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THE CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 658, NEW SOUTH WALES.

We understand that at its last meeting the Colonial Board having taken into consideration the recent action of Grand Lodge with respect to the petition from New Zealand from lodges still maintaining their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, resolved to recommend the M.W. Grand Master to issue a warrant of confirmation to the brethren of the Cambrian Lodge, New South Wales, to enable them to continue and work under the English Constitution, should the original warrant be still withheld by the seceding members of the lodge. We trust that the friendly relationship between the two jurisdictions and the fraternal intervention of influential brethren in the colony will facilitate the return of the original warrant to those to whom it undoubtedly belongs. The proceedings of the Colonial Board will, we think, command the universal assent of the Craft, and we hope that the question may be now considered as satisfactorily settled.

APPROACHING JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Among the earliest and most agreeable duties which devolve upon us at this season is that of calling the attention of our readers to what, in ordinary circumstances, is one of the most important, but what in this particular instance will be *the* most important of the events of the year—to wit, the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It is some four or five weeks since we offered some remarks on the subject, and bright as was the prospect when we penned them, we rejoice to say it is brighter and still more bright just now. Then the Board of Stewards mustered upwards of 500 brethren; now it is in excess of 900. Then it was impossible to say who would preside on the occasion; now it is known that Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and Deputy Grand Master of England, has kindly consented to act as Chairman. We are fully justified, therefore, in our statement that very material progress has been made since we last wrote, and that even if but few above the average additions were made to the Board of Stewards between now and the day appointed for the celebration, there are good grounds for anticipating that the success of the approaching Anniversary will be a phenomenal one, in all respects worthy of the Institution in whose behalf it will be celebrated, as well as of the Grand Lodge which founded it, and the Craft which so generously supports it. It cannot, of course, be denied that the inability of the Prince of Wales to take the chair is a great disappointment to many, nay, to the great majority of the Governors and Subscribers; but our readers, like ourselves, will realise that the demands on his Royal Highness's time are so many even in ordinary circumstances that he must often experience a difficulty in meeting a title of them. But this year the marriage of his son, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, will be solemnised about the time the R.M.B.I. Festival is due, and for weeks previous to, as well as for weeks after, that auspicious event, all the members of the Royal Family will find their leisure fully occupied. But the Deputy Grand Master—though he may not preside in that capacity, but in that of Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall—will prove an acceptable and earnest Chairman, who will spare no pains to ensure the success of the Jubilee. Nor, we may be sure, will his Province of Cornwall be otherwise than loyal in its support of his Chairmanship. Indeed, as we pointed out last week, the increase in the Board of Stewards has been so considerable, both numerically and in all those other respects in which it is desirable that such a body should be strong, that the point we are now considering is not whether the Festival will be a successful one, but to what extent it will prove a success. However, there are still nearly two months remaining, and in that interval there is ample time for such further augmentation of the number of those who will assist in the celebration as will materially disturb for the better such conjectures as may be hazarded at this moment. Meanwhile, no time is being lost in pressing forward with the arrangements necessary for so large a gathering. Steps have already been taken with a view to obtaining a hall which will accommodate the number who will certainly be present, and when this matter has been settled we shall be better able to judge of the precise date when the meeting will take place. But for these and other matters which will have to be considered, we must wait with such patience as we can command in full confidence that everything is going well, and that nothing will be left undone by the Executive Committee which can in any way add to the comfort and convenience of intending guests as well as enhance a success which it does not need much of the prophetic spirit to foretell is awaiting us.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Idaho at its annual Communication in September last contain a letter bearing date the 10th March, 1890, from the then Deputy Grand Master and Acting Grand Master, Bro. GEORGE AINSLIE, now Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction, on the subject of "Honorary Membership." The Secretary of one of the private lodges had addressed to head-quarters the following query: "Does a constituent lodge have the right to elect any of its members as 'honorary members' for good cause? If we are vested with such authority, would we have Grand Lodge tax to pay on such non-contributing member?" Bro. AINSLIE's answer to this question, or brace of questions, is a somewhat elaborate one. At the outset he quotes a dictum from MACKEY's work on "Masonic Jurisprudence," to the effect that "honorary membership is quite a recent innovation." He then cites sundry authorities on the subject from other jurisdictions, the first of the series being derived from the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in 1851. This is as follows: "We condemn this principle as un-Masonic and improper. No ancient precedent can be given, no ancient language cited, to justify it. It is following too much after the devices and delusions of the world. We are taught that worldly honour should not be made to bear upon a person's advancement in the honours of Masonry. It is only the Masons who can *best work* who should be advanced and made honourable in the Order." The Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in 1850 is quoted to a somewhat similar effect: "It is strongly objected to, and we think justly, by others"—that is to say, than the Grand Lodges of New York and Massachusetts, which at the time (if they do not now) recognised it—"as an innovation and a practice incompatible with Masonry." Bro. J. M. S. MITCHELL is cited as having said in 1855: "I do not believe it strictly proper to make anyone an honorary member"; while a decision of the Grand Lodge of California is given which lays down that "a subordinate lodge may, for good reasons of its own, release a member from the requirements which impose upon him active duties, and release him from contribution; but it cannot relieve itself from its own responsibility assumed in bearing his name upon the roll. The lodge thus expressing towards a cherished brother—its member—the estimation in which he is held may call that act by any name he may elect, whether honorary or not. There is nothing in this jurisdiction which justifies such a Masonic title." Bro. AINSLIE, after a further remark as to the silence of the laws of Idaho on the subject, quotes—but imperfectly, or from an edition of our Book of Constitutions prior to that of 1884—the law of the Grand Lodge of England, which allows of brethren "of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft," being constituted "members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper." Lastly, "in the absence of any authority from the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction," he goes on to express it as his opinion "that 'honorary membership' cannot be recognised within this jurisdiction. I believe that the practice, if it should ever be recognised, would lead to discord, instead of harmony, and render lodges open to the criticism of making invidious distinctions among the brethren." After a few further remarks in support of this belief, he winds up by saying that "even if the constituent lodge had the right to elect any one as an honorary member, Grand Lodge dues are required of every member carried on the rolls of the lodge. There is no exemption. It is clear from these remarks that "honorary membership," in the sense which the expression is here intended to bear, finds no favour with Past Grand Master AINSLIE, nor is it provided for in the Constitutions of those American Grand Lodges he quotes from. Similarly in the jurisdiction of our United Grand Lodge dues are payable to Grand Lodge, and in the case of Provincial or United Grand Lodges, which have funds of their own, to Provincial or District Grand Lodge likewise, in respect of every brother whose name is returned in the list of members. We see, therefore, no objection to the opinion enunciated by Bro. AINSLIE, and the authorities he has quoted as to the kind of "honorary membership" which he evidently had in his mind when answering his correspondent's query. But there is an "honorary membership" which is tacitly sanctioned by the laws of our Grand Lodge, and to which we think no exception could be taken in the American jurisdictions. We allude to that which is very often conferred by private lodges on members of their own who have done them some service, and are about to resign as subscribing members, or on members of other lodges to whom they consider they are in some way or other indebted. This kind of "honorary membership" entitles the recipient of the compliment to be present

at the different lodge meetings, but he cannot hold office, nor is his name returned to Grand Lodge. Moreover, he can only attend the meetings of the lodge of which he is an honorary member if he is a subscribing member of some other lodge. Were it otherwise, Law 152, which provides that "no brother who has ceased to be a subscribing member of a Lodge shall be permitted to visit any one Lodge more than once until he again become a subscribing member of some Lodge" would be set at naught. There are thus two classes of brethren to which the term "honorary member" may be applied, and it will be well for those who read American Grand Lodge Proceedings to bear in mind the difference between them.

THE ANCIENT CRAFT CHARGES.

CAN THE CONFUSION OF TEXT BE ACCOUNTED FOR?

Some very valuable papers upon these have recently been given in Lodge 2076, and if it should only succeed in inducing a better comprehension of them, the Lodge will amply justify its existence. I can almost invariably agree with Bro. Hughan in his painstaking disquisitions upon Masonry when he avoids the iconoclastic views of the modern school, and in regard to Bro. Howard's recent papers in "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum"—"Namus Grecus Identified"—I am quite willing to accede to Bro. Hughan's dictum that he is identified in the Greek descent of Saracenic Nimes in France. But if we accept also the further view, supported by Bro. Speth, as a probability, that when Offa built St. Albans it was with Masons from said Nimes, and that the whole legend which we have about St. Alban springs out of that occurrence (amplified by later scribes from the monkish legend of the martyr), I think we then arrive at a position from which we may get a bird's eye view of the alterations made from time to time in our Charges, and this though numerous interim copies are for ever lost.

Accepting the view that Offa built St. Alban's with masons from Nimes, together with the statement that Charles Martel also went there for instruction, we see that the relation agrees better with the Lansdown and other copies, which state that (in the time of Athelstan) there was a worthy King of England (Edward, who actually was a great builder in the district) who had a son Edwin who drew him to commune and obtained a charter; coupling these assertions, we may assume that there was a St. Alban's Charge which had no mention of Athelstan, but attributed to Edward and Edwin. It is evident, apart from theorising, that (say) in the thirteenth century there were two Masonic Constitutions, varying very considerably. The first to be named is the second part of the Cooke MS., and bears the very impress of Athelstan, and it is more than probable that to consolidate his sway in the North and to encourage architecture he did grant to York such a Constitution, even whilst an older Charge or Charter was in existence at St. Alban's, and derived from Offa and Edward. The Christian Regius poem is but another version of the actual Athelstan Charge, yet we see indications in the second part of it that the writer was more or less acquainted with the Southern version, which, amended by the Scribe, forms the first part of Cooke MS., and has hitherto been considered the writer's commentary only. If Greek and Latin MSS. were actually shown to Athelstan, as is alleged, we should get just such a constitution as we have in the poem and second part of Cooke MS. If we went to Saracenic Nimes we should get just such as we have in what I have ventured to term the St. Alban legend. Naturally so.

