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THE PROVINCE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the brethren in Derbyshire, which is generally held about Christmastide, passed off satisfactorily, as usual, and Bro. the Marquis of HARTINGTON, Provincial Grand Master, though the heavy demands upon his time prevented his attending Provincial Grand Lodge, must be highly gratified at the reports of the work done during the past year, and the prosperous condition in which the Craft is placed in the province over which he has presided for so many years. It is true there have been no additions to the roll of lodges, but the province appears to be well furnished in this respect, while there is no doubt the 22 lodges already in existence are stronger and more efficient than they were 12 months ago, the reports testifying to this fact as well as to the perfect spirit of harmony prevailing among the members. The Committee of Management of the Masonic Hall in Derby were also in a position to give a very good account of their proceedings, and the improvements which they intend having carried out, with a view to affording better accommodation and greater comfort to the brethren, are an evidence that they are fully alive to the duties and responsibilities with which they are entrusted. The members of the Charity Committee also appear to have done their part satisfactorily, and we trust their efforts to organise the voting strength of the province for the elections during the current year will prove effective. The chief business of the meeting—the business which had drawn together a more than usually strong muster of the brethren—namely, the election of a P.G. Treasurer in place of Bro. COX, who had held the office for close upon a quarter of a century, and had resolved on declining further re-election, passed off quietly, Bro. ROE, the only candidate who was proposed for the vacant office being elected without a dissenting voice. Bro. COX'S valuable and disinterested services will not, however, be allowed to pass unrecognised, and a thoroughly representative Committee has been appointed for the purpose of devising some appropriate form of testimonial to a brother to whom the province is so largely indebted for its present efficiency and prosperity. We note from the concluding paragraphs of our report of last week that a brother—Bro. J. H. LAWSON, P.P.S.G.W.—has been appointed to represent the province at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and as that Institution is just now in need of support, we trust the brethren will do, as they have done on many previous occasions, and furnish their representative with a goodly list of donations and subscriptions, so that, when their next annual meeting comes round, they may be in a position to congratulate themselves on having accomplished something worthy of their position and influence.

THE NEW ZEALAND QUESTION.

We have been favoured with several communications relative to the projected establishment of an independent Grand Lodge of New Zealand by the amalgamation of the lodges already existing there under the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions. We are not surprised that our correspondents should prefer the views which find favour with a number of brethren in that colony to those to which we have given expression in our previous articles. We certainly labour under a very great disadvantage when writing about events that are passing in a country so many thousand miles away. A step which may be irrevocable, and which, in our opinion, is calculated to do injury to the Craft, has been taken weeks before we can know anything about it, and

anything in the nature of counsel or advice is out of the question. On the other hand it is distinct advantage that we are so far removed from the scene of action as to be able to write impartially without even the semblance of a bias towards either of the rival parties. Moreover, our opinions have been based on the knowledge we have had for many years past of the position of Freemasonry in New Zealand and other colonies, and it is only because we have had such frequent illustrations of the success which has attended the system of concurrent jurisdiction that we have written so often and so strongly in its favour. But if the time has really come when it will be to the decided interest of the Craft that the present system in New Zealand or elsewhere should be terminated, and the three District Provincial Grand Lodges under England, Ireland, and Scotland be formed into one independent Grand Lodge, we shall welcome such a change, because of the beneficial influence it is calculated or expected to exercise on the general interests of the Society. It is not the purpose which our New Zealand brethren are endeavouring to effect to which we have raised objections, but the arguments which they use to justify their attempt. Thus, it is not so very long ago that it was openly alleged by brethren in the colonies that all colonial lodges remitted large sums of money annually to their parent Grand Lodge, and that this drain on their resources prevented them doing more in the direction of local Charity. This allegation was very quickly exploded, and then it was said that the return they received for the modest sum for warrants and registration which they did remit was visionary. A week or two since we had the pleasure of pointing out in reply to Bro. W. H. COOPER, P.M., one of our correspondents, that there are at the present time some 30 persons—old men, women, or children—in receipt of the benefits of one or other of our Masonic Institutions, so that the *quid pro quo* is not quite so imaginary as Bro. COOPER would have us imagine. Again, the figures which reached us from New Zealand, giving the receipts and expenditure of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges, made it clear that the remittances home could not have seriously impeded the desire to do more in the way of Charity, every one of the District (or Provincial) Grand Lodges being shown to have a goodly sum to its credit. The great point, however, from a colony point of view, which was urged upon us was that an independent Grand Lodge would be so much less costly. There would be no remittances home, and it was estimated that the annual cost would be—if we remember rightly—not much more than £500. We took the liberty of doubting this, and expressed our belief that, though for the first year or two a small saving might be effected, in a few years the cost would be considerably greater. Bro. COOPER now writes that "our intention is to have strong District lodges and the Supreme Grand Lodge on similar basis to the Canadian one," and that, therefore, "we should not require the full time of the Secretaries." Well, we have looked through the report of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the Province of Ontario which records the proceedings at the Annual Communication in July last, and there we find that the Grand Secretary receives \$1600 a year, the Grand Secretary's Assistant \$800 a year, to say nothing of the Grand Treasurer, who receives \$200, and the Grand Master, who is paid \$500 for expenses annually. We know the Grand Lodge of Canada has some 400 lodges, while a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand would have only 150 lodges at starting, but even at the same ratio, the New Zealand Grand Secretary would require nearly double the salary assigned to him in their estimated cost of the new Grand Lodge, while, as New Zealand is not quite as easily traversable as the

Province of Ontario, it strikes us it would not be very long before the Grand Secretary made it clear that an increase in his emoluments was desirable. Still, if our New Zealand brethren think the experiment worth trying, we daresay our Grand Lodge will not say them nay any more than it said nay to the Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

Our Scottish brethren in India could have adopted no readier way of exhibiting their love for the Craft generally, but more particularly for that portion of it which owes allegiance to the Grand Master of England, than by conferring the honorary rank of Past Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India on the District Grand Master of Bombay, who is at the same time brother of his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES. Nor were they content to exhibit their feelings in this respect by merely conferring this honour. Each successive District Grand Master of Bombay is made honorary Past Grand Master of the Scottish Craft, whose head-quarters are located in the same hall as those of the English District Grand Lodge, and, therefore, the mere bestowal of the same honorary rank on the Duke of CONNAUGHT would have had no special significance. It was, therefore, wisely determined that the presentation of his Royal Highness's patent of appointment should be made in open Grand Lodge with all possible pomp and circumstance, and at the Annual Communication, on the 2nd December last, Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, presented a scene of unusual splendour and animation. The approaches to the Hall were tastefully decorated with festoons and evergreens, there was liberal display of flags and banners in all directions, and the hall in which the ceremony was appointed to take place was brilliant in the extreme, with lodge banners and Masonic emblems and devices of every kind and description. The brethren, too, were in unusual force, every Scottish lodge in India being represented, while there was, in addition, a large number of the members of the English lodges in Bombay. Grand Master Sir HENRY MORLAND presided, and very gracefully performed the duties of his office, his speech on making the presentation to the Duke of CONNAUGHT being conceived in the best taste. His Royal Highness's acknowledgment of the honour conferred upon him was graceful and very much to the point as usual, and it is to be hoped that the auspicious event, thus happily celebrated, will inaugurate a period of still more harmonious action and feeling between the members of the two Constitutions in this important dependency of the British Crown. Differences have necessarily arisen from time to time between the Scotch and English Masons in India, as well as in other portions of our Empire, but there have never been any serious difficulty in adjusting them satisfactorily. The event of the 2nd December last, however, will have the effect of cementing together the two sections of the Craft more closely than ever. We congratulate our Scottish friends in India on having introduced another and perhaps the most brilliant of red-letter days into their already well-filled calendar of events.

NEW PUBLICATIONS OF LODGE "QUATUOR CORONATI," LONDON.

(Continued from Page 2.)

There is no sign of the "well" being exhausted, for, practically, the supplies of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge are inexhaustible. No effort has yet been made to obtain contributions, although, so far, there has always been a list of promises much in advance of immediate requirements. Should the necessity ever arrive for the Secretary to solicit aid; out of some 200 members of the "C.C.," interested in Masonic literature and researches, together with the 30 brethren of the lodge proper, there need be no fear of any lack either as respects quantity or quality of contributions.

In evidence of this fact, Part 3 of Volume 2 may be cited, which, in its way, is as good as any of its predecessors, and makes a most interesting portion of an exceedingly valuable volume now completed. Novelty as well as originality are in it combined, especially the critical paper by Bro. W. H. Rylands on Hogarth's picture, "Night," which, as is well-known, ends the series of

"The Four Times of the Day." The sketch has quite fascinated me, and certainly has induced me to pay much more attention to the subject than heretofore. Nothing would please me better just now than to go over the whole paper most carefully, but that would be unfair to the lodge, the whole volume, grandly illustrated, in three parts, being obtainable for half-a-guinea. There are a few points not quite cleared up, possibly because they cannot be, but, on the whole, the particulars offered by Bro. Rylands are far in advance of what I should have anticipated from a cursory knowledge of the subject.

The address by our respected W.M., after his installation, though brief, is one of the best we have had, and suggests that Colonel Pratt will prove that he is an able successor of the distinguished Masters who have preceded him. As members, we are as proud of our ruler as he is of his lodge, which is saying a great deal for both sides of the question, and there being others rapidly qualifying to continue the succession; No. 2076 must have a grand future before it.

The paper on "Free and Freemason," by Bro. F. F. Schnitger, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, is a philological contribution, both thoughtful and suggestive, which challenges those who, like myself, consider *Free Mason* meant a brother who was "free of his Craft," to substantiate their views, or retire from the friendly controversy. I have no intention of doing the latter myself, and hence, as soon as my numerous pressing engagements shall permit, shall examine Bro. Schnitger's able paper with all the attention it deserves. It is quite possible that there is after all no difference between us, but that two different periods are referred to. Bro. Schnitger dealing with the earlier signification of the term, whereas we only refer to the actual use of the prefix during the past few centuries. As to that, more anon. Meanwhile, let those who are interested in the matter pay strict heed to the article by our brother, who, apparently, has the powerful support of Bro. Speth.

The "summer outing" of the lodge, pleasantly described by the genial Secretary, has already been duly chronicled in the *Freemason*, and so the ordinary features of the meetings in October and November. The frontispiece, and its description by the editor, I must reserve for another article.

The "Notes and Queries" department in this number is very strongly represented, and of considerable interest and real utility as reliable guides for reading. For Brethren who desire information as to the latest published works on Freemasonry, their character, price, &c., Bro. Gould has provided an able sketch of Bain's "Merchant and Craft Guilds of Aberdeen," which has saved me doing it, as I had intended. Bro. Speth reviews "Scottish Masons' Marks," by Professor T. Hayter Lewis, J.W. 2076; also Dr. Metham's "Masonic Orations," edited by Bro. John Chapman, C.C., with introduction by myself; Bro. Newton's (C.C.), "History of Lodge Sincerity, No. 174, London;" "History of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, Liverpool," by Bro. J. Hawkins, C.C.; Bro. G. Robertson's "History of No. 817, New Zealand;" and "The History of No. 80, Sunderland," by Bro. W. Logan, C.C., all of which are written in a racy easy manner, characteristic of the enthusiastic wearer of the jewel with the "Two Pens in Saltire."

"Mark Masonry," by Bro. G. F. Travers-Drapes, C.C., Burma, reviewed by Bro. Gould, and especially the appreciative notice of Bro. John Lane's "Handy Book to the Study of the Lodge Lists," by the same brother, deserve especial mention, as I feel assured if the latter is perused as it should be, Bro. Lane's truly grand volume would be all subscribed for immediately. Bro. Simpson contributes several short papers of a very instructive and helpful character; and I must not forget to thank my dear friend Whytehead for an excellent review of my last work—"History of the Apollo Lodge, York"—which he has written *con amore*. Bro. Lane sends a few important corrections as to the "Regius MS," and the usual "Chronicle" ends the 3rd Part, though I have not exhausted the list of contents even then.

W. J. H.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.—It being, as Oliver well puts it, essential to the interests of the Craft that all matters of business to be brought under the consideration of the Grand Lodge should be personally known to the Grand Officers and Masters of the lodges, that through them all the lodges should be acquainted with the "agenda," and not be taken by surprise, a General Committee, composed of the Present and Past Grand Officers, and the W.M. of any regular lodge, meets on the Wednesday immediately preceding each quarterly communication, at which all motions to be made in Grand Lodge shall be submitted. This is one of the many wise regulations of our English Book of Constitutions.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual winter entertainment to the pupils who remain for the Christmas holidays in the Girls' School at Battersea-rose was given on Tuesday evening last, when the following brethren and ladies attended to take part in the amusements: Bros. Frank Richardson, Eugene Monteuis, Mrs. D. Richardson, Miss Alice Richardson, Master L. Monteuis, Bro. Edward Terry, Mrs. E. Terry, Miss Maggie Terry, Miss Edith Ashworth, Miss Elyn Ashworth, Bros. G. W. Garrod, T. Kingston, Miss Louise Kingston, Bro. H. Massey, Miss Massey, Miss Charlotte Massey, Miss Ellen Massey, Bros. A. E. Roworth, Rev. J. Toone, E. M. Money, C. Stevens, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir John Monckton, Peter de Lande Long, George Faulkner, E. Letchworth, H. P. Monckton, C. Hammerton, H. W. Hunt, and Mr. H. Sedden Lloyd.

The visitors arrived at five o'clock, and were received by Bro. Frank Richardson and Miss Buck, the matron, and tea and coffee were immediately served. At six o'clock, Mr. J. Robert Ganthony gave a very lively entertainment, entitled "Skits and Sketches," consisting of humorous delineations, including singing and palmistry, and a comic description of the phonograph. This, the first part of the "Skits and Sketches," was kept up unflinchingly for an hour, and caused a great amount of enjoyment.

Another hour was devoted to dancing, which, as the large hall was inaccessible on account of the building operations, was carried on in the large dormitory. At eight o'clock Mr. Ganthony's "Skits and Sketches," second part, was gone through, and it was as successful as the first part. Ventriloquism, sleight-of-hand, and humorous tales constituted the principal materials, and general applause followed each individual part of the performance. The children, of whom 22 have not gone home for the holidays, afterwards partook of the twelfth cake entertainment, at which they appeared to be quite at their ease and very happy, and the visitors subsequently enjoyed the hospitality of the House Committee at a choice little supper, over which Bro. Frank Richardson presided. The establishment was cleared of "strangers" shortly after 10 o'clock.

Reviews.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR MIDDLESEX, 1890.

After a careful examination of this handy and trusty guide for the Province of Middlesex, we mentally exclaimed, *Well done, Bros. H. H. Room and W. H. Lee, Prov. G. Sec. and Prov. G.S.E. respectively.* The hope was expressed in 1889 that "if the Calendar is favourably received this year, to considerably improve the edition for 1890, so as to render it more of a pocket memorandum book or diary." The edition before us has abundantly confirmed the conditional promise, for it is all that was agreed and more. For its diminutive size it is "crammed full of information," and contains a vast amount of reliable and valuable particulars concerning the province not hitherto given in the series, many of which are of special interest. The increase of the province is something amazing. Sir Francis Burdett's patent, as Prov. G.M., is dated 1st December, 1869, and the province was inaugurated on January 22nd, 1870, with 10 lodges. There are now 39, with 1309 subscribing members. The Prov. Grand Chapter was started on 20th April, 1872, the patent of the respected ruler bearing date Nov. 6th of the previous year. There was then but *one* chapter. There are at the present time 13 chapters, with close on 300 members! Of course much of the success is due to the popularity of the Prov. G. Master (who is also Grand Superintendent); but, doubtless, its proximity to the Metropolitan District accounts in part for the extraordinary and rapid increase. In evidence of this fact, it will be found that the addresses of nearly all the Secretaries of the lodges and chapters are within the Metropolitan area, and hence the appointments to office in the province of non-residents will likely be proportionately great. The dates and places of meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Chapter are duly given from 1870 and 1872 respectively, and the statistical part relative to the membership of each lodge and chapter is well attended to. The average number per lodge is about 34, which is lower than in many other provinces. There are four "lodges of instruction," and it seems quite clear that efficiency is the rule in Middlesex. Again we say, *Well done, Brother Editors.*

SUNDERLAND INFIRMARY.

THE HARTLEY MEMORIAL WING.

The Masonic Committee formed to raise £183 15s. 6d. for the purpose of furnishing one of the larger wards in the Hartley Memorial Wing of the Sunderland Infirmary met at the institution recently.

