lord Carrington, Past S.G. Warden, was appointed his successor. But the occurrences which are fraught with the greatest importance to the Craft are those which have taken place in the vast and wealthy colonies of New South Wales and Victoria. Among the brethren of these districts there had prevailed for some time past a most lamentable state of disunion, but in the course of his recent visit to Australasia, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master, made it his special business to inquire into the reasons of this untoward state, and if possible furnish a remedy for it. His efforts happily proved successful, and during the present summer the principal members of the disunited Craft in New South Wales held several consultations together, the result being the establishment of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which was formally constituted at Sydney on the 18th August, and of which Bro. Lord Carrington, Governor-General of the Colony, and a P.S.G.W. of England, was installed M.W.G. Master, in the presence of over 4000 brethren assembled in one of the most capacious of the public buildings in Sydney, on the 18th September. The Prince of Wales has since accepted the office of Grand Patron, the new G. Lodge having been first recognised by our G. Lodge on his Royal Highness's recommendation, and, as there are over 180 lodges already on its roll, there is every chance of its enjoying a prosperous future. Similar steps have been taken by the members of the English, Irish, Scotch, and Victorian Constitutions, with a view to establishing a United Grand Lodge of Victoria, which, if constituted, will start on its career with some 150 lodges on its roll, and in all probability with Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., who is

already chief of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, as its first Grand Master. It would be ridiculous to regard these changes as involving any loss of strength or prestige to the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, and it only remains for us to repeat the kind wishes for their future well-being which we have before expressed. The old tie of Brotherhood will remain, though the governments will no longer be the same. We will add that the Grand Lodge of South Australia, of which the Prince of Wales is G. Patron, has prospered greatly under the auspices of Bro. Chief Justice Way, who, by the way, had the honour of installing Bro. Lord Carrington as Grand Master of New South Wales, and that its Grand Chapter has been formally recognised by us. As for the Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada, that of Canada for the Province of Ontario is in an extremely flourishing condition, and has on its roll some 19,000 members, the Grand Master for the current year being Bro. R. T. Walkem, while its G. Chapter, of which Comp. R. B. Hungerford is G.Z., has also made considerable progress. The other Grand Lodges—those of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia—have also fared well, all having maintained, while some have improved, their position, as compared with what it was in 1887. To them, also, we offer our congratulations on the past, as well as our sincerest wishes for their future prosperity.

## JURISDICTIONS ABROAD.

The most untoward events which have happened outside the Fraternity in the British Empire are undoubtedly the deaths, within about three months of each other, of the Emperors William and Frederick of Germany, who had both of them been members of our Society for many years, the elder of the two having been initiated in Berlin in 1840, and the younger in 1853. Both these illustrious personages took a deep interest in the welfare of Freemasonry, not alone as official protectors of the Craft in Germany, but also because they truly and sincerely believed in the beneficial influence it is calculated to exercise on mankind at large. We have already referred to the addresses of sympathy which our own illustrious Grand Master transmitted, as the official head of English Masonry, to the sorrowing relatives of these august monarchs, and we are confident those expressions of our regret will have been fully appreciated by the various G. Lodges in Germany. What effect these losses may have on the future of German Freemasonry cannot be judged at present. The reigning Emperor William II. is not a Freemason, and it has pleased the anti-Masonic portion of the German press to assert, without as far as we have been able to ascertain the slightest warranty for the faith that is in them, that henceforth the Craft in the German Fatherland will be held in disrepute in Court and official circles, which, as society is there constituted, means that it will be virtually deprived of its opportunities of exercising any influence whatever. We do not share in this belief, firstly, because it has found expression only in that portion of the press which has always shown itself antagonistic to Freemasonry; and, secondly, because there is no sufficient reason why William II. should go out of his way to injure a Society which had enjoyed the confidence of both his aged grandfather and father successively for the greater part of half a century.

As regards Freemasonry in other jurisdictions, though there is scarcely a State in the world which is not directly or indirectly indebted to this country for what knowledge of our principles and what of Craft organisation it possesses, we shall no doubt be forgiven if the greater share of our interest is directed towards the Grand Lodges in the United States, which, as they once formed part of the British Empire, were also included in our British system of Freemasonry. The oldest and most influential among the Grand Lodges of the United States were formerly among our Provincial lodges, and a continuance of their prosperity is almost as much an object of solicitude with us as is that of our own. At all events, we look with interest to what is passing among the Fraternity in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maryland, and the other States and territories which acknowledge the Stars and Stripes just in the same way as they look to what is passing here. We endeavour to cultivate their good opinion as they do ours, and both we and they are always prepared to welcome whatever is likely to draw closer and make firmer the bonds of fraternal respect and friendship which actuate the members of the two great sections of Anglo-Saxon Masonry. If proof positive of this is needed, we had it in 1887, when many distinguished United States brethren came over to this country and were heartily greeted by our lodges and members, while during the current year we have had, as it were, the counterpart of the picture in the kind reception experienced by the Anglo-American Lodge Deputation in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York, and wherever else they visited. These are among the latest instances of the friendly interchanges which are continually passing between the brethren on the opposite shores of the Atlantic, and we regret that owing to time and space at our disposal we are unable to say more of the relations existing between them, or give anything like a worthy narrative of Craft proceedings in America. But though we are compelled to deny our readers the pleasure of attempting any such record, we should but ill discharge our duty as the representative organ of British Masonic opinion if we did not conclude this brief reference to our United States brethren by expressing our sincerest wishes both for their increased prosperity and for the continuance through all time of those friendly relations and that warm respect which have always prevailed between us and them. May peace and harmony for ever reign between the brethren of the United States and the United Kingdom!

**KNIGHT.**—It is very difficult to lay down any proper derivation of this word, though some have contended that it comes from the Anglo-Saxon *Cneht* or *Cnecht*. It seems, however, very doubtful, as the German word *Ritter*, originally *Reiter*, preserves the older idea of *Equus* and *Chivalier*, *Chevalier*. We need not go through the details of the creation or uses of the knightly order or of the system of knighthood in itself, as such lucubrations seem almost out of place in a Masonic Cyclopædia, and there is no difficulty in finding the whole facts of the case clearly set forth in more than one masterly treatise on the subject. Without, then, entering on this wide and important subject, it will suffice to say that there were two kinds of knights principally—the Knight Bachelor and the Knight Banneret. In former days the honour of knighthood was conferred by the sovereign or some military commander on the field of battle, and sometimes under the banners.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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## OCCURRENCES OF THE YEAR.

1ST DECEMBER, 1887, to 30TH NOVEMBER, 1888.

## DECEMBER—1887.

- 2.—Consecration by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, of the new Hall of the Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, Mirfield.
- 5.—Annual Meeting, at Alford, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire.
- 6.—Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales. Jubilee honours conferred on distinguished brethren.
- 7.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge; £500 voted towards the relief of the distressed London poor, and £500 to purchase a Silver Wedding gift to the Princess of Wales. Bros. Asher Barfield and S. B. Wilson nominated as candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 12.—Presentation of Grand Royal Arch clothing to Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, in recognition of his services to Royal Arch Masonry.
- 14.—Foundation-stone of the new Grammar School, Cheltenham, laid by Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire.
- 17.—Consecration by Bro. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, of the Talbot Lodge, No. 2231, Old Trafford; Bro. J. E. Boden, first W.M. Consecration by Comp. Philbrick, O.C., Grand Superintendent of Essex, of the Brooke Chapter, No. 2005, Chingford; Comp. Jos. Clever, first M.E.Z.
- 20.—Consecration by Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, of the Frederick West Lodge, No. 2222, East Molesey; Bro. R. T. Elsam, first W.M. Annual Meeting, at Derby, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire.
- 21.—Consecration by Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., District G.M. of Victoria, of the Ascotvale Masonic Hall, Melbourne.  
Board of Benevolence; 50 cases relieved with £1172.
- 22.—Death of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past G. Chap., and formerly Editor of the *Freemason*.
- 23.—Death of Bro. G. J. Venables, S.D. 2182.
- 28.—First Stone of New Masonic Hall and Club, Plymouth, laid with Masonic Ceremony by Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devonshire.
- 29.—The Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Jubilee Memorial Tablet unveiled by Bro. Dr. Dabbs.  
Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex, visits the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, Chelmsford, and confers Jubilee Provincial honours on certain brethren.  
Half-yearly Meeting of the Committee of the Dorsetshire Masonic Charity.

## JANUARY—1888.

- 2.—Presentation of a P.M.'s Jewel to Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., by the Mallet and Chisel Lodge of Mark Master Masons.
- 3.—Presentation of Banner by Bro. J. Whaley, I.P.M., to the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172.
- 4.—New Year's Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon.
- 6.—Consecration of the Adair Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1750, Clevedon, Somersetshire, and the St. George Mark Lodge, No. 383, Stonehouse.  
Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, installed for the fourth time W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester.
- 10.—Mr. C. E. M. de Carteret initiated by his father, Bro. Col. de Carteret, P.G.M. Jersey, in the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877, St. Heliers, Jersey.
- 11.—Twelfth Night Entertainment to the Pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 16.—Death of Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., P.G.D.  
Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser installed W.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence; 27 cases relieved with £792.  
Death of Bro. J. R. Evans, W.M. 292, Liverpool.  
Masonic Ball at Hastings in aid of the R.M.I. for Girls.
- 20.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Old Westminster Lodge, No. 2233; Bro. Col. Tomlinson, M.P., first W.M.
- 23.—Funeral at Nunhead Cemetery of Bro. Chaplin Henry.  
Installation at Buenos Ayres of Bro. George Ryan as Dist. G. Master of the Argentine Republic, S. America.
- 24.—Consecration by Bro. General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey, of the Onslow Lodge, No. 2234, Guildford; Bro. G. Payne, first W.M.  
Centenary Festival of the Industry Lodge, No. 186. Entertainment by the Old Masonians to the inmates of the R.M.B.I. at Croydon.
- 26.—Presentation of Jewel to Bro. A. Greenham on completing his second year of office as W.M. Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin.
- 27.—Annual Meeting, at Fareham, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hants and the Isle of Wight.  
Half-yearly meeting, at Kingston, of the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica.
- 28.—Death of Bro. A. H. Strong, W.M. Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1385.

## FEBRUARY.

- 1.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter. Masonic Ball at Leicester in aid of the R.M.I. for Girls.
- 4.—Bro. Augustus Harris installed W.M. of the Stewart Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees.
- 7.—Bro. Sir R. Somers Vine installed W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190.  
Consecration of the Concord Chapter, No. 632, Trow-ridge; Comp. A. Parry, first M.E.Z.
- 9.—Consecration by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, of the Cowper and Newton Lodge, No. 2244, Olney; Bro. L. Cooper first W.M.
- 14.—Installation of Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., as W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127—Presentation of Gold Watch to Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., and Gold P.M.'s Jewel to Bro. Augustus Harris, I.P.M.

- 16.—Masonic Ball, under the auspices of the Bala Lodge, No. 1369, in aid of the Masonic Charities.  
Death of Bro. Francis Buckland, P.M., P.Z., 889.
- 22.—Board of Benevolence—46 cases relieved with £1205.
- 24.—Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., in the chair.  
Consecration, by Bro. J. D. Murray, of the F. R. Sewell Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 213, Whitehaven; Bro. Col. Sewell first W.C.N.
- 27.—Presentation of an Address and Silver Wedding Gift to Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M. Durham.
- 29.—Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. South Wales (Eastern Division), Chairman; Subscriptions, £15,296.

## MARCH.

- 1.—Death of Bro. Alexander Hay, P.M., &c., an influential Scottish Mason.  
Death of Bro. J. G. Wood, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. Nottinghamshire.
- 2.—Annual Meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Annual Ball of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.
- 5.—Consecration, by Bro. Major Penrice, D.P.G.M. Norfolk, of the Earl of Leicester Lodge, No. 2237, Wells; Bro. G. V. Grummett first W.M.  
Annual Meeting of the Grand Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine.
- 6.—Bro. W. Masters installed W.M. of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128—Presentation of Silver Cup to Bro. R. F. Smithson, I.P.M.
- 7.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge; Vote of Sympathy with the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany in his grievous illness; Bro. Asher Barfield elected G. Treasurer for ensuing year.  
Consecration, by Bro. C. S. Bate, D.P.G. Mark Master of Devonshire, of the De La Pole Mark Lodge, No. 372, Seaton; Bro. John Stocker first W.M.
- 8.—Celebration, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, by the Brighton and Sussex Masons, of the Silver Wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales.  
Installation, at Lahore, of Comp. E. W. Parker as G. Superintendent of the Punjab.
- 9.—Death of the Emperor William of Germany, Protector of German Freemasons.
- 10.—Presentation of Diamond Butterfly to Princess of Wales, on her Silver Wedding Day, by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and Deputation from United Grand Lodge, and of Address in Casket, by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Pro G. Mark Master, on behalf of Mark Grand Lodge.  
Consecration, by Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, of the Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, East Molesey; Bro. E. C. Mulvey first W.M.
- 12.—Consecration, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; Bro. Monteuis first W.M.
- 14.—Presentation of Address by the Bournemouth Lodges to Prince Oscar of Sweden on the occasion of his approaching Marriage.  
Installation at Peterborough, of Comp. the Earl of Euston as Grand Superintendent of Norths and Hunts.
- 15.—Death of Bro. Charles Heywood, P. Prov. J.G.W. East Lancashire.
- 16.—Death of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., Treasurer Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 19.—Consecration of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 753, Glasgow, the first Jewish lodge in Scotland; Bro. B. M. Simons first W.M.
- 20.—Meeting at Shrewsbury of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence; 35 cases relieved with £885.
- 22.—Annual Meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.  
Consecration by Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D. of C., D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, of the Arrow Lodge, No. 2240, Kingston; Bro. R. Williams first W.M.
- 24.—Special Court of Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Resolution for an inquiry into the Motion Case defeated by a large majority.
- 27.—Initiation of Messrs. Lawson, sen. and jun., of the *Daily Telegraph*, in the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127.
- 28.—Presentation by Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham, of silver bowl and spoon to infant daughter of Bro. Vassar-Smith.
- 29.—Annual Meeting, at Blackburn, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire.  
Consecration in Cairo of the Egypt Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners; Bro. Capt. W. Freeman first W.C.N.