In this view the Cooke version becomes a double one, comprising a revised version of the St. Alban legend, and substituting the Athelstan "Book of Charges" for something that probably resembled the laws of the Watson MS. Certainly Cooke makes Athelstan the absolute grantor, but then he was revising for the Athelstan school, for he attached his charges.

We reach the cause of confusion in the modern Charges, perhaps as late as the 16th century, and probably at York, but in some place where an Athelstan charter was known. A new constitution had to be formulated, and the basis chosen was similar to the Watson MS., and being in an Athelstan district, it was conceded to make him the absolute grantor of Masonic privileges throughout the Kingdom, as in the Cooke MS., but as the older St. Alban legend continued to exist, successive writers dovetailed more or less of the new and the old form; in one case making Edwin the son of Athelstan, (instead of the youngest son of Edward), and in another, the son of a worthy king of his time, and of other versions no doubt many are lost. It is a great thing in Bro. Howard's favour that only his theory enables us to bridge over some of our main chasms.

Approximate pedigree form will make this clearer. I have great faith in the opinions, and the minute criticism of Bro. Dr. Begemann, if he would favour us with his views, as he has done on other occasions.

SOUTH.	NORTH.
Naymus Grecus, or Saracenic Nimes.	Greco-Roman, or York.
Offa, Edward, and Edwin's, St. Albans.	Athelstan's Charter at York.
Lost MSS., also 1st part of Cooke, and 2nd of Regius.	Regius, also 2nd part of Cooke.

The two versions of Edwin's parentage, and general confusion, but all the Charges agreeing, that Athelstan granted his Charter to York.

JOHN YARKER.

P.S.—The Lansdown and Antiquity MSS. (the latter 1686) are quite a separate school (at present by themselves); they are shorter than the others; make Edwin a Mason at Windsor; admit a York Charter; make the oath Monotheistic. It might either be argued that the last qualification makes them very ancient or very modern.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

We published last week a short account of the proceedings at the annual meeting on the 3rd December of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man, the demands on our space being such that we were unable to do more than give just an idea of what took place at what has been thus far the most successful gathering held in the island. However, some of the reports, as well as of speeches at the banquet which followed, contain so much that is both generally and locally interesting, that we give them as a kind of sequel to our last week's report.

The full report of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was as follows:

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Brethren, and Brethren,—With a view to affording the members of Provincial Grand Lodge an opportunity of contrasting the present position of Freemasonry in this province with its position prior to the formation of the province, I have had much pleasure in analysing the forms and returns forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary, in accordance with the requirements of the by-laws of Provincial Grand Lodge; and I have had equal pleasure in responding to the request of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, that I should supplement the condensed statement, as contained in the report just submitted for your consideration by Worshipful Bro. Hannay, the Prov. Grand Secretary; and it might save time, and expedite the despatch of the business to be transacted by Provincial Grand Lodge, if both reports were taken into consideration by you at the same time.

In the first place, it is a matter for sincere congratulation that the number of members enrolled in the province indicates a fairly moderate increase, when compared with the aggregate recorded at the termination of the preceding year, the increase being at the rate of 3 per cent.; but in order to realise the actual development of Freemasonry in this island, and the results which it must be candidly admitted the establishment of this Provincial Grand Lodge has been principally instrumental in achieving during the quintette of its existence, we must make a comparison with the condition of affairs and our numerical strength prior to 1886, and we are at once met with the gratifying result that our increase in membership has been at the satisfactory rate of 25 per cent. I think, Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, that this result, apart from another result, and, in many respects, a more important result, the establishment of a Local Benevolent Fund, to which I shall subsequently refer, must be accepted as a conclusive and incontrovertible proof that the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man, and the bringing into focus the scattered rays, if you will pardon the simile, has been a decided and signal success, and that success is all the more gratifying when we note the fact that the annual rate of progress has not been of an unduly abnormal or even spasmodic character; but that a steady and regular rate of progress has been maintained each year since the Provincial Grand Lodge was constituted.

Whilst referring to the question of increased membership, I think it my duty, occupying as I do a most responsible position in this province, in relation to the work devolving upon the Executive department, to direct your attention to a most useful and interesting correspondence which during the past few weeks has occupied a prominent position in the columns of the cosmopolitan journal of the Craft—*The Freemason*.

This correspondence, in its progress, has assumed a variety of important phases, developed a considerable amount of interesting matter, and has afforded considerable food for thought and discussion. Whilst this correspondence, under the title of the "Future of Freemasonry," has at any rate to myself been exceptionally interesting in many of its features and details, and to some of which features and details I may possibly have occasion to refer at some future time, especial prominence has been from time to time directed to what has been very plainly and tersely denominated the great carelessness exhibited by many Craft lodges in connection with the wholesale acceptance and admission of candidates.

Now, brethren, I am not assuming the position of a mentor, I do not wish to pass any strictures upon any lodge or lodges. I am not going to find fault with you in any way, and my remarks are not addressed to you in any hypercritical or captiously censorious spirit, but having at heart the true interests and welfare of the Craft generally, and more especially the interests of that portion of the Fraternity which is located within the jurisdiction of this province, I am desirous of addressing a few words of friendly caution and counsel in a truly fraternal manner, and I trust those few words will be received by you in the same fraternal and kindly spirit as that in which they are uttered. Whilst the danger of being too rigidly exclusive may be prevalent in one quarter, and good and worthy men undoubtedly well qualified and well fitted in every way to become good and true Masons, are prohibited by that very exclusiveness—a close borough exclusiveness—which discredits the Order, and which, from many points of view, cannot be too strongly condemned as altogether wrong and injurious in principle, and utterly foreign to the constitution and general tenets of the Order, from a participation in the mysteries and privileges of our Masonic art, there is infinitely greater danger to be apprehended from laxity and want of reasonable circumspection in the admission of candidates. Consequently, brethren, whilst, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this province, it is a duty incumbent upon me to express that congratulation which an accession to our membership of good and true men is necessarily bound to excite in all good Masons. I, at the same time, feel assured, Right Worshipful Sir, that in this particular phase of our Masonic work, I am but echoing your opinion and your sentiments—an opinion and sentiments frequently expressed by you—and which Freemasons of all degrees must perforce uphold and applaud when I venture to express the hope that in adding to our members, the guiding and predominant feature in our selection of candidates, "quality, not quantity" will always be borne in mind; that a judicious and discriminating selection will invariably be made, so that those admitted will, from their exemplary conduct, and their character as Freemasons and citizens, ultimately reflect honour and lasting credit upon the brethren who have been the means of their admission to our Fellowship; that those who, by their admission, have become a constituent part and parcel of our great and increasingly influential and powerful organisation, have not been biassed by the improper solicitation of friends, against their own inclination; that they have not been influenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive, but that they have freely and voluntarily offered themselves as candidates to be admitted in due course to the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry, and that they have been prompted to solicit a participation in

those privileges from a favourable opinion preconceived of the Institution, a general desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to render themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellow creatures. If the requirements contained in these important qualifications are complied with, the Masonic Craft in this island will have no reason to fear reproach, but will assuredly consist of "worthy men, and worthy men alone," to whom its privileges are of right secured and assured. Presuming, therefore, and there is no reason to dispute the premises that these motives have been predominant in the hearts of those who have joined our ranks during the year to which the Provincial Grand Secretary's report relates, I, personally, and on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of this island, have much pleasure in welcoming, and gladly welcoming, the desirable accession of members to a Fellowship which is world-wide in its extent; a Fellowship with regard to which the sun, the great luminary of nature, is always at its meridian; a Fellowship which, in its great cosmopolitan character, may truly be said to consist of "all sorts and conditions of men," and I sincerely and fervently trust that their membership in connection with this great and Universal Fellowship may prove a lasting source of strength and stability to the Masonic Fraternity, "For God said in strength will I establish this My house to stand firm for ever."

The next and equally important point to which I wish to direct your particular attention, and which has been incidentally referred to by the Provincial Grand Secretary in his report, is the encouragement of systematic visitation of lodges, not only by the ordinary members, but by the recognised heads of lodges, and in fact the duty is imperatively enjoined upon them. This, brethren, is a matter to which too much importance cannot be attached.

Two distinct purposes will be answered by this course being regularly pursued. In the first place, I consider it is the imperative duty of the Worshipful Master, accompanied by his Wardens, to visit the sister lodges located in the same town at least once during his official year, and I am glad to place on record the fact that, in connection with the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, this ancient custom has been most effectually observed during the current year by Worshipful Bro. John A. Brown, P.M., P.D.P.G.M., and his Wardens, Bros. Thomas Whiteside and G. H. Horne, as these quasi-official visits, as they may be termed, have a direct tendency to foster and promote that good fellowship, harmony, and brotherly love which should at all times characterise Freemasons, and which, as one of our ancient charges sets forth, is the foundation and cope-stone, the cement and glory of our ancient Fraternity. Considered apart from this desirable attainment, the second purpose is answered by differences in working, however slight and however trivial, being at once noticed, and once observed, criticism of external rites, and the manner in which various functions are performed, immediately induces a spirit of inquiry and criticism, not necessarily of a hostile character, and from this spirit of inquiry rightly directed by an efficient Director of Ceremonies—who, by the way, occupies an onerous and responsible position in private lodge work—it being his especial duty and province, by the exercise of prudence and discretion, to enable the junior officers to surmount all apparent difficulties and impossibilities, into its proper legitimate channel, beneficial results are sure to follow, as by this means the preservation of the true ritual in its perfection of beauty is not only assured, but is manifested to others.