After inspecting the ward, Alderman Potts, the Treasurer, said after his light but agreeable duties, he had pleasure in calling upon Councillor H. J. Turnbull, the Chairman of the Committee, to hand over to the infirmary the cheque for the above amount.

Councillor TURNBULL said he had to thank every member of the Committee for their valuable assistance in raising that fund, and now, during the festive week, they had met to put the crowning point to their efforts.

He had pleasure, in the name of the Freemasons of Sunderland, in handing over the cheque to that noble institution the infirmary, and he believed the action the Craft had taken in that scheme would redound to their credit for all time.

Mr. SINGLETON, the Secretary of the Committee, said he endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, and it had afforded him much pleasure to act as Secretary to so good an object.

Mr. ROBINSON, the Secretary to the infirmary, in receiving the cheque, said on behalf of the institution, to the interests of which he had devoted his life, he thanked the Freemasons, of which he was proud to be a member, for their handsome gift.

The brethren were afterwards courteously conducted through the infirmary, and before separating they expressed their admiration of the excellent arrangements made in the institution.



"House Full" has been the order of the night since Bro. Fred Leslie and Miss Ellen Farren re-opened with "Ruy Blas and the Blasé Roué" that the notice has become chronic. Notwithstanding all the other attractions, the Gaiety yet remains the favourite home of the worshipper of the sacred lamp of burlesque, though we prefer to call the present piece an extravaganza, for its reputation is almost alone owing to Bro. Fred Leslie and Miss Farren rather than its authors. It is written up to date, and even has been much altered since its production in October. The songs "I've just had a wire to say so," duet for Miss Farren and Bro. Leslie; "Stick to the whisky you're used to," Bro. Leslie; "What price that?" Miss Farren; and Miss Lind and Mr. Dalton Somers duet, "Johnny Jones and his sister Sue," are always encored. Miss Marion Hood still warbles sweetly several charming lyrics. Miss Sylvia Grey and Miss Letty Lind dance in that beautiful style for which they are renowned and are now the queens. The Gaiety has been re-decorated by Messrs. Campbell Smith in blue and white, and presents the appearance of a fairy palace. Mr. Geo. Edwardes' occupancy has been one unbroken success. Those who want to laugh all the time they are at the theatre and witness graceful effects of the dancer's art and hear pleasing music (which is mainly by that king of composers for the burlesque stage Bro. Meyer Lutz), cannot go anywhere better than the good old Gaiety.

The Alhambra is always well to the fore in the matter of amusements. So as to keep up their character, the directors have introduced a new ballet, which they call "Asmodeus," representing the goddess of Terpsichore as she is in Spain. It is a ballet full of the most artistic blends of colour and luxury of every description, and does the highest credit to Signor Casati, who is responsible for the arrangements. The costumiers' art is very apparent. The head coverings are shown to us in every shape and form, and one begins to think there can be nothing prettier until one comes to the matador and picador hats in the final scene. M. Jacobi's music is full of the most delightful harmony, and, as the "Army and Navy" ballet is still in the programme, lovers of that kind of art have a surfeit of it at the Alhambra. The other portions of the miscellaneous entertainment vie well with those in similar places of amusement.

The directors of the Empire, to keep pace with the times, produced a new ballet, "A Dream of Wealth," on December 21st, which has some of the most striking chromatic effects ever seen upon the stage. M. Wenzel, the composer, certainly knows how to write danceable music, and M. Wilhelm surpasses himself in elaborate designs for dresses, while the balance of colour throughout the entire spectacle is well maintained. The other ballet, the "Paris Exhibition," does not seem to be by any means worn out yet. A number of other attractions, including Marinelli (the man serpent), Messrs. Charles Godfrey, Sam Torr, the Craggs Troupe, Miss Lydia Yeamans, and the Brewster Combination, are in the bill of fare, and make the Empire crowded every night.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CARTER.—On the 2nd inst., the wife of Robert Carter, solicitor, Lincoln's Inn Fields and Sunbury, of a son.

PARISH.—On the 3rd inst., at Ferdale House, Tunbridge Wells, the wife of Woodbine Parish, of a son.

DEATHS.

GRAVELEY, LADY ELLEN.—On the 4th inst., at Cheops, Wanstead, Essex, passed away calmly and peacefully, in the presence of her loving sons and daughters, after many years of patient and painful suffering, Lady Ellen, for 36 years the faithful wife of Bro. George Graveley, P.M., P.Z., T.I., K.T., K.H., aged 62 years. My beloved has gone into the garden to gather lillies. Interred in family grave, Abney Park Cemetery.

HOLLINGTON, GEORGE.—Of Roding House, Woodford, and of Hollington Brothers, Aldgate, youngest son of the late Thomas Hollington, of Mile End-road, on the 6th inst., very suddenly; aged 42. A dearly loved husband and father. Funeral on Saturday next, at 2.30, Woodford Bridge Church.

THE LATE CANON PORTAL.

A cross has just been erected to the memory of the late Canon Portal by his widow and children, in Burghclere churchyard. It is of Runic design, and stands 5ft. high, and being made in grey mountain limestone, richly carved on both sides with interlacing plaits, relieved by large prominent bosses. On the front of the great block of stone which forms the base is the following inscription: "GEORGE RAYMOND PORTAL, Rector of Burghclere, Rural Dean, Hon. Canon of Winchester Cathedral. Born February 28, 1827. R.I.P. Died April 5, 1889." And on the back of the base is the text, "The Master is come and calleth for thee; and he left all, rose up, and followed him." The whole is a work of very great beauty, and has been ably and carefully executed by Messrs. Farmer and Brindley. By the side of this cross has been placed a small stone coffin with a slightly raised sword lying on it, terminating in a cross; a coat of arms, and the sacred monogram are under the cross, and the following inscription runs round the edge of the coffin: "GASPARD RAYMOND PERCY PORTAL, Died Jan. 28, 1872, aged 6 weeks. I the Lord have called thee, and will keep thee." The beautiful cross at Canon Portal's grave has been much admired by all who have seen it, and especially by the parishioners, to whom his name is dear. No monument was needed to keep alive the memory of one "whose life was work," and whose work will be a lasting memorial in the parish where he laboured so indefatigably, but all rejoice at the sight of this loving tribute to their beloved pastor, and like to think of him resting after the battle under the shadow of the Cross for which he fought so long. Canon Blunt, late rector of Millbrook, near Southampton, who has been appointed to succeed Canon Portal, has taken up his residence at Burghclere.—*The Hampshire Independent.*

DEATH OF VISCOUNT TEMPLETON.

General Viscount Templeton died on Saturday at San Remo. He was an Irish representative peer, an ex-member of Parliament, and a soldier with a long and honourable record. He was the second son of John Henry, first viscount, by the Lady Mary Montagu, only daughter of John, fifth Earl of Sandwich. He was born in 1802, entered the army in 1823, served throughout the Eastern campaign of 1854-55 in command of the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, and was present at the battle of the Alma. At the battle of Inkerman he was in command of the Brigade of Guards, which he brought out of action. On that occasion he was wounded and his horse killed. He was subsequently in command of the 1st Division, and took part in the battle of Sebastopol. He was mentioned in dispatches, received the medal, with clasp, for the Crimea; was made a C.B., an officer of the Legion of Honour, received the 3rd Class of the Medjidie, and the Turkish medal. From 1855 to 1858 he was Lieutenant-Colonel of the Coldstream Guards. He was appointed Colonel-Commandant of the 60th Rifles in 1863; and Colonel of the 2nd Life Guards in 1876, when, as is customary, he served in his turn as Gold Stick in Waiting. From 1865 to 1869 he was in command of the forces in the Western District, and in 1870 was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Portsmouth, and to the command of the Southern District. He represented Antrim in the House of Commons from May, 1859, to March, 1863, in the Conservative interest, and was a strong supporter of the late Lord Derby. He was elected a representative peer for Ireland in 1866; was honorary Colonel of the 4th Royal Irish Rifles; and an almoner of the Order of St. John. He was nominated K.C.B. in 1869 and G.C.B. in 1886. He married in 1850 Susan, eldest daughter of the late Field Marshal Sir Alexander Woodford, G.C.B., and sister of the late Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., for many years a valued contributor to the pages of the *Freemason*.

FUNERAL OF BRO. EX-SHERIFF W. A. HIGGS.

The mortal remains of the late Bro. W. A. Higgs were, on Tuesday, December 31st, amidst many tokens of respect, laid in the family vault at Highgate Cemetery. There were nine carriages, containing members of the family and other intimate friends of the deceased, including Messrs. W. Norman Higgs, Stanley Higgs, Edwin Higgs, C. J. B. Higgs, Harry Higgs, Lewis Higgs, F. Higgs, Joseph Higgs, J. E. White (nephew of the deceased), and Rev. G. E. Gardiner. The Lord Mayor, Mr. Sheriff Harris, and Bro. Under-Sheriff Beard sent their state carriages. The Lord Mayor, who was unable to attend the funeral in person, asked Mr. Sheriff Harris to represent him, and the Sheriff, who was accompanied by Mr. Henry Williams, joined the procession in a private carriage. Alderman Sir Polydore De Keyser, who was Lord Mayor during Bro. Higgs' shrievalty, was accompanied by Mr. Alderman Davies, co-sheriff with the deceased. Many who were not able to be present sent messages of sympathy and sorrow from all parts, and a large number of friends forwarded beautiful wreaths and other floral designs. The sorrowing widow placed a lovely cross of white flowers on the coffin, the sons a wreath, and the daughters an anchor of violets, the favourite flower of the deceased. Wreaths and crosses were also sent by Mr. J. E. White and others.

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To Correspondents.

["ANTARTIC."—The Regulations of the Grand Chapter (R.A.) provide for the jewel of a P.Z., being "suspended from a crimson collar four inches broad" (Art. 96), but are silent as to such a decoration being worn on the breast, and so also as to other "Past Officers." Custom, however, as with "Founders' Jewels," seems to sanction both positions. The ordinary jewel of the Order (Art. 97) is specially provided for, and hence may be worn quite independent of any other decoration, Royal Arch, or otherwise.—Ed. F.M.]

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

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- Rowley, No. 1051.
- Richmond, No. 2032.
- Industry Mark Lodge, No. 293.
- North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.
- Obituary of Bro. Thos. H. Staton.
- Consecration of the Southport Lodge, Brisbane.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Boletin Oficial," "Keystone," "La Revista Masonica del Peru," and "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The Grand Treasurer nominate—we might safely say the Grand Treasurer "elect"—Bro. Augustus Harris, is not content with beating his record in the matter of stage displays from year to year, but he cannot allow even his hospitable instincts to remain in a state of quiescence. The Twelfth Night celebration on the stage of Drury Lane, on Monday night, was a prodigious affair. Everybody who is anybody was there, and the immense assembly was augmented by the presence of a large number of brethren of the Craft, including the Lord Mayor, the Grand Secretary, and others.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke is to be the subject of a portrait and biography in Saturday's *St. Stephen's Review*. The Grand Secretary has been sketched both by pen and pencil in the pages of the *Freemason* and elsewhere at different times, but although the artist cannot be expected in the nature of things to improve on the earlier portraits, it will not be difficult for the writer to say something new and interesting of one so universally popular as the Grand Master's representative in Great Queen-street.

The Maybury Lodge, No. 969, which was founded by the late Bro. Benjamin Webster, and which flourished amazingly in the old days, appears to be recovering rapidly from a somewhat morbid state into which it had fallen some little time ago, and to be taking a new lease of life. Bro. Ernest Turner, F.R.I.B.A., is to be installed as W.M. at the next meeting, and from what we know of his great ability and energy in other walks of life, the Maybury will be largely benefitted by his rule.

It is announced that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has appointed Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., to the office of Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Sussex, in succession to the late Bro. Gerard Ford, who so ably filled that position after the death of Bro. Scott.

Bro. Edward Terry will spend his eight months' vacation in a pleasure trip to India, and we have good authority for stating that nothing will give him greater pleasure than to meet some of his brother Masons during his extended tour. We can as confidently state that "his brother Masons" in India will be equally pleased to exchange greetings with the genial and popular Grand

Treasurer. On behalf of the home contingent of the universal Craft, we wish him full enjoyment of his well-earned holiday, and "a safe return to his native land" when completed.

The District Grand Lodge of Bengal has a most energetic Secretary in the person of Bro. H. M. Rustomjee, of Calcutta. We have recently seen a note, in which he writes: "I returned last night from Somastipore—doing an installation there—travelling nearly 1000 miles and back home in 48 hours. Not bad!" Decidedly not, Bro. Rustomjee; we envy you your Masonic constitution.

We see from the daily press that in consequence of the large number of applicants for admission, and the paucity of vacancies, the position of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is attracting outside attention. In the *Daily Telegraph*, of Tuesday, there appeared a paragraph to the effect that having regard to this difficulty, the Committee of Management will sooner or later have to suggest a remedy.

The position is not a new one, though the generous contributions of the Craft have enabled the Committee to tide over the difficulty by occasionally accommodating an increase in the number of annuitants on either or both funds. But even if the Festival Returns of next month should turn out to be in excess of what they have been before, we do not see that much could be done to relieve the pressure.

At the date of the Festival, in 1875, the number of annuitants was 208, of whom 120 were on the Male Fund, and 88 on the Widows' Fund. Now there are 409 annuitants, 180 being on the Male Fund, and 229 on the Widows' Fund. Thus in the interval there has been an increase of 60 male and 141 widow annuitants. Moreover, in 1876, the annuities were increased from £36—to which they had been raised only three or four years previously from £26—to £40 on the Male Fund, and from £28—to which they had been raised from £25—to £32 on the Widows' Fund. Therefore, having regard to the future, we do not think it would be politic on the part of the Committee to recommend anything further in the way of substantial increase, and a slight increase would leave the lists of candidates as congested as they are already.

But something will have to be done, if not this year, next year, and it seems to us the wiser course to confront the difficulty at once. A proposal for a reduction in the amount of the annuities on the two Funds would be very strongly opposed, the sum being already small, though sufficient to keep the recipients from want; and, therefore, it seems a far better plan to raise the age at which brethren and widows are eligible to receive the benefits of the Institution.

At present a brother is eligible when he has attained the full age of 60, and a widow when she is 55; and it seems to us that it would be well if the former limit were raised to 65, and the latter to 60, the claims of all who are now approved candidates being, as a matter of course, left undisturbed. Doubtless, this would have the effect of diminishing the number of applicants, and would be a better course than to prolong the period during which they should have been subscribing members of a lodge or lodges.

But whatever is done, should be done promptly. We have pointed out in previous articles that last year there were 140 candidates and 33 vacancies. This year, even if the latter are as numerous, the former will, in all probability, be considerably more so, the chances being that the lists as made up at Wednesday's Committee will not be seriously reduced by death between now and the election in May next.

An important addition to the Metropolitan lodges of instruction was made on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at No. 8, Tottenham Court-road, the particulars of which are given in another part of this paper. We understand that the Clarence Lodge has been formed to suit the convenience of many brethren who are unable to leave business in time to attend the weekly meeting of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. A noteworthy feature in the new establishment is one that we should be glad to see more generally adopted. Neither smoking nor drinking will be permitted during Masonic business. We heartily wish the undertaking every success, and from the well-known zeal and ability of the brethren who appear to have taken an active part in it, we make no doubt but that our wishes will be gratified.

Correspondence.

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

THE MARK GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me, through the columns of your paper, to thank brethren for proffered services in my candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer (Mark Master Masons), and to inform them that I have withdrawn from the same.—Yours fraternally and faithfully,

GEORGE GARDNER.

January 8th.

THE LANGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the report of the festival of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, in your issue of to-day, Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.P.S.G.D. Kent, is reported as saying that "Until the present moment that lodge of instruction (Langton) occupied quite a unique position, being the only lodge really carrying out the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement."

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I shall be much obliged for the publication of this letter.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

ALEX. C. A. HIGERTY, P.M., Sec. 1044, &c.,
Preceptor Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction.

January 4th.

SUN, SQUARE, AND COMPASSES LODGE,
No. 119, WHITEHAVEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. Jno. Lane's letter, which appeared in last week's *Freemason*, I venture to say that the facts relative to the attack which Bro. G. J. McKay, Prov. Grand Secretary of Cumberland and Westmorland, has thought fit to make upon the Grand Lodge of England and the Past Masters of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven, are not set forth therein as fully and impartially as might have been. The same may also be said of Bro. Lane's remarks about the antiquity of Lodge No. 119.