## APRIL.

- 5.—Annual meeting, at Derby, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Derbyshire.
- 6.—Annual Festival of the Grand (Mark) Master's Lodge of Instruction; Bro. Lord Saltoun in the chair.
- 7.—Consecration of the True Friendship Conclave, No. 4, of the Order of the Secret Monitor; Bro. F. Richardson first S.R.
- 10.—Annual Meeting, at Carlisle, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland.  
Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Cordwainers' Lodge, No. 2241; Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., first W.M.  
Entertainment at Kidderminster in aid of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 1.—Annual Meeting at Wakefield of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.  
Annual Meeting of the Provincial Priory, Knights Templar, of Northumberland and Durham.
- 12.—Meeting at Cheltenham of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Gloucestershire; Bro. Baron de Ferrières recommended for appointment as Prov. G. Mark Master, *vice* Bro. J. Walker resigned.  
Lodge of sorrow by Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, in memory of the late Emperor William, Protector of Freemasons in Germany.

- 14.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Centenary Memorial Scheme for a new Hall and enlarged Premises adopted; Election of 12 children from a list of 41 Candidates. Bro. G. B. Brodie, M.D., elected Honorary Physician, *vice* Bro. Dr. Hope, resigned.  
Annual Meeting, at Brighton, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex.
- 16.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Election of 15 Boys from a list of 65 Candidates.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence; 44 cases relieved with £1075.
- 19.—Consecration by Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.A. G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, of the St. David's Lodge, No. 2226, Rhymney; Bro. N. Bradley, first W.M.
- 20.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., of the Kintore Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 333; Bro. B. R. Bryant, first W.C.N.
- 25.—The Grand Festival; appointment of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.
- 26.—Annual Meeting, at Redruth, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall.

## MAY.

- 2.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter; appointment of Grand Officers for ensuing year.
- 3.—Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.  
Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60.  
Bi-Centenary of the Constitution of the Leith and Canongate Lodge, No. 5 (S.C.); Bro. Sir A. Campbell, Bart., G.M., the principal guest.
- 5.—Death of Bro. J. Brook-Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire.
- 8.—Half-yearly Meeting of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Rite.
- 9.—Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., laid the foundation-stone of the Technical School, Blackburn, with Masonic ceremonial; Princess of Wales present as a spectator.  
Annual Meeting, at Scarborough, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire.  
Half-yearly Meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of W. Yorkshire.
- 11.—Annual Meeting of the Great Priory of Knights Templar of England.  
Grand Masonic Ball by Lodge No. 25, in the Leinster Hall, Dublin; Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, G.M., and the Duchess of Abercorn present.
- 12.—Annual Distribution of Prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin, by the Duchess of Abercorn; Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. G.M., in the chair.
- 14.—Consecration by Comp. M. Tennant, G. Superintendent, of the Naunton Davies Chapter, No. 1578, Pontypridd; Comp. H. N. Davies, first M.E.Z.
- 15.—Annual Meeting, at Stow-in-the-Wold, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire; Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith appointed D.P.G.M.
- 16.—Annual Meeting, at Heaton Norris, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire.  
Centenary Festival of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton.
- 17.—Consecration by Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, P.G. Mark Master of Lincolnshire, of the St. Oswald Mark Lodge, No. 387, Crowle; Bro. T. Stanforth, first W.M.
- 18.—Annual Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; election of 23 men from a list of 67 candidates, and of 15 widows from a list of 64 candidates. Bro. J. A. Farnfield elected Treasurer, *vice* Bro. E. Bowyer, deceased.
- 23.—Board of Benevolence; 42 cases relieved with £1015.  
Annual Meeting, at Malton, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.
- 28.—Installation of Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson, K.C.M.G., as Dist. G.M. of Wellington, N.Z.  
Consecration by Bro. W. F. A. Powell, D.P.G.M. Bristol, of the Powell Lodge, No. 2251, Bristol; Bro. P. Harris, first W.M.
- 29.—Annual Meeting, at Stafford, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire.
- 30.—Foundation-stone of new Chancel to Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, laid by Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland, for Bro. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M. West Lancashire.
- 31.—Memorial-stone of a new Masonic Hall, Plumstead, laid by Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent.  
Annual Meeting, at Spilsby, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire.

## JUNE.

- 2.—Death of Bro. G. Parker Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br.
- 4.—Distribution of Prizes in the Royal Albert Hall to the Pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters.
- 4.—Annual Meeting, at Leicester, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, Northants, Derbyshire, and Rutland.
- 5.—Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge; appointment of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and Grand Festival.
- 6.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge; rank of Past G.M. of England conferred on the King of Sweden.
- 7.—Centenary Festival in the Royal Albert Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in the Chair, and the King of Sweden, Past G.M., present as a Steward; Subscriptions announced to the amount of upwards of £50,500—since increased to over £51,500.
- 8.—Death of Bro. Col. King-Harman, M.P., P.G.M. of Meath.
- 9.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., of the Tyssen-Amherst Lodge, No. 2242; Bro. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., first W.M.
- 12.—Funeral in Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin, of Bro. S. B. Oldham, Dep. G. Sec. and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.  
Dedication of a New Masonic Hall at Gifford, Co. Down, by Major Leslie Thompson, assisted by the Prov. G. Officers of Down.
- 13.—Annual Meeting, at Ilfracombe, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire.

- 14.—Death of the Emperor Frederick of Germany, Protector of Masons in Germany. Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Manchester Chapter, No. 179; Comp. W. Hopkirk first M.E.Z.
- 15.—Annual Meeting, at Canterbury, of the Prov. Priory of Kent and Surrey.
- 19.—Bro. Clark installed W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191; Presentation of Jewels to Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., retiring W.M.; Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., acting P.M. during the first year of the lodge; and George Reynolds, Secretary.  
Death of Bro. John Tresidder, in the 103rd year of his age, initiated in Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, on the 6th August, 1805.  
Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier of the Cleve Fast Conclave, No. 8, of the Order of the Secret Monitor; Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., first S.R.
- 20.—Grand Festival of the Order of the Secret Monitor. Board of Benevolence:—35 cases relieved with £990.
- 21.—Address of Thanks, voted by House Committee of the R.M.I. for Girls, to Bro. Robert Grey, Pres. B.B., for his services as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Centenary Board of Stewards.
- 23.—Annual Distribution of Prizes, at Wood Green, to the Pupils of the R.M.I. for Boys.  
Banquet, by the Lodge "Les Amis Philanthropes," Brussels, to Bro. P. Tempels; Bros. Sandeman, Gould, and Speth present as guests.  
Annual Meeting, at Chelmsford, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia.
- 25.—Annual Meetings at High Wycombe, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks.
- 26.—Vote of Sympathy with the Empress Frederick of Germany, on the death of the Emperor, her husband, by the Empire Lodge, No. 2108; Bro. Lennox Brown, W.M.
- 27.—The goth Anniversary Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys; Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devonshire, Chairman; Subscriptions, £8673.  
Annual Meeting, at Sittingbourne, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent.
- 28.—Consecration, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265; Bro. J. Da Silva first W.M.

JULY.

- 2.—Annual Meeting, at Portsmouth, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight.
- 3.—Consecration, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Cator Lodge, No. 2266, Beckenham; Bro. James Hill first W.M.
- 5.—Lecture, by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., in the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, No. 57, Hull.  
Consecration, by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, of the Dagmar Lodge, No. 2262, Wraysbury; Bro. C. R. Williams first W.M.
- 7.—Annual Meeting, at Stanmore, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex.  
Portrait of the first Prov. G. Master of Kent (Bro. Commodore Walsingham) unveiled in the Walsingham Lodge, No. 2148, Dartford.
- 10.—Annual Meeting, at Durham, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham.  
Lecture at St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., on the "Rise of Masonic Degrees."
- 12.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G. S.R., of the Anglo-American Conclave, No. 6, of the Order of the Secret Monitor; Bro. T. H. Tilton, first S.R.
- 14.—Annual Meeting, at Hampton Court, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex.  
Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Royal Order of Scotland for London.
- 16.—Consecration by Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex, of the Warner Lodge, No. 2256, Chingford; Bro. Lennox Brown first W.M.
- 17.—Lecture at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.  
Summer Entertainment to the Inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon.
- 18.—Annual Meeting, at Carshalton, of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey.  
Annual Meeting, at Maryport, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.  
Emergency Meeting of the St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton, in memory of the late Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., and W. Siddorn, W.M.  
Board of Benevolence:—32 cases relieved with £1000.
- 20.—Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Canada; Comp. R. B. Hungerford installed Grand Z.
- 21.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 2263, Sheffield; Bro. H. T. E. Holmes first W.M.  
Annual Meeting, at Richmond, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey.
- 22.—Service by the Jubilee Lodge in honour of the late Bro. Sir H. Brand, President of the Orange Free State, South Africa.
- 23.—Consecration by Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex, of the Philbrick Lodge, No. 2255, Chingford; Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., first W.M.
- 25.—The 20th Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund; Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, D.G.M., in the chair; subscriptions, £1818.  
Consecration by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, of the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259, Thorne; Bro. G. Dove, J.P., first W.M.  
Annual Meeting, at Taunton, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somersetshire.
- 27.—Annual Meeting at Hitchin, of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire.  
Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; appointment of the Philbrick Committee of Inquiry.
- 28.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Perpetual Presentation from the Province of Kent accepted.

- 30.—Annual Meeting, at Rose Ash, South Molton, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devonshire; Corner-stone of Rose Ash Church laid, with Masonic Ceremonial, by Bro. C. S. Bate, D.P.G.M.M.
- 31.—Death of Bro. Dr. Rob Morris, Past G.M. Kentucky, and Poet Laureate of American Freemasonry.

AUGUST.

- 1.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter.
- 2.—Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 4.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2272; Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., first W.M.
- 8.—Annual Meeting, at Richmond, of Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.
- 9.—Annual Meeting, at Colchester, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex.  
Consecration by Bro. Sir A. Campbell, Bart., M.W. G.M., of the Lochfyne Lodge, No. 754 (S.C.), Lochgilhead.
- 10.—Re-opening of the Masonic Hall, Weymouth.
- 14.—Annual Meeting, at Ringwood, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight.
- 17.—Death at Tientsin, China, of Bro. A. C. Wylie, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts.
- 18.—The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales formally established.  
Board of Benevolence:—27 cases relieved with £637.
- 22.—Annual Meeting, at Chard, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire, under the presidency of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Prov. G.M.
- 23.—Annual Meeting, at Camborne, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall.
- 24.—Presentation to the Queen on her visit to Glasgow by Bro. Sir A. Campbell, Bart., M.W.G.M., of an address from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 25.—Foundation-stone of the new Hall of the Albion Lodge, No. 2220, Woodstock, laid by Bro. C. A. Fairbridge, Dist. G.M. S. Africa, West Division.
- 30.—Funeral, at Crosby Church, of Bro. John H. Young-husband, P.P.J.G.W. of West Lancashire.
- 31.—Annual Meeting, at Newcastle, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland—Consecration by Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., of the Ridley Lodge, No. 2260; Bro. George E. Macarthy first W.M.

SEPTEMBER.

- 5.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge.  
Special Meeting, at Lewes, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex; Consecration by Bro. C. J. Smith, D.P.G.M.M., of the Lewis Lodge, No. 391.
- 7.—Special Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire; Foundation-stone of the Technical Institute, Stockport, laid by Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser.  
Meeting of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute; eight children placed on the Fund.  
Consecration by Bro. H. R. King, Dist. D.G.M. Bombay, of the Lodge of St. John, No. 2280, Saugor; Bro. Dr. Langley Mills first W.M.
- 8.—Corner Stone of a New Masonic Hall at Kirkburton laid by Bro. W. Schofield and others.
- 12.—Visit of Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, Deputation (Bros. G. Reynolds, Sec., and J. Skinner, D.C.) to the Grand Lodge of Maryland; Presentation of Address to Grand Master Shryock and of a Loving Cup to Bro. G. Reynolds for the Anglo-American Lodge.
- 16.—Death of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, P.G.M. of Scotland.
- 17.—Testimonial presented to Bro. T. Fenn, Pres. Board of General Purposes, by the Officers and Members of Lodge La France, No. 2060.
- 18.—Annual Meeting, at Ironbridge, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire; Presentation of Testimonial to Bro. W. H. Spaul, A.G.D. of C., Prov. G. Sec.  
Installation, at Sydney, of Bro. Lord Carrington as the first M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.  
Triennial Session at Boston, U.S.A., of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Northern Jurisdiction, A. and A. Rite, of the U.S.A.
- 19.—Annual Meeting, at Moseley, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire; Presentation to Prov. G. Lodge by Lady Lechmere of two embroidered Standards.  
Board of Benevolence; 26 cases relieved with £740.  
Annual Meeting, at Knutsford, of the Provincial G. Lodge of Cheshire.  
Annual Meeting, at Haverfordwest, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of South Wales.
- 25.—Annual Meeting, at Gateshead, of the Provincial G. Lodge of Durham.
- 27.—Installation, at Crewe, of Comp. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., as G. Superintendent of Cheshire.
- 28.—Centenary Celebration of the Vigilance R.A. Chapter, No. 111, Darlington.

OCTOBER.

- 1.—Annual Meeting, at Coventry, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.  
Foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall at Howden laid by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G. Master North and East Yorkshire.
- 3.—Annual Meeting, at Southport, of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire; Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres appointed D.P.G.M., vice Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, P.S.G.W., resigned.  
Consecration by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, of the Hallamshire Lodge, No. 2268, Sheffield; Bro. E. S. Tozer first W.M.  
Consecration by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, of a new Masonic Hall at Hull.  
Consecration by Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G.H. Monmouthshire, of the Loyl Monmouth Chapter, No. 457, Monmouth; Comp. H. G. Griffiths first M.E.Z.
- 4.—Annual Meeting, at Newton, of the Provincial Priory of Devonshire.