Again, brethren, visits of this nature naturally induce a spirit of emulation in working the inimitable ritual of our Order; this spirit of emulation which may justly be described as a spirit of worthy and healthy emulation ought assuredly to be encouraged. The parrot-like repetition and letter-perfect, but inaudible, utterances which occasionally come under our observation, and which are anything but creditable, ought to be strongly discountenanced on every possible occasion. If our ritual is really worth working at all, and I take it no Freemason will here be found having the temerity to controvert what is a self-evident proposition, it is worth working *well*.

The officers, from the Worshipful Master to the Inner Guard, ought to be made to *feel* not only the honour and responsibility attaching to their respective offices, but also to *feel* the sentiment and moral teaching inculcated in our ceremonial work and symbolic teaching—the actions, forms, and circumstances serving to render the ceremony magnificent and solemn in its impressiveness. If this is done, brethren, and the genuine tenets and principles of Freemasonry carried out in our daily life and conversation practised as well as taught, the members will be enabled to declare the actual reality of their own avowed and accredited faith in our ritualistic teaching, and we shall assuredly leave this sublunary abode considerably better than we found it. No matter how slight our individual influence as good men and as Masons may be exerted upon those by whom we are surrounded, that influence is sure to be felt, and to leave a beneficial impression behind. Its evidence will clearly demonstrate and approve themselves not only to the multitude, but to men of the most refined sense and distinguished abilities.

As regards the banquet, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided, after the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. NESBITT, Deputy Prov. G.M., proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master" in the following terms: Worshipful brethren and brethren,—Prior to submitting the toast which has been entrusted to me, I have much pleasure in announcing that telegrams have been received from Bros. John A. Brown, W.M. 1242, P.D.P.G.M.; J. A. Mylrea, Prov. G. Org.; and W. P. Pittar, P.A.G. Sec., regretting their inability to be present, and conveying "Hearty good wishes" for a successful and prosperous meeting. And now, brethren, the important duty of proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man having been assigned to me, I have much pleasure in undertaking the duty. From the frequency of the intercourse I have necessarily had with the Provincial Grand Master in all matters appertaining to this province and its interests, and also with regard to Masonic matters generally, I am in a position to strongly testify to his worth and ability as a most zealous Mason. And, whilst I have pleasure in discharging my duty of proposing his health to the best of my ability, I at the same time feel perfectly assured that his virtues as a true gentleman, one of nature's own nobility, and a good Mason, need no encomiums or words of special recommendation upon my part. The Provincial Grand Master, brethren, has now occupied the distinguished position of supreme head and ruler of the Masonic Fraternity in Ellan Vannin upwards of five years. For four of those years I had the privilege and pleasure of serving the Provincial Grand Master and the province. In the responsible capacity of Provincial Grand Secretary, an office which brought me into constant official relations and personal contact with my principal. During the last year I have had the distinguished honour of acting in another, and to me equally arduous, capacity. In both of these capacities, brethren, as I have said, it has been my especial privilege to have frequent interviews and consultations with the Provincial Grand Master on all im-

portant matters connected with the well-being of the Craft, and the administration of the province, and I am exceedingly gratified to announce to you that in no single instance or particular have I ever found him lacking in interest or wanting in duty. His chief aim and desire, as I can testify from direct personal knowledge and experience, has invariably been the true interests of Freemasonry. The appointments to office have given him the greatest possible concern, and, although it is impossible to please all and to make his views coincide with different shades of opinion, he has, in making those appointments and selections, striven hard to advance and maintain the prestige and credit of Provincial Grand Lodge, due regard being given to ability and merit, as well as seniority. He has always been ready and willing, and, in fact, anxious, to devote himself to the service of Freemasonry, and upon three separate occasions he has gladly acceded to my request and qualified as a Life Governor for each of the three great central Charities. His position, brethren, in connection with our Insular Legislature—the first commoner in the Isle of Man, the Speaker of the oldest legislative assembly in the world—is one to which I need not here allude, his especial qualifications and attainments as a model Speaker of the House of Keys being well-known to you all. After your experience of him, he having stood the test of five years' experience as our provincial head, and he having been instrumental in shedding a certain amount of lustre on this little province, I am sure, brethren, it is a work of supererogation on my part to add any further words to heartily commend this toast to your unqualified acceptance and generous approval. Suffice it to say, brethren, the more he comes amongst us the better we like him and the more we appreciate him. His duties as a representative of the people of Douglas are manifold and ever increasing, and I know that his time is fully occupied, but he is always approachable, and notwithstanding the numerous and somewhat exacting cares of office, and the duties devolving upon him as Chairman of some of the most important Government Board and public bodies of this island, he has invariably displayed his anxiety to be with us, and by his presence to bear encouraging testimony to the warm interest he takes in the work of the province, and his hearty and responsive participation and active concurrence in those feelings towards Freemasonry—that peculiar system of morality which is veiled in allegory, and is illustrated by symbols, which animate and pervade the great Masonic Craft. He has been privileged on two occasions to preside in the United Grand Lodge of England, the greatest and grandest of Grand Lodges, and should he at any future date be called upon to occupy the throne in Freemasons' Hall, I hope that he will be supported by the presence of some of his many friends in this province. Brethren, "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man."

The toast was received with acclamation, and the Prov. G. Master was most cordially saluted.

In response, Bro. Major GOLDIE-TAUBMAN said: Brethren, I am very much obliged to you for the manner in which you have received the toast, and I am also obliged to Bro. Nesbitt for proposing it in the manner he has done. So far as my intentions go, they have been to carry out what he says, and in the choice of officers I have always tried to get brethren who would best attend to their duties. I always try to make the best appointments that I can, and if these appointments have given you satisfaction it is a pleasure to me to hear of it. In the House of Keys I have the best allegiance shown to me, and in this assembly, and amongst Masons generally throughout the island, I believe the opinion is that I am perfectly honest in doing the best I can for the Craft.

Bro. J. C. LAMOTHE, in the absence of Bro. J. Joughin, H.K., proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. the Rev. EDWARD FERRIER and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. NESBITT, replied.

Other toasts followed, including that of "The Masonic Charities," which was proposed by Bro. the Rev. E. FERRIER, Prov. G. Chap., and responded to by Bro. BREAREY, P.A.G.D.C., for the Girls' School, Bro. KELLEY for the Boys' School, and Bro. NESBITT, D.P.G.M., for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the speech of the last-named brother, who is a Steward for the approaching Jubilee Festival, being as follows: As a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and I hope shortly to be a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, I hereby endorse every word of the eloquent speech made by Bro. Ferrier in proposing the Masonic Charities, and have pleasure in responding. Although our local Benevolent Fund has assumed satisfactory proportions, we have still done our duty, considering our size as a province, to the Central Masonic Charities. Before the province came into existence we had not one Life Governor upon the island, now we have four Life Governors for the Girls' School, seven Life Governors and two Life Subscribers for the Boys' School, and two Life Governors and two Life Subscribers to the Benevolent Institution. The latter Institution is one I heartily commend to your approval. The Male Fund of the Institution was founded by Grand Lodge in 1842, and the Widows' Fund was added seven years later. Thus, the approaching Festival, in January next, will be the Jubilee of the Charity. This Jubilee Festival Anniversary will be very nearly coincident with that of the birth of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and Grand Patron of the Institution; and the opportunity will thus be afforded to the brethren of commemorating the two auspicious events in a manner which, considering the deep interest his Royal Highness has always manifested in the success of our Masonic Charities, cannot be otherwise than most acceptable to him. When the fund was originally commenced, 15 male annuitants were elected, who received amongst them £305 a year, and five widow annuitants, who received £75 a year. There are now 438 annuitants in the two funds, namely, 181 brethren, 230 widows, and 27 widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities. The sum annually apportioned amongst these brethren and widows is £15,140, while the working expenses, amounting to about £2700 a year, raise the total amount of annual outlay to £17,840. The permanent income is about £4000 a year, and the deficiency which must be made good annually is, therefore, £13,840. At the last election 106 candidates were left over, and as this list will be considerably augmented at the next election, the Committee are making a strong appeal for further support to the funds. Under these circumstances, brethren, I sincerely trust that you will heartily respond to the appeal, and support my Stewardship, and I pledge for my Masonic honour all contributions will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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To Correspondents.

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The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT.—Albion Lodge, No. 9; Old Concord Lodge, No. 172; Lodge of St. John, No. 349; Airedale Lodge, No. 387; Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574; and Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1022.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

It is satisfactory to know that the business of Grand Lodge will in no way be interrupted by the lamented death of the Grand Secretary. Pending the appointment of his successor, the office will be in charge of the Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, and the President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Thomas Fenn, while Bro. Robert Grey, President of the General Committee of Grand Chapter, will take charge of Royal Arch affairs.