And here, I may observe that I quite agree with Bro. Lane's remark that "Bro. G. J. McKay can doubtless take care of himself." His conduct in the present controversy is a good illustration. The Provincial Grand Secretary has struck a blow at Lodge No. 119, and has then sheltered himself behind Bro. Lane's reputation.

It might naturally be inferred, from Bro. Lane's last communication to the *Freemason*, that Bro. McKay's letter in the *Cumberland Pacquet* (a non-Masonic paper), of the 7th of November last, was due to an article which appeared in that paper on the 31st of October, and that it merely deprecated correspondence on lodge matters in a non-Masonic journal; in other words, that the said article was the original cause of the present dispute, and that Bro. McKay's letter contained nothing of importance beyond what has been stated.

This inference would be opposed to the true facts, as I shall at once show.

Bro. McKay is alone primarily responsible for creating all this discussion. He began it at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Keswick, on the 15th of October last, when, with but scant respect for the centenary warrant granted by Grand Lodge on the 19th February, 1885, and without any notice to Lodge No. 119, he surprised the members of that lodge who were then present by objecting to their wearing the centenary jewel. This *contretemps* was duly reported in the account of the provincial gathering, which appeared in the local (non-Masonic) press, and which was contributed by a prominent Freemason, a personal friend of Bro. McKay's. Hence the subsequent article and letters.

Then, again, Bro. McKay's letter to the *Cumberland Pacquet* contained something more than the gentle deprecation mentioned by Bro. Lane. It contained statements which constitute grave reflections upon the Past and Present Officers of the Grand Lodge and upon the Past Masters of Lodge No. 119. Bro. McKay deliberately stated therein that "the lodge warranted in Whitehaven in 1768 had its charter withdrawn in 1805, the cause of which is known to all Masonic students."

This, if true, would mean that the whole Craft has been aware of this circumstance since 1805. It could be no new discovery, because, if "all Masonic students" are now so well informed, the fact would be fresher in the memories of Masons at times not so remote as the present. None would know better than the Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge and the Past Masters of the private lodge affected by the alleged withdrawal or cancellation, yet what did they do? Bro. Lane, on the authority of his own "Handy Book," would have us believe that the Grand Lodge in 1807 (not in 1805, as stated by Bro. McKay) trans-

ferred to "an entirely new lodge in Whitehaven" the warrant dated 1768, without any remark upon it to indicate that such a transfer had taken place; that Grand Lodge established a new lodge in Whitehaven in 1807, and declared that it was founded in 1768; that, in fact, Grand Lodge possessed the power and exercised it of setting time 39 years back. Bro. McKay would have us believe that Grand Lodge granted in 1885 a centenary warrant to a Whitehaven lodge, knowing full well that it had only been 80 years in existence! Moreover he indirectly charges the Past Masters of the Whitehaven Lodge, since 1805, with initiating, installing, and receiving fees on the authority of an old warrant, which, according to Bros. Lane and McKay, belonged to a defunct lodge which had been founded 40 years before the present Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven, came into existence; and, what is worse, Bro. McKay insinuates that these Past Masters were well aware of the Masonic frauds they were committing.

With due respect to the Prov. Grand Secretary of Cumberland and Westmorland, I beg leave to flatly contradict his assertion that the alleged withdrawal of the warrant from the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, Whitehaven, in 1805, or the cause thereof was known to all Masonic students. It has not been known, nay, it has never been so much as mentioned by members of Lodge No. 119, either inside or outside the lodge until this controversy began. The oldest living Past Masters have never heard anything of the kind, so that if the warrant had really been transferred in 1807 all knowledge of the act must have been kept from them, and it might, therefore, be said of them that they were more sinned against than sinning.

But I contend that the warrant, dated 1768, was never transferred to an entirely new lodge. The only available evidence is contained in the minutes of the Athol Grand Lodge, of the 4th of February, 1807, and the minutes of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, of the 14th of March, 1807. All the rest is pure assumption and surmise. Bro. Lane's "Handy Book" and Bro. W. F. Lamonby's "History of Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland" are only second-hand authorities compared with the original minutes. Neither set of minutes, I submit, can be interpreted to mean what Bro. Lane says they do. Take the Athol Grand Lodge minutes first. They state distinctly that although "the Warrant, No. 157, lately held at Byrnes at the Gins, a village near Whitehaven, under which also very improper and un-Masonic proceedings had lately taken place, had been withdrawn from that place, the same was now held and established at the George Inn (the Royal Standard of the present day), Whitehaven, by many respectable brothers formerly of the said lodge." There is no mention of any "transfer" of the warrant to "an entirely new lodge." The same warrant was removed from the Duke of Athol Inn to the George Inn, where it was then held and established by many brethren of the said—which is equivalent to the same—lodge that assembled at the first-named public house. Bro. Lane commends the meaning of the word "formerly" in the Athol Grand Lodge minutes to my attention. I reply that the wording of these minutes must not be treated with too great a nicety, especially by Bro. Lane, who has proved to his own satisfaction in his "Handy Book" that the Athol Grand Lodge was exceedingly careless in the transaction of its business during the first decade of the present century. A body that could be guilty of the laxity (to use the mildest phrase) attributed to it by Bro. Lane, viz., the granting of old warrants to new lodges, would not be too circumspect in the wording of its minutes. In my opinion the word "formerly" is used in a widely different sense to what Bro. Lane says it conveys. Doubtless when Bro. James Byrne resigned his membership of the lodge, a lot of his friends would follow suit without being "cashiered." They probably thought that Bro. Byrne had been hardly dealt with. That would probably explain why he and they never sought re-admission to the lodge or "obtained any status as members" of the said lodge afterwards.

The minutes of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, signed on the 14th of March, 1807, by Bro. Edward Dalton, Secretary, distinctly affirm that at that date the lodge had been re-established, and the warrant had been restored to the same lodge—No. 157. Now, the old lodge could not be re-established by granting its warrant to "an entirely new lodge," and the warrant could not be restored to one lodge by giving it to another. The lodge that assembled at the George or Royal Standard was composed of members who attended the lodge held at the Duke of Athol in the Ginnis. The lodge roll proves this statement to be correct. It is perfectly true that Bro. Byrne and a few others did not continue members of the lodge after it was withdrawn from his house. But there is no evidence to show they were expelled. If they had been expelled there would undoubtedly have been a minute to that effect. The probability is that Bro. Byrne and his friends resigned, having taken umbrage at the unjust treatment which had been meted out to him. It is also quite correct that only two of the officers appointed by Bro. Byrne became officers in the re-established lodge. That is quite easy of explanation. When Bro. Byrne's election was adjudged null and void, all the appointments which he had made were *ipso facto* cancelled. His successor naturally selected his own officers, and only two of the old ones were appointed. The remainder, Bro. Lane omits to say, were old members of the lodge, as the roll proves.

Notwithstanding Bro. Lane's surprise, I am still of opinion that there was no hiatus in the continuity of

the proceedings of Lodge No. 157. The last meeting of the lodge at the Duke of Athol, recorded in the lodge minutes, took place in December, 1806. The next entry in the same book is the account of the meeting at the George Inn, when the same lodge was re-established, but no date is given to show when this meeting took place. The minutes were signed by Bro. Edward Dalton, Secretary, on the 14th of March, 1807, but the minutes which had been written by some one else, do not say when the meeting occurred. It must have been before the 4th of February, 1807, because on that date the Athol Grand Lodge minutes state that the change had taken place. There is no documentary evidence to prove when the change was actually made. It may have been in either December or January. I have, therefore, as much right as Bro. Lane has for thinking otherwise, to surmise there has been no break in the lodge proceedings.

Taking a broad view of the whole matter, and disregarding the quibbles which Bros. McKay and Lane have raised over this exceedingly brief and unpleasant period towards the end of the year 1806, it must be admitted that the Grand Lodge acted within its right and with good judgement in granting the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven, the legitimate successor of the old Lodge No. 157, founded in 1768, a centenary warrant in 1885. It is not denied that the lodge assembled regularly from the year 1768 to the end of the year 1806, and with only the briefest interval, if any, from that date up to the present time. It is, therefore, surprising that brethren in the positions of Bros. McKay and Lane should argue that the lodge was disbanded in 1805 or 1807, particularly when in so doing they indirectly cast a slur upon the characters of their fellow Masons and ridicule upon the acts of the Grand Lodge they are supposed to revere.—Yours fraternally,

R. W. MOORE.

January 2nd.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

La Tolerance Lodge (No. 538).—This lodge held its installation meeting on the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. W. G. Fenn, W.M., presided. There were present on the occasion Bros. Thos. W. Smale, P.M.; L. G. Langdon, P.M.; T. Bicknell, P.M.; John Skinner, P.M.; C. Burt, P.M.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.D., Treasurer; J. B. Sly, P.M., Secretary; E. Child, P.M., Stwd.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; and the following officers: Bros. W. M. Clear, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. Webb, G. L. Lyons, W. E. Wilby, G. T. Augspurg, S. G. Edridge, W. Hooker, and Theo. Ward. The following were the visitors: Bros. W. Batty, P.M. 902; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; L. A. Langmead, 1563; R. P. Stevens, I.P.M. 901; F. Blake, 1585; A. Buchr, P.M. 1585; John Paul, P.M. 1474; F. Cambridge, W.M. 2096, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; S. Cooper, P.M. 1637; W. I. Stahlschmidt, 765; H. D. Hinton, P.M. 975; J. Lonsdale, P.M. 382, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; G. J. Day, 1563; H. Yates, 2182; G. Reynolds, W.M. 1614, Sec. 2191; Thos. Nicholls, M.D., 463, P.G.D.; and A. Lister, 1965.

Mr. Thomas Henry Clear was balloted for, and initiated by the W.M., and Bro. Kench delivered in masterly style the ancient charge. Bro. John Frederick Gooch, of Lodge City of Ottawa, Ontario, was elected a joining member. The W.M. afterwards installed Bro. William May Clear, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the chair of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. W. G. Fenn, I.P.M.; W. Webb, S.W.; G. L. Lyons, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; J. B. Sly, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. E. Wilby, S.D.; G. T. Augspurg, J.D.; S. G. Edridge, I.G.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; E. Child, P.M., and W. Hooker, Stwds.; T. Ward, R.A.M., Org.; and Walkley, Tyler. These investments over, Bro. Fenn delivered the addresses, and completed his year's work in admirable style.

The lodge business being concluded, the hospitality of the brethren was testified by an elegant banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, where the Crown Room afforded ample accommodation for hosts and guests. Bro. W. M. Clear, W.M., presided, having his brother, the initiate, on his right, and all the brethren of the lodge striving to make each other and their visitors happy. The usual toasts followed.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said her Majesty's virtues were so well known to the brethren that it was quite unnecessary for him to enumerate them. They were known not only to Freemasons but throughout the four quarters of the globe and the colonies over which she reigned.

The W.M. next proposed "The M.W.G.M.," and said that his Royal Highness was a Mason in every sense of the word. Those brethren who had had the honour and pleasure of seeing him do any work, saw well that he knew the Masonic ritual thoroughly; indeed, whatever work he undertook he did thoroughly and well.

The W.M. proposed "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said no doubt that as regards Grand Office many onerous duties were attached to it, which were carried out with a great deal of skill and zeal. In times past, perhaps, Grand Office had great influence in Masonry, but not more certainly than it had now. Grand Lodge had great influence on all the doings of lodges generally. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Kench, P.M., P.G.P., who, like other Grand Officers, had taken great interest in Lodge La Tolerance. He was speaking truthfully when he said Bro. Kench was an initiate of Lodge La Tolerance, and it must be a great pride to him to see the prosperous condition the lodge was in at the present moment.

Bro. James Kench, P.G.P., acknowledging the compliment, said that with regard to the Earl of Carnarvon, who in the absence of the Grand Master wielded the destinies of the Craft, Freemasons everywhere owed him a debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts to maintain the principles on which the Order was founded, travelling even to the Antipodes to extend the principles and tenets of the Craft. With respect to the Earl of Lathom, that nobleman was no less distinguished for the way in which he discharged the duties of his office of Deputy Grand Master in Grand Lodge, being at all times ready and willing to devote his attention to promoting the best interest of the Craft. Among the Grand Officers were other distinguished men who had been selected by her Majesty to fill posts of State. In Grand Lodge there were men of all sorts and conditions, of all classes, of literature, of science, divinity, law, and physis, and all kinds of art were duly represented. They were all there; and he esteemed it a great honour to belong to so distinguished a body. There was only one pleasure he should esteem greater, and that would be to see others of his brethren of La Tolerance Lodge adorned with the purple of Grand Lodge; and with the expression of that hope he returned the brethren his sincere thanks for their kind acceptance of that toast.

Bro. Fenn, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M." That evening they had a W.M. who was thoroughly a child of the lodge. He came among them a complete stranger, but from the earliest moment he had been one of them, and it was an immense pleasure first of all to see him installed in the chair he so worthily filled that evening. The interest he showed in Masonry was exemplified by the way in which he had introduced his brother to the lodge. It showed that he thought well of them, as they thought well of him, and he felt sure he expressed the wish of the brethren when he said he wished him a very happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in reply, said that during the year he should occupy the chair of the lodge he need not tell them he should do his utmost to maintain the high reputation La Tolerance Lodge had always had by carrying out the duties of Master to the best of his ability. There were many onerous duties attached to the office of Master, but with the great co-operation of the I.P.M. his duties would be somewhat easy. Five years almost to a day he was initiated by Bro. Langdon, P.M., in that lodge. He was then an entire stranger to all the brethren. Bro. Stevens introduced him, and Bro. Stevens was seconded by Bro. Child, P.M. They all knew Bro. Child; he was satisfied with him at all events. He (the W.M.) had gone on from office to office perhaps more quickly than the majority of the Past Masters of the lodge had, but he would do his best to hand over the character that had been entrusted to him that evening unsullied to his successor.

The W.M., in proposing "The Initiate," and referring to the advantages of having new additions to a lodge, said the entry of initiates allowed the old members of lodges who had done a great deal of work to retire to a certain extent on their laurels, and take things a little more easily. It must seem very strange to an initiate when he first entered Masonry, and it was almost impossible for him fully to appreciate the beauties of the Craft, but no doubt when their brother initiate had passed through the other Degrees he would do so to the fullest extent, and value the splendid tenets of Masonry as much as the other members of La Tolerance Lodge did, and would agree with him that there was no greater or grander institution than Freemasonry.

Bro. T. H. Clear, in reply, said he was very pleased to be received into the honourable Craft, but the brethren must excuse him if he did not respond in very eloquent terms. He hoped, as he began to be better acquainted with the brethren of the lodge, friendship and affection would spring up between him and them, as he believed was proper in Masonry.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," and said he was glad to say La Tolerance Lodge always had a good name for hospitality. While he remained Master of the lodge he would do what he could to maintain its very good name. The brethren of the lodge had to thank the visitors for bringing much conviviality to the lodge. Without visitors things would often seem rather dull, and that evening he had to thank Bro. Cambridge for the assistance he had given in accompanying those brethren who sang. Though they had a goodly number of visitors, they would have had more but for the Russian epidemic. As Master of the lodge, he gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and he hoped he would see the majority of them very often during his year of office. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Cambridge, Reynolds, Burt, and Stevens.

Bro. Cambridge thanked the W.M. for having so kindly alluded to what little he had done, but he was delighted to be of any service to the lodge. As the W.M. had said he hoped to see the visitors again during his year of office, it would not be the fault of the visitors if they did not accept the offer.

Bro. George Reynolds said the kindness and generosity of La Tolerance Lodge to visitors was well known. He was pleased to accept Bro. Skinner's invitation. They had travelled many thousand miles together, and when they were on the "briny" they talked of Lodge La Tolerance, and wished it success. He trusted the W.M. would have a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Burt said that whatever the lustre of Lodge La Tolerance was already, it would have additional lustre shed on it by the present W.M. during his year. As far as the hospitality of the lodge was concerned, it could not be eulogised too highly. As to the working of the lodge, it was perfect, while as to the banqueting, it left nothing to be desired.

Bro. Stevens said he was very proud to be present that evening to see his old and esteemed friend Bro. William May Clear installed in the chair of the lodge. He had the honour of introducing Bro. Clear to that lodge as an initiate, and he was glad to find that in five years he was occupying the position of W.M. He himself had to work much longer for that position; but then Bro. Clear had shown himself a very capable member of the lodge. From what they had seen of his work that evening he might say he would make a good Master. He (Bro. Stevens) was also very proud to see that evening another brother, whom he esteemed equally with the W.M., initiated in the lodge, and he trusted they might all be spared to see him occupying the chair now held by his brother. He (Bro. Stevens) had had the honour of introducing Bro. Gooch as a joining member. The lodge was a good one for young men who wanted to come forward, and he was pleased that Bro. Gooch was accepted so cordially.