- 8.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Chough Lodge, No. 2264; Bro. E. T. Edwards first W.M.
- 9.—Special Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland; foundation-stone of the Children's Hospital, Leicester, laid with Masonic Ceremonial.  
Annual Meeting, at Merthyr Tydfil, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales, Eastern Division.  
Annual Meeting, at Hertford, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hertfordshire.
- 10.—Meeting, at Keighley, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire; presentation by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M., of Centenary Warrant and jewels to the members of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265.
- 11.—Annual Meeting, at Brighton, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.
- 13.—Annual Meeting, at Liverpool, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire.
- 16.—Presentation by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., of Loving Cup from Grand Lodge of Maryland to the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, and investiture by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of Bro. Brackstone Baker as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at United Grand Lodge of England.
- 17.—Annual Meeting, at Carnarvon, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales.  
Annual Meeting, at Oakham, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland; address voted to Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., on the approaching Jubilee of his initiation into Masonry.
- 19.—Annual Meeting, at Bath, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Somersetshire.
- 22.—Consecration, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Rye Lodge, No. 2272; Bro. J. W. Dewsnap first W.M.  
Dedication, by Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire, of the new Hall of the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, York.
- 23.—Comp. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay installed G. Superintendent of R.A. Masons in Malta.
- 24.—Board of Benevolence; 45 cases relieved with £1182.  
Annual Meeting, at Wakefield, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire.
- 25.—New Masonic Hall, at Rotherham, opened by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire.
- 26.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; 24 boys elected from an approved list of 75 candidates.  
Investiture, in the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, of Bro. H. H. Room as Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, vice Woodward, resigned.
- 27.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; 9 girls elected from an approved list of 62 candidates.
- 30.—Annual Meeting, at Workington, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland—Consecration, by Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, D.P.G.M., of the Eden Lodge, No. 2285; Bro. James Thompson first W.M.—Corner-stone laid by him of the Parish Church of Workington.

NOVEMBER.

- 1.—Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland—Bro. Sir A. Campbell, Bart., re-elected M.W.G.M.—Vote of Sympathy with the widow and family of the late Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past G.M.  
Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees.  
Articles of Union, and for the Establishment of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria, agreed upon by the United Executive Committee of the four Constitutions in that Colony.
- 2.—Centenary Festival of the Royal Arch Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, Portsmouth.
- 3.—Annual Meeting, at Halifax, of the Provincial Priory of West Yorkshire.
- 5.—Annual Meeting, at Frodsham, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire—Consecration of the De Tabley Mark Lodge; Bro. W. H. Danby first W.M.  
Annual Meeting, at Torquay, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire.
- 7.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter; Grand Chapter of South Australia recognised.  
Jubilee Celebration of the Initiation in St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, of Bro. W. Kelly, P.P. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland.
- 8.—Consecration by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, of the Armitage Lodge, No. 2261, Milsbridge; Bro. C. H. Crowther first W.M.
- 11.—Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, Halifax.
- 13.—Annual Meeting, at Oxford, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Oxfordshire.  
Annual Meeting, at Newtownards-road, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of County Down.  
Annual Meeting, at Newcastle, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham.
- 16.—Half-yearly Meeting, at Hulme, of the Provincial G. Lodge of East Lancashire; Bro. Col. Starkie, P.G.M., presented with the Patronship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.  
Annual Meeting, at Cambridge, of the Provincial G. Lodge of Cambridgeshire.  
Death of Bro. Col. Duncan, M.P.
- 19.—Annual Meeting, at Cnelmsford, of the Provincial G. Chapter of Essex.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence; 38 cases relieved with £984.—Convocation, at Bradford, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire; Address by Comp. T. W. Tew, G. Supt.
- 22.—Annual Meeting, at Swindon, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire.
- 24.—Installation of Bro. Lord Connemara as Dist G.M. of Madras.
- 28.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire, of the Thornham Lodge, No. 2279, Royton; Bro. A. J. Haworth first W.M.
- 29.—Annual Meeting, at Douglas, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man.
- 30.—Annual Festival of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Investiture of Grand Officers for the ensuing year; Recognition of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

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- CRAFT—Abbey Lodge, No. 1184.
- ROYAL ARCH—Chapter of Truth, No. 231.
- Inauguration of a New Royal Ark Mariners Lodge at Torquay.
- Notes on the Ceremony of Installation.
- History of No. 246, Cheltenham.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

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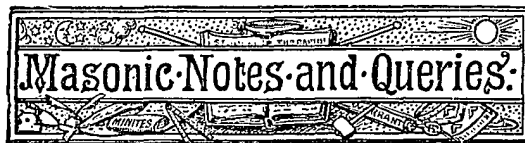
**Original Correspondence.**

**"BRO. WOODWARD'S MOTIONS."**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Your readers will, I am sure, be obliged to Bro. E. Lytton Hitchins for his information as to the way the Colonial lodges get rid of members in arrears. It is quite certain that Grand Lodge will have to take some step to help lodges out of the difficulties Rules 175 and 210, Book of Constitutions, now impose on them re defaulting brethren. The loss to the funds of Grand Lodge from this cause is *very serious*. The sooner Grand Lodge makes up its mind to legislate on the point the better.  
Until a new rule, or, to use correct Grand Lodge phraseology, a little more "tinkering" is added to the Book of Constitutions, or Rules 175 and 210 are "tinkered" to enable lodges to get rid of members who never pay their subscriptions, and yet claim all the privileges of Freemasons when it suits their convenience, and are constantly visiting other lodges and never enter their own, the arrears question will continue the bugbear of W.M.'s, Treasurers, and Secretaries, and a scandal to the Craft. What other society would keep as members men who had not paid their subscriptions for two, three, or four years? Not one! Yet under our present laws we must keep such men on our lodge rolls to all eternity. As after what was said in Grand Lodge in opposition to my motion to enable the lodges to deal with such defaulters, it will be almost a crime to bring forward a motion of exclusion.—Yours fraternally,  
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G.S.B.

December 21.



**822] MASONIC TOKENS.**

As an addenda to those Masonic Halfpenny Tokens enumerated by Bro. Hughan in his article on "Masonic Tokens" in your issue of the 22nd inst., I give below a complete list of all those varieties known and described in "Batty's Catalogue of the Copper Coinage of Great Britain," published at Manchester in 1868. The abbreviations mean "O." Obverse, "R." Reverse, and "E." Edge reading.

- 1019, O.—Freemasons' Arms, Supporters, Crest Motto, "24 Nov. 1790, Prince of Wales elected G.M. R.—Masonic Emblems in a Triangle; at each side "Wisdom," "Strength," "& Beauty." "Sit Lux et Lux fuit."  
E.—"Halfpenny Payable at the Black Horse, Tower-Hill."
- 1020, O. and R.—As last. E.—"Halfpenny Payable at the Black Horse, Tower-Hill."
- 1021, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Halfpenny Payable at the Black Horse, Tower-Hill."
- 1022, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Halfpenny Payable at the Black Horse, Tower-Hill."
- 1023, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Halfpenny Payable at the Black Horse, Tower-Hill."
- 1024, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Payable at London," remainder alternate crosses and dots.
- 1025, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Payable at ondon or Dublin."
- 1026, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Payable at ondon or Dublin."
- 1027, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Masonic Halfpenny Token, MDCCXCIV."

- 1028, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Masonic Token, I. Scetchley Fucit 1794."
- 1028A, O.—Similar to last, a comma after "Nov." R. and E.—As last.
- 1029, As last, except large flaw on R.
- 1030, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Masonic I. Scritchley Fecit."
- 1031, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Maonic I. Scetchley Fecit 179."
- 1632, O.—As 1019. R.—Similar to 1019. A dot after "Beauty," and the angular Leg. in a different position to outer. E.—"Onic Halfpenny Token, MDCCXCIV."
- 1033, O. and R.—As last, except a dot after "Beauty" and "Fuit." E.—"Sonic Halfpenny Token, MDCCXCIV."
- 1034, O.—Similar to 1019; a comma after "Nov." and a dot after the Leg. lower. R.—Similar to 1019 and 1032, the rays not extending beyond the arms of the Cupid, also a different arrangement of the clouds and a dot after Fuit only. E.—As 1019.
- 1035, O. and R.—As last. E.—As 1023.
- 1036, O. and R.—As 1034. E.—As 1027.
- 1037, O. and R.—As 1034. E.—As 1028.
- 1039, O. and R.—As 1034. E.—"Masonic Token, I. Sketchley, R.A. and P.G.S., Birmingham Fecit."
- 1040, O. and R.—As 1034. E.—"Masonic Token, Brother Sketchley, Birmingham Fecit." (This is also quoted by Conder in his work on copper coinage, p. 231, No. 175.)
- 1041, O. and R.—As 1019. E.—"Payable at Parkers Old Birmingham Warehouse."

With reference to the silver one mentioned by Marvin, I very much doubt the authenticity of this specimen, and think the suggestion made by Bro. Hughan that it is an ordinary one "silvered" as the correct solution. I was in correspondence with Mr. Batty, of Manchester, on the subject of these Masonic Halfpenny Tokens some years ago, and he then knew nothing of any *silver* specimens. This is borne out by the origin of these pieces. At the latter end of last century, there was a great dearth of copper coinage, and the want was supplied by private enterprise, until it was made illegal, by Act of Parliament, to issue tokens. Hence the origin of these pieces. Batty, in his work, enumerates and describes about 6000 separate and distinct specimens, all in base metal, so that it is easy to understand how these tokens were used in supplementing the deficiency of copper coinage. I have in my collection of medals about 16 out of 23 specimens mentioned by Batty. Should any of your correspondents have come across any other specimens than those enumerated, or referred to by Bro. Hughan, I hope they will send you a full description for publication for Masonic numismatists to "note up."

GEO. L. SHACKLES.

**823] THE 33<sup>o</sup> IN A.D. 1796!!!**

In the "Masonic Chronicle," New York, for Dec., 1888, a very curious and important article is given, entitled "Historical Facts," and an extract is furnished from Dupont's "Encyc. Maconnique," Vol. III., p. 390, Edit. 1823, in which it is stated that "we have seen, handled, and copied precisely a patent of the thirty-third, delivered by a Consistory in Geneva in 1797 to W. Bro. Vile, an active officer of the Grand Orient of France." It has been generally believed that the arrangement of the Rite into 33 degrees did not take place before 1801, but this certificate states "At the Or. of the Univer. is a very holy place of the Metropolitan L. of Scotland, established at Geneva by the numbers: 77. H.S.U. The year of Masonry 5796." This is a *crux* surely, and, if correct, must date back the 33 degrees several years. The Patent runs "In the name and under the auspices of the Metropolitan G.L. in Scotland, and under the Celestial Canopy of the Zenith at the 24th deg. long., and 44th deg. m. lat." To our Ill. S. G. Inspectors-General, Freemasons of all Gr. ancient and modern, spread over the face of the two Hemispheres, Health, Strength Union," and the degrees noted thereon are the 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd. Setting aside the apocryphal reference to Scotland, the fact remains that the A. and A. Rite (of 33 degrees) was known prior to 1801, if this statement can be authenticated.

CHISHOLM.



**Craft Masonry.**

**STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C., when a large number of the members were present, including numerous visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. F. C. Herbert, W.M., and he was supported by the following officers and members: Bros. F. C. Cubbon, S.W.; E. H. Dove, J.W.; H. Follett, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Nell, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Liddall, S.D.; C. Dowsett, J.D.; W. Sammes, I.G.; A. M. Whitby, J. G. Cobb, and Bruty, Stewards; Margetts, Org.; Driver, P.M.; Smith, P.M.; Fountaine, P.M.; Smethurst, Ashford, W. Smith, A. Whitby, B. S. Liddall, R. Scott, T. Wilkins, Larke, Wood, Dell, Carter, Langdon, Palmer, Best, Mills, and Eastwood.

Visitors: Bros. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 1309; Bishop, 1693; Irsey, P.M. 1828; Bertram, 1426; Fish, 1457; Langdon, 1457; Dunston, 1326; Blyth, 1804; Bates, 1563; Webster, 1804; Bilby, P.M. 615; Drysdale, 1766; Spiller, P.M. 49; Best, 1549; A. Best, 211; G. Rawlinson, 2168; and E. Mallett, Tyler.

Lodge having been opened by the W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. D. A. Langdon, Frederick Palmer, W. G. Mills, and A. S. Best, which proving unanimous, they were regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., the ceremony being ably performed. A ballot was also taken, and proved unanimous, in favour of Bro. Jas. S. Rutter as a joining member. Other business having been transacted, the

lodge was closed, when the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, and sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Messrs. Wood and Romain.

The post-prandial proceedings were commenced by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts proposed from the chair.

Bro. Fountaine, P.M., acting I.P.M., in the absence of Bro. Hunt, I.P.M., then, in a few well-chosen words, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him on the manner he had performed the ceremony of initiation for the first time.

The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for the way in which his name had been received, and promised to do his utmost to keep up the reputation of this old lodge.

The other toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bros. Spiller, P.M., Fish, and Langdon, all of whom expressed the pleasure they had in visiting the lodge.

During the evening an entertainment was given by a "troupe of minstrels," 15 in number, which was greatly appreciated by the brethren.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—This lodge held its annual meeting on Friday, the 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Being the night of election, a large number of brethren were present including Bros. H. J. Chapman, W.M.; R. Harvey, S.W.; N. Salmon, J.W.; T. Morris, Sec.; J. E. Spurrell, S.D.; T. B. Goodfellow, J.D.; R. Hewetson, I.G.; Ernest Smith, D.C.; A. Piper, Stwd.; Walford, P.M.; Ferguson, P.M.; Buscall, P.M.; White, P.M.; Spink, P.M.; McLean, P.M.; Pierpoint, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Purnell, P.M. 103, P.P.G.S.B.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167, P.G.D.; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; A. Dickey, P.M. 1744; J. Hayter, 2030; F. Spurgin, 1305; P. Wolter, J.W. 1791; W. R. Burnett, 1901; F. Cleverley, 1928; W. Vogt, 55; A. Trow, 1614; A. W. Thompson, 1185; D. Norris, 1681; H. Parkin, 1305; Shaw, 1185; W. Levasoir, 172; J. F. Mayor, 1797; and H. Sprake, 2192.

After the usual preliminaries Bros. Higgs, Smith, and Attilio were raised to the Degree of M.M. in an admirable manner by the W.M., ably supported by his officers. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. W. H. Baker and J. Simpson, and proving unanimous, they were regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The lodge then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, which was unanimous in favour of Bro. Richard Harvey, S.W. Bro. George Everett, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, a post which the W.M. reminded the brethren he had filled for many years to the advantage of the lodge and the comfort of its members. Bros. J. Barnett, jun., Ball, Bareham, Hobbs, and J. Stephens, P.M., were elected Auditors, and Bro. Walford was re-elected Tyler. Letters of regret for absence were read from Bro. George Everett, P.M., on account of severe illness, Bro. A. Simner, I.P.M., in consequence of an accident, and Bro. H. Price, P.M., through a domestic affliction, and to whom it was decided that a letter of condolence should be sent. Applications were received from two distressed brothers soliciting some temporary relief, which were responded to by a grant of five guineas and two guineas respectively. The usual P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M. for the very efficient and courteous manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual loyal toasts were given by the W.M., after which Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M. (acting as I.P.M.), gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," congratulating him on the very satisfactory manner in which he had presided over the lodge, and promising him a warm welcome to the band of Past Masters that he would shortly join.