It will be seen from the communications and remarks we publish elsewhere that the utmost respect is being paid to the memory of our deceased Grand Secretary. In the Order of the Temple, of which he was Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales, and Prov. Prior of Sussex, the members of all preceptories, Prov. Priorities and Great Priories are requested to wear mourning for six months. The Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, of which he was W.M., will wear mourning for three months, and no doubt the other lodges, as well as the chapters, &c., of which he was a member, will adopt the same course.

The customary Christmas entertainment was given to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon on Wednesday, when everything passed off most satisfactorily. But the attendance of visitors was smaller than usual, owing in part to the inclemency of the weather, and in part to the prevalence of influenza and those illnesses which afflict people at this season of the year. But for those untoward circumstances there would in all probability have been a very numerous muster, it being the Jubilee year of the foundation of the Institution.

We referred in an especial manner, in our last week's article entitled "Masonic Benevolence in 1891," to the leading features of the Statements of Receipt by the several Masonic Institutions, but there are one or two other items which must not be altogether overlooked. Thus as regards Dividends and Interest, the Girls' School takes the lead with a total of nearly £2050, while the Benevolent Institution is close up with £1972, but the Boys' School returns only £560. It is clear, therefore, that this Institution is still a very long way behind the others in its permanent income, on which, or rather on the capital which produces it, the School will be obliged to rely at a time of serious emergency. This is a point which we trust will not be lost sight of when the time arrives for celebrating the Anniversary Festival.

Then, as regards the item of "Legacies," the Benevolent is fortunately able to record a total under this head of £2052 10s., while the Schools have received only 50 guineas each. The Benevolent sum includes the balance of £2000 paid in respect of the legacy of £3500 bequeathed by the late Bro. Dr. Marris Wilson. Among the Girls' School Receipts are to be found £734 in respect of Window Memorials, and including £500 from Grand Lodge, £227 for Musical Instruction, and £57 for Income Tax returned, together with £178 10s. for "One admission by purchase," and £102 for "Admissions by annual payment." There are no such items in the Boys' School Statement, and of necessity none in that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which has only to provide the sum required for annuities and the costs of management and maintenance of Asylum.

Bro. William Watson, the indefatigable Honorary Librarian of the West Yorkshire Masonic Collection, has obtained the consent of the esteemed Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., to the publication of a complete reproduction of the "Clapham MS." of the "Old Charges," with a facsimile of a portion of that valuable document as a frontispiece. The whole cost of the handsome little pamphlet is defrayed by the generous Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

Bro. Watson has written a special introduction to the scroll, giving as full account of its origin as possible, and a description of its character, style, &c. He has also wisely reprinted Bro. Hughan's verdict on the text of the "Clapham MS.," and as the reproduction, or transcript, has likewise been collated by the same distinguished brother, the value of the pamphlet is all the more valuable. We understand this excellent reproduction is to be followed by the "Thomas W. Tew MS." and the "William Watson MS.," with introductions by Bro. Hughan.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for 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.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can you or any of your correspondents with knowledge of the subject, clear up the doubt or explain the usage in the Craft on the following point:—

A proposition is made to give to one of the Charities a sum (say) of £10 10s., and when the question is brought forward it is found that a larger amount can be afforded. The proposer is willing to accept an amendment to this effect, but one or two members object on the plea that the meeting—a perfectly regular one—cannot vote on a larger scale without the usual notice being given for next lodge. They however agree that a smaller grant may be given if the members so will it, but state it is not competent to increase the sum named in the original proposal until it is brought forward again on the circular.

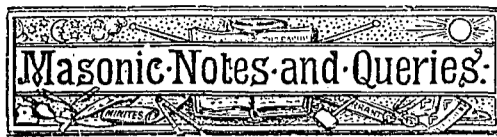
The question arises—have the members of a lodge no latitude in exercising their judgment under the circumstances named?

The favour of a reply through your columns will be esteemed by—Yours fraternally,

OCULUS.

January 5th.

[Our correspondent should, in the first instance, refer to the by-laws of his lodge. If they contain nothing which can affect the question he asks, then we see no reason why an amendment to vote a larger sum than was specified in the original motion should not be proposed. If this amendment is carried, firstly as an amendment and then as a substantive motion, the vote of the larger sum would hold good, unless it were non-confirmed at the meeting of the lodge next ensuing.—ED. F.M.]



966] AN OLD MS.

As any account of the customs and manners obtaining amongst Freemasons some 350 years ago must be of great interest to many members of the Craft, I am happy to be able to send you an exact copy of a transcript of an old MS., dated 1542, which was made by Humphrey Wanley in 1694, and is preserved amongst the Harleian MSS. in the library at the British Museum. Our brethren at Coventry should be particularly interested to learn how their old Cross was constructed, the arrangements made for the comfort of their ancient brethren, and the way in which in those days they received their wages.

HORACE STEWART, P.M. 1460.

Copy of an old MS. written by Ab. Bohun of Gray's Inn, and transcribed by H. Wanley on October 16th, 1694, it being then in the possession of Major Robert Beake.

Copied from the Harleian MSS. (H. Wanley Collectanea Miscellanea).

(1542.) "An Indenture of Covenants betwene Cuthbert Joyner, Symon Parker, John Jet, Aldermen of the Citie of Coventrie, & Henry Over & Christofer Waren, Citizens of the same on th'one partie & Thomas Phillips of the towne of Bristow freemason & John Petit of Wellingborough in the County of Northampton on th'other partie.

"Thomas Phillips & John Petit for them there executors & Adm: that they their Ex: Admin: or Ass: for £187 : 06 : 08 to them true:ie paid as after shall be expressed: &c before the feast of St Mich: th' archan: which shall be in ano dni 1543, shall newlie substantiallie & workmanlie make build set up & fullie furnish a new Crosse of good suer seasonable freestone of the quarries of Hilborrow or Rounton in the Com of Warr, or of both the said quarries, except the stone belonginge to the stepps of the same Crosse, which shall be had & made of harder stone in the late Priory in the said Citie, at the onelie proper costs, charges & expences of the said Tho: Phillips & Jno Petit & there assignes: the same Crosse to be erected & set up in the market-place in the said Citie of Coventr, called Crossecheapinge, in such place there as the ould Crosse now standeth, after the maneforme Fashion & due proportion in all poynts of a Crosse redie made & set up in the town of Abyngton in the Com of Berks. And further to set on every principal Penacle in the lowest storie of the same new Crosse the jmake [image] of a beast or a foule holding up a fane. And on every principal penacle in the second storie the Image of a naked boy with a target & holding a faine. And that the same new Crosse before the feast of the nativite of St John Baptist which shall be in the yeare of our Lord god 1542 shal be wrought made & set up of the height of 20 foot above the highest step of the same Crosse, except onelie the workmanship of the Images, synyalls, & other Pictures: and that the same new Crosse before the feast of St Michael th' archan: then next ensuinge shal be made, wrought & set up of the height of 25 foot above the highest step of the same Crosse. And that the same new Crosse before the feast of the nativite of St John Baptist which shall be in the year of our Lord god 1543 shall be wrought made & set up to the height of 40 foot above the said highest step: And that before the feast of St Michael th' archan: then next followinge, the said Crosse shall be fully made wrought & set up the height of 45 foot or higher (yf the said crosse in Abyngton be higher) above the said highest step, & finished in all poynts as well in ymagerie work, pictures and synyalls as otherwise according to the due forme & proportion of the said Crosse in Abyngton. And further the said Tho: Phillips & Jno Petit covenant & grant to find all leade & iron belonging to the same Crosse & all the stone lyme & sand with the workmanship & carriage of the same & all other necessaries whatsoever they be to be had and expended, about the same Crosse at their costs charges & expences. And also at their charges to procure find & make an house or lodge for masons to work in during the time of Making the same Crosse.

"Provided always & it is agreed between the said parties that the said Cuthbert Joyner, Symon Parker, John Jet, Henry Over & Christofer Warren, shal find all fanes to be set in the same Crosse & all yron & leade belonging to the same fanes. And also 6 or 8 ould imags to be set in the said Crosse yf they will serve & be thought meet for the same worke (or els not) the same imags to be repaired & cleaned at the charge of the said Tho: Phillips & John Petit. Provided also & it is agreed between the said parties that where the said Crosse in Abington hath 8 steps the new Crosse to be made in Coventr aforesaide shall have but 4 steps.

"Provided also & it is agreed betwene the said parties that where the said Crosse in Abington is begone in 8 panes & changed in the second storie into 6 panes to the deformitie of the same Crosse. This new Crosse to be made in Coventr shal be begone in 6 panes & so continew in 6 panes til the full finishing of the same. In consideration of which Crosse to be wrought made set up & finished in forme above written,

The said Cuthbert Joyner, Simon Parker, John Jet, Henry Over & Christofer Warren, Covenant & graunt by these presents to paie or cause to be paie unto the said Tho: Phillips & John Petit or their assignes

£ s. d. clxxxviij : viij : viij sterling in manner & forme followinge.