Bro. Nicholls also responded.

The W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," said that while the lodge was under the charge of Bro. Fenn it had lost none of its former lustre. On the contrary, that lustre had increased. The I.P.M. was a man who was very much esteemed by all the brethren in the lodge, and also at Croydon and other places. He had brought more initiates into the lodge than any other member; in fact, the very strong contingent from Croydon was the backbone of the lodge. In leaving the chair of the lodge Bro. Fenn took with him the good feeling of every one of its members. In appreciation of the most able way in which he had discharged his duties, the brethren had delegated him (the W.M.) to present Bro. Fenn with a Past Master's jewel, which he had now the very greatest pleasure in placing on his breast, among, he was happy to say, many other jewels. He would wind up the short speech by quoting a line of Shakespeare, and saying how the I.P.M. "has deserved commendation, applause, and love."

Bro. Fenn said he was extremely obliged to the W.M. for the kind and gracious way in which he had proposed his health, and to the brethren for the kind and cordial way in which they had received it. He was at a loss for words to express his thanks for the handsome jewel. It was a jewel which he should always value and look upon with pleasure, as it would recall to his mind a very happy year of office. The year he had passed through had been a very happy one to him in every sense of the word. Masonically and socially, he must feel that he had been highly blest, and that jewel especially would bring back to his mind the particular year 1889. The W.M. had alluded to the number of initiates he (Bro. Fenn) had introduced to the lodge. He hoped it would be his pleasure yet to introduce more members. His interest had always been in the lodge, and he hoped it would always continue. The Croydon contingent no doubt would be the backbone of the lodge, and he hoped the young members who were brought in were learning Masonic ways and ritual, and that they would follow his footsteps and come up ultimately to the chair. Every member of the Croydon contingent who was a Mason was truly a Mason. They had always supported him for his Stewardships for the Charities; he had made several calls on them, but they were never tired of his appeals. It was only a short time ago the S.W. asked him if he was going up next year, as he had ten guineas to give away. Since they had been members of the lodge and been Masons they had well supported the Charities.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters." He said during his short career he had had the honour of visiting a good many lodges, but he had never been to a lodge of which the members were so few and in which the Past Masters were so numerous. All the visitors would notice what a splendid array of Past Masters there was in the lodge, though one or two were away through illness. The Past Masters were a great assistance to a W.M.; they formed a sort of Committee to whom questions which arose could be referred, and the W.M. had in them all the knowledge that was to be had on the subject. Ever since the lodge was formed the different Masters who had occupied the chair had had every assistance from the Past Masters.

Bro. Skinner, P.M., said it was a great delight to the Past Masters to support the W.M., and in that lodge they mustered in rather large numbers, but the Worshipful Masters were usually so able that they did not require the assistance of the Past Masters.

Bro. Bicknell, P.M., said it was always a satisfaction to the Past Masters to find themselves so well received. La Tolerance was a strong lodge in Past Masters, and this fact showed the good opinion the brethren had of their mother lodge. It often happened in a lodge that when a brother had gone up through the different offices he left the lodge, but happily in that lodge the Past Masters still clung to it. Nothing could show better the high value of the lodge, and that evening they had 11 present—they were only 13 in number, so that that was nearly the full number present. One of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, who was initiated some 20 years ago, was still a Past Master and member of the lodge. Therefore that brother set a good example to other members of the lodge by showing that when they had passed the chair they should still remain members. He could assure the brethren that the Past Masters of La Tolerance Lodge would still cling to it, and would afford every assistance they could to the Master in the chair if anything should happen in which he would require their assistance.

Bros. Elvin and Burt also responded briefly.

The W.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Kench and Sly," said the lodge was very fortunate in securing the services of two such Past Masters. During the many years those offices had been in their hands the duties had been carried out with that precision and accuracy that no brother could have the slightest chance of grumbling. Bro. Kench was one of the oldest of the Past Masters in the lodge, and was one of the first English initiates, and he had been Treasurer of the lodge for over 20 years. Happily during that long period Bro. Kench had not been much worried. Whether the balance in hand was large or small he had not had the necessity to invest it in Goschens or Guineas. As to the Secretary, Bro. Sly, his duties had been equally well carried out. His politeness was proverbial and his attention to duty most strict.

Bro. Kench, in reply, said that some few years back he proposed that when the lodge had spare funds a portion should be given to the Masonic Charities until every office in the lodge was endowed. He hoped that after a time they would be enabled to resume that scheme, but he did not think they could do that and give a ladies' banquet as well. As far as he was individually concerned, it was a matter of the most perfect indifference to him whether he had a large or a small amount of funds in hand. Still, taking great interest in the lodge and in his office of Treasurer, he would like to see a good balance in hand. Let them endeavour to be in such a position that they might discharge their duties as Freemasons, and at the same time maintain the lodge so well that it might remain an ornament to the Craft for benevolence and Charity.

Bro. Sly, P.M. and Sec., also responded, and promised to carry out his duties in the future as he had in the past.

The W.M., in giving "The Officers," said that the Wardens and some of the other officers could perform all the ceremonies of the Craft right through.

The J.W. and other officers responded, and the Tyler's toast closed a very happy evening.

Bros. A. Lister, H. Yates, Jas. Kench, G. L. Lyons, and W. E. Wilby entertained the brethren with some beautiful singing, Bro. Cambridge presiding at the piano.

Alliance Lodge (No. 1827).—Banquet to the Lord Mayor.

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 6th inst., when Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor was entertained at a banquet. There was a distinguished company of brethren present, including several Grand Officers and numerous officers of the Corporation. The members present included Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Perry Godfrey, W.M.; H. Clarke, I.P.M.; E. F. Fitch, S.W.; F. S. Jackson, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Smith, Chap.; R. Pawley, Treas.; J. E. Turner, Sec.; G. J. Scott, S.D.; E. T. R. Wilde, J.D.; B. Emanuel, D.C.; J. C. Whiddington, A.D.C.; T. Roderick, I.G.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; Capt. V. Dunfee, Stwd.; Col. T. D. Sewell, P.M.; H. Wright, P.M.; H. Squire, P.M.; F. Green, P.M.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; A. Peebles, and W. Westcott. Visitors: Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, S.W. 2127; E. Terry, G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; E. Monteuis, G.S.B.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.S.B.; Dr. I. Zacharie; T. W. Whitmarsh, G.P.; G. Girling, 1641; T. Beard, P.M. 101; E. Dixon, 1627; A. Fielder, 1670; E. Wild, 96; J. Stevens, P.M. 720; E. Maybrick, G. Org.; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1107; C. Isaacson, 1351; E. F. Fuller, 1657; E. H. Bramley, 957; J. E. Walford, P.M. 177; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was formally opened, but there being no business for transaction, it was closed after Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor had been received and heartily greeted.

Ample justice having been done to a substantial banquet, the usual toasts were given and received, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." being heartily received.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said that with reference to the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, he would say nothing, because their attention to their duties in the Masonic world were so well known. He would call their attention to one fact and say how cordially the Alliance Lodge appreciated the presence of Grand Officers that evening. Bro. Edward Terry had been obliged to leave to perform his duties elsewhere, and they in the Masonic world knew that personal duties were to be considered first, which were proper lines to go upon. The Grand Secretary, whom he was pleased to see present, was always pleased to give them any information in Freemasonry. There was also present the Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, whose genial company was highly appreciated, but not appreciated more in any other lodge than in that over which he had the honour to preside. Bro. Philbrick, whose name he would couple with the toast, rendered great service in the compilation of the Book of Constitutions, and was always ready whenever required by Grand Lodge to carry out any duties.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R., in reply, said he supposed it was because one happened to be not quite recovered from a severe cold that it fell to one's lot to be in the position of returning thanks that evening. He should equally suppose that almost everyone might plead the same excuse, and as they were all brethren in the same boat he hoped that each other's feelings in that respect would make them wondrous kind. By an accident of the departure of their esteemed brother Terry, whose attractions still hovered for him somewhere near Sweet Lavender, he happened to be the senior officer present that night, and it devolved upon him to return thanks for that toast which had been so well and so kindly expressed by their W.M. by way of appreciation of the services of the Grand Officers who assist in what he had rightly called the management of the great Craft of Freemasonry. It was a great and influential body and a power in the land, and he trusted and believed a power for good. He was sure it was a power for good when rightly exercised and when the true traditions of the Order were upheld. When they were sometimes told by their kind friends who had not seen the light that they were a secret Society, and that they were unable to bring their cause to the light of day, he thought they might indeed point to those who were enlisted under the banner of Freemasonry, embracing some of the greatest and most enlightened in the land. With regard to the two great noblemen associated with the toast they worthily deserved the confidence of the Craft. Of the great body of Grand Officers they could form some opinion from the quality of those they saw around them some of whom were numbered in the lodge. He was quite satisfied of this—that very great service was rendered, and a great deal of time cheerfully given up, in order that the concerns and interests of Masonry might not suffer. For the kindness shown in proposing and receiving the toast he begged to offer very sincere thanks.

The W.M. said he had next to ask them to drink the toast of the evening—that of "Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor." Would that he had the eloquence of Bro. Philbrick to do that toast justice, but he was sure the Lord Mayor would take the will for the deed. It was sufficient to know that no one had arrived at the position of Chief Magistrate of the first city in England unless he was deserving of that honour, and Bro. Sir Henry Isaacs had proved himself worthy of that post in his mercantile transactions and in the mercantile world. They knew more of him than that, for they knew him in Masonry. It might be that the Lord Mayor had not worked so hard in Masonry as he did some years ago, but it was within the recollection of some present that he was able to work the 15 Sections, and then be as fresh as ever in the morning. He (the W.M.) gave that toast with all sincerity, and with all his heart, and felt certain it would be received in the same spirit. He asked them to drink to the health, long life, and prosperity of Bro. Sir H. Isaacs, the Chief Magistrate of their great city.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was warmly received, said: I listened with a great deal of respectful attention to the precept of the W.M., who said he would make very short speeches. I listened subsequently to his example in proposing the toast of the M.W.G.M., and I am afraid his precept was grander than his example. I shall follow the Worshipful Master's precept, and ignore his example. I think on such occasions as these a short speech is the better one, unless the longer speech possesses that eloquence which I cannot command. You, Worshipful Master, have spoken of me in my capacity of Lord Mayor and as a Mason. I scarcely know how I shall apportion the great deal of praise given me, whether it is more as Mayor and less as Mason, or more as Mason and less as Mayor. In any case, and in both cases, I am grateful for the compliment paid me. I think there are some points of resemblance between the office I hold as

Lord Mayor of the City of London and the honour I claim of being an old member of the Masonic Fraternity. I think the office of Lord Mayor claims some antiquity, and the same may be said of Freemasonry. The office of Lord Mayor is non-political, and they as Freemasons were non-political. The office of Lord Mayor—and I must say in this connection, the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of which he is the head—acknowledge the G.A.O.T.U., and acknowledge also the right of every man to worship God in that form which best commends itself to his conscience. I hope I shall do some little credit to the office of Lord Mayor, and hope I shall never sully my character as a Freemason. You, Worshipful Master, have been pleased to refer to the fact that many years ago I was a hard worker in the ranks of Freemasonry. That is so. I have been in my time, and proud I am of the fact, a Lecture Master in Freemasonry. I can remember when I first joined Freemasonry that those who led us were in one sense excellent leaders, but in another sense not excellent leaders. At that time the chief part of Freemasonry devolved upon men who were wanting in education. I am happy to say, at the present moment, the leaders and lights of Freemasonry are men of light and of learning. I remember very well the first occasion upon which a deceased brother, who was my Preceptor, came to my house to give me a lesson. I remember I was not impressed with the grammar he used. I had an idea it was a grammar of his own, certainly it was not a grammar of Lindly Murray. All that has changed, and while the spirit of Freemasonry is itself stronger if possible than it was in my youthful days, the working of Freemasonry is all that a scholar could desire. I can remember that on one occasion I was awakened from my sleep at two in the morning by a very naughty set of my pupils who had made a wager that they would awaken me, and knowing they could rely upon my fraternal feeling, induced me, in my sitting room, to go through the 15 sections. The wager was that I would recite those sections without making 15 mistakes. I remember very well how I was to receive compensation for such a sacrifice. They told me the wager was—so much for Charity and so much for dinners. I made a condition that the money that was to be spent on dinners should be added to the amount to be given to Charity, and then I would go through my *séance*. They were good enough to say that my backer—I think that is the proper expression—took the money. I do not hesitate to tell you that if any of my brethren should be rash enough to make a wager at the present moment that I should work even one of those 15 sections without making 15 mistakes, I should repeat *Punch's* advice to those about to marry, and say "Don't," for the prize would be for the man who did not back me. We have heard it said "It's never too late to mend"—I have turned back to my character as a working Mason, and I am now a pupil of one who some 20 years ago was a pupil of mine, and if he can bring me back some of my old reputation, I shall still hope during the coming year, as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, where I hope to see many brethren of this lodge—I hope to do the work in a way that will not cause my old friends and pupils—such as remain—to blush for me. I have always felt the greatest interest in Freemasonry, and I appreciate its beneficent effects, and believe that much of the good which has been accomplished in the outer world—such as the rule which allows a man to be the arbiter of his own religion—may be attributed to the influence of this Craft. Masonry will always claim my best services. I am said to be, although a nervous man—and I am a nervous man in one sense—a bold man, and I have promised to take the chair for one of our best Masonic Charities, and I venture to improve the occasion, being on my legs, by asking you to come and assist me in my efforts to assist that Charity, and if you will do that, and if the members of this lodge will form part of that bold effort, I shall be very much indebted to the Alliance Lodge. I thank you from my heart for the great compliment paid me.

Immediately rising again, Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor said, a very pleasing duty devolves upon me, but before I enter upon it let me call your attention to the fact that one toast has been omitted—the toast which should follow my response—that of "The Health of Bro. Harris," whom I am proud to claim as one of my sheriffs for the present year. He was compelled to be absent on important business, and he asked me to tender his apologies and regret for his absence. I have a very agreeable duty to ask you to drink to the health of the Brother who has so well, so amiably, so eloquently, and, with the exception of the one transgression of precept and example, so admirably shown us what a Worshipful Master should be when presiding over such a meeting as this. I am sorry I had not the privilege of listening to his working. Whenever I find a brother presiding as he has presided, and received as he has been received by the members of this lodge, I draw my own inference, and that is that he must do the work elsewhere as well as he has at the banquet table. I hope you will not think I am fishing on the present occasion; but I hope he will give me an opportunity of criticising his working as I ventured to criticise his shortcomings. He has introduced the several toasts, if not with brevity, with the only thing that can justify the absence of brevity—perfect eloquence. I have great pleasure—and he will permit me to tell you that I am an old critic in this kind of business—in saying I am delighted with the manner in which he has discharged his duty. That he holds a high place in your esteem is evidenced in the way you received him. I hope he will be long spared—I will not say to preside for many years, because there are many aspirants to follow him—but to assist in the good work of Masonry. I hope he will assist you in the sphere to which I referred, and if he entitles himself to my good opinion in that connection as he has commanded my satisfaction to-night, I shall be satisfied, and the Charity I shall preside over will also be satisfied. I give you with all sincerity "The W.M. of the Alliance Lodge."

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Perry Godfrey, W.M., thanked the Lord Mayor very sincerely indeed for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for their enthusiastic reception of it. He would only, after listening very attentively to what had been said, trouble them with two points. The first was that the proof of the pudding was in the eating, and when he was about to leave the chair he hoped to carry their good wishes with him. It was his continual effort to do the best he could in return for the kindness he received at their hands.

Bro. Frank Green, P.M., gave "The Visitors," and said that if anything in a meeting of brethren, and particularly a meeting of members of that lodge, could induce a flow of eloquence it would be the presence of visitors. He was sure the visitors would accept a welcome from the members and feel that however extensive their numbers might be they

could not be too great to accept a cordial welcome from them, and to find a place in their hearts. The Grand Officers would feel that their presence had been acknowledged, and that they conferred an honour on the lodge whenever they were good enough to favour them with their company. He should look to a brother who was not a member of Grand Lodge to respond, who was one of themselves, but whom they welcomed as much although he did not wear the purple, and that was a true Masonic spirit. He should ask Bro. Beard to reply, and he thought it was the more appropriate having regard to the fact alluded to by the Lord Mayor that Sheriff Harris had been prevented from attending. Nothing could be more appropriate than that his Under-Sheriff should respond.