The W.M. replied in feeling terms, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M. elect," which was ably responded to by Bro. R. Harvey, S.W.

The toast of the evening (as so expressed by the W.M.) was then given, viz., that of "The Initiates." Bros. W. H. Baker and J. Simpson replied, expressing their thanks for being admitted into Freemasonry and into so old and important a lodge, and hoping that some day they might attain the high position now occupied by the W.M.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," including the Treasurer, though unfortunately absent, adding that, however well a brother might discharge his duties for him, the lodge seemed incomplete unless they had his genial presence amongst them.

Bro. Ferguson, P.M., in replying on behalf of the P.M.'s, alluded to the great regret felt by Bro. Everett in being unable to be present, as evidenced by the fact that although he could not write he had dictated several letters in regard to the evening's arrangements, so anxious was he for the comfort of the brethren. Speaking for himself, he (Bro. Ferguson) said: As you are no doubt aware, I had the honour of nominating Bro. Everett for the office of Grand Treasurer. I regret I did not do it in the eloquent terms the subject deserved, but as I understood no set speech would be permitted I was rather unprepared. I was, however, at least able to read such a record of Masonic services as to fully entitle him to aspire to that honourable and dignified position, and as to his fitness for the post, I can conscientiously affirm, after a knowledge of twenty-five years of his Masonic and private life, that one more worthy to be the recipient of the collar of Grand Treasurer is not to be found in the ranks of Freemasonry. From the first list published of his supporters I find that 748 brethren hold the same opinion, and that this number will be much increased as time goes on is certain, for I already hold ten new names to be added, which I have obtained this evening. For the kind expressions of the W.M. in proposing this toast and their acceptance by the brethren I beg to thank you most sincerely.

Bros. Walford, Buscall, White, Spink, McLean, and Pierpoint also returned thanks.

Bro. E. White, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Visitors," pointing out the advantages of brethren visiting lodges, and assuring those who had honoured them that day by their presence that the lodge was pleased to receive them, and that no greater kindness could be shown the old Domatic Lodge than to see a goodly array of visitors. He begged to couple the toast with the names of Bros. W. A. Scurrah, W. M. Stiles, and F. Spurgin.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, in returning thanks for the enthusiasm with which the toast had been received, desired to express his pleasure in seeing the admirable manner in which the business of the lodge was conducted, and with

reference to the remarks of Bro. Ferguson, he himself could testify to the long services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Geo. Everett. Bro. Everett was well known to a very large number of the brethren and respected by the whole of them, and his energy in promoting the principles of Freemasonry was widely known. Having always found him an honourable and upright man and Mason, he would give him his utmost support in the forthcoming election for Grand Treasurer.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast of the visitors had been proposed and accepted, and added that Bro. Ferguson might express his regret for not having nominated his candidate for the Grand Treasurership in an effective manner. Those, however, who were present were perhaps best able to judge, and they were of a different opinion. Bro. Everett's qualifications for that office did not require much explanation, the record of his services to Freemasonry being quite sufficient. He thanked again the W.M. and brethren.

Bro. F. Spurgin also returned thanks, and remarked how Freemasonry brought friends together, as that evening he had been enabled to renew a friendship formed many years ago in his native town.

The toast of "The Secretary and Officers" was then given, and responded to by Bros. T. Morris, Sec.; N. Salmon, J.W.; and Ernest Smith, D. of C.

A few songs were interspersed between the toasts and responses, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

**WALDECK LODGE (No. 1969).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 11th inst., when Bro. Ernest Quitmann was installed as W.M. by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. E. Hollandt, I.P.M.; E. C. Valys, S.W.; Max Lindler, J.W.; Julius Quitmann, P.M., Treas.; E. Schött, P.M., Sec.; J. Schüller, S.D.; J. B. Hollam, J.D.; C. D. Seiffert, I.G.; G. Hokly, D.C.; and Walkley, Tyler.

**IPSWICH.**—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—The annual festival of St. John and installation of W.M. for the ensuing year of this old established lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Soane-street, on Wednesday, the 12th December, when a very large number of brethren and visitors assembled to do honour to the W.M. elect, Bro. Serjeant John Morley, the S.W. of the lodge. The brethren present were: Bros. E. S. Scrivener, W.M.; S. J. Morley, S.W., W.M. elect; J. T. Noble, I.P.M.; J. L. Brook, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk; J. Talbot, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Napier, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. P. Price, S.D.; Rev. T. Maude, J.D.; A. W. Cook, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; W. J. Whitehead, I.G.; T. Turner, Stwd.; E. Garwood, P.M.; C. Byford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. Pettit, P.M., P.P.G. Purst; and Geo. Gould, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. F. A. Bales, W.M. 376; R. Tidbury, W.M. 114; J. White, W.M. 959, P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. B. King, P.M. 376 and 225; J. Chamberlin, P.M. 1445; A. R. Trew, P.M. 959; B. H. Hurst, Org. 1224; H. Parkin, 697; H. Chowns, 1349; E. Haiden, P.M. 817 and 910, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; A. P. Rivolta, 1224; A. Raphael, P.M. 959; H. E. Leach, 376; Geo. Turner, 959; E. C. Martin, H. K. Jaggs, J. Stringer, W. Leathers, W. H. Cook, G. F. Read, W. J. Leggett, T. J. Blumfield, T. Scott, and others.

The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. E. S. Scrivener, assisted by his officers, Bro. S. J. Morley, S.W., and Geo. Abbott, J.W. The minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. T. Scott, Kilwinning Lodge, Glasgow, as a joining member, which proved unanimous. The W.M. then requested Bro. G. Abbott, P.M., to take the chair, and proceed with the installation of the W.M. elect. The Installing Master then proceeded to place the worthy Bro. S. J. Morley, S.W., in the chair of King Solomon, which ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Installing Master, in presenting the warrant and charter of Constitutions to the W.M., stated in the name of the brethren of his lodge he was sure no brother was more worthy of holding that warrant, and no brother would more jealously guard its honour than he would. The W.M. then invested his officers, to each giving some kind words of encouragement and advice. The brethren invested were Bros. G. P. Price, S.W.; Rev. T. Maude, J.W.; J. Talbot, P.M., Treas.; J. Napier, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Whitehead, S.D.; J. Stringer, J.D.; Geo. Abbott, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; W. H. Cook, I.G.; T. Turner, Stwd.; and G. Gould, Tyler.

Letters of congratulation were received from Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. P.G.M. Suffolk, Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Lord Elcho, M.P., Boughton, W.M., 2291; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G.Chap. Eng., and others, with apologies from those brethren for non-attendance, with good wishes to the W.M., and a prosperous year of office. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served by Bro. Jas. Hardwick, of the Queen Street Restaurant, in his usual first class style.

The tables were very prettily and tastefully adorned with flowers and plants arranged by the lady friends of the brethren, including the W.M.'s wife, Mrs. A. W. Cook, Mrs. Brook, Miss Brook, and others.

The W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," likewise "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both of which were duly honoured, as they always are at every Masonic meeting.

The W.M. next gave "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which met with a most cordial response from the brethren, with a good fire, led by the Director of Ceremonies.

The W.M. then entrusted his gavel to Bro. Garwood, P.M., who is the oldest P.M. of St. Luke's Lodge, and was initiated in the lodge, and has been nearly 50 years a Mason.

Bro. Garwood, in giving the toast of "The Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past, of the Province," said he had every reason to believe, from what he had seen personally and heard, that no province possessed a more genial Grand Master, or a better Mason, than Lord Henniker; as for the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Martyn, he was not only loved and revered in his own province, but was respected and admired for his good works by the whole of the Masonic

body in England. In speaking of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past, they were all good men and true, always ready to do their duty in assisting to carry out the great work of Freemasonry.

The toast was acknowledged and replied to by Bro. Brook, P.P.G.S.B., for the Present, and Bros. Talbot and Napier for the Past Officers, each vying with one another in acknowledgments as representing the Prov. Grand Officers.

The W.M. then gave the next toast, that of "The Installing Master," and, in thanking Bro. Geo. Abbott, P.M., for installing him, referred to his good services to St. Luke's Lodge, not only as Installing Master, when required, but ever ready to assist the younger brethren in the proper working of the ritual in the several Degrees.

Bro. Abbott, in thanking the W.M. for his kindly and brotherly expressions, said for what he had done for the lodge in the past the good feeling evinced towards him by the brethren had amply repaid him, and he should endeavour to retain their good opinion in the future.

Bro. Scrivener, I.P.M., then proposed the next toast, that of "The W.M.," and said no brother more deserved the honour of being W.M. of the lodge than Bro. Morley; his strict attention to his duties throughout the minor offices, his general courtesy, and amiable manners, had endeared him to all his brethren.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Morley, W.M., in replying to the toast, said he had always, since the time he became a Mason, wished to rise to the honourable position of W.M. of the lodge. At the same time, his desire from the first was to rise to that position by merit. He had passed through the various offices of the lodge, and now occupied the chair by the unanimous vote of the Past Masters and brethren, and he would, as far as lay in his power, endorse that vote by maintaining the true dignity of the lodge, and in carrying out the duties of Master to the credit of the Craft and satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. Napier, P.M., gave the next toast, viz., "The I.P.M., Bro. E. S. Scrivener," and congratulated him on having passed through a very successful year of office, and complimented him for his wise discretion in keeping his Past Masters round him by distributing a good share of the work amongst them.

Bro. Scrivener, I.P.M., replied to the toast, and thanked Bro. Napier and the brethren for their kind expressions towards him, also for their assistance during the past year.

The next toast was "The Charities," given by Bro. C. Byford, P.M., commending those noble Institutions to the kind consideration of the brethren.

Bro. Geo. Abbott replied to the toast, and stated he had during the present year served as Steward for the Old Men's and Women's Benevolent Institution, and had taken up £57 10s. to that Institution, upwards of £40 of which was subscribed by the members of his (St. Luke's) lodge; the rest was kindly given him by Bro. Martyn, Bro. Grimwade, and other good friends of the cause. Bro. Abbott, in speaking of those noble Institutions, said they ought to be the Alpha and Omega of Freemasonry, the first to be remembered, and the last to be forgotten, and commended them to the brethren, exhorting them to do all that laid in their power to assist in the noble work, and, as an encouragement to other lodges, stated that St. Luke's Lodge, besides holding a large number of votes vested in the hands of the W.M. and his officers, also possessed a Charity scheme, by which about 30 of its members would, in due course of time, become Life-Governors of the various Institutions.

Bro. Noble, P.M., gave the next toast, that of "The Visitors," and stated the lodge was delighted at all times to welcome them.

The toast was replied to by Bros. White, W.M. 959; Bales, W.M. 376; Tidbury, W.M. 114; and Bro. E. Haiden, P.M. 817 and 910, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, who, in thanking the W.M. and brethren for their courtesy shown to him, said he had been a Mason a great number of years, and had visited a number of lodges where good working was performed, but was bound to say he had never seen or heard the installation ceremony more correctly and admirably given than he had seen it worked that night. It was a credit to the lodge and also to the Craft in general.

The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," paying each a compliment, and asking their kind assistance during his year of office.

Bro. Cook, P.M., replied for the Past Masters, assuring the W.M. the Past Masters would do all in their power to assist him in carrying out the duties both by their presence and advice.

Bro. Price, S.W., and Bro. Maude, J.W., replied for the officers of the lodge, Bro. Price remarking that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to help the W.M., who was an old and valued friend of his. The J.W. also replied in suitable terms.

Several good songs were sung during the evening by Bros. Talbot, Raphael, Geo. Turner, Stringer, Tidbury, Abbott, and others, whilst a capital recitation was given by Bro. White, also an admirable flute solo by Mr. G. F. Abbott, son of Bro. G. Abbott, P.M. The accompaniments to each were well played by Bro. Hurst, 1224.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful and happy meeting to a close.

**CHELTHENHAM.**—Royal Union Lodge (No. 246).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge on Wednesday, the 19th inst., was the last of the second year as W.M. of Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, who was appointed, in June last, Deputy Grand Master of the province (Gloucestershire), and it was marked by an unusually large attendance. Among those present were Bros. the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D., acting I.P.M.; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Walker, M.A., P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Winterbotham, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. Chris. V. Childe, P.P.G.R. Berks and Oxon; Col. N. B. Thoys (Mayor of Cheltenham); and several W.M.'s and leading members of the province.

Bro. Frank Fenner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks was placed upon the minutes to Bro. Norman for the presentation to the lodge at his own cost of a sketch of its history, of which a bound copy had been sent to each member. Another incident of the proceedings was the authorisation given to the Treasurer to draw a cheque for £126 to purchase one-sixth share in the hall in which the lodge meetings are held. The hall was erected early in the century for Masonic purposes, to which it has been consistently devoted.

**SHIPLEY GATE.**—Mundy Grove Lodge (No. 506).—The ceremony of installing Bro. M. E. Wild as W.M. of this old and esteemed lodge took place at the new Masonic Hall on the 18th inst., when one of the most successful meetings was held, no less than 35 P.M.'s being present, amongst whom were 25 provincial officers, including the Mayors of Derby and Ilkeston and several provincial officers from Nottinghamshire. The ceremony was very efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. A. P. Bates, the retiring W.M., and well merited the hearty applause of the brethren. The W.M. then appointed his officers.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of 66, adjourned to one of those sumptuous banquets this lodge is so well famed for.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. E. R. Ward, P.S.G.W. Notts; R. Knowles, P.M. 1028, and P.S.G.D. Derbyshire; and W. Wade, P.M. 1179, and P.P.G.S.B. (Mayor of Ilkeston).

During the evening the proceedings were greatly enlivened by various songs and recitations.

Bros. Melrose and Foreman sang several songs and duets very effectively; but the great hit of the evening was Bro. Edgar Horn, who brought down a regular storm of applause.