"That is to saie the 18th daie of Julie next ensuinge & imediathe followinge £6 : 13 : 4 And every 4th friday then next ensuinge & imediathe followinge £6 : 13 : 4 till the some of £73 : 6 : 8 more be fully paid. And when the said Crosse is at the height of 20 foote above the highest step of the same (except the images pictures & finialls) then to pay on the friday next before St Margets day next after th' accomplisht of the said Crosse of the said height of 20 foot, 6£: And then to pay every 4th friday after, 6£ till the some of 12£ be more paid. And when the said Crosse is of the height of 25 foote above the highest step then to pay every friday after 6£ till the some of 53£ be more paid. And when the said Crosse is of the height of 40 foote above the highest step, then to paie on the friday next before St. Margets day next after th' accomplishinge of the said Crosse of the height of 40 foote, 6£ & every 4th friday next after, 6£ till the some of 12£ more be paid. And when the said Crosse ys fully finished in all poynts accordinge to the purport & object of these Indentures Then to paie to the said Thomas Phillips & John Petit or their Assigns £17 : 6 : 8 in full payment & contentation of the said

some of £ s. d. clxxxviij : viij : viij. "In witness."

967] THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.

The name of our late distinguished brother, Thomas Dunckerley, has recently again come into prominent notice, and this, it must be admitted, is largely due to the valuable biography newly published by our studious and indefatigable Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Sub-Librarian. The Craft is greatly indebted indeed to Bro. Sadler for having expended a large amount of time and labour in bringing together so much useful and authentic information, serving as it does to cast a strong light upon the career of one of the most able and talented brethren who ever wielded Masonic authority in England. It may be interesting to the Craft to see in your columns copies of several letters of Bro. Dunckerley's, which have recently come to light here.

WILLIAM WATSON, P.M., &c.

[copy.]

"To C. Phillott. 1791. "I send you the impression of the seal of the order. You are to have 26 - each for the installation of each Knight—5 - of which sum is for the register.

"To T. West. June 7th, 1793, "Hampton Ct. Palace.

"Dear Sir, "Yr. Letter of the 4th & posterit of 7th same month were forwarded from Southampton to this place by the post. Many thanks for your kind wishes respecting the health of your sister D & myself. Yr act of the R. Cumberland [] is no more than is to be expected in time of war.

"On an application from the G. Chapter of R.A. Masons, I have permitted my name on their list, but I fear they are too far gone for any redemption.

"I sent them £240 for registering fees &c. "I suppose Sir Charles Phillott has given you the 1st Section of the 5th Degree Vizt Rosu Crucis for which you are to send 10 6 to me for the freemasons School.

"I shall pay them two guineas next mo. on acct. of the Kt. Templars. Sir Charles Phillott can give you all the obligations. If I was assured that it would be agreeable to the fraternity, perhaps I might pass a week in Bath in October, as it is my intention with Gods permission to pass next winter at Southampton. My wife desires to unite with me in most affec. regards to Sisters West, Phillott and their noble Knights. A Deo.

"(sd.) THOS DUNCKERLEY.

"A Grand Chapter of K. T. will be held at the London Coffee House, Ludgate Hill, on the 24th inst. the Kts. will assemble at the Temple Church, Fleet St., at 11. a.m. Come if you can."

"(To the same)

"Jany. 9th, 1796. "Hampton Court.

"My dear friend and Bro., "Mrs. Dunckerley and her Grand-daughter unite with me in wishing that Mrs. West and yourself may enjoy many happy returns of this season.

"We are, praised be God, in good health and spirits. I have sent the letters for all the Lodges to my truly excellent and indefatigable Sy and refer you to my letter to Bridgewater respecting the late demand.

"Your affectionate and faithful Bro,

"(sd.) THOS. DUNCKERLEY."

"P.S. There are now 11 [] in Somersetshire 3 at Bath, 2 Bridgewater and those at Wells, Ilminster, Frome, Shepton Mallett, Huntspill and Wincanton, the 2 last I constituted this year."

"To T. West, February. 1788.

"I congratulate Bro. Smith of [] on his being a Mason, and desire he will accept the office of Provincial Grand Steward for Somerset."

"To the same, March 9 1787.

"Dear Sir

"It is with great pleasure I send you the resolution of the Grand [] respecting the Prince of Wales I had the honour of being presented to H.R. Highness yesterday. He has a very high opinion of Masonry, and acquainted me with his intention of becoming a R.A. Mason. I am to have the honour of being at his exaltation. I have 36 letters to write to lodges by this post. Madam unites with me in sincere regards to Sister West and yourself. Present my affectionate greeting to all the Br., from yr. faithful Bro. T. D."

"To same, March 24th, 1786.

"Dear Brother,

"Your letter respecting the Baron was so truly Masonic that I sent it to the Grand Secy., who will lay it before the Grand Officers, as I have desired. I have wrote to acquaint the lodge at Wells that the P.G. [] will be opened in that city on the 5th next June at 9 in the morning the procession to the Cathedral at 11 in the forenoon & Dinner at 2 o'clock. Present my hearty greeting to all the Brethren in Bath and acquaint them as above.

"THOS. DUNCKERLEY."

"Feby. 25, 1785.

"Dear Bro.,

"I have just Constituted the Royal Gloster [] to be held at the Bell Inn in the City of Gloster and have added 6 Stewards for the County of Somerset from the Lodges No. 212 & 369 at Bridgewater. My wife desires to unite with me in kind regards to all our Brothers and Sisters and particularly to Your Sister West for the great care she had the goodness to take of Yr. affec. Bro.,

"THOS. DUNCKERLEY,
"S.O.E."

"Redbridge, Jany. 2nd, 1785.

"My dear friend,

"Praised be God I got safe here yesterday before noon & found my good woman in health. She desires to unite with me in sincere thanks for the hospitable care Mrs. West & yourself took of me at Bath. I purpose with Gods permission to be at Hampton Court next Friday where I shall be happy to see ye both whenever you can make it convenient.

"Sincere regards to all my sisters & Brothers,
"from yrs., "T. D."

"Hampton Court Palace,
"Jany. 7th, 1792.

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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Joppa Lodge (No. 188).—The installation meeting of this centenary lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. H. Lazarus, W.M., presided, and there were also present, among other brethren, Bros. Israel Abrahams, P.M.; Henry Hyman, P.M.; A. G. Dodson, P.M.; J. T. Botibol, P.M.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M.; L. Wall, P.M.; W. J. Gardner, P.M.; and Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec. (father of the W.M.). Visitors: Bros. A. J. Nalah, 185; W. Jacobs, 1766; J. Bird, 1903; S. Dancyger, 205; S. C. Kaufmann, 1766; Hy. Green, 1693; C. H. Fry, 167; M. Siversee, 185; J. Siversee, 185; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; C. F. Hogard P.G. Std. Br.; N. Ruffus, 2060; M. D. Loewenstark, 1668; Asher I. Myers, P.M. 185; M. A. Hyman, 2265; George J. Reed, 1695; Orilton Cooper, 211; Chas. M. Nathan, 188; C. W. Kayner, 1681; F. H. Schwessee, W.M. 185; F. Cook, 188; H. C. Kayner, 1681; Charles James, 15; Frank Herold, 1056; and Michael Marks, 185.

The W.M. initiated Messrs. Julius Aarons, R. S. Parkes, Solomon Anidjah, and John Bassett, and afterwards installed Bro. Arthur Cohen, W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were invested as officers for the year, after Bro. H. Lazarus had been invested as I.P.M.: Bros. W. Garrard, S.W.; B. Heigel, J.W.; S. J. Rucco, Chap.; J. J. Lyon, Treas.; L. Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; M. Seigenberg, S.D.; R. Frantz, J.D.; J. Davey, I.G.; A. G. Dodson, P.M., D.C.; H. S. Oukon, A.D.C.; Kent, Stwd.; and Gaskell, Tyler. Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec., undertook the Stewardship of the lodge for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and on the motion of Bro. Dodson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M., the sum of 10 guineas was voted to his list. The W.M. then presented Bro. Hy. Lazarus, I.P.M., with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, a gift which was acknowledged in graceful terms by Bro. Lazarus; and then occurred an event which may take rank with exceptional transactions in Masonic lodges. Bro. Bahr, one of four initiates during Bro. Lazarus's year of office, in the name of himself and his brother initiates, presented Bro. H. Lazarus with a handsome gold watch and chain, the watch bearing the following inscription: "Presented by Brothers Bahr, Allmann, Whyll, and Rusterholz, as a mark of esteem to Brother Henry Lazarus, W.M. Lodge of Joppa, 188. 1891."

The brethren afterwards closed the lodge, and adjourned to a very nice banquet, and honoured the usual toasts. These were interspersed with some beautiful singing under the direction of Bro. Alfred Crofts, with Mr. Ernest Conby at the piano, by Miss Teresa Blaney, Miss Flora Edwards, and Bros. Alfred Crofts and Swinford, and Mr. Teddie Wood.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., responded to the toast which included all the Grand Officers.

Bro. H. Lazarus, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said all the brethren would consider they had put the right man in the right place. No doubt he would go through his year of office with every satisfaction to the brethren. When he was one of the other officers he certainly satisfied every one.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he should do his best to fill the chair properly, and he was very pleased to see four candidates for initiation that evening, as it was an earnest that he would have some work during his year. He hoped there would be more initiates to follow them.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Secretary, responded to the toast of "The Joppa Lodge Benevolent Fund," of which he gave the history, stating that it was started by the late Bro. Canstatt 40 or 50 years ago for the interest and advantage of members of the lodge to save them from calling on the Fund of Benevolence of Grand Lodge in case they should want assistance. The fund had made much progress. At some times there was as much as £1400 in it; but it

fluctuated, and there was now nearly £800 to the good. It had given as much as £295 in one year. It had done much good, and had placed many brethren on their legs again after they had met with misfortune. He appealed to the brethren for further assistance to the fund, and he announced a good list of subscriptions.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," said the presentation of the Past Master's jewel by the lodge, and the watch and chain by the four initiates, was a sufficient testimony, if any was required, of the appreciation of the brethren of the way in which the Immediate Past Master had performed the duties of the chair.