Bro. Beard, P.M., returned thanks, and expressed the personal pleasure it had afforded him to be present, and he hoped to have that privilege for many years to come.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., said he had been honoured by being permitted to propose the next toast. He presumed he had been chosen as he had the good fortune some 11 years ago to consecrate the lodge. He remembered that pleasing occasion, and he was happy to have the two distinguished Masons who acted with him—Bos. Philbrick and Long—on that occasion. He was fortunate on that occasion not only in being enabled to consecrate that lodge, but also of installing one of the most excellent and most popular Masons that they had in Grand Lodge, Bro. Sir Jno. Monckton. Since that period he had watched carefully over the lodge and had followed its history which had proved more successful. It had progressed in a way which they all desired and anticipated, and had gathered under its fold excellent and good men, the majority of whom were associated with the Corporation and Liveries. The toast he had to propose was "The Past Masters." He could not speak too highly of the distinguished brethren who had occupied the chair of the lodge. He should ask them to drink heartily to those excellent brethren who were P.M.'s, more particularly associated with the name of Bro. Clarke, I.P.M.

Bro. H. Clarke, I.P.M., responded in appropriate terms. Referring to a remark made by the Lord Mayor, he said the members would be extremely honoured if so excellent a Mason would fill the only vacancy in the lodge.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, replying to the challenge laid down by Bro. Clarke, said that if the members of the Alliance Lodge desired to have him as a co-member he should be delighted to join, on one condition, which was that they gave him their support on the occasion when he would have the honour of presiding over one of the Charities.

"The Officers" was given by the W.M., and responded to by the S.W., after which the Tyler's toast brought a successful and pleasant evening to a close.

Under the able direction of Bro. F. A. Jewson, Org., assisted by Miss Maud Hayter, Miss Laura Brown, and Mr. Sackville Evans, an excellent programme of music was ably rendered.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt, W.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., S.W.; Professor T. Hayter-Lewis, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Rev. C. J. Ball, J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., D.C.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd.; C. Kupferschmidt, Dr. B. W. Richardson, and F. H. Goldney, P.G.D. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. G. W. Taylor, F. Weiss, F. A. Powell, Professor F. W. Driver, J. J. Pakes, J. Newton, F. King, E. Storr, Max Mendelsohn, R. A. B. Preston, R. A. Gowan, H. Warner, and C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. T. Hayter-Lewis, who had been absent at the last meeting, was invested as J.W. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted. The report showed during the year an addition of five members to the lodge, and 305 to the Correspondence Circle; cash receipts upwards of £750, and an expenditure of £736, of which some £350 is absorbed in printing the transactions, &c., and close upon £100 in postages alone. We have sought in vain for a single penny spent in refreshment, and are convinced that no subscriber to this lodge can lay his finger on one item of expenditure to which any reasonable or even cautious critic could object. The income, which is now a large one, is wholly devoted to the furtherance of the peculiar objects of the lodge, viz., the spread of Masonic literature of a high class. Two Grand Lodges, one District Grand Lodge, two private lodges, and 39 brethren were elected members of the Correspondence Circle, in all 44 candidates, bringing the total of intrans up to 795. We append a list: Grand Lodge of South Australia, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, District Grand Lodge of Malta, Royal Athelstan Lodge, 19, London; St. John's Lodge, 1039, Lichfield; W. R. Dyer, 618, Waitangi, Tasmania; Hon. S. G. Way, Chief Justice, Pro G.M. South Australia; J. Wilkinson, W.M. 1978, Herberston, North Queensland; Heerjeethoy Manalkjee Rustomjee, J.P., Dist G. Sec. Bengal, Calcutta; F. H. De Roos, Johannesburg, Transvaal; E. S. Latimer, Wilmington, North Carolina; Ladislav de Malczowich, Budapest, Hungary; J. E. Oram, 357, Dublin; J. L. Von Toll, Lausanne, Switzerland; W. J. Wallace, 44, Edinburgh; A. C. Quick, 168, Guernsey; Major J. J. Ross, P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, Penzance; W. K. Baker, P.P.G.D. Cornwall, Penzance; W. W. Vincent, W.M. 1391, Leicester; T. M. Wilkinson, P.P.G.W. Lincoln, Lincoln; J. Sutcliffe, P.P.G.W. Lincoln, Grimsby; R. G. Salmon, P.M. 405, Newcastle-on-Tyne; F. E. Remfry, P.P.G.P. South Wales (West Division), Tenby; J. Monks, P.P.G.W. Durham, Durham; L. F. de Ridder, 152 and 1222, Clifton, Bristol; G. Martin, 600 and 702, Bradford; T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec. Essex, Colchester; F. Weiss, P.M. 1491; R. A. B. Preston, 357, 1118, and 1523; C. J. Perceval, P.M. 1607; T. Jones, P.M. 1607; F. King, 1607; C. H. Halford, 1607; H. M. Hobbs, P.P. G. W. Surrey; G. H. Lindsay Renton, 183; F. W. Levander, F.R.A.S., P.P.G.D. Middx.; Dr. C. V. Burgess, 206 and 2027; H. C. Houndle, P.M. 1826; J. J. Pakes, P.M. 871; R. Nelson, P.M. 126 and 308, Burnley, Lancashire; W. Phillips, 174, 359, and 1997; G. Campion, P.M. 19; W. A. Barrett, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; and E. T. Carson, Cincinnati.

The paper of the evening was by Bro. R. F. Gould on "The Antiquity of Masonic Symbolism," for an account of which we refer our readers to the "Transactions" of the lodge. Written contributions to the discussion were forwarded by Bro. W. J. Hughan, W. Simpson, J. Ramsden Riley, and E. Macbean, and Bros. W. H. Rylands, F. H. Goldney, Professor F. W. Driver, G. W. Speth, Professor T. Hayter-Lewis, Rev. C. J. Ball, and Dr. Richardson also spoke on the subject.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRIDGWATER.

Perpetual Friendship Lodge (No. 135).

—At a meeting of the brethren of the above lodge, on the 6th inst., at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bro. J. M. Davis was duly installed the W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. R. C. Else, Deputy P.G.M. There was a good attendance of brethren and also of visitors. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. W. Buffett, S.W.; D. Burston, J.W.; Rev. T. D. Bevan, Chap.; J. B. Soper, P.M., Treas.; T. F. Braithwaite, Sec.; W. T. Baker, S.D.; A. B. Cottam, J.D.; Dr. T. H. Laxton, D.C.; R. Garton, Org.; A. Squibbs, I.G.; and J. McGowan, Tyler.

CAMBRIDGE.

Lodge of the Three Grand Principles

(No. 441).—The meeting for the installation of W.M. took place in the lodge room at the Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 6th instant, Bro. J. E. L. Whitehead, P.P.A.G. Purst., W.M., in the chair. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. Andrew H. Moyes, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Y. Crawley, J. Vail, F. G. G. Barber, J. Stacey, Youngman, Joshua Taylor, G. Cole, F. Dewberry, J. Sheldrick, E. H. Jennings, T. Watts, S. H. Sharman, and J. Fuller, all P.M.'s of the lodge; and the following visitors, viz.: Bros. F. C. Wace, (Mayor of Cambridge) P.M. 859; A. Thompson, P.M.; S.S.; E. W. Harry, P.M. 1001; Thomas Catling, W.M. 2190; William Purchas, W.M. elect, S.S.; Frank Piggott, J.W. S.S.; G. Morington, J.D. 1669; Arthur H. Cross, J.D. 107; A. E. Chaplin, Sec., R. Hills, C. W. Redin, and W. James, of S.S.; W. H. Francis, S.S.; J. B. Black, 286; R. Moore, S.S.; W. H. Whitehead, 2207, Blackall, Queensland; R. W. Baker, 1126; W. H. Smith, 1515; W. Sindall, S.S.; M. F. Frelove, 2136; Jos. Caygill, 2136; and others.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer reported that the lodge owed nothing, and that they had a respectable balance. A Past Master's jewel to the outgoing W.M. was voted. The installation of Bro. John Fish Symonds, P.P.G.D.C., was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. J. E. L. Whitehead, who discharged his duties in the most efficient manner, and to the satisfaction of all.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. E. L. Whitehead, I.P.M.; Wm. Dewberry, S.W.; J. Royston, J.W.; J. S. Youngman, P.M., Chap.; J. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; F. G. G. Barber, P.M., Sec.; H. E. Gref, S.D.; P. H. Young, J.D.; F. Dewberry, P.M., D.C.; J. Catling, I.G.; and Hurry, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was given by the D.P.G.M., Bro. A. H. Moyes, who gave the newly-installed "Hearty good wishes" from the province.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to banquet, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs from several of the brethren, and by a talented glee party, consisting of Bros. W. Coward, A. H. Cross, F. Dewberry, and W. James.

It should be stated that Bro. F. Dewberry, P.M., made a very efficient D.C., and that Bro. A. H. Cross ably presided at the organ.

The meeting altogether was one of the most successful ever held in connection with the lodge.

DENTON.

Duke of Athol Lodge (No. 210).

—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th December last, at the Bowling Green Hotel. The lodge being opened, the minutes confirmed, and the audit report received and adopted, Mr. John Richards was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. Foreman, W.M., after which the principal business of the evening was proceeded with, and Bro. George Marsh was duly and impressively installed into the chair of K.S., in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters, by the retiring Master, Bro. T. D. Foreman. The proclamations and salutations were conducted in a most praiseworthy manner, the working tools being presented respectively in the Three Degrees by Bros. Thomas Milton, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; James Bromley, P.M.; and R. E. Coates, P.M., in their usual characteristic and efficient style. The W.M. appointed the following officers: Bros. S. Fidler, S.W.; Jno. Tew, J.W.; Rev. John Kelly, Chap.; Jas. Woolfenden, P.M., Treas.; R. E. Coates, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Milton, P.M., P.P.G. and Std. Br., D.C.; W. F. Chambers, S.D.; Jas. M. Veevers, J.D.; G. C. Taylor, I.G.; D. Lever, Org.; J. E. Smith and A. C. Morris, Stwds.; and George Pugh, P.M., Tyler. The Installing Master invested the officers, explaining their duties and jewels in an able and very appropriate manner, after which he concluded a capital rendering of the whole ceremony by an impressive delivery of the addresses, the whole of the work being of such a high standard as is seldom met with, and reflected credit on all who took part in it.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was held, the W.M., Bro. George Marsh, in the chair.

The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the chief feature being music between the toasts and responses.

Bro. James Bromley, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. Marsh responded by wishing the brethren a pleasant Christmas and a Happy New Year, and expressed his thanks for the flattering remarks made regarding him, and stated that it was his intention to make his year of office in every way successful. He could not hope to equal the working of some of the distinguished members of the lodge who had passed the chair; but he had endeavoured and would continue to discharge all the duties connected with his office with care and zeal.

Bro. Dr. Foreman, I.P.M., then intimated that an exceedingly pleasant duty now devolved upon him, that of presenting Bro. R. E. Coates, P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel for services rendered as Secretary. He said: Brother Coates,—your good inclination to Freemasonry and attachment to this lodge have been apparent for many years, your skill and ability in managing its concerns in whatever position you were placed have been still more perceptible, whilst your zeal and assiduity as Secretary in promoting our best

interests in every department of work, but more particularly your performance of those arduous duties at great sacrifice of time without fee or reward, have been so abundantly displayed that we have considered your merit and worth should be recognised, and, consequently, the brethren of your lodge present you with this handsome P.M.'s jewel as a token of regard. In placing this jewel on your breast, I am only echoing the sentiments of the lodge that you may be long spared in the enjoyment of good health to wear it with honour to yourself and credit to the Craft.

Bro. Rev. John Kelty said he rose with great pleasure to bear testimony to the personal worth of Bro. Coates. He was privileged to become a member of that lodge during the time that Bro. Coates occupied the W.M.'s chair, and he should always remember the courtesy and kindly consideration that he had shown towards him since that time. He felt sure that in presenting Bro. Coates with the jewel of a P.M. they were only faintly recognising his sterling qualities and his activity and zeal on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. R. E. Coates said: Worshipful Master, Bro. Foreman, Wardens, and Brethren—ever since I was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry I have taken a deep and, I may say, a somewhat active interest in all things pertaining to the Craft generally, but more particularly so in those matters which more nearly concern the welfare of this lodge; and I have always felt a certain amount of pardonable pride in being able to speak of the Duke of Athol as my mother lodge. When I was installed as Master I felt anxious to do something for the benefit of the lodge, and as a means to this end I decided to undertake the duties of Secretary for two years without accepting the emolument provided for in the by-laws. That period having now elapsed, you have seen fit to present me with this beautiful P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Foreman and Bro. Kelty, I thank you for the kindly expressions you have used towards me in presenting this jewel, and to you, brethren, I feel deeply grateful for this handsome mark of your appreciation of the services which I have endeavoured to render to your satisfaction. I trust that I may fully realise the hope expressed by Bro. Foreman that I may live long to wear this jewel with satisfaction to myself and honour to the Craft.

Bro. James Wright, P.M., who proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," made many kind and flattering remarks regarding Bro. Foreman, and said he considered it an honour to propose the toast, as in his Masonic experience (and he had heard installation ceremonies worked in as good a manner as most Freemasons) he did not believe he had ever seen it worked with such perfection or the addresses delivered with such impressiveness as Dr. Foreman, the I.P.M., had rendered them that afternoon.

Bro. Foreman, in reply, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—permit me to thank you for the enthusiastic reception the toast of "Installing Master" has received at your hands, and likewise allow me to thank you, Bro. Wright, for the kind and eulogistic expressions you have used in proposing the sentiment. I am apprehensive your remarks are calculated to place me in a somewhat false position with the brethren, for evidently your kindness has blinded you to my failings, as you credit me with virtues to which I dare not lay claim. I take, first, this public opportunity of according my thanks to the brethren of the lodge generally for their attendance and encouragement during the year, and for the many kindnesses uniformly experienced from them; also to the P.M.'s for their great consideration for my shortcomings, their generous support and willing instruction when required; but more especially to my efficient staff of officers for their regular and punctual attendance at our stated meetings, for their faithful and conscientious discharge of duties, for prompt assistance, willing co-operation, and sympathy in all work. To the brethren who assisted in entertaining us at the social board with music, recitations, and such like, my thanks are also due. When elected W.M., and installed into the chair of King Solomon, I entered upon the work with considerable fear and trembling, but not without both faith and hope. Somehow I felt a painful consciousness that there might be many disappointments in store for me, and, consequently, avoided making promises as to what I hoped or expected to accomplish. However, I did unhesitatingly promise to do my best for the promotion of Freemasonry in this corner of the Province of East Lancashire, and that my determination was to use to the utmost whatever power for doing good in the cause of Masonry the G.A.O.T.U. would be pleased to bestow upon me, leaving the result of my labours to bear testimony to my sincerity. I trust, brethren, I have not been either an unfaithful or an unprofitable steward. I think I may justly and truly say that our good ship the "Duke of Athol" has had a successful and prosperous voyage during the past year, and you will pardon me for saying that, not unnaturally, I am proud of that success and prosperity. We set sail with our noble barque twelve months ago—officers and men, all told, numbering 53 brethren. Early on the voyage, as you may remember, we cast some of the useless ballast overboard, with which we had been too long encumbered. A little later the good and faithful old admiral, Bro. Shawcross, who was installed here first commander 26 years ago this month, was summoned to the Grand Lodge above. He was the father of our lodge, being its oldest member. He served his day and generation faithfully, and we regretted his loss. Further on, or during the year, we had three resignations; but as they were neither residents of Denton, or took much interest in our work, and two of them at least are members of other lodges, we lose little, and possibly Masonry may be the gainer, by their concentrating their energies to one sphere. Opposite to this we have had one joining brother during the year, and also nine new members, all residential, highly respectable, prominent, and energetic citizens of our township. These ten additions enormously outweigh our losses. Those of you who have examined the ship's log or balance-sheet must have observed that we have had also financial prosperity, as, after acting generously towards the Charities by subscribing 20 guineas to the E.L.S.M.B.I., we have been able to carry forward a credit balance of nearly double that amount; and you shrewd, wise-headed, business men of Denton know that financial success is a good criterion of any institution. We have not encountered a single gale—not even a ripple—to disturb the placid water. All has been smooth sailing, and we have landed our noble ship in a state of good repair, without a stain on her fair banner, and cast anchor this afternoon at the Bowling Green Hotel, with a crew of 56 brethren, all told, good and true. After being duly registered under a new commander, Capt. William George Marsh, with well appointed officers and a

gallant crew, her anchor has been weighed, and she is auspiciously started on another voyage, and may she return next year end, still registered at Lloyd's, after another prosperous and successful run. May the G.A.O.T.U. grant health and strength, judgment and wisdom, to the W.M. to guide and steer his vessel with skill and ability, and may peace, love, and harmony reign supreme throughout our midst during the coming year:

"Then steadfast let us all remain,
Though dangers gather round,
And in the work prescribed by Him
Still more and more abound.
Assured that though we labour now,
We labour not in vain;
But entering the Grand Lodge above,
Th' Eternal Crown shall gain."