A number of the brethren having to leave early by train, the proceedings terminated about 10 o'clock, thus closing a most enjoyable and successful evening.

**VENTNOR.**—Yarborough Lodge (No. 551).—The installation of Bro. Frederick P. Anslie, as W.M. of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when owing to the deserved popularity of the Master elect, a great number of brethren from all parts of the Island, and even visitors from the mainland, were present. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Scott, P.M., P.P.G.D., in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. F. Trueman, S.W.; John S. Ineson, J.W.; J. J. Webber, P.M., Treas.; E. A. Swane, Sec.; F. H. Sheppard, S.D.; W. Drake Bidgood, J.D.; M. Hibbad, D.C.; Rev. J. H. Elwyn, Chap.; Rev. J. A. Alloway, P.M., P.P.G.C., Org.; W. C. Norman, I.G.; S. Tuttonham and W. J. Wetherick, Stwds.; and Charles Small, Tyler.

A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Master and the I.P.M., the W.M. uncovered a very handsome new banner, which had been presented to the lodge by three of the brethren, and most artistically painted and worked by Mrs. Cole Norman. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Norman. It deserves to be noticed that the newly-installed W.M. initiated Bro. Woodman at the conclusion of the ceremony of placing him in the chair of King Solomon, in a manner which elicited the warmest comments from several distinguished Masons who were present. The lodge cannot fail to do well with such an able and energetic Master to preside over it.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to Cass's Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served in the style for which this old established hostelry is famous.

Grace having been said at the conclusion of dinner, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" in a very felicitous speech, remarking that her Majesty had always taken a deep interest in Masonic matters.

In proposing the next toast, that of "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. made the following happy quotation: "He is complete in feature and in mind; with all good grace to grace a gentleman."

The toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M. and the G. Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. F. Topham Jones, P.M., P.G.S.

Bro. J. Webber, P.M., proposed the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bros. G. A. Mursell, P.M., P.P.G.D., and F. Topham Jones, P.G.S.

The toast of "The Charities" having been proposed by Bro. G. A. Alloway, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., a collection was made, and the sum of £3 8s. 6d. was handed to the Treasurer.

Bro. Mursell, whose zeal in behalf of the Charities is well known all over the province, made some earnest and eloquent observations on the necessity of Masons ever remembering this most important object of their Society.

Bro. Scott, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," dwelt upon his many excellent qualities, and earnestly wished him a happy and pleasant year of office. The way in which the toast was received certainly testified to the great popularity of Bro. Anslie with the brethren of his lodge.

The W.M. returned thanks in a very graceful and modest speech, remarking that he had no fears for the future, inasmuch as he was supported by such an excellent set of officers.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was proposed from the chair in very feeling terms, the W.M. observing that Bro. Clough had endeared himself to them all by his gentle and courteous demeanour. No brother had received reproof or harsh word from him. They all deplored the affliction which had overtaken him, and they hoped earnestly for his speedy restoration to health.

Bro. Ineson proposed "The Visitors." The toast was responded to by Bros. Walker, P.M. of the Southampton Lodge; Greenham, P.M. of the Chine Lodge, P.P.G.D.; and Mark Linfield, P.M., formerly an old and valued member of the Yarborough Lodge, and who had helped to resuscitate it, and to whom much is due for its present prosperity.

Other toasts usually given at Masonic gatherings were then duly honoured, and the brethren dispersed, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

**OPENSHAW.**—Faith Lodge (No. 581).—This being the regular night of meeting and the annual festival of St. John, the brethren assembled at the Church Inn, on the 19th instant. Almost punctual to time, Bro. J. Rathbone, W.M., was in his place, supported by his officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. J. M. Frost, I.P.M.; W. Kay, S.W., W.M. elect; J. H. Keighley, J.W.; W. Goss, Treasurer; S. Whittaker, Secretary; J. Wainwright, S.D.; G. H. Barnes, I.G.; J. P. Richardson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Wright, P.M.; J. Greenup, P.M.; Thos. Tyres,

P.M.; P. Swift, P.M.; J. W. Johnson, P.M.; J. W. Aspinall, Stwd.; H. Sutcliffe, J. C. Brown, Henry N. Antonie, W. Fitzgerald, Lloyd, Alder, and H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler. The visiting brethren were Bros. J. Arensberg, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1161; P. A. Andrew, W.M. 2185, P.M. 1011; J. Merrill, P.M.; B. Carr, W.M. 461; J. Batchelor, P.M. 1452; W. Corbett, P.M. 249, 1633; and P. Swindells 1730.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M. elect was immediately afterwards presented to the I.M., Bro. Rathbone, by Bro. Greenup, P.M., and was in a properly constituted Board of Installed Masters placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom.

Bro. Richardson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. East Lancs., on behalf of the W.M., invested Bro. Rathbone as I.P.M. in his usually impressive manner.

The duty of investing the officers was done by Bro. J. W. Johnson, P.M., who performed the work in a manner which gave general satisfaction, as follows:—Bros. J. H. Keighley, S.W.; J. Wainwright, J.W.; W. Goss, Treas. (re-elected), J. M. Frost, P.M., Sec.; J. Greenup, P.M., D.C.; S. Whittaker, S.D.; G. H. Barnes, J.D.; Antonie, Org.; J. W. Aspinall, I.G.; Sutcliffe and Brown, Stwds.; and Dawson, P.M., Tyler (re-elected).

The addresses to the W.M. and the S. and J.W.'s were given in an efficient manner by Bro. Greenup, P.M., and the address to the brethren by Bro. Rathbone, I.P.M., in his impressive style and sonorous voice, being listened to with marked attention and highly appreciated.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, and gentlemen proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to the annual banquet which had been provided for them, and to which ample justice was done.

The W.M., Bro. Kay, in proposing "The Queen," said that Freemasons were second to none in their loyalty to the Throne and to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and it was a toast which was always received by the brethren with the greatest enthusiasm. They had a Queen who was in her person the embodiment of every virtue. She was a Patroness and lover of their noble Order, and he asked the brethren to heartily drink with him long life and happiness to the Queen.

The toast was responded to most loyally, and the National Anthem sung by the musical brethren.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" in a short and appropriate speech, which was duly acknowledged; and in proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," he remarked that he was the heir to an Empire greater than the world had ever known, which was a grand position, but it was a grander position to be the head of a fraternity which was world-wide and extended back into the mists of antiquity—an Order which had inscribed on its banners the grand sentence of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours.

The next toast, that of "Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie and his Deputy, Bro. G. Mellor," was coupled with the name of Bro. Arensberg, P.M. 1161, P.P.G.P., who replied for them, and for "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The next toast, that of "The Installing Master," was given by Bro. Greenup, P.M., and heartily received.

Bro. Rathbone, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received, and said it was a labour of love for him to do everything he could for the Lodge of Faith, and if he had satisfied the brethren he was amply repaid.

The toast of the evening, that of "The Health of the W.M.," was given by Bro. Greenup, P.M., D. of C., who said that he had known Bro. Kay, W.M., nearly all his life, and that he had ever found him to be a good man and true one, whom they could delight to honour, who would be an honour to the lodge and a credit to all connected with him.

The toast was most enthusiastically received.

The W.M., Bro. Kay, responded in feeling terms, He said that Bro. Greenup, P.M., had proposed and initiated him in that lodge, that he was proud to be in the position to which they (the brethren) had elected and installed him, and he assured them that he would do nothing to destroy the trust they had reposed in him. They might depend upon him to do all he could for Masonry in general, and the Lodge of Faith in particular. The W.M. also alluded to Bro. Greenup, P.M., in high terms of praise.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. Wright, P.M., and, having been heartily received, was responded to by Bros. Arensberg, P.M., P.P.G.P. East Lancashire, and S. A. Andrews, W.M. 2685 and P.M. 1011.

The other toasts followed. Songs and music enlivened the evening between the speeches, this part of the programme being ably carried out by Bros. Batchelor, P.M.; Hollins, P.M.; Buckley, Carr, Antonie, and Aspinall.

A very happy evening having been spent, the brethren separated.

It may be stated that the lodge is in a flourishing condition, there being a considerable sum in the Treasurer's hands.

**CROSTON.**—Hesketh Lodge (No. 986).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Grapes Inn, on the 17th inst. The members present included Bros. T. Bailden, W.M.; W. J. Melling, P.M.; T. Whittle, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Warburton, P.M., Assistant Secretary; J. Ashcroft, P.M.; H. Catterall, P.M., P.P.G.R., Secretary; J. Ashton, S.W.; J. Bowling, J.W.; Dr. A. T. H. Kerr, S.D.; W. Bretherton, J.D.; C. Taylor and J. Singleton, Stewards; A. Milles, Q. Houlden, and J. Hale (Tyler). Amongst the visitors present were Bros. A. Beattie, P.M., and J. Haigh, 343; J. Threlfall, Secretary 1032; R. Riding and H. Archer, 580; J. Rothwill, 1043; H. McCartney, 246 (Ireland); and J. Houseman, 730. The lodge opened at 2 o'clock, p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the installation ceremony was proceeded with. Bro. J. Ashton, W.M. elect, having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. J. Melling, P.M., in an able and eloquent manner. After the newly-installed Master had been duly proclaimed and saluted, and after the usual orations had been delivered, Bro.

J. Ashton, W.M., proceeded to invest his officers, of which the following is a list: Bros. J. Bowling, S.W.; Dr. A. T. H. Kerr, J.W.; T. Whittle, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Warburton, P.M., Sec.; W. Melling, P.M., D.C.; W. Bretherton, S.D.; Q. Houlden, J.D.; C. Taylor, I.G.; J. Haigh, Org.; J. Ashcroft and W. Blackwell, Stwds.; and J. Hale, Tyler. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Bailden, I.P.M., for the very able manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the last 12 months. Bro. Bailden having returned thanks, the lodge was closed.

The brethren and their guests adjourned to another room, where dinner was served, and when full justice had been done to the spread so well put on by the host, Bro. Sumner, the toast list was proceeded with, the W.M. proposing "The Queen."

"The Prince of Wales," "The Grand Lodge Officers," and "The Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past," were heartily drunk and responded to.

Bro. Melling, P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so referred to Bro. Ashton as an old and tried Mason, who had worked hard for Masonry and the prosperity of the Hesketh Lodge.

Bro. Ashton having suitably replied, he next gave "The Installing Master," of whom he said there was a consensus of opinion amongst all who had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Melling go through the ceremony that evening that it would be impossible to excel, and few to equal, him.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. J. Bowling, S.W., in a humorous speech, and responded to by Bros. Whittle, Catterall, and Ashcroft, P.M.'s.

The next toast, that of "The Visiting Brethren," was proposed in a truly hospitable manner by Bro. J. S. Warburton, P.M., and, as usual at the Hesketh Lodge, was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Beattie, P.M., and all the other visitors severally responded.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Dr. Kerr, who, in doing so, insisted upon the necessity of all Masons exercising self-denial, in order that they might individually, as well as collectively, help on those grand Masonic Institutions. He also suggested the advisability of holding once a year in certain centres Masonic reunions, to which all Masons should be invited.

During the evening several songs were well sung by the brethren, and were thoroughly enjoyed.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous provincial lodge met at the Rose and Crown Hotel on the 10th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.W., W.M.; Drummond, S.W.; E. Dare, J.W.; Featherstone, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; Sapsworth, S.D.; Grant, J.D.; Bond, I.G.; F. Chandler, P.A.G. Purst., I.P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler; and others. Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.M. 1503, P.P.S.G.D., and W. Spearing, P.M. 1512, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Bro. Hight as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. The ballot was also taken for Mr. Grover, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was duly inducted into Craft mysteries. Upon the motion of Bro. F. Chandler, I.P.M., it was unanimously resolved, "That in future the lodge shall meet on the second Monday in the months of April, June, September, and October, instead of the second Monday in February, March, November, and December. The installation to take place in June."

Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Bros. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Page, P.M., Org.; and R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. (Hon. Member); and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dinner, which was well served by Bro. Plumbock. The customary toasts were honoured, and a most agreeable evening spent, thanks to the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Peat, Grant, Suggett, Smith, and others.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**JUSTICE LODGE** (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Leng, W.M.; Penrose, S.W.; Faulkner, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Dandridge, S.D.; Morgan, J.D.; Turpin, I.G.; Prior, Dealer, and Wilson.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The usual questions leading to the Third Degree were well answered by Bro. Dealer. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, including the traditional history. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Penrose, S.W., was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in January, and appointed the officers in rotation. The Audit Committee was then appointed, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE** (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 21st inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. E. Lucas, W.M.; J. H. Cummings, P.M., S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, S.D.; J. G. Doncaster, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; D. Stroud, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees, and several sections of the lectures were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Cummings was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., Bro. Edwin Lucas, for his excellent working of the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge. "Hearty good wishes" in accordance with this festive Season were given, and the lodge was closed.