Bro. Henry Lazarus, I.P.M., in reply, said that evening had been one of the most eventful of his life. He had seen an enormous number of friends around him, and he had received a handsome jewel of a Past Master, besides a separate valuable testimonial from the brethren who were initiated during his year of office. While he held the position of W.M. of this Joppa Lodge, he would not say he did his duty, but he tried to give satisfaction both in the lodge and at the banquet table. He trusted he should have the pleasure of being associated with the members of that lodge for many years to come.

Each of the Initiates responded individually to the toast of "The Initiates."

Bros. Dancyger, Asher I. Myers, M. D. Loewenstark, Reed, and Massey replied to the toast of "The Visitors;" the Past Masters, headed by Bro. Israel Abrahams, responded to the toast of "The Past Masters;" the S.W. and S.D. acknowledged the toasts of "The Principal Officers" and "The Subordinate Officers;" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The oldest member of the lodge—Bro. Ralph Solomons—was present both in the lodge and at the banquet table, as hearty and vigorous as in the days of his youth.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BATTLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting was held on Thursday, December 17th, at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. B. Foster, W.M.; J. W. Pepper, S.W.; W. T. Jordan, as J.W.; the Rev. R. W. Loosmore, M.A., P.M., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; F. W. Hotham, S.D.; F. G. Ticehurst, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; Jesse Chance, I.G.; W. J. Newman, Tyler, the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.G.C. England, P.P.G.C.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Charles Marrin, George Smith, F. E. Towner, H. J. Noakes, T. J. Walder, L. F. St. John, and others. Visitor: Bro. A. H. Blair, 84.

The lodge having been opened, the proposition of Bro. Hughes for a more critical examination into the suitability of intended candidates by subjecting them to the test of a select Committee before proposition in open lodge was rejected by a small majority, presumably on the grounds of its being in antagonism to the Book of Constitutions. The petitions of a distressed old brother to the Board of Benevolence and the R.M.B.I. were cordially endorsed by the brethren, and after some useful work by the W.M. in the way of instruction, the proceedings terminated as usual.

BINGLEY.

Scientific Lodge (No. 439).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, December 30th, in the Masonic Rooms, in the presence of a distinguished company from all parts of the province. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, honoured the lodge with his presence. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. R. MacGregor, M.D., and the minutes of last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed, when the Deputy Prov. G.M. entered, escorted by the Deacons, and was saluted. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Greenwood, was presented by the Deputy Prov. G.M. for installation at the hands of Bro. G. R. MacGregor, and was inducted in the chair of K.S. in a most impressive and able manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Charles Henry Haste, S.W.; Chas. Sugden, J.W.; George Robert MacGregor, I.P.M.; H. S. Wood, P.M., Treas.; Abram W. Ramsden, P.M., Sec.; S. Johnson, Chap.; J. A. Kershaw, S.D.; A. Platts, J.D.; E. Hallas, P.M., D. of C.; A. A. Ingham, Org.; R. Armistead, S. of W.; J. C. Willis, I.G.; F. Slicer and T. Blanshard, Stewards; and Walter Slicer, Tyler. The W.M. received the highest encomiums for the manner in which he addressed each officer on investiture. In investing Bro. A. W. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as Secretary, he said that he (Bro. Ramsden) occupied a position unique in Masonry, being the oldest Past Master in the lodge, having passed the chair and earned Provincial honours more than a quarter of a century ago, and although he had nearly reached the allotted three score years and ten, yet he came nobly forward and undertook the onerous duties of Secretary. So long as Masonry possessed such men, so long must it flourish. Bro. T. M. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., then gave the charges to the Wardens and brethren in a very efficient manner.

The banquet which followed was ably served under the superintendence of Bro. Walter Slicer, who has kindly undertaken the duties of caterer.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, no less than 16 lodges acknowledging the toast of "The Visiting Brethren."

Bros. Miles, Grayson, Holmes, Russell, Miller, and the Worshipful Master contributed to the harmony of the evening. The Tyler's toast closed one of the most successful meetings the lodge has ever held.

CAMBRIDGE.

Three Grand Principles Lodge (No. 441).—The installation meeting was held at the lodge room, Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 4th inst., and was attended by between 60 and 70 brethren. Mr. John Henry Pender was elected, and initiated by Bro. W. C. Dewberry, P.P.G.O., W.M., who subsequently installed Bro. Jos. Royston, S.W., in the chair of K.S. in an efficient manner, with Bro. F. Dewberry, P.M., P.C.D.C., acting as D.C. The charge to the Wardens was delivered by Bro. J. F. Symonds, I.P.M., and that to the brethren by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Moyes. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. W. C. Dewberry, I.P.M.; H. E.

Greef, S.W.; P. H. Young, J.W.; E. H. Jennings, P.M., Chap.; J. Taylor, P.M. (re-elected), Treas.; J. S. Youngman, P.M., Sec.; James Catling, S.D.; W. R. Roper, J.D.; F. Dewberry, P.M., D.C.; G. Bull, Std. Br.; F. W. Potts, I.G.; J. Vail, P.M.; F. Cole, and J. Fuller, P.M., Stwds.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Tyler. Owing to partial deafness, Bro. F. G. G. Barber, P.M., retired from the office of Secretary, which he had held for 12 years, and the brethren recognised his services by presenting him with a 12-inch salver, mounted jug, and stoups, accompanied by an illuminated address, in which they wished the recipient long life, improved health, and the greatest happiness. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. C. Dewberry, the same being attached to the worthy brother's breast by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who made some appropriate remarks in so doing. The lodge was reported to be in a flourishing condition, and there is evidence of work in store. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony, which was added to by the vocal efforts of Bros. Brockbank and A. R. Cross.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The January meeting of this lodge was held on New Year's Day, at the Masonic Hall, Nether Hall-road, when there were present Bros. J. Fitzgerald, W.M.; F. Webb, S.W.; E. Newsum, J.W.; C. M. Hartley, Treas.; J. Rayner, Sec.; J. F. Hanson, J.D.; C. H. Woodhouse, Org.; G. Foster and J. G. Smith, Stwds.; A. Parker, P.M.; G. Goldthorpe, P.M.; G. E. Wilkie, P.M.; F. D. Walker, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. Rand, P.M., P.S.G.D.; C. Fretwell, P.M.; J. B. Gibson, H. C. White, J. Venus, J. M. Axe, J. H. Buckland, W. Blake, C. Hopkinson, H. Hinchliff, R. Allott, G. Smith, W. Goodair, S. Lester, J. W. Turner, J. H. Pawson, J. Hurst, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Langbridge, 2078; J. Constable, 1422 and 2259; P. Jenner, 985; R. Burle, 213; and Theo. Darber, 2259.

The lodge was opened, when the W.M. called upon Bro. Hartley to present to Bro. F. D. Walker a P.M. jewel, as a mark of esteem. Bro. Hartley, in making the presentation, referred to his long friendship with Bro. Walker, and to the fact that it was on his proposition, nearly 22 years ago, that Bro. Walker had been initiated into Masonry and had become a member of St. George's Lodge. From the very first he had laid to heart that elementary admonition of the Order, to make a daily advance in Masonic knowledge, and he had not only filled every office of responsibility in the Craft with honour, but had twice held the position of Worshipful Master, and was now installing Master whenever his services were wanted. Indeed Bro. Walker had made himself absolute master of the full ritual of their Masonic ceremonies, and no brother had ever conducted those ceremonies with more skill and ability or with greater impressiveness. The brethren of St. George's Lodge felt they owed him a debt of gratitude for all his assistance in past years, which they could never sufficiently repay, but to mark their high appreciation of those services, and by way of testifying to the esteem in which they held Bro. Walker personally and fraternally, they asked his acceptance of that splendid jewel, which had been specially designed for him and indicated the principal offices which he had held in the lodge. Bro. Hartley then attached the jewel and expressed a hope that Bro. Walker would long live to wear it, and that hereafter it would be valued by his children as indicating how high he had stood in the estimation of his brother Freemasons in Doncaster. Bro. Rand said the testimonial would be the more valued by Bro. Walker when he assured him all subscribed so heartily and spontaneously. The subscriptions were limited in amount, and confined to No. 242, or they might have been doubled and trebled. There never was a testimonial given with more hearty goodwill than the one on the present occasion. Bro. F. Walker, after having been invested, thanked the brethren in very feeling terms as well as his emotional feelings would allow. He was deeply touched by their appreciation and kindness, and this expression of their esteem would encourage him to still further exertion on behalf of St. George's Lodge. Bro. J. W. Turner next presented a miniature set of Second Degree working tools for use in Craft working. The W.M. thanked Bro. Turner on behalf of the lodge for his useful and valuable gift. The by-laws were afterwards read, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a light supper, followed by the usual Masonic toasts, interspersed with songs, &c., and a very agreeable evening terminated.

ETON.