Afterwards the following toasts were proposed and duly honoured: "The P.M.'s of No. 210," "The Newly-Invested Officers," "The Masonic Charities," "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," when a pleasant and memorable evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bro. H. Hartley, P.G. Stwd., W.M., occupied the chair, supported by his officers, viz.: Bros. G. Dalrymple, P.M., as S.W.; J. Wakefield, J.W.; B. Craig, P.M., Sec.; W. Robinson, S.D.; J. Singers, J.D.; D. Tolson, I.G.; C. Bland, Tyler; W. Shaw, W. Barwise, M. Jones, G. Atkinson, W. H. Jones, Rev. James Anderson, 119, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. Harris, W.M. 119; and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bros. Jones and Atkinson were raised to the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed, and, it being the festive season, a cold collation was prepared in the banquet hall, where a pleasant evening was spent with toast and song.

HIGH BARNET.

Ravenscroft Lodge (No. 2331).—The brethren of this young lodge have quickly followed up the successful consecration by an emergency meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, on Saturday, the 4th inst. There were present Bros. J. Thom, W.M.; Fraser, S.W.; J. Hudson, J.W.; D. Baker, Treas.; G. Arnold, acting P.M. and Sec.; Bintliffe, S.D.; J. Gunn, J.D.; H. Cronin, D.C.; S. Wright, I.G.; M. Powell, A.D.C.; J. H. Catchpole and E. Rawlinson, Stwds.; and several brethren and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, letters were read by the Secretary explaining the object of the meeting, and a dispensation from the P.G.M., Bro. Col. Halsey, M.P., was also communicated to the lodge. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Richardson, Curry, Fearis, Leach, Wood, and J. Gammon, and, it being unanimous, they were initiated. The W.M., assisted by his officers, rendered the ritual in a most impressive style, which was enhanced by vocal and instrumental music. There being no other business to transact, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently assembled in the banquet room, under the presidency of the W.M. Mr. Phillips, the proprietor, had provided a most excellent dinner, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were suitably honoured.

Replying to the toast of "The W.M.," which had been proposed by the acting I.P.M., Bro. Thom said: I have to thank you, Bro. Arnold, for the very kind expressions you have used concerning myself, and I have also to thank the brethren for so kindly receiving the toast. I assure you, brethren, that I feel greatly honoured by your selecting me to be your first W.M. I have further especially to thank you for having given me such a good day's work, for believe me you cannot please me better than by giving me plenty of work to do during my year of office, and on my part I will endeavour to carry out the duties of my position as they should be carried out by the Master of every lodge. We seem to have started in the right direction, not only with regard to the work of the lodge and the chair, but particularly with respect to the excellent music we have heard in this room. We are singularly fortunate in having so much musical talent in our lodge. I hope, brethren, that the Ravenscroft Lodge will go on as it has commenced, and prove, as I believe it will, a very great success.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M., who said: I do not care where a lodge is started it cannot be successful unless it has a good number of initiates. We have been established but a very short time, and yet tonight, our first meeting after the consecration, I have had the very great pleasure of initiating six gentlemen into our ancient mysteries. I have heard a good deal about our newly-made brethren. They are gentlemen of the right stamp for Freemasonry, and I feel satisfied that I shall never regret initiating them. I am also sure that they will be useful members of the Craft, and I trust they have been impressed with the beautiful ritual and the importance of Freemasonry. I hope, too, that they feel satisfied, and will not be sorry for the step they have taken to-night in having joined the Ravenscroft Lodge.

The toast was most enthusiastically responded to, being accompanied by the E.A.'s song.

The several newly-made brethren replied, each expressing his pleasure at joining the lodge and admiration of the impressive ceremony.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and accorded them a hearty welcome.

Bros. Wilson, 147; King, 2206; Gindre, 1563; Simpson, 957; and J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744, responded, the latter brother making a special reference to the excellent working, and cordially wished the lodge every success.

The Secretary and Treasurer suitably responded to their toast.

"The Officers" received a good meed of praise from the W.M. for their efficient assistance. Each officer was named and complimented, the W.M. mentioning Bro. Fraser as the creator of the lodge, and asked that brother, as the hour was getting late, to respond for the toast.

Bro. Fraser, on behalf of the other officers and himself, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the manner in which they received and had honoured the toast. He assured the W.M. that it had been a pleasure to work with him in the formation of the Ravenscroft Lodge, which he hoped would be a success. Bro. Fraser, in conclusion, said that the officers and himself would do all in their power to assist the

W.M. in carrying out the work of the lodge during his year of office.

The Tyler's toast completed a most successful meeting. The musical arrangements, both in the lodge and in the banquet room, were under the able direction of Bro. F. W. Hearn, the Organist of the Hendon Lodge. The proceedings were interspersed with recitations and songs, well rendered by the members of the lodge, the comic songs of Bro. Chas. Gammon deserving special mention.

TIVERTON.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 1125).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, December 27th. There was a large attendance, amongst those present being Bros. G. Hall, W.M.; C. R. Webb, S.W.; J. Munday, J.W.; Rev. W. French, Chap.; T. Parkhouse, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Barrons, S.D.; A. J. Down, J.D.; A. Andrews, P.M., Org.; P. Pyle, I.G.; J. Snooks and J. H. Wheeler, Stwds.; J. B. Crabb, P.M.; R. F. Goosemore, P.M.; J. F. Ellerton, P.M.; Rev. Clement Smith, P.P.G.C. Somersetshire; C. M. Hole, J. R. Austin, J. A. Pleass, J. Grate, R. Grate, G. A. Jones, and others.

The principal business of the afternoon was the installation of the W.M., and the investiture of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. E. M. Moyle was with due ceremony installed W.M., the Board of Past Masters officiating being Bros. Hall, Parkhouse, Crabb, Andrews, Ellerton, and Goosemore. Afterwards the officers were invested as follows: Bros. G. Hall, I.P.M.; J. Munday, S.W.; Rev. W. French, J.W.; Rev. Clement Smith, Chap.; T. Parkhouse, Sec.; W. Barrons, S.D.; P. Pyle, J.D.; W. Masland, Org.; R. Grater, I.G.; J. H. Wheeler and J. A. Pleass, Stwds.; and J. Viney, Tyler. Bro. J. B. Crabb was elected representative on the Committee of Petitions. Mr. C. H. Shear successfully passed the ballot; Rev. Clement Smith was proposed as a joining member; and Messrs. H. J. Crabb, W. H. Veale, J. Hill, and E. Hatcher were nominated for initiation.

The installation banquet was held at the Angel Hotel in the evening, Bro. Moyle presiding a *recherché* repast. There was an unusually large attendance of brethren, and the gathering was one of the most successful of recent years.

The customary toast list was gone through, and during the evening felicitous reference was made to the successful efforts of Bro. Hall in effecting improvements at the hall during his year of office. During the year the lease of the building has been renewed on advantageous terms, the landlord doing necessary repairs and various alterations of a structural character. By sundry internal re-arrangements, a spacious refreshment hall has been provided upstairs, and on the ground-floor offices have been fitted up and the ante-room improved. The expense of furnishing the refreshment hall has been met by subscription amongst the brethren, and although the outlay was considerable, the whole of the required money has been raised.

YORK.

York Lodge (No. 236).—The installation of Bro. C. M. Forbes as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 16th December. Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer, performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by a numerous gathering of members of the Craft, including the W.M.'s of each of the sister lodges in the city. The newly-installed Master afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. Border, I.P.M.; T. S. Brogden, S.W.; E. W. Purnell, J.W.; the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, P.G.C. of England, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; H. Foster, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Sampson, S.D.; E. Carter, J.D.; M. Bryson, I.G.; A. Sample, Org.; Rev. C. Linley, D.C.; T. Archey and F. W. Laughton, Stwds.; and J. Hall, Tyler.

The installation banquet took place in the Masonic Hall in the evening, and was well attended, many brethren of the lodge, as well as brethren from all the sister lodges, sitting down to an excellent repast, provided by Bro. Halliwell. The pleasure of the banquet was considerably enhanced by selections of music by Messrs. Hunter and Toes' string band.

The usual loyal toasts having been submitted to the brethren by the W.M.,

Bro. Sir Joseph Terry proposed the toast of "The Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, D.P.G.M.; and the Present and Past Prov. G. Officers," which was ably responded to by Bro. Ald. Rymer, P.P.G.R.

Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, P.G.C., followed by proposing the toast of "The W.M.," which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Forbes, W.M.

"The Installing Master, Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; the I.P.M., Bro. S. Border; and the Past Masters of the Lodge" was next proposed by Bro. Major Barstow, P.M.

Bros. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas., and Border, I.P.M., responded.

The next toast, an able appeal by Bro. Buckle on behalf of the Masonic Charities, was gratifyingly responded to by the brethren present.

"The Sister Lodges of the Province" was then submitted by Bro. M. Rooke, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and met with a hearty reception from the members of the lodge, being acknowledged, in response, by Bro. Chapman, W.M. 1611, and by Bro. Swift, J.W. 2328.

"The Health of the Visitors" was next proposed by Bro. H. Foster, P.M., Sec., and was responded to by Bros. Dyson, P.M. 1611, and Wilkinson, S.W. 1991.

"The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. G. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The toast of "All Poor and Distressed Masons" terminated the list.

Songs were interspersed throughout the speeches by Bros. Sample, P.P.G.O.; Osborne; Wilkinson, S.W.; Laughton, Stwd.; Carr; Child, P.P.G.O.; and others; and a quartette party, consisting of Bros. Sample, Child, Wilkinson, and Carr, contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening.

We regret to report the news of the death of the Hon. Fitzadelin Boyle, youngest son of Bro. the Earl of Cork. The deceased, who had been in delicate health for some time past, was in his 24th year, having been born in 1866.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The Bank of England Lodge having given its sanction for a lodge of instruction to be attached to it under the above title, a number of zealous brethren assembled on Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, No. 8, Tottenham Court-road, in order to give practical effect to the permission so kindly granted by this old and distinguished lodge. Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.M. 263 (the well-known Preceptor of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement), who had been instrumental in obtaining the sanction, having been elected to the Master's chair, appointed Bros. H. Sadler, S.W.; Wm. Rowley, J.W.; D. G. Imlay, Sec. (*pro tem.*); F. J. Sykes, S.D.; Wm. Baker, J.D.; and J. W. Bull, I.G.

The lodge was then opened, and the minutes of a preliminary meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. H. G. Spilling being the candidate. It was then proposed by Bro. Sadler, seconded by Bro. Rowley, and carried unanimously—"That this be considered the opening night of the Clarence Lodge of Instruction, and that brethren who had already become members, or should do so this evening, should be deemed 'Founders,' and their names should be inserted in the lodge book as such." Bros. F. M. Noakes, 2148; F. J. Sykes, 256; J. W. Bull, 1965; and H. G. Spilling, 2148, were then duly proposed and elected members. On the motion of Bro. Sadler, seconded by Bro. Imlay, and carried unanimously, Bro. W. H. Kirby, 1965, was elected Preceptor for the ensuing year. Bro. Kirby then proposed "That the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Sudlow for his great kindness in attending this meeting (notwithstanding the fact of his being far from well), and for the marked ability with which he had performed the ceremony and conducted the business of the evening." This was seconded by Bro. Imlay, and carried by acclamation. Bro. Sudlow was then elected an honorary member. Bro. Sadler was elected Master for next Thursday evening, and gave notice that the work would be the second ceremony and the explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was then closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, December 27th, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; J. Cummings, S.D.; R. Reid, I.G.; and W. G. Coat.

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 and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Reid having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and called off and on. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Friday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; H. D. Aslett, W.M. 1892, S.W.; E. Lucas, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); T. W. Biggs, S.D.; G. Webb, J.D.; H. Wake, I.G.; W. J. Coplestone, W.M. 834; H. Scharien, and W. G. Coat.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in Bro. Long's well-known and able manner, Bro. Scharien acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. A brother offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a clear and perfect style. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Aslett was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. T. W. Biggs was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

STANHOPE LODGE (No. 1269).—The opening meeting of the above lodge took place at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday evening. The officers appointed for the opening were Bros. W. C. Page, Preceptor, W.M.; Jarvis Maples, P.M., I.P.M.; T. Grant, S.W.; R. Hunt, J.W.; H. Aldridge, S.D.; Harrington Baily, J.D.; and F. E. Tate, I.G. Bro. Jarvis Maples, P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrington Baily was elected Secretary.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to supper, after which the usual toasts (including "Success to the Lodge") were given.

The meetings of the lodge will take place on Wednesday evenings, at eight o'clock punctually, closing at ten o'clock sharp.

We may add that the handsome lodge furniture was supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; H. Luff, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; W. Hancock, acting as Sec.; C. Buxton, S.D.; W. Hoggins, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; W. Hughes, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. O. Burgess, M. A. Cuffe, C. J. Morgan, and C. Lambert.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley worked the 1st Section, and Bro. C. Buxton the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. C. O. Burgess having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Charles Lambert, who rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of officers. On rising for the first time, Bro. Edward Thomas Morgan, 2030, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, 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.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Present: Bros. Pettit, W.M.; Bannister, P.M., S.W.; Fruen, J.W.; M.

Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; Morgan, Sec.; Vickers, P.M., S.D.; Linden, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Bilby, P.M.; Cohen, P.M.; J. Vickers, Nichols, Moorman, and others.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Morgan offered himself as a candidate for raising, and answered the usual questions. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The traditional history was given with great effect by the W.M. The lodge closed down, and Bro. Bannister, P.M., was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. E. Rogers, W.M.; J. R. Roberts, S.W.; D. Belinfante, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; R. H. Broom, J.D.; J. Powell, I.G.; C. Breitbart, P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; A. F. Scholding, C. J. Bye, H. H. Buntington, C. Mote, M. Rosenberg, H. Armfield, W. J. Millington, O. W. Battley, T. Harrington, and H. Guntrip. Bro. S. Ransom was a visitor.

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. H. Guntrip having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. H. Guntrip candidate. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. S. Ransom was unanimously elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. J. R. Roberts, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Secretary informed the brethren that, in consequence of the extensive alterations that will soon take place, the room in which their meetings were held would be required, and a Committee was formed to look for another place of meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, December 31st, at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. G. A. Knight, W.M.; J. R. Roberts, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. R. Hubbard, S.D.; E. C. Gellowski, J.D.; J. Wiggins, I.G.; H. J. Neville, C. G. Hatt, F. A. Barth, and C. Woods.

The lodge being opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a commendable manner, Bro. Neville acting as candidate. Bro. Barth offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Roberts was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. J. R. Roberts, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; J. R. Hubbard, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J. G. D. Middlesex, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; E. Gellowski, S.D.; J. Wiggins, J.D.; J. H. Neville, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; C. Woods, W. T. Marsh, W. Dresden, G. A. Knight, D. Boyce, A. J. Turner, and N. Foley.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a creditable manner, Bro. Turner acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the ancient charge at the conclusion of the ceremony. Bro. Woods offered himself as a candidate for passing, and, proving proficient, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Roberts for his able conduct as W.M. for the first time in a lodge of instruction. Bro. N. Foley was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Dustervald, W.M.; W. G. Jennings, S.W.; J. D. Phillips, J.W.; J. Davies, W.M. elect 169, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; J. Arnot, I.G.; R. Josey, P.M.; C. R. Cross, W.M. 1791; W. D. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; W. J. Tatton, T. Stonnill, and Stevens.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Tatton answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Cross candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, December 31st, at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheap-side. Present: Bros. Cox, W.M.; Scherer, S.W.; Davison, J.W.; Dixie, Preceptor; Williams, Treas.; Miller, Sec.; Ashby, S.D.; Lowry, J.D.; B. Morris Hart, I.G.; and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Culver acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked. The lodge was then closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, the 14th instant. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, December 28th, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. A. Dowling, W.M. elect 2012, W.M.; H. D. Aslett, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; M. Spiegel, P.M., J.D.; T. W. Biggs, I.G.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; F. Kemp, Bower, L. Lee, and F. Craggs.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in

the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Kemp being the candidate. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of investing his officers. The W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. H. D. Aslett was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. A. Dowling on his working in the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose for the third time, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT TO THE ANNUITANTS AT CROYDON.