**EMBLEMATIC LODGE** (No. 1321).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, when there were present Bros. Dusterwald, W.M.; W. B. Fendick, S.W.; W. J. Forscutt, J.W.; W. Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; G. F. Swan, P.M., Sec.; Evenden, S.D.; Graham, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; C. Corby, P.M.; J. B. Grieve, P.M.; and T. Marshall.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. Corby having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. C. Corby was raised to the Degree of M.M. in an excellent manner by the W.M. The 2nd Section of the Third Lecture was then worked by the

Preceptor, Bro. Brindley, P.M., and the 3rd Section by Bro. Corby, P.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Fendick, P.M., was elected W.M. for the first Tuesday in January, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed until the new year 1889.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 20th inst. Present: Bros. A. Prondfoot, W.M.; H. G. Marsden, S.W.; G. Wood, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Lincoln, S.D.; T. Goldfinch, J.D.; James Rowe, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Chas. Lambert, G. S. Russell, Charles B. Shemmonds, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley, worked the 1st Section of the Second Degree. Bro. Charles Lambert having offered himself as a candidate for being raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. H. G. Marsden, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned to the following week, and the brethren on parting wished each other "A Merry Christmas," wishing the lodge of instruction continued prosperity.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Craggs, W.M.; Gracie, S.W.; Rice, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Cross, S.D.; Woodard, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; T. H. Wood, P.M.; P. Burton, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; Stonnill, Stanley, Higginson, Cox, Horton, and Cotton.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stonnill answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The chair was then vacated in favour of Bro. Cross, who resumed the lodge to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Cotton candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren. Bro. Gracie was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. T. W. Biggs, W.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M., S.W.; H. D. Aslett, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; D. Stroud, P.M., S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; E. Fox, I.G.; and J. Sims, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. J. Sims, P.M., candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. J. Brown candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and on the second rising, Bro. J. H. Wood, P.M., was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

### Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—This old chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 11th inst. Among those present were Comps. Staley, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., P.Z., acting H.; Cleghorn, I.P.Z., acting J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Hardy, P.S.; Isaacson, 1st A.S.; H. Harris, 2nd A.S.; T. Davis, P.Z.; Mallett, acting Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Communications from Comps. Harfield, P.Z., Treas.; N. Moss, P.Z.; Rist, H.; and Kimpton, J., regretting absence through indisposition, were read.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).—On Wednesday, the 19th inst., a convocation was held in the chapter room, at the Lion Hotel, for the installation of Principals and the transaction of other business. The installation work was admirably done by Comp. John J. C. Turner, 51, assisted by Comp. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G.H. Comp. F. C. Wace attended the ceremony. The respective chairs were filled by Comps. B. Chennell, Z.; W. Ingram Pashler, H.; and T. Nichols, J. Upon the admission of the companions, of whom there was an unusually large muster, the ceremony of exaltation was proceeded with, the candidates being Bros. J. H. Moyes, 88; and W. S. Heavens, 2107. The work of the Prin. Soj. was afterwards performed by Comp. Frank Pigott, who was thanked by the M.E.Z., on behalf of the chapter, for the able discharge of his duties. The lectures were given by Comps. Nichols, Pashler, Andrew Moyes, and Chennell, and were excellently delivered. The Auditors' report on the Treasurer's accounts was of a most satisfactory character. Then followed a most interesting and pleasing function—namely, the presentation of an illuminated address of thanks to Miss Chennell, of Foley House, Newmarket, in recognition of her artistic work in the painting of a new set of 12 banners, which had been given to the chapter in June by her father, the M.E.Z.

The address was enclosed in a casket of an exceedingly chaste design, and elegantly mounted with pierced and engraved silver.

The presentation was made to Comp. Chennell, on behalf of the companions of the chapter, by Comp. Andrew H. Moyes, P.Z., in some well-chosen remarks; and Comp. Chennell feelingly replied on behalf of his daughter.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

### INSTRUCTION.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., 1275, Preceptor and M.E.Z.; T. Grumant, P.Z., 1275, H.; Neeld, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, S.N., 1275, S.E.; W. Briant, 1329, S.N.; A. C. Wood, P.S.; Addington, M.E.Z., elect 1275; Eadie, and R. C. Davis, 1329.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Addington personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. T. Grumant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and it was proposed, seconded, and duly carried, that the chapter adjourn till the first Friday in January. The chapter was then closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**TORQUAY.**—Jordan Lodge (No. 319).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. Jno. Lane, P.M., P.S.G.O., Eng., as W.M.; T. Prust, S.W.; W. Taylor, J.W.; J. Dodge, P.M., as M.O.; T. H. Wills, S.O.; W. Hill, J.O.; John Taylor, J.D.; Gorwyn, I.G.; John Chapman, as Chap.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes read, confirmed, and signed. A successful ballot being taken for Bro. Rowland, he was duly advanced by the W.M., who performed the whole of the ceremony in an able and impressive manner. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of a deceased brother, and two sums voted from the Lodge Benevolent Fund for widows of deceased brethren, and the lodge was closed.

### Knights Templar.

**YORK.**—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The quarterly meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on the 11th inst., there being present among others Fratres W. Brown, E.P.; J. T. Seller, Constable; A. H. H. McGachen, Marshal; T. B. Whythead, P. Registrar; E. Simpson, P.; W. H. Cowper, P.; and others. The visitors included Fratres H. Maddison, Sub-Prior Northumberland and Durham; T. M. Barron, P. 96; C. D. H. Drury, E.P. 96; W. Logan, E.P. elect 96; F. Ness, 96; H. Macdonald, 118; and Donald Grant, 91 (I.C.).

The visitors from Darlington were saluted and greeted, and a ballot was taken for Frater Grant as a joining member. A ballot was then taken for Comp. F. W. Halliwell, 1611, and he, having been elected, was admitted to the Order by Frater T. B. Whythead, P.; Frater W. Brown, E.P., acting as Sub-Marshal. Frater J. T. Seller was elected E.P., and Frater T. B. Whythead was elected Treasurer for the 11th time. The alms were collected, amounting to 12s. 3d., and the convocation was dissolved with the usual ceremonies.

The fratres subsequently dined together in the Refectory.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**INVICTA CHAPTER (No. 10).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present V. Ill. Bro. George Lambert, 33°, P.M.W.S.; Ill. Bros. Mickley, M.W.S.; J. Read, Reeves, G. Powell, Recorder; Bros. Bastone, Fergusson, Rev. Hirsch, Palmer, Robinson, and Spratling. Visitors: Ill. Bro. Andrews, 86; Bros. Lorraine, M.D., 1; and Cooper, 107.

The chapter was opened in due form, after which Ill. Bro. Geo. Mickley, 30°, installed Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°, as M.W.S. The sum of five pounds was placed on the list of Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°, as Steward for the R.M.B.I. for the ensuing Festival in February next. Ill. Bro. Bywater, P.M.W.S. and Treasurer, was, to the great regret of all the members, unable to be present at the meeting in consequence of a sudden and heavy bereavement. A sincere expression of sympathy and condolence was unanimously passed, and forwarded by V. Ill. Bro. Major Geo. Lambert, 33°.

Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Criterion for banquet.

**HULL.**—Ancient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., a meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, when it was opened by Ill. Bro. H. E. Cousins, 30°, M.W. Sov., assisted by the officers of the chapter. Amongst the members present were Ill. Bros. Walter Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W. Sov.; M. C. Peck, 30°, P.M.W. Sov.; Edward Kipps, 30°, P.M.W. Sov.; E. and P. Bros. Thomas Oates, M. P. Hockney, Thos. Thompson, Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, and W. C. Whiteside. E. and P. Bro. William Brown, M.W. Sov. 23, was a visitor.

The business was to elect the M.W. Sov., Treasurer, and Equerry for the ensuing year. E. and P. Bro. Thomas Thompson was elected M.W. Sov.; Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck, the Treasurer; and Bro. Wm. Clayton, Equerry. A letter of apology for non-attendance was received from Very Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, Inspector-General of the District.

The business of the chapter being over, it was closed. Afterwards, as is usual at this season of the year, the brethren partook of a game supper, and spent a most enjoyable hour or two.

### FUNERAL OF BRO. E. TYRRELEITH, P.D.G.M. BOMBAY.

Our readers will, no doubt, peruse with interest the following translation of an extract from a Heidelberg paper, describing the funeral of our late Bro. E. T. Leith, P.D.G.M. Bombay, whose premature death we took occasion to refer in our last week's issue.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Edward Tyrrel-Leith, late D.G.M. of Bombay, which took place at Heidelberg, on December 11th inst. Deceased had suffered for some time from cancer of the tongue, but after an apparently successful operation which he had undergone in May last, it was hoped that his life might long be spared. The disease, however, returned in a more virulent form, than before, with the result above stated.

The funeral was attended by a large deputation from the Heidelberg Lodge, together with an amateur choir and a band of music, which performed selections suitable to the occasion. Only one English brother, Bro. Col. Dalby, from Stuttgart, was able to be present, but the numerous wreaths and other floral tributes which covered the coffin testified to the estimation in which the deceased was held by his foreign brethren.

Bro. Leith was at one time well known in London, having been one of the original members and founders of the University Lodge, No. 1118.



Bro. Augustus Harris has evidently made up his mind that however neglectful the Clerk of the Weather has been in providing Christmas weather, there should be no lack of Christmas entertainment for the audiences which assemble nightly in such immense numbers within the walls of Old Drury. His pantomimes have always been celebrated for their splendour of scenic effects, the richness and variety of their costumes, the gracefulness of their ballet, and the fun of their harlequinade; and in this instance the triumphs he has achieved in these particulars in former years have been repeated, and indeed surpassed, in "The Babes in the Wood," which, combined with "Robin Hood and his merry, merry men," and "Harlequin who killed Cock Robin," supply the subject for this year's pantomime. The story, however, though it has been built up by Bros. Augustus Harris, E. L. Blanchard, and H. Nicholls, and as may be imagined therefore, is well connected, is of little moment except in so far as it furnishes material for the scene painter, and the costumier to work upon. Grotesque fun there may be at intervals, with graceful dances and humorous songs just to help towards producing the general effect, but they play only a subsidiary part, and Bro. Harris trusts mainly to the scenery, which is far in excess of anything he has ever produced. The panorama "Through the Wood," is about the most ingeniously contrived, and at the same time most picturesque we have ever had the pleasure of witnessing, and was rewarded by the audience, which crowded every part of the house from floor to gallery, with the most enthusiastic applause. Equally delighted were they with the "Palace of Games" and the ballet of "The Paradise of Birds," the latter of which affords ample scope for striking contrasts of colour. The transformation scene, though Bro. Harris has not made it the scenic feature of his pantomime, is very pretty, and then follows an excellent harlequinade, with Harry Payne as clown, and a succession of amusing scenes, which sent the audience to their homes in the best of humours, but not, however, until they had rewarded Bro. Harris for all his labour and cost of preparation with rounds upon rounds of applause, which, accustomed as he is to such evidences of his success, must have surprised and gratified him at the same time. There cannot be the slightest doubt that for the next three months or thereabouts Old Drury will be thronged with spectators, both young and old, all anxious to witness this latest and most signal triumph of Bro. Harris in pantomime.

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Christmas attractions of the Empire Theatre consist of two grand ballets, entitled "Rose D'Amour," in which Signorinas Malvina Cavalazzi and Bettina de Sortis and Signor Luigi Albertieri appear, and "Diana," the variety entertainment comprising G. Beauchamp, Eunice Vance, Dutch Daly, Ethel Victor, Pat Feeney, Nellie L'Estrange, Chirgwin, Sisters Leamar, G. W. Hunter, Nellie Richards, Mdle. Tina, the Flying Eugenes, ariel gymnasts, Mdle. Violette, and Paul Martinetti's comic pantomimic ballet, entitled "Robert Macaire." The directors of this sumptuous house appear to be fully alive to the requirements of the season, and will no doubt attract a large proportion of holiday seekers.

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Covent Garden, which has so often entered into spirited rivalry with the neighbouring theatre in the matter of pantomime, is this year occupied by Hengler's Circus, and the performance, which was of a high class, was well received and liberally applauded by a crowded house. The clowns, in particular, did their fooling admirably; there were plenty of gymnastic and juggling feats, and the kangaroos and wallabies proved a most attractive novelty, so that with good fun in abundance, ingenious and well performed tricks, and the performance of trained elephants, kangaroos, and other animals, there is every likelihood that during the Christmas holidays and for some time afterwards the nightly and daily performances will be witnessed by crowded and delighted audiences.

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The production of a play in which all the characters are taken by children, is not, perhaps, an absolute novelty, but it is of rare occurrence, and when it succeeds, as it undoubtedly did in this particular instance, too much publicity cannot be given to the fact. At the Court Theatre on Boxing Night was produced under the auspices of Mrs. John Wood, a brightly written piece entitled "Little Goody Two Shoes," which, thanks to the admirable training and skill of those who took part in it, went most successfully. Little Goody was well impersonated by Miss Dot Hetherington and her sister Clarice, who took the part of the brother. Miss Celia Tucker as "Molly, the Rude Child of Nature," Miss Georgie Martin as "The Queen of Leisure," Charles Groves and Tommy Tucker also acted well and without the slightest symptom of nervousness. There was also some good dancing, and the music was written by Mr. Andrew Levey, who conducted. The piece will be repeated daily.

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Among the more particular attractions of the season may be mentioned the reproduction of "The Don" at Bro. Toole's Theatre, in which Bro. J. L. Toole, who was most warmly welcomed on his re-appearance on Wednesday, resume the leading part with all his former success; "Sweet Cinderella; or Harlequin, the Prince, and the Lass, and the Slipper of Glass," which is the title of the capital pantomime produced at the Grand Theatre; "The Babes in the Wood" at the Pavilion; a well-acted play, entitled "Bob," at the Joddrell, which serves to place the abilities of Miss Patti Rosa in a very favourable light before the public; the varied entertainments at the Alexandra Palace; the grand pantomime of "Cinderella" at the Crystal; and several excellent entertainments at the Royal Aquarium, the Oxford, and other Music Halls. Great efforts have been made in all directions to meet the increasing demands for good Christmas musical and dramatic performances; and we consider the amount of success achieved is greater than ever.



The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will resume its meetings on Tuesday, 8th January, and on the following Tuesday Comp. Brown will deliver a lecture on the "Explanation of the R.A. Jewel." The chapter will be opened at half-past six o'clock.

The Duke of Albany Lodge of Instruction, No. 1963, has removed from the Rock, and now hold meetings at the Masons' Arms Hotel, 169, Battersea Park-road, S.W., every Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m.

A Quarterly Communication of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in Edinburgh, on the 19th inst., Comp. W. Mann, S.S.C., presiding, when the chief business was the election of a Grand Scribe, in room of Comp. W. Edwards. There were four candidates for the office, and Bro. R. S. Brown was elected by a large majority.

One of the features of the Crystal Palace pantomime ("Cinderella") is a stag hunt, with live stags, dogs, and horses; this forms part of a grand ballet d'action, entitled "Autumn Leaves," with dresses emblematic of forest trees and hedgerow fruits, carried out with great accuracy in form and tint, several of the effects being produced with hand-painted satin. An attempt has been made to tell the story of "Cinderella" concisely and dramatically, without the introduction of irrelevant incidents, topical songs, or political allusions, which tend to confuse children and impede the action of the piece. The dressing of Cinderella for the ball is treated in a special manner. Her carriage, which is illuminated by electric light, is on a scale of magnificence never before seen in pantomime, and is drawn by cream-coloured ponies. The pantomime will be performed every afternoon at three o'clock, and on Thursday and Saturday evenings at half-past seven.