George Gardner Lodge (No. 2309).—On Saturday, December 19th, an emergency meeting and ladies' night was held at the Christopher Hotel—the new home of this young but very successful lodge. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred Skinner, opened the lodge, and then raised Bros. M. Laval, Page, and Muddiman to the Sublime Degree in a very efficient and impressive manner. Bro. Everard having been passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. read the following letter from Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, to Mr. G. Smith, one of the candidates for initiation: "I am very pleased to hear you are about to join the ancient Order of Freemasonry, and that your proposer, Bro. Alfred Skinner, and seconder, Bro. Page, belong to the province over which I have the honour to rule. I hope that the lodge you are about to join may be a most flourishing one." After the W.M. and brethren had congratulated themselves on receiving such a letter from such a distinguished Mason, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. Smith and J. Muddiman, which proved unanimous, and the W.M. initiated them in his usual impressive manner. There being no more Masonic business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where the ladies were anxiously waiting to receive them, and where they found, as they always do under the management of Mrs. Page, everything that could be desired to suit their appetite.

After the banquet the W.M. dispensed all the toasts, and the brethren adjourned to the ball room, which looked more like Fairyland than any other place, being festooned with eastern curtains, needle work, mirrors, flags of all nations, and hundreds of coloured lights. The corridor leading to the ball room was decorated in the same style, and was provided with seats, and formed a very pleasant lounge after each dance. Thanks are due to the W.M., Bro. Alfred

Skinner, for having provided the decorations, and arranging in such an admirable manner so enjoyable and successful an evening. Thanks are also due to Bro. Page and Master Page for their untiring energy in carrying out the whole of the decorations. The W.M. lent some interesting photographs of the summer outing, one being the launch and party in Bray Lock, and another the party on the lawn at the Complete Angler's Hotel at Great Marlow. Dancing stopped at 12 p.m., and those who stayed found an excellent home at the hotel.

The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Bro. A. Skinner, W.M., and Mrs. Skinner; Bro. Laundry, S.W., and Mrs. Laundry; Bro. Fendick, I.P.M., and four Misses Fendick; Bros. Hanham, S.D.; Corp, J.D., and M.C. for the evening; Brodrick, I.G.; Bro. Dixon Smith and Mrs. Smith; Bro. Frank Perkins (Watford Lodge) and Miss Ponting; Bro. Muddiman and Miss Pemberton; Bro. Muddiman and Mrs. Muddiman; Bro. Page and four daughters; Bro. Johncock (Wycombe Lodge) and Mrs. Johncock; Bros. Everard, Briggs, Laval, and J. Smith; Mr. Halliday and wife; Captain Howe, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Baker, Mr. S. Ibbotson, Mr. T. Ibbotson, Mr. E. Barclay, and Mr. R. Harris.

We are given to understand that the Worshipful Master has three more initiates for February, which will make the third emergency meeting during his year of office, and his 12th initiate. On this occasion he intends again to have a ladies' night, and he hopes by this time Bro. Page will have the new Masonic hall ready, which in his usual generosity he is having built for the better convenience of the brethren.

GUERNSEY.

Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship (No. 84).—The usual installation day of this lodge is the 27th December, but in consequence of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Major Giles, being only expected in England from Mashonaland on that day itself, a dispensation was obtained for the postponement of the ceremony to Saturday, the 2nd inst., and on this day no *contretemps* having occurred, Bro. Giles presented himself, and was ably and impressively installed by Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, P.M., who has acted as Installing Master of this lodge for some years past.

After the ceremony the lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to Bro. Gardner's, Royal Hotel, where a numerous company sat down to an excellent banquet.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Giles, in returning thanks, gave some very interesting details of his journeyings in South Africa, and expressed most hopeful views of the future of Mashonaland, though he carefully warned all those who might be induced to venture to those parts that they must be prepared to rough it, and a fortune was not to be made in a day or a year, possibly not for 15 years or more, and then only with hard work and steady application.

In the course of the evening "The Health of Bro. J. H. Guilbert, P.M.," was proposed in a peculiarly able and feeling manner by Bro. Stickland, P.M.

Bro. Guilbert, P.M., is one of, if not the oldest Mason in the island, and has held the office of Treasurer of the lodge upwards of 30 years. He is now retiring at his own request to the great regret of every member.

The proceedings of the evening were greatly enlivened by the kind efforts of several of the brethren, this lodge being for the moment very rich in good vocalists—notably Bros. Percy Groves, Ozanne, Pickering, and Capt. Carey, not omitting the W.M. himself, who is a capital performer.

There were several guests, among whom we noticed Bros. Capt. Græme, P.M., and W. S. Carey, of the Aldershot Lodge, and the Rev. Pickering, P.G. Chap. of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

All the arrangements both of lodge and banquet were most excellently well carried out by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Wilkins, P.M.

PENISTONE.

Wharnccliffe Lodge (No. 1462).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 29th December, at the Rose and Crown Hotel, when Bro. George Stones, S.W., was installed in the office of W.M. by Bro. E. Billington, P.M. The following brethren were installed as officers: Bros. R. Ruff, I.P.M.; Rev. Canon Turnbull, P.M., Chap.; C. Taylor, S.W.; C. Dunstan, J.W.; W. T. Beanland, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Holden, P.M., Sec.; F. Dunstan, D.C.; Jno. Cockcroft, Org.; R. P. Bottomley, S.D.; J. Normansell, J.D.; E. A. Clarke, I.G.; J. W. Sykes, W. J. Askwith, and A. Juub, Stwds.; and Jesse Shore, Tyler, being his 10th time of election.

Afterwards the brethren sat down to an excellent repast provided by Mrs. Bradley.

PLYMOUTH.

St. John's Lodge (No. 70).—There was a large gathering at the annual meeting of the above lodge at the Masonic Club on the afternoon of December 28th to install Bro. W. L. D. Colling, S.W., as the W.M. for the year ensuing. Great interest was taken in the ceremony, as probably never in the history of Freemasonry has a member of the Order of the age of Bro. Colling—72 years—been installed in the chair of K.S., and very cordial were the congratulations Bro. Colling received on his elevation to the chair, with hearty good wishes for a pleasant and successful year of office. The ceremony of installation was ably carried out by Bros. W. T. Hocking, P.M.; Richard Pengelly, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; James Griffin, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G. Treas.; assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. J. Gover, P.M., P.P.G. Sec.; V. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Charles Stribling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Kevern, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Du Pré, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. B. Westlake, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. F. Westcott, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. Tout, P.M.; W. King, P.M.; and J. H. Evans, P.M., all of the lodge; Dr. Lemon, P.M. 189, P.P.G.C., P.P.J. G.W.; S. Jew, P.M. 105, P.P.G.T.; C. H. Cooper, P.M. 105, P.P.G.D.; W. K. Mitchell, P.M. 156, P.P.G.D.C.; P. G. L. Pearce, P.M. 1247, P.G.D.; E. Aitken Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. B. Johns, P.M. 159, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Pike, P.M. 230, P.P.G.O.; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025, P.G.S.B.; Jno. Hillyer, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Cornish, P.M. 223, P.P.G.T.; R. Blythe, P.M. 223, P.G. Stwd.; M. C. Lakeman, P.M. 1550; G. Wilson, P.M. 1205; W. Coath, P.M. 893; F. R. Thomas, P.M. 189; W. J. Pengelly, W.M. 2025; H. Rogers, W.M. 223; Jno. Leonard, P.M. 202; W. Allsford, P.M. 202; W. H. Williams, P.M. 1847; W. Chapple, W.M. 159;

H. E. Sitters, P.M. 1205; W. H. Macey, P.M. 1847; S. J. Page, W.M. 1099; F. J. Piper, P.M. 1255; and W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the following brethren were invested as officers for the year ensuing: Bros. J. H. Evans, I.P.M.; J. Hicks, S.W.; John Goad, J.W.; Vincent Bird, P.M., P.P.G.T., Chap.; R. Pengelly, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.M., P.P.G. Sec.; G. R. Stanlake, S.D.; Mark Jacobs, J.D.; W. Holloway, D.C.; G. E. Sercombe, A.D.C.; J. Burton, Org.; A. G. Collings, I.G.; G. W. Vincent, G. Leach, A. N. M. Coles, and W. Treasure, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. Bro. Richard Pengelly, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., was appointed representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. W. T. Hocking, P.M., Charity Steward. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon then presented the lodge with a handsomely-bound book, entitled "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," being a series of illustrated lectures in Freemasonry for the Craft, and a popular description of King Solomon's Temple for the uninitiated, by Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, W.M. 1559, J. 1275. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Lodge St. John, No. 70, Plymouth, by W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D. (Oxon), P.P.J.G.W., etc. (Devon). December 28th, 1891."

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the annual banquet was held. Bro. W. L. D. Colling, the W.M., presided, supported by his two Wardens, and in addition to those already named were Bros. J. Kinton Bond, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; E. G. Dyke, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.O. Cornwall; G. R. Selleck, P.M. 1550, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Harvey, P.M. 1847; N. Radmore, P.M. 159; Alfred Parkhouse, W.M. elect 1247; F. E. Sach, 189; M. Bishop, H. London, J. H. Hamilton, W. H. Comer, W. H. Dillon, George Scatterly, J. S. Hall, and E. Hedger.

Over 30 sat down to a very excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

Letters of apology and regret were announced from Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, P.G.M. Cornwall; Lord Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M.; Sir Edward Clarke, and many others. The Solicitor-General wrote: "I thank you for your kind fraternal invitation to the banquet of the St. John's Lodge, which I would gladly accept if it were possible for me to be in Plymouth on Monday next. I have, however, engagements in London which prevent this, and so I can only send to you and the brethren of the lodge my hearty good wishes."

In responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon," Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon referred in appropriate terms to the pleasure and satisfaction with which the brethren throughout the province received the news of the Prov. Grand Master's improving health.