On Wednesday, the 1st inst., the annual New Year's treat to the residents in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was given at Croydon, where a select party was received by Bro. Terry, the Secretary; Bro. J. G. Stevens, Bro. John Mason, the Collector; Bro. George Abbott, and Miss Norris, the matron, on their arrival by the South-Eastern Railway, which had obligingly attached two saloon carriages to the ordinary 1.7 p.m. train from Cannon-street for their convenience.

Among the party were the following brethren and ladies: Bro. J. Newton and Mrs. and Miss Clara Newton; Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Perryman; Bro. S. Brooks and Miss Brooks; Bro. A. Mullord and Mrs. Mullord; Bro. and Mrs. Oldis, Bro. G. W. Bowyer and Mrs. and Miss Bowyer; Bro. C. J. and Mrs. Perceval; Bro. Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554, and the Misses Cotter; Bros. Cubitt; J. T. Briggs, P.M. and Treas. 157; Dr. H. J. Strong, (honorary surgeon); H. Massey, P.M. 619, P.M. and Treas. 1928, and daughters; Bro. C. H. Webb; Bro. C. Lacey and Miss Lacey; Bro. Henry and Mrs. Magee; Bro. G. S. Horsnail and Mrs. Horsnail; Bro. T. and Miss Goode; Bro. Terry, Mrs. Terry, and the Misses Terry; Miss Cissy and Miss A. Crutch; the Misses Raiker; Miss Gibson; Bros. J. A. Farnfield, H. T. Faull, W. J. Crutch, and others.

After hearty New Year greetings, the residents were summoned to the handsome hall, where a sumptuous banquet of turkey, beef, fowls, and all the good things of Christmastide were spread, Dr. Strong presiding, and Bros. Terry, Oldis, Thos. Cubitt, and Perryman officiating as carvers, the other brethren seeing that the residents and lady visitors were properly supplied.

At the close of the repast, Dr. STRONG, after the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, said there was a toast which on those occasions they always drank, "Those Friends who had contributed to this annual gathering." Year after year those same kind friends had assisted in making that a joyful day for all the inmates of the Institution, and it was in their honour that he proposed that toast. On that occasion he should associate with it the name of Bro. Mullord, who had not only contributed to the feast, but to other sources of entertainment for the Old People. Some of those were amusements with which the inmates of the Institution might pass away their time.

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. MULLORD, in reply, said that when he took his part in those entertainments he had not the least idea that he was doing anything exceptional or what other people had not done. There was no doubt he had done a little; but it was a very great pleasure to anyone to render assistance which would conduce to the welfare of the Old People at Croydon. That was the principle which guided him for the welfare of the Old People, and which he and his friends who were conjoined in this toast had at heart.

Dr. STRONG then said the last toast was one which came very near home, and proposed "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Health of the Residents." Those who were residents fully appreciated the benefits they derived from the Institution, and they would drink the toast with enthusiasm. Those friends who had visited the Institution from time to time also appreciated it, and favourably mentioned it to their friends who had not been there. He would associate with the toast the name of Miss Norris, the Matron, who had done so much for many years past to promote the happiness and comfort of the residents and all connected with the Craft, the House Committee, the Secretary, and those who came down from the Secretary's office, and who saw how she carried out her task; and Bro. Terry, of whom he would say nothing, as "good wine needed no bush." The way Bro. Terry's name was always received was a sufficient guarantee that words were not required to describe what he had done.

Bro. TERRY, in responding, said the first portion of his response was a very pleasant and happy one, because he had to respond on behalf of a lady who was regarded with a great amount of esteem by the brethren and the residents. He gratefully acknowledged the services Miss Norris rendered, and which not only endeared her to the hearts and affections of all the residents, but also gained for her the respect and esteem of everyone who visited the Institution. Her labours were unceasing, her time was entirely at the disposal of the Institution, and he was certain that no questions ever arose between the residents that she did not manage to get settled in the most amiable way. She was, so to speak, the presiding mother of a family. She had at heart the welfare of the whole of the residents, and long might her family continue round her as happy as they were now. As to himself his duties were of a more ministerial character—obtaining the ways and means by which the Institution was kept going. No doubt many of those round the table might have seen in the newspapers of that morning the result of the collections on behalf of the three Institutions during

the past year. Although there was a deficiency as compared with some former years, that was only to be looked for, but nevertheless very nearly £49,000 had been received on behalf of the three Institutions. He was proud to say that the Benevolent Institution again took the lead; it had received nearly £19,000. The Boys' and the Girls' Schools received each about £15,000. He had some doubt as to what the result of 1890 would become. It was quite impossible to say what it would be, and he was looking forward with some amount of anxiety to the result of the Festival of February next. They would have on that occasion the presidency, for the first time in the history of the Institution, of the Lord Mayor of London, who, he knew, would do his best to make the result a favourable one. Twenty-nine years ago he (Bro. Terry) used to meet Sir Henry Isaacs in lodges of instruction. He was then Preceptor of a lodge of instruction. He (Bro. Terry) went to the Mansion House to ask the Lord Mayor if he would preside at the next festival, and he said that he would, and added, "I shall not allow my secretary to book this, I shall book it myself," which he did instantly. The Board of Stewards at present was a small one, it was only 170, whereas at this time last year it was 240. They might congratulate themselves, that if they did not get the full amount they wanted subscribed on the day of the Festival, they would probably get it made up in the course of the year. Last Festival £13,056 was announced, but that sum has since been made up to £15,113, or to £2000 more than the amount announced at the Festival, despite the criticism on the Boys' School and some of those who were on the Committee of the Benevolent Institution. They ought not to be condemned unheard. Personally he thanked the Chairman very much for associating his name with the toast, and he hoped the visitors would go round to the residents, and see them in their homes as happy as they were at that dinner table. There would be a dramatic entertainment in the evening by Bro. Rhodes and family. In the name of the residents he wished Dr. Strong a very happy New Year. To him was due much of the health of their dear old friends. Miss Norris looked after their creature comforts, and Dr. Strong attended to their internal comforts. Thank God, age did not seem to tell on Dr. Strong, and, in conclusion, he (Bro. Terry) should propose Dr. Strong's very good health. The brethren knew what Bro. Dr. Strong had done for the Institution during the 29 years he had been its medical officer. During that time he had seen some changes, but he never had had a fairer sample of faces to show than those now at the table. He hoped when he came to be 85 or 86 years of age he might be as the residents of the Benevolent Institution at Croydon now looked, under the care of Bro. Dr. Strong.

Bro. Dr. STRONG, in acknowledging the toast, which was most warmly received, said that during the 29 years he had been medical officer of the Institution, it had been a source of pleasure to him to do anything he could to allay the sufferings or sorrows of its residents. As Bro. Terry had said, those now present were a good sample. Happily none of the residents who were now absent from the festive board were away on account of illness; their absence was occasioned by some of the infirmities of old age. There were no patients of the medical man now in the Institution. Although Miss Norris looked after their creature comforts, and he (Bro. Dr. Strong) after their health, that was as nothing compared with what was done for them by the founders of that feast.

Bro. TERRY announced that it was usual for the Manchester brethren on the same day as that entertainment was held to give a similar entertainment to the Lancashire annuitants, and telegrams passed on those occasions between Croydon and Manchester congratulating each other. But as that was New Year's Day, and no business was being conducted in Manchester, the Lancashire entertainment was postponed till tomorrow (Saturday), on which day he would, with the permission of Bro. Dr. Strong, telegraph. The Manchester brethren always sent five guineas towards the Croydon entertainment.

The residents then retired to their homes, at which places a couple of pleasant hours were spent by the ladies in paying visits to them. During that interval the brethren who had seen to the requirements of the company sat down to a similar dinner, and subsequently honoured a few toasts.

Bro. JOHN NEWTON presided, and, after proposing "The Queen and the Craft," which was cordially drunk, gave "Continued Support and Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." He said it had been his pleasure and happiness to attend those gatherings for a considerable number of years, and he had seen the progress of that Institution perhaps as much as any Mason taken here and there. That they all wished the Institution prosperity was a truism—it was the desire of every Mason, and especially of all the supporters of that noble Institution. Sitting round the table were many who knew the working of the Institution as well as he did, but he might say that an enormous amount of its prosperity was due to their esteemed friend, Bro. Terry. There was no doubt that the way in which the brethren rallied round Bro. Terry proved their appreciation of his work, and he knew that they would receive that toast, with which he would accompany the name of Bro. Terry with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. TERRY, who rose amidst loud cheers, replying to the toast, said that he had made some observations about the Institution in a former speech, which it was not necessary now to repeat. But there was one other point he would like to bring to their consideration, as most of those round the table were members of the

Committee of Management of the Institution, and he hoped they would bear his observations in mind. Between now and February next some steps must be taken to reduce the number of candidates for the annuity of the Institution, and increase, if possible, the number of vacancies. They had at the present time coming forward 20 or 21 petitions to be placed on the list of candidates. Adding that number to those already accepted, and to those unsuccessful candidates brought forward from the last election, that would make 150 candidates. At the present moment they had but 11 vacancies, seven for men and four for widows, and as the larger number of candidates seeking election were widows, it would be a painful position to have 80 candidates on the Widows' Fund, with only four vacancies and with a liability to a decreased amount to be announced in February next. He asked the Committee of Management and those present who had been, and those who were going to be, Stewards to bear that in mind. One brother present had been a Steward several times, and that day he had taken a Stewardship in order that he might be the 171st Steward. He hoped the brethren would consider and suggest some means, if they possibly could, how best to get rid of this enormous number of candidates and few vacancies. He asked them to see if they could devise a plan, scheme, or method, which they could lay before the nautants without diminishing the amount of the annuity. Committee, by which they could add to the number of annuities. It became a matter of very grave consideration how to meet the necessities of the day. At one time—and he thought thrice since he had been Secretary for one fund or other—all the candidates had been taken on without election; but that would not probably occur again. The ever-growing demand of candidates, the decrease in the last three years in the amount of money received, clearly told the Committee one of two things, either that they must make some provision by the sale of stock (and that, of course, meant diminishing the annual income directly), or induce the Craft to come forward and support the Institution as they had done in an extraordinary manner in the case of the Girls' School. They might perhaps suggest that the age should be increased at which a petition should be received; but, at all events, some scheme must be devised and adopted by which that overwhelming number of candidates could be reduced, and a larger number placed on the list of recipients of the annuity. That was what he wished them to consider between now and the second Wednesday in February, when they would have to determine what was to be done best to solve that important problem. If on the 26th February there was a large amount of subscriptions, he should be happy to let the Committee know. He hoped that the name of the Chairman on that occasion would bring forward a large number of the members of the Corporation who were Masons to support that Institution, and he believed that all the Hebrew lodges would do their best to support him. That was one, and he thought an all important, point for the welfare of the Institution. There were other things that suggested themselves, but it would not be well to discuss them on the present occasion. They could be fully discussed before the Committee of Management, and there have the fullest consideration. But, with respect to the Institution, he thought he might safely say it was growing greatly in favour in the provinces generally as well as in the estimation of the Craft. Educational institutions were being established in different provinces, and doubtless that would have a great effect on the funds of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, but the provinces knew perfectly well that they could not raise a sum sufficiently large to give their old folks the same amount of annuity that the Benevolent Institution gave, and thought whilst the payment to a parent of £10 or £12 a year was an enormous boon to them and the education of the children, they did not consider £10 or £12 paid for the support of a man or woman was sufficient for them to depend upon, and, therefore, it was clear that they would support that Institution. They would throw the responsibility of the support of the aged people on the Benevolent Institution. That was a grand feature for the Benevolent Institution in the provinces, and he was sure they would have a large increase of support from them. There were only two provincial funds—the Alpass Fund, and the Hamer Fund, one for men and the other for widows. When they had not sufficient for their candidates they put them on the funds of the Benevolent Institution. He asked the brethren present to allow him to go now into a little personal matter. That was a day when they always liked to improve the occasion, and he asked the privilege of proposing a toast. He had been associated many years with two brethren, whom he was proud to call his friends; one was Bro. John Mason, who had been connected with the Institution nine years, and who, during the last year, had been ill and had had to refrain from transacting business for three years. They were very glad to have him now amongst them in his old state of health, and with the Committee upholding him in the faithful discharge of the duties which he had ably performed. Another old friend and brother was Bro. John G. Stevens, than whom a more conscientious, painstaking brother it was impossible to be associated with. To those brethren he was very much indebted for the work they had rendered, and he was proud to be in the position he occupied with regard to them. He was also proud to have the opportunity of acknowledging their services. Bro. Stevens was his right hand man in every respect when official work had to be done, and he did not know how he should get on with his work if he had not the assistance of Bro. Stevens. He thought it only right on an occasion like that as the chief executive

officer of the Institution, to pay a compliment to his two good friends, whose services were always at the disposal of the Committee, no matter at what time they were required.

Bro. JOHN MASON, in replying, said it was very kind of Bro. Terry to allude to him so kindly. He (Bro. Mason) had the greatest cause to be thankful for being able to be present that night. Some months ago he did not think he should have the privilege of seeing another festival gathering at Croydon. He had passed through a sore trial, but he was glad to say he now felt the same old John Mason as heretofore. If he was permitted to retain his present position he should certainly do his duty in the best way he could. He would, perhaps, be out of place in trying to say anything of the past, but, still, so long as he felt he had such a Committee to work for as the Committee of the Benevolent Institution, and found them supporting him as in the past, he would have strength and energy, he hoped, to perform his duty faithfully and well. They had tremendous times before them, and it would need all the efforts to make them efficient touts. He used the word advisedly, for if the Institution wanted to prosper some one must tout for it. He had been told there was no necessity for it, but he knew there was, and it was going out constantly and meeting friends that was the cause of the large subscriptions coming in.

Bro. J. G. STEVENS said, after thanking the brethren for drinking the toast so heartily proposed by his old friend Bro. Terry, that he gloried in being a tout. In years gone by he would have been called a beggar, and he was indeed a pertinacious beggar for the weal of the Institutions, and that Institution in particular, and if it was necessary to go anywhere for the augmentation of the Institution, he would only be too glad to be a tout, and he hoped he should not come back with an empty pocket. Bro. Terry had been good enough to mention his (Bro. Stevens') work in the office. To that he had only to say that if a man liked his work he had a feeling of respect for that work, and was bound to do the work well and properly, and when it was for the amelioration of the wants of poor and suffering humanity, it must be a poor heart that could not work assiduously for it. In all sincerity and truth he had endeavoured since he had been in the office to do his duty, and as long as he had the pleasure and honour to be in the office, and in health and strength, he did not think there was any necessity for them to think that he would relax any of his energy on behalf of the Institution in which he had always taken so very great an interest.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL proposed "The Chairman." Bro. JOHN NEWTON, in replying, said he and Bro. Perceval had worked together for the Institution, and he hoped they always would. It was quite an accident that he was in the chair that evening. It was unnecessary for him to say he always did the best he could for the benefit of that Institution, and when he looked round him he saw others who did the same. There was an important connection between his (the Sincerity) Lodge and that Institution. The name of Terry was connected with the Sincerity. A Bro. Terry (not Bro. James Terry) was the old Treasurer of the Sincerity Lodge, and he took him (Bro. Newton) by the hand and initiated him into the mysteries of benevolence. But it was a long time before he (Bro. Newton) knew there was any such thing as a Benevolent Institution, a Boys' School, or a Girls' School. He remembered Bro. Terry as an old man summoning him to what Bro. Terry thought was his death bed. Bro. Terry died three or four days afterwards, and his last words were not of himself at all but about the Benevolent Institution. He told him (Bro. Newton) to look after the Institution. Those were his dying words, and he had endeavoured to discharge that duty placed upon him to the best of his ability. He should, as he always had done, do his best for the Institution, and he was sure that the Lodge of Sincerity would always, as it had done in the past, continue to support the Institution in the future.

In the evening a dramatic and musical entertainment was given by Bro. John Rhodes, the following of which is the programme:—"Daddy Hardacre" (a drama in two acts); Adam Hardacre, Mr. Sydney Roberts; Charles Clinton, Mr. Selby Williams; Jobling, Mr. C. Fox; Adolphus Jobling, Mr. F. Lavanchy; Esther Hardacre, Miss A. Rhodes; Mary, Miss Izant. "Who is Who," or "All in a Fog" (a farce in one act); Mr. Simonides Swanhopper, Mr. F. Lavanchy; Lawrence Lavender, Mr. Sydney Roberts; Mr. Bloomfield Brambleton, Mr. T. Williams; Cecily, Miss Izant; Matilda Jane, Miss A. Rhodes.