O'ROONEY (entering hardware store)—"The boss sint me down atther a pane of glass, tin be fourteen."—Waggish Clerk: "Well, Pat, I don't think I can give you a ten-by-fourteen, but I can let you have a fourteen-by-ten, if you think you can make that do."—Pat (struck with a bright idea): "Just gimme wan av thim, and Oi'll jist turn th' sideways av it upside down, an' Oi' don't belave the boss himself ud ever know th' difference."

The concert and dance recently given at the Rodney Hall, under the auspices of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, in aid of the Masonic Charities of the Province of West Lancashire, have resulted in a profit, after the payment of all expenses, of £27. Out of this the sum of £15 15s. will probably be given to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the remainder being divided between the Hamer and the Alpass Funds.

On the 17th instant, Bro. Dr. J. F. Muir, J.W. 872, was elected W.M., and Bro. John Spittal, P.M., Treas., for the ensuing year.

At a meeting of True Love and Unity Lodge, No. 248, held at Brixham on the 18th inst., Bro. John Wheaton was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. C. Gregory, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Scevell, Tyler. Bro. J. W. Atherton was elected as representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The installation ceremony and banquet will take place on Monday, January 21st.

Every Freemason should possess the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book" (George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields). The enormous mass of information packed within its pages justifies the title of comprehensive Masonic book of reference, which has been claimed for it, and which the experience of 19 years' publication fully justifies. —*Sheffield Daily Telegraph*.

We learn that the 14th and concluding volume of "Messrs. Cassell and Company's Encyclopædic Dictionary" is ready for publication. This work, which has been in preparation for nearly 17 years, will contain about 50,000 more words than any other existing dictionary. Whilst "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary" fills 1538 pages, and the "Imperial Dictionary" 2222, the "Encyclopædia Dictionary" extends to no less than 5629 pages.

CHRISTMAS TREAT TO POOR PEOPLE.—On the proposition of the W.M. of the St. Kew Lodge of Freemasons, at the last lodge meeting it was decided that the brethren of St. Kew should give a meat tea and entertainment to a number of the deserving poor of the town on New Year's Eve. Subscriptions are coming in freely, and it is estimated that the lodge will be able to entertain between 300 and 400 persons. Clergymen and ministers of all denominations have been invited to send in lists of deserving poor, to whom tickets will be issued in due course. The tea will be served in the Victoria-Hall.—*Western Gazette*.

On Tuesday morning a serious accident befell Bro. Harry J. Butter, principal manager of the carriage department Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, and well known in the engineering world. Shortly before ten o'clock Bro. Butter was walking round the works, and was near the sawmills, when one of the small locomotive engines which run up the narrow gauge railways about the Arsenal roads, knocked him down and did him serious injury. The wheels passed over his left thumb, and his face and head were badly cut. He was taken on the engine to the Royal Arsenal Surgery, where Dr. Wilson and the other medical officers decided that amputation was necessary, and the hand was taken off at the wrist. The accident is attributed to the fog, as the engine was travelling slowly, and the driver is a careful man.

The Electric Light in its vast superiority to gas and all other forms of artificial light, is an apt illustration of the position which "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy" maintains in comparison with all other Liqueurs, in its perfection of rich fruity flavour. Comforting in cold weather. Sold everywhere. Be sure and ask for Grant's, T. Grant and Sons, Maidstone. Makers also of the non-alcoholic wine "Morella," and of the delicious "Morella Marmalade." Sold by Grocers.

A meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Chapter, Rose Croix, will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday next, the 2nd prox., Bro. H. H. Shirley, M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. John Read, Recorder.

Bro. Walter Abbott gave a concert at St. James's Hall on Thursday last, which was numerously attended, and proved a great success. Amongst other items of a long and varied programme, which lasted into the small hours of the morning, may be mentioned a duet on the mandoline and guitar by the Brothers Raynor, a performance on the violin by Bro. Abbott in his usual splendid style, and Mr. C. Goff in his incomparable performance on the post horn, he being about the only performer of note on that instrument, having performed by special command before their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25, will resume its meetings on Friday, 4th January, at 8 p.m., in their new Masonic Room, at Bro. Harvey's (late Tupp's) Restaurant, No. 8, Tottenham Court-road, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. W. Wingham, the W.M. of the mother lodge.

Through the personal kindness of the directors of the Empire Theatre, all the employés of the establishment, numbering between four and five hundred, were provided with a Christmas present; that of the ladies of the ballet, chorus, extras, and children consisting of a fowl and a jubilee two-shilling piece; the remainder of the employés receiving a goose each.

Bro. George J. Cosburn, of Newbury, has been appointed Secretary to the Berkshire Friendly Society (established 1872), of which her Majesty the Queen is patron.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., at a meeting of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1337, held in the Freemasons' Hall, at Northallerton, Bro. J. Shepard Winn, W.M., in the chair, Bro. Thomas Russell, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Charles Waistell, P.M., P.P.G.R., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. Palliser, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., was re-elected Charity Representative.

During the last few days the Editor of "Little Folks Magazine" has been distributing a great number of dolls, scrap albums, toys, illuminated texts, and articles of work of different kinds, among the little patients of some of the children's hospitals and kindred institutions throughout the kingdom. These have been sent to him by his readers in competition for several prizes and medals offered during the year.

At a meeting of the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, at Launceston, Bro. John Nicholls, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. C. Parsons, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Burt, Tyler. The installation of the W.M. will take place at the St. John's Festival, to be held on Tuesday, January 15th.

The annual supper of the lodge of instruction in connection with the Lord Warden Lodge, was held at the Lord Warden, Lower Walmer, on the 10th inst. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. G. Beale, presided, Bro. J. Huntly, I.P.M., occupying the vice-chair. A capital spread was provided by Bro. J. R. Catt, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Eliot Lodge, No. 1164, held its annual meeting on Thursday afternoon, the 13th instant, at St. Germans, when the installation of Bro. Roberts as W.M. was ably performed by Bro. Joseph Doney, P.P.D.G.D. of C., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. J. Bedford Kerswill, P.P.J.G.W.; W. F. Creber, P.P.G. Standard Bearer; J. Crossman, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Roberts, P.P.G. Steward; and W. R. Rawling, W.M. 1071. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. J. Bersey, S.W.; Fred A. Rawlin, J.W.; J. Bedford Kerswill, Treasurer; W. H. Maynard, Secretary; W. P. Wood, S.D.; C. W. Bickle, J.D.; F. S. Hawke, Organist; S. J. Ball, I.G.; and J. Hawke, Tyler. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the Eliot Arms, where the annual banquet was held, the Worshipful Master presiding.

The installation of Bro. Wm. Bingham as W.M. of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042, took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on the 20th instant, in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft, including, in addition to the members of the Excelsior and of the other Leeds lodges, brethren from York, Ripon, Huddersfield, Ilkley, and other towns in the province. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Wm. Flockton, P.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chap. England.

We very much regret to hear of the great domestic loss of our esteemed Bro. Bywater, P.G.S.B., by the sudden death of Mrs. Bywater, which sad event occurred on the 21st instant.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Bro. the Earl of Kintore to be Governor of South Australia, on the retirement of Sir William C. F. Robinson, G.C.M.G.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Bective and Lady Olivia Taylor left on Friday last for Egypt, where they intend staying the winter.

The Christmas Double Number of the *Charity Record* contains a special article entitled, "Royalty and Charity," giving the most complete list yet published of the medical and other Charities, with which the Queen and the other members of the Royal Family are more or less actively identified. The editor has received letters of acknowledgment and thanks for the article from the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales. Other features of the number will be particulars of the work and want of the Charities of London, and some details of the late Miss McKellar's munificent charitable legacies.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the engorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when anyone is afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—ADV.

The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, of Kentucky, has just issued its eighteenth annual report. The average number of inmates throughout the year was 200. The Grand Lodge makes it an annual appropriation of 3700 dollars out of the surplus. Bro. Jacob F. Weller is President.

The new Masonic Temple, at Arkansas City, Kansas, U.S.A., was dedicated on the 5th inst., in the presence of a large body of the Craft. Bro. the Rev. John L. Boyd, of Wichita, delivered the oration. A banquet followed.

The Chinese *Times* states that the first railway in China was officially opened on the 9th ult., when Viceroy Li travelled over it some distance. Eighty-one miles have been completed, Tientsin to Lutas and Tongshan, with five miles of sidings and branches. The line was designated and the work superintended by C. W. Kinder, and the *Times* states, will be continued to Pekin in one direction and in time also to southern and northwestern China.

No less than 15,554 persons passed the turnstiles on Wednesday at the People's Palace.

A Bangor lawyer, who is noted for his absent-mindedness, went up his own stairs the other day, and seeing a notice on his own door, "back at two o'clock," sat down to wait for himself.

I. N. Williamson, an octogenarian philanthropist of Philadelphia, has given five million dollars to found a mechanical school for boys, where they may be trained to a thorough knowledge of those trades now monopolised to a great extent by imported workmen. The location of the school will probably be in or near Philadelphia. This is the second largest gift ever bestowed upon a single educational project, the first being held by the Leland Stanford, jun., University.

The annual meeting of the Harmony Chapter, No. 156, was held on the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth. The Principals elect were Comps. E. Coppin, Z.; John Parkhouse, H.; and J. Martin, J. The Installing Officers were Comps. Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G.J., W. K. Mitchell, J. R. Lord, with the Board of Past Principals—Comps. H. F. Hearle, P.P.G.S.N.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.P.S.; Geo. Whittley, P.P.G.O.; P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.O.; D. Box, D. Banks, and F. B. Westlake, I.P.Z. 70. The officers invested were Comps. W. K. Michell, S.E.; Captain G. S. S. Lowe, S.N.; T. Parker, Prin. Soj.; J. Little, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. H. Michell, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and W. H. Phillips, Janitor.

The foundation-stone of the new Masonic building for the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, in North Bridge-street, Sunderland, was laid on the 20th inst. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The annual meeting of the Carew Lodge, No. 1136, was held on the 19th inst., at Plymouth, when Bro. T. B. Tresize was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing officers were Bros. E. Poor, P.P.S.G.D., and G. Cassell, P.P.G. Stwd.

A correspondent sent from Hampstead two post-cards, addressed to himself, to care of a friend in Hong Kong, sending one via Brindisi and Singapore, and the other via New York, San Francisco, and Yokohama, requesting his correspondent in Hong Kong to re-address them back to him, but sending each by the opposite route to that by which they went out from London. He now states that both cards returned to him again on Christmas eve, the one which went out eastward on October 12, reaching Hong Kong November 13, and was despatched back thence on November 17, while the one westward, leaving London on October 10, reached Hong Kong on November 23, and was despatched on November 25. The former took 73 days and the latter 75 days for the round journey, and the entire cost on the former card was only 2d., and the latter 1½d., for a journey of over 20,000 miles.

Our New York brethren are talking of having a Masonic Jubilee the approaching Spring. The Committee on Hall and Asylum, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in June last, presented the following resolution, which was adopted: "Resolved, that in the event that the payment of the debt shall be completed before the next annual communication, the Grand Master be empowered to appoint such Committee or Committees, and make and carry out such other arrangements as he may deem expedient to appropriately celebrate the consummation of this great undertaking." It is likely that the event will be celebrated contemporaneously by the Grand and subordinate lodges.—*Keystone*.

King Humbert of Italy is a teetotaler and a non-smoker.

Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., has given an allowance of 10 per cent. to his Montgomeryshire tenants, and Mr. Bromley Davenport, M.P., has also given 10 per cent. to his Calvalee tenantry in Cheshire.

The annual meeting of the Glasgow Savings Bank—the largest in Great Britain—was held yesterday (Thursday), the Lord Provost presiding. The amount deposited is £4,880,000, the depositors number 143,261, whilst £4,400,000 are invested at interest in Government Securities. The deposits have quadrupled in 20 years, and nearly doubled in 12 years.

The English cricketing team, on Wednesday, commenced at Cape Town the second match of their South African tour, their opponents being Fifteen of Cape Colony. The visitors, who went in first, did not show to great advantage. Abel and Mr. Bowden, followed by Hearne, made a good stand at the beginning, but the rest of the batsmen appeared entirely out of form, and the wickets went down very quickly. Maurice Read, Grieve, and Wood were dismissed one after the other without adding a run to the score. Mr. Coventry hit up a useful 10 at the end of the innings, which finished with a total of 122. The colonial team had lost two wickets for 49 runs when stumps were drawn for the day. Subjoined is the score of the Englishmen:—Abel, 46; Mr. M. P. Bowden, 19; Hearne, 26; M. Read, 0; Mr. B. A. F. Grieve, 0; H. Wood, 0; Briggs, 4; E. M. Master, 4; F. Fothergill, 4; Mr. C. A. Smith, 1; Hon. C. Coventry, 10; extras, 8—total, 122.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**

For the week ending Saturday, January 5, 1889.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.**

(No Meetings.)

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.  
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-road, S.E., at 7.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne Hill, at 7.30

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.**

(No Meetings.)

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarborough, at 8.  
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square,  
Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Picca-  
dilly, W., at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.  
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.  
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1.**

Colonial Board, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
765, St. James, Bridge House Hotel.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich.  
1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.  
2032, Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond.

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-  
ton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street,  
Croydon, at 7.45.  
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-street, Jermyn-street, W., at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.  
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.  
Mount Edgecumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,  
E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road,  
Notting-hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

1, Grand Master's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square, W.  
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.

**MARK LODGE.**

1, St. Mark's, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
1687, Rothersey, St. James's Hall, Piccadilly.  
1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tavern.

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.  
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.  
Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.  
Londsbrough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.  
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.  
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stage, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.  
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.  
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane,  
Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham,  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square, W.  
1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.  
1672, Mornington, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.  
1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, at 6.30.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creation, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-  
house Church, E.), at 7.  
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, at 8.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-  
street, E.C., at 7.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.  
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-rd., at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail-  
way Station), at 7.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.  
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road,  
Maida-vale, at 7.30.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.  
1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel.

**MARK LODGE.**

244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place, S.W.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.**

706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich,  
1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.

**LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.30.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.M.), F.M.H. at 6.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden,  
W.C., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.  
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.  
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-  
square, Paddington, at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern.  
1489, Ezra, Metropolitan Asylum, Balls Pond-road, N.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.**

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGE.**

1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

**PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS**

For the week ending Saturday, January 5, 1889.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

62, Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.  
377, Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, Kidderminster.  
1110, Tyrian, Gilridge Hotel, Eastbourne.  
1177, Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembrokeshire.  
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, Ashton-under-  
Lyne.  
1258, Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.  
184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, at 7.30.  
213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.  
292, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 7.  
302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.  
378, Royal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.  
382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.  
420, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.  
521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.  
562, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.  
1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.  
1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.  
1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.  
1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.  
1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.  
1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich,  
at 7.30.  
1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.  
1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30.  
1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.  
1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.  
1864, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarborough, at 8.  
1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.  
2101, Bramstone Beach, Masonic Hall, Godalming, at 6.30.  
2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

264, Nelson of the Nile, Masonic Hall, Park-road, Batley.

**CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.**

206, Hope, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

**MARK LODGES.**

109, Keystone, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.  
317, Youell, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1.**

**CRAFT LODGE.**

47, Newstead, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.  
52, Union, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.  
70, St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
103, Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120, Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124, Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.  
158, Adam's, Britannia Hotel, Mile-town, Sheerness.  
209, Etonian, Masonic Hall, St. Albans-street, Windsor.  
226, Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough.  
252, Harmonic, Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street, Dudley.  
265, Royal Yorkshire, Pr. Ro., Hanover-st., Keighley, Yorks.  
315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
340, Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford.  
364, Cambrian, M.H., Queen-street, Neath, Glamorganshire.  
393, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick.  
421, Loyal of Industry, Freemasons' Hall, South Molton.  
457, Loyal Monmouth, Freemasons' Hall, Monmouth.  
493, Royal Lebanon, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
558, Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone.  
660, Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Molton, Yorks.  
673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
734, Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.  
794, Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield.  
804, Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Waterloo-road, Havant.  
847, Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Honiton, Devon.  
948, St. Barnabas, Masonic Hall, Linslade, Bucks.  
960, Bute, Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff.  
967, The Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Penryn, Cornwall.  
974, Pentalpha, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston, Lancashire.  
1002, Skiddaw, Masonic Rooms, Challow-street, Cockermouth.  
1134, Newall, Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, Salford, Lancs.  
1161, De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Manchester.  
1222, Saint Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-Super-Mare.  
1244, Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1336, Square and Compass, Public Hall, Wrexham.  
1488, St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.  
1619, Sackville, Masonic Rooms, East Grinstead, Sussex.  
1780, Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Southampton.  
1785, St. Petroc, Masonic Hall, Padstow, Cornwall.  
1807, Loyal Wye, Masonic Hall, Builth, Brecon.  
1908, Cholmondole, Commercial Hotel, Fordham, Cheshire.  
1970, Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields.  
1981, Arnold, Bell Hotel, East Molesey, Surrey.  
1993, Wolseley, Town Hall Buildings, King-street, Manchester.  
2032, Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.  
2049, Eilan Vannin, Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man.  
2133, Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon.  
2260, Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

51, Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.  
111, Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington.  
119, Sun, Square and Compasses, F.M.H., Whitehaven, at 7.30.  
127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate, at 8.30.  
170, All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth.  
241, Merchants, Masonic Temple, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, 6.30.  
264, Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley, at 7.30.  
299, Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.  
371, Perseverance, F.M.H., Englefield-street, Maryport, at 8.  
448, St. James's, St. John's-place, Halifax, at 8.  
603, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, at 7.  
855, Sympathy, Swan Hotel, Wootton-under-Edge, at 7.30.  
991, Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, at 7.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
1638, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool.  
297, Concord, Masonic Hall, Lincoln.  
624, Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent,  
903, Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport.  
1560, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

**MARK LODGES.**

63, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton.  
69, United Service, King's Arms Hotel, Westcourt-street, Old  
Brompton, Kent,  
111, Copley, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
115, Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
293, Industry, Freemasons' Hall, Gatheshead-upon-Tyne.  
360, St. Eilian, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
94, Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland.  
137, Amity, Masonic Hall, Market-street, Poole.  
159, Brunswick, Masonic Hall, Phoenix-pl., Stonehouse, Devon.  
164, Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Leicester.  
168, Mariners, Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-st., Guernsey.  
279, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
282, Bedford, Private Room, Bedford-square, Tavistock.  
287, Unanimity, White Lion Hotel, Gt. Underbank, Stockport.  
298, Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Drake-street, Rochdale.  
320, Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
327, St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.  
400, Northern Counties, M.H., Marple-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
417, Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
429, Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
471, Silurian, Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.  
611, Lodge of the Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow.  
678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Farnworth with Kersley,  
Lancashire.

838, Franklyn, Peacock Hotel, Boston.  
929, Waveney, King's Head Hotel, Bungay, Suffolk.  
970, St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall.  
992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, Manchester.  
1003, Prince of Wales, Masonic Temple, Stoford-road, Jersey.  
1010, Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1085, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
1167, Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Prudhoe-street, Alnwick.  
1206, Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.  
1244, Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-st., Durham.  
1323, Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea.  
1333, Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherton, Warwick.  
1354, Lindsay, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.  
1355, Marquis of Lorne, M.H., Hope-street, Leigh, Lancashire.  
1431, St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull, Warwick.  
1461, Clausentum, Masonic Hall, Woolston, Hants.  
1532, Bective, 32, English-street, Carlisle.  
1620, Marlborough, Derby Hotel, Tue Brook, Liverpool.  
1660, Arlecdon, Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, Cumberland.  
1703, Windrush, Corn Exchange, Witney.  
1736, St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax, Yorkshire.  
1843, St. Leonard's, Gensing Hall, St. Leonard's.  
1862, Stranton, Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool.  
2042, Apollo, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
2193, Queen's Jubilee, Lord Nelson Inn, Nelson, Lancashire  
(E.D.).

2200, Pantiles, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells.  
2203, Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's Hotel, Farn-  
borough.  
2216, Egerton, Bull's Head Inn, Swinton, near Manchester.  
2224, Fairfield, Pavilion, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

**LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Mitre Hotel, Chatham.  
175, Vectis, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, Isle of Wight, 7.15.  
186, Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.  
439, Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Fleece Inn, Main-st., Bingley, 7.  
464, Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, at 7.30.  
546, Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, at 8.  
551, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

- 574, Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
- 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
- 809, United Good Fellowship, Rose and Crown Hot., Wisbech, 8.
- 851, Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
- 972, St. Augustine, Masonic Temple, Canterbury, at 8.30.
- 1459, Ashbury, 7, New York-street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, at 7.
- 1601, Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
- 2099, Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 54, Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.
- 200, Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough,
- 300, Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 304, Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-st., Leeds.
- 342, Royal Sussex, F.M.H., Commercial-road, Landport.
- 1099, Huyshe, Masonic Hall, Stoke, Devonport.
- 1125, St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Tiverton.

MARK LODGES.

- 65, West Lancashire, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
- 66, Fortitude, Huyshe Temple, Princes-place, Plymouth.
- 91, Huyshe, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
- 282, Derwent, Assembly Rooms, Worthington.
- 339, Wm. Kelly, Swan Hotel, Winhill, Derbyshire.
- 372, De La Pole, Masonic Hall, Seaton, Devon.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 24, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle.
- 31, United Industrius, Ma. Temple, St. Peter's-st., Canterbury.
- 38, Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
- 41, Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
- 57, Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull.
- 110, Loyal Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Merthyr Tydvil.
- 114, British Union, Freemasons' Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich.
- 195, Hengist, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth.
- 230, Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-st., Devonport.
- 249, Mariners, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 266, Napthali, Navigation Inn, Heywood, Lancashires.
- 269, Fidelity, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
- 294, Constitutional, Masonic Hall, Beverley, Yorkshire.
- 295, Combermere Lodge of Union, Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield.
- 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 305, Apollo, Town Hall, Beccles.
- 309, Harmony, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham.
- 317, Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 360, Ponifret, Masonic Hall, Northampton.
- 362, Doric, Private Room, High-street, Grantham.
- 412, Holy Temple, Swan Inn, Longtown, Cumberland.
- 419, St. Peter's, Star and Garter, Wolverhampton.
- 446, Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset.
- 509, Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 531, St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Hartlepool.
- 539, St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 637, Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 703, Clifton, Royal Hotel, Blackpool.
- 792, Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Osborne-street, Grimsby.
- 803, St. Andrew's, Swan Hotel, Biggleswade, Beds.
- 856, Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel, Cornwall.
- 976, Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset.
- 1012, Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
- 1072, Aberystwith, Lion Royal Hotel, Aberystwith.
- 1155, Excelsior, White Swan, Deptford.
- 1231, Savile, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Elland, Yorks.
- 1284, Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devon.
- 1304, Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincoln.
- 1324, Okeover, Masonic Room, Market Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire.
- 1379, Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington.
- 1384, Equity, Central Hotel, Widnes, Lancashire.
- 1443, So, Merton-road, Bootle, Lancashire.
- 1500, Walpole, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
- 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, Lancashire.
- 1513, Friendly, Masonic Hall, Eastgate, Barnsley, Yorks.
- 1557, Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Hexham, Northumberland.
- 1565, Earl of Chester, Masonic Hall, Lymm, Cheshire.
- 1639, Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, Bucks.
- 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
- 1829, Burrell, Buckingham Arms Hotel, Shoreham, Sussex.
- 1899, Wellesley, Wellington College Hotel, Sandhurst.
- 2043, Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Reading.
- 2050, St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man.
- 2132, Egerton, The Institute, Egremont, Cheshire.
- 2169, Osborne, M.H., Medina-rd., East Cowes, Isle of Wight.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 31, United Industrius, Freemasons' Temple, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, at 7.
- 47, Newstead, Bromley House, Angel-row, Nottingham, at 7.30
- 70, St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes-pl., Plymouth.
- 77, Freedom, New Falcon Hotel, West-street, Gravesend, at 8.30.
- 289, Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
- 503, Belvidere, Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone.
- 673, St. John's, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.
- 788, Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.
- 1037, Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
- 1050, Gandolph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester, Kent.
- 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, 7.30.
- 1209, Lewises, Balmoral Hotel, Broadstairs, at 7.30.
- 1224, Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, at 7.
- 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30.
- 1416, Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle-yard, Thirsk, at 8.
- 1437, Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun Hotel, Romford, at 7.
- 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, at 7.30.
- 1869, Sandown, Masonic Hall, Sandown, Isle of Wight.
- 1884, Chaine, Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.
- 1892, Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton, Surrey, at 7.30.
- 1915, Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Oxford-street, Whitstable.
- 1957, Grove, Cock Inn, Hazelgrove, at 8.
- 1973, Wallington, Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 130, Royal Gloucester, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
- 187, Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
- 325, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, 41, Crescent, Salford.
- 429, Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
- 710, Pleiades, Masonic Hall, Mill-lane, Totnes, Devon.
- 1016, Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 1019, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
- 1393, Hamer, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.

MARK LODGES.

- 30, Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicester.
- 36, Furness, Masonic Hall, Abbey-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
- 53, Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
- 169, Elliott, Metham Masonic Hall, Carline-place, Stonehouse, Devon.
- 191, Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropy, Royal Clarence Hall, Bridgwater.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 81, Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 127, Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
- 219, Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden, Lancashire.
- 242, St. George's, Ma. Ro., Nether Hall-road, Dorchester.
- 375, Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street, Durham.
- 521, Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
- 574, Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, Temperance H., Newbury.
- 601, St. John's, Bull's Head Hotel, Wellington, Shropshire.
- 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
- 698, Ryde, Masonic Hall, Ryde, Isle of Wight.
- 709, Invicta Lodge of Ashford, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.

- 751, Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Ledbury, Herefordshire.
- 837, De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
- 839, Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
- 936, Adair, Private Rooms, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.
- 1096, Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal.
- 1230, Barnard, Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle.
- 1375, Architect, Town Hall, Withington, Lancashire.
- 1405, Southwell, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
- 1509, Madoc, Masonic Hall, Port Madoc, Carnarvonshire.
- 1561, Moresambe, King's Arms Hotel, Morecambe.
- 1648, Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Darley-street, Bradford.
- 1664, Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth, Northumberland.
- 1754, Windsor, Masonic Hall, Penarth, Glamorganshire.
- 1838, Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

- 1849, Royal Leek, Masonic Hall, Bangor.
- 2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 123, Lennox, Masonic Hall, Newbiggin, Richmond, Yorks, at 8.
- 187, Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.
- 225, St. Luke's, Hive Assembly Rooms, Ipswich, at 8.
- 265, Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Rooms, Keighley, at 8.
- 326, Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.
- 1034, Eccleshill, Alexandra Hotel, Bradford, at 8.
- 1071, Zetland, Masonic Hall, Alexandra-sq., Saltash, Cornwall, 8.
- 1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.
- Bristol (Province), Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 359, Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- 79, Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8.
- 946, Strawberry Hill, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

MARK LODGES.

- 27, Porchester, Temperance Hall, Newbury.
- 67, Benevolent, Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, Stockport.
- 159, Starkie, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
- 325, Lebanon, Masonic Temple, Fowey, Cornwall.
- 383, St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1362, Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill, Surrey.
- 1388, Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
- 1458, Truth, Conservative Club, Newton Heath.
- 1466, Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton.
- 1550, Prudence, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
- 2077, Epping, Cock Hotel, Epping, Essex.

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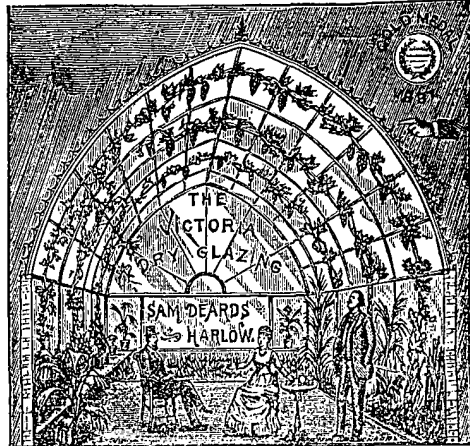
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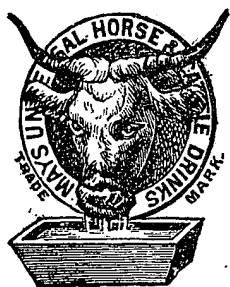
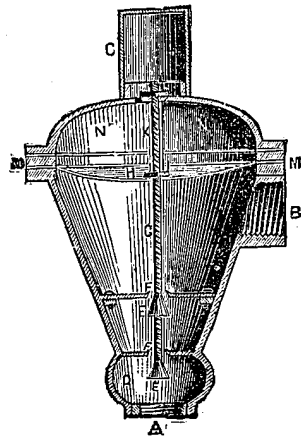
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