The following music was performed during the evening: Song, "Molly Bawn," Mr. H. Izant; pianoforte solo, "La Marcia Nuziale," Bro. John Rhodes; song, "The Sailor's Grave," Mr. H. Izant. Bro. John Rhodes presided at the piano. In addition to the above, several ladies of the company, among whom were the Misses Cotter, Misses Newton, and Miss Bowyer, took part in entertaining the old people. The company left the Institution shortly after ten o'clock, concluding the day's visit at the Institution with hearty wishes for a Happy New Year to each individual annuitant.

On Monday, being the Feast of the Epiphany, the customary offering of gold, frankincense, and myrrh was made on behalf of the Queen at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace.

The Sporting Exhibition, which will open on Saturday, the 18th instant, at the Grosvenor, will include a display of pictures such as is rarely to be seen, the list of those who send pictures including the Queen's, Lord Ashburton, the Duke of Northumberland, Lord Northbrook, Lady Scott, and the Duke of Westminster.



The annual ball of the Chiswick Lodge will be held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

The Empire Management has been most fortunate in securing the exclusive services of Mlle. Vanoni, who will make her first appearance at that theatre on Wednesday.

In order to conform to the wishes of their patrons the Empire Management has now changed the positions of the two ballets. "The Parish Exhibition" is now played at 8.30, and "A Dream of Wealth" at 10.30.

We regret to hear that Bro. James Judd, C.C., is a victim to the prevailing epidemic (influenza), which has now developed into pleurisy. It is feared that it will be some time before he can return to his civic and other duties.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., C.C., has accepted the Chairmanship of the Board of Stewards of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be held next month under the presidency of the Lord Mayor.

Mr. T. G. Ackland, of the Gresham Office, will be the Chairman, next Wednesday, at the smoking concert to be given at the Cannon-street Hotel by the Insurance Musical Society of London. A programme, pleasingly varied in character and high class in tone, has been arranged for the occasion.

Bro. the Rev. Richard Peek, M.A., W.M., Adair Lodge, No. 936, P.M. 555, P.P.G. Chap. Suffolk, and M.E.Z. Heniker Chapter, has been appointed Chaplain to the English Church at Dinard, Brittany. His address for the next three months will be Villa Lucie, Dinard.

The Royal Military Exhibition in the grounds of Chelsea Hospital, to be opened in May by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, will be under the immediate patronage of Her Majesty, and will offer many attractions, which will be duly announced. Messrs. Spiers and Pond are to be the refreshment caterers.

Bro. Wynne E. Baxter does not entertain apparently a very good opinion of the principle of giving outdoor relief. On Monday, at an inquest, he made allusion to the matter, observing that in the case of outdoor relief those really in need were not reached, while those with a glib tongue and brazen manner obtained what was not meant for them.

A capital portrait of Bro. Henry Wright, P.M. of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, appeared in the *Pictorial World*, on the 28th ult., in connection with a report of the presentation of prizes to the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade. Bro. Wright is a very ardent worker in Masonry, and is also well known in the Church world and theatrical circles.

On Sunday last Bro. Sir F. Bally Ashton, K.C.M.G., completed his 50th year in the public service, having been appointed to a regular clerkship in the Foreign Office on the 5th January, 1840. He has been chief clerk since December, 1866. The event was celebrated by a dinner given by Sir Philip Currie, K.C.B., the permanent head of the department, at his private residence.

The Peers of Scotland met at the Palace of Holyrood, on Monday, for the purpose of electing two representatives in place of the Earl of Leven and Melville and the Earl of Orkney, deceased. The result of the election was that Bros. Lord Saltoun and Viscount Strathallern were elected, the former polling 40 and the latter 27 votes, against the Earl of Leven and Melville 2, and the Earl of Orkney 1.

Mr. G. F. Watts, R.A., has presented to the town of Leicester his picture "Orlando pursuing the Fata Morgana," the subject of which is taken from the Italian poet Boccaccio. In a letter he has sent to the Corporation, he says that the gift is made "in recognition of the services your townsman, Mr. J. M. Cook, is rendering, especially in Egypt, to the nation, making its name respected by admirable administration and honourable dealing."

The Prince and Princess of Wales gave their annual Tenants' Ball at Sandringham, on Friday, the 3rd instant, the invited guests including not only the tenants on the Royal estate, with their sons and daughters but also those on the Holkham, Houghton, Raynham, Castle Rising, Westacre, Hillington, Stowe, and Narford estates. Among the principal guests were the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, and Bro. Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill.

Bro. J. H. Myer, late manager of the Frascati Restaurant in Oxford-street, was entertained by his Masonic and other friends, on the 27th December, at a farewell dinner on his departure for Johannesburg, Transvaal, where he has an appointment of manager of a new hotel. During the evening Bro. Myer's health was proposed by Bro. Bynan Webler (the Chairman), who, in the name of those present, wished him "God speed." Bro. Myer feelingly responded. Other toasts were proposed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

On Friday evening last a numerously attended meeting of the General Committee of the Masonic Ball was held at the Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. R. H. Leake, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, owing to the absence, through illness, of Bro. J. De Bels Adams, Chairman of the Committee. Bro. G. A. Harradon, the honorary Secretary of the ball, reported that the tickets were being sold very satisfactorily, and there was every evidence that the gathering would be one of the most successful and pleasant of the series in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. Harry Round, I.P.M. of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, was chosen Captain of the Stewards; Bro. C. J. Jarman was elected Sub-Captain; and the arrangement with regard to the service of Stewards was afterwards considered.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.—ADVT.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Bathurst last week entertained a party for covert shooting at Cirencester House, Cirencester.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, and attended by Sir C. Teesdale, left Sandringham on Monday for Weston, on a visit to Baron de Hirsch.

Bro. Sir Edward W. Watkin, Bart., M.P., carried off the prize at a competition in railway locomotives held in France recently. The successful engine was named the Onward, and was built at Ashford for the South-Eastern Railway Company.

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., Past G. Chaplain of England, has resigned the office of honorary Chaplain of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, and is succeeded by the Rev. Edgar Sheppard, Sub-Dean of the Chapel Royal.

At the last meeting of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042, Leeds, Bro. Allison, P.P.G.D. (Charity Steward), announced that the W.M., Bro. Cowbrough, had handed him twelve guineas for the Aged Freemasons; twelve guineas for the Girls' School; and twenty pounds for the local Masonic Charities.

Mr. W. J. Hughan, formerly of Truro, now of Torquay, has, as everybody knows, obtained considerable fame as an historian of Freemasonry. The Christmas number of the *Freemason* contains a portrait and biographical sketch of Mr. Hughan, who is a Past Master of Lodge Fortitude, Truro.—*Royal Cornwall Gazette*.

The sum of £1,000 in bank notes has been received anonymously by the Mayor of Cork and the Rev. Canon Harley, rector of Christ Church, from a friend of the destitute widows and helpless women of Cork. A representative committee of religious denominations has been appointed to distribute the charity.

PROVINCE OF ESSEX.—The Prov. G.M. Lord Brooke, M.P., has within the last week granted two warrants for new lodges in the province, viz., the Mistley Lodge, No. 2339, to meet at Manningtree, and the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, to meet at Kelvedon. Both lodges promise to be well supported, and when they are consecrated Lord Brooke will have 31 lodges under his rule.

The annual library ball of the Snow Hill Division—City Police—(by the kind permission of Col. Sir James Fraser, K.C.B., the Commissioner, and under the patronage of Lieut.-Col. Henry Smith and F. Gordon Brown, Surgeon of the Force, and Medical Officer of the Morley House Convalescent Home, Saint Margaret's Bay, Dover) will be held at the Holborn Town Hall, in aid of the funds of the above Home, on Thursday, the 23rd inst. Dancing to commence at eight o'clock p.m. We trust the funds of this deserving Charity will largely benefit by this entertainment.

Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., in an article in this week's *Medical Press and Circular* on the prevailing epidemic, says that the vapour of menthol checks in a manner hardly less than marvellous acute colds in the head; and is also recommended with a certainty of success, if used on its first onset, in arresting or as a preventive of infection in epidemic influenza. He describes several methods of using it, but gives the preference to an ingenious pocket menthol inhaler known as Cushman's, which should be used not only on the first approach of an attack, but three or four times a day during an epidemic.

A LEICESTERSHIRE VETERAN.—The first day of the new year was an eventful one in the history of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester. On that day the lodge not only entered on its centenary year, but placed in the chair as W.M. the oldest Mason in the province in the person of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, P.P.G.M., who is himself the senior member of the lodge, and the oldest mason in the province. Our much esteemed brother has already occupied the position of W.M. of the lodge four times, the last occasion being in 1888, when he celebrated his jubilee, having been a member of St. John's for 50 years. We heartily wish Bro. Kelly health and strength to carry out his duties, as he himself would desire.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET-BOOK (George Kenning, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn Fields) furnishes a wealth of information likely to be interesting to the brethren of the Craft all over the world. It is, in fact, a comprehensive Masonic book of reference, containing a list of lodges, chapters, conclaves, preceptories, colleges, and grand councils, not only in Great Britain and its colonies and dependencies, but also in places where the uninitiated would hardly suppose the Craft would flourish. There are added lists of the 57 Grand Lodges in the different quarters of the globe, and of all the brethren holding office. The diary gives a list of lodge meetings due on any particular day.—*Morning Advertiser*.

The Second Annual Ball given by the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, when a numerous company assembled, including Bro. M. J. Jessop, W.M., and Mrs. Jessop; Bro. and Mrs. Kool; Bro. H. I. Barnato; Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G., Std. Br.; Bro. J. L. Mather, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. and Mrs. J. Joel; Bro. I. B. Joel; Bro. and Mrs. Acworth; Bro. and Mrs. Honey; Bro. and Mrs. A. Levy; Bro. and Mrs. H. Warner; Bro. and Mrs. R. Warner and Miss Warner; Bro. and Mrs. Payne; Bro. G. Harwood; Bro. and Mrs. J. Abrahams; Bro. and Mrs. M. Abrahams and daughters; Bro. Major Baker, H.A.C.; Bro. R. Baker; Bro. and the Misses Phillips. Bro. T. Honey was a most efficient and zealous M.C., and altogether, notwithstanding many regrettable absences from illness, the company spent a most agreeable evening, Messrs. Cote and Tinney's band discoursing delightful music; and it was not until nearly six o'clock in the morning that the party dissolved, and we have no doubt a very substantial addition will be made to the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

Among the latest houses supplied with Austin's Sanitary Cylinders, are those of Peers, Judges, Doctors, &c. They are used in Hospitals, Clubs, Hotels. Names will be given on application and Testimonials sent. They are odourless, non-poisonous, and Cheap (a Cylinder lasts a year). Used for all household disinfecting purposes, waterclosets (being automatic in action no attention required), for ozonizing baths, &c. Prices: 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 9s., and 18s. A. S. Cylinder Company, 181, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Can be obtained of all Chemists.

Prince George of Wales left Sandringham, on Monday, for Didlington Hall, New Brandon, when his Royal Highness will remain to the end of the week as the guest of Bro. and Mrs. Tyssen-Amherst.

On Saturday, the 25th inst., the French Ambassador will present the decorations conferred upon British subjects in connection with the Paris Exhibition. Bro. Sir Polydore De Keyser will entertain his Excellency at dinner at the Mansion House, which has been placed at his disposal by the Lord Mayor.

The Royal Military Exhibition in aid of the Church of England Soldiers' Institute, which will be under the immediate patronage of her Majesty, will be opened early in May by the Prince of Wales. Messrs. Spiers and Pond have been appointed contractors for the supply of refreshments.

Mr. Spencer Curwen mentioned on Wednesday, in a paper read at Bristol, that there are as many as 2,750,000 children learning to sing by note, and that the grant for singing by ear is steadily declining. Both these facts will be acceptable to musicians, who have persistently pointed out that singing by ear is of no use to children whatever as musical training, and, indeed, is a drawback to their future musical progress.

The annual meeting of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, was held on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gainsboro', when the W.M., Bro. Dr. Henry Wright, was re-installed in the chair, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. J. Sowby, S.W.; C. Shipham, J.W.; A. Kirk, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Liversidge, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; W. Mason, D.C.; J. F. Johnson, S.D.; A. Curtis, J.D.; George Robinson, Org.; B. T. Adlard, I.G.; Casson and Sutton, Stwds.; and G. Scott, Tyler. The usual banquet took place at the White Hart Hotel afterwards.

The monthly meeting of the Mansion House Council on the dwellings of the poor, of which Bro. the Lord Mayor is the President, was held in the Long Parlour, on Wednesday. Mr. James Hall in the chair. The analysis of cases of insanitary conditions in Shoreditch, notices of which had been sent to the authority from March to August, 1889, showed that out of 2000 defects reported, about 1200 had been remedied, and that the Vestry were actively at work upon the remainder. A re-visit at Westminster had brought to light a considerable number of very serious cases still unremedied, and it was resolved that special action be taken in respect of these.

The petition for the new Universities Lodge, Durham, is now ready, and only awaits the sanction of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. The following is the complete list of the founders: Bros. the Rev. H. B. Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., Canon of Durham, D.P.G.M. of Durham, P.G.C.; C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., P.M. 85, W.M. 1379, P.P.G. Reg. Norfolk; the Rev. H. Kynaston, D.D., Canon of Durham, P.P.S.G.W. Gloucestershire, and Professor of Greek, Durham University; Joseph Forster, M.A., P.M. 1379, P.P.G. Reg.; Lionel Booth, M.D., P.M. 1334, P.P.S.G.W.; Richard Luck, M.A., LL.M., P.M. 111, P.M. 1610, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Lawrence, M.D., J.W. 1379; Rev. R. H. Yeld, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Vicar of Birtley; Rev. Thos. Randell, B.D., P.P.G. Chap. Somersetshire, P.P.G. Chap. Durham, Principal of Bede's College, Durham; Rev. J. Rushton Shortt, M.A., Fellow and Tutor, Hatfield Hall, University of Durham; E. Jepson, M.D., J.W. 1334; and Rev. W. Proctor Swaby, B.D., P.P.G. Chap., St. Mark's Vicarage, Sunderland. The prayer of the petition being granted, the consecration will probably take place in March.

THE PROPOSED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.—The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Canterbury branch of the Masonic Union on the 1st Nov.—"In view of the fact of His Excellency the Governor having advised the postponement of the formation of a Grand Lodge of New Zealand until there is greater unanimity among the Craft on the question, this branch considers it advisable to recommend delay in bringing into operation the resolutions adopted at the convention held in Wellington in September last until after the proposed meeting of District and Provincial Grand Masters, to be held in Dunedin on January 9th; the members of this Union, whilst agreeing with the propriety of the delay suggested, desire to reiterate their emphatic opinion that the uniting of the three Constitutions now existing in New Zealand will be of the greatest benefit to the Craft; that His Excellency the Governor be requested to grant an interview to a deputation during his stay in Christchurch, and the following be appointed:—Brothers Bishop, Kaye, Hulbert, Hull, Mitchell, E. C. Brown."

CITY POLICE ENTERTAINMENT.—The annual festival of the City Police, held on Wednesday night at the Cannon-street Hotel, was attended by about a thousand persons, and was, as usual, a thoroughly successful gathering. Between nine and ten o'clock the Rev. W. Rogers, rector of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, arrived with a party which included Sir C. Russell, Q.C., M.P.; Sir C. Freemantle, Col. H. Smith, Assistant-Commissioner Col. Du Plat Taylor, Ald. G. W. E. Russell, L.C.C.; the Rev. R. H. Hadden, the Rev. J. H. Smith, the Rev. E. Collette, Mr. R. Eykyn, and Mr. E. H. Freshfield. Dancing was interrupted on their arrival, and some short speeches were delivered. The Assistant-Commissioner, on behalf of Sir James Fraser, expressed his regret at not being able to be present. Mr. Rogers, who was heartily received, spoke a few cheering words. Sir Charles Russell, who had a warm greeting, expressed his admiration of the City police force, as a body of men who deserved the name of a civil force, and who did not regard themselves as having a military character, but desired to be on good terms with the whole of the citizens whom they served. Superintendent Foster, the originator of these gatherings twenty-one years ago, and an active organizer of each one since, was also called upon. Dancing was then resumed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with a view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.