Bro. J. B. Gover proposed "The Prov. Grand Master and Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall."

Bros. Coath and Dyke acknowledged the toast, which was most heartily received.

In giving "The Health of the W.M., Bro. W. L. D. Colling," Bro. J. R. Lord said he was a true, loyal, and zealous Mason, who was worthy of the high position in which he had been placed.

Bro. Colling appropriately replied. He impressed on the brethren the necessity of acting up to the principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. J. Du Pré, P.M., presented Bro. John H. Evans, I.P.M., with a Life-Governorship of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, in appreciation of the services he had rendered to the lodge during the past year.

Bro. W. Frank Westcott proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said Bro. Pengelly had proved an excellent Treasurer, and Bro. Gover had only one aim in view—the welfare, honour, and prestige of the lodge.

Bros. Pengelly and Gover responded.

"The Health of the Senior and Junior Wardens" was toasted.

Bro. J. Griffin gave the toast of "The Directors and Shareholders of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company."

Bro. J. R. Lord, in reply, said it was intended to make the club a home for Masons in the Three Towns. He had every confidence in the future of the club, which last year showed a profit of 5 per cent. on a capital of £6000. He appealed to the Masons to support them after having built that noble pile of buildings at their request.

Other toasts followed.

A pleasant evening was afterwards spent. Those who contributed recitations or songs were Bros. Dyke, J. Kinton Bond, J. Leonard, Prout, W. Lavers, Akaster, Max Bishopswerder, and Andrews. An orchestra was under the direction of Bro. A. T. Lidiard, Org. 105.

WITHINGTON.

Architect Lodge (No. 1375).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Town Hall on Saturday, the 2nd inst., to take part in the installation of Bro. W. Dyson Fryer, S.W., W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. Nail, in a very capable manner, showing at once that he is a capital exponent and student of the Emulation ritual. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the installing Master appointed Bro. J. Laidlaw, P.M., P.P.G.D., as S.W., and Bro. Bradshaw, P.M., as J.W. Bro. W. Dyson Fryer was presented to the installing Master, being duly installed into the chair, was saluted and greeted by 28 Installed Masters. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Nail, I.P.M.; C. H. Beever, S.W.; James Morrison, jun., J.W.; James Laidlaw, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. G. Bromley, P.M., Sec.; A. Pickford, jun., S.D.; C. Rawle, J.D.; B. R. Howell, P.M., D.C.; W. C. Flint, I.G.; W. Moutt, Org.; T. A. Holland, J. A. Carse, T. Dodd, and L. R. Kirkman, Stewards; and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Bro. John Bradshaw was elected Charity representative. The working tools were presented by Bro. H. Nail, and the addresses were given by Bros. John Bradshaw, P.M.; J. I. Tiller, P.M.; and H. Nail. Immediately at the close of the ceremony of installation Bro. Fryer, Worshipful Master, addressing Bro. Nail, said: "One of the most pleasing duties which fall to the lot of the Master of a lodge to perform devolves upon me this evening. It is that of being the mouthpiece of every member of the lodge in conveying the due appreciation of your services one year ago. You were installed as W.M. of this lodge, and ever since then you have filled that post with great ability in a general way. Under your guidance the lodge has flourished,

and I feel sure you have gained the affection of every member, and they desire me to present you with a small token of their appreciation of your valuable services during not only this year, but for many years. I hope you will accept the Past Master's jewel, not for its intrinsic value, but to mark the sense of good feeling towards you, and I trust you may be spared long to wear the jewel, and to continue to be an ornament to the Craft. Bro. Nall feelingly acknowledged the presentation. The Grand and Provincial Grand Officers retired, including Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Slyman, P.P.G.D.; James Laidlaw, P.P.G.D.; Martin Thomas, Prov. G.D.; and C. Heywood, Prov. G. Stwd. After receiving the congratulations of the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren partook of a banquet, and Bro. W. Dyson Fryer, Worshipful Master, presided, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. He was perfectly at home, and we have rarely seen any W.M. display such ability; all his toasts were short, witty, and to the point. There was a capital programme of music, vocal and instrumental, the following brethren contributing: Bros. Nall and Thos. Shorrocks, P.M., songs. Violin solo, Scotch airs, by Bro. W. T. Hesketh, P.M. Recitations by Bros. James Morrison, J.W., and R. Dottie, P.M., who is always very happy in his selections, and gives very great pleasure to his hearers. Also a solo on the auto-harp by Bro. Seth Wrigley, P.M., which was very delightful indeed.

Mark Masonry.

EGREMONT.

Sewell Lodge (No. 421).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, December 30th. Bro. J. Stout, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. Lowery, S.W.; J. Kitchin, J.W.; J. Nelson, M.O.; W. Irving, S.O.; J. A. Parker, J.O.; H. Hartley, Treas.; T. Miller, S.D.; J. C. Mellon, J.D.; W. Bosward, Sec.; T. McLeod, R. of M.; E. K. Bouch, I.G.; S. Braithwaite, Tyler; H. Rowe, Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. England; B. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed. This being the meeting to elect a W.M., Bro. Jas. Lowery, S.W., was the unanimous choice of the brethren. Bro. J. Muncaster was elected as Treasurer; and Bro. Thos. McLeod, Tyler. Bro. Dalrymple was then invited to the chair, and Bro. Dr. S. Braithwaite was advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M. Each member present was presented with a copy of the by-laws of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

Bro. Jas. Stout having been the first W.M. of this lodge, and his year of office is fast drawing to a close, we are pleased to say he will be able to look back with a considerable degree of pleasure to the prosperity that has attended his genial efforts to further the interests of Mark Masonry.

GATEHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The annual meeting of this well-worked lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Jackson-street, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren. The W.M., Bro. R. Wilson, P.G.I. of W., presided, and was supported by the following: Bros. R. B. Reed, P.M., D.P.G.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M., P.J.G.W.; C. B. Ford, P.M., P.G. Sec.; R. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.R.M.; John Page, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Brown, P.M., P.P.S.G.O.; M. Corbett, P.M., P.P.S.G.O.; and T. Purvis, W.M. 346, P.G.R.M. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. W. Richardson, J.W., W.M. elect; A. Simpson, M.O.; J. A. Armstrong, S.O.; T. R. Short, J.O.; Rev. F. W. Clark, Chap.; A. Dodds, R.M.; T. R. Jobson, Sec.; W. Stafford, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Tyler; T. W. Bagnall, T. Douglass, J. Douglass, J. G. Wood, H. S. Bird, J. Meggison, J. Shaw, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Wm. Richardson, W.M. elect, having been duly presented, was afterwards installed by Bro. R. Wilson, the retiring W.M., who also delivered the charges incidental to the Degree. The W.M. then invested his officers: Bros. R. Wilson, I.P.M.; A. Simpson, S.W.; J. A. Armstrong, J.W.; T. R. Short, M.O.; T. R. Jobson, S.O.; A. Dodds, J.O.; Rev. F. W. Clark, Chap.; C. P. Laidler, R.M.; W. Stafford, Sec.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; H. Jackson, S.D.; W. J. Jobson, J.D.; H. S. Bird, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. W. Bagnall and J. Meggison, Stwds.; and J. Curry, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and most of the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet held in the refreshment room, over which the W.M. presided. A very pleasant and harmonious evening was enjoyed, the usual toast list being interspersed with songs from many members present.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Sandberg, W.M.; Windsor, S.W.; King, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Livitt, S.D.; Chase, J.D.; T. Templeman, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Ellson, and Folkard. Visitor: Bro. W. Lipscomb, 507.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Ellson having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bro. W. Lipscomb, 507, was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Sandberg for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time in this or any other lodge. Bro. Windsor was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. R. Reid, W.M.; J. Banks, S.W.; W. Hide, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor, A. Williams, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Williams, P.M., S.D.; Blackman, I.G.; H. G. A. Pearson, and J. Flexman.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pearson offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. Pearson offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Pearson being a candidate for raising, was examined. Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M., then gave the lecture on the tracing board in the Second Degree. Bro. Flexman, 1743, was elected a member, and Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. Dawson, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Hooper, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; Stone, Sec.; Clarke, S.D.; F. H. Salmon, J.D.; Rice, I.G.; F. Simpson, Pullen, Hill, Barr, Orton, J. Morgan, H. G. Martin, Cooke, G. Thompson, J. Price, and Luckhurst.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barr being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Dawson, W.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pullen, who repeated the ceremony, Bro. Hill being the candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bros. Simpson, J. Morgan, G. Thompson, and Jno. Price were elected joining members. Bro. Turner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dawson, W.M., for the excellent manner he rehearsed the ceremony for the first time in this lodge of instruction. It was unanimously resolved that a Charitable Association be formed. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th instant, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. Major P. H. Dalbiac, W.M.; J. Powell, S.W.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; C. Godfrey, J.D.; G. F. Fox, I.G.; G. Kirkman, Stwd.; W. Matthews, P.M. 2029; J. W. Belsham, W.M. elect 733; J. T. Shapcott, G. Weaver, T. M. Lambie, M. Rosenberg, J. C. Conway, J. V. Woodman, and A. Crossingham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lambie being candidate. Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting—officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Dalbiac for the very able manner he had rehearsed the duties of W.M. for the first time in his life, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. Duncan, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; C. T. Barlow, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; H. J. Kimbell, jun., J.D.; Milton Smith, I.G.; R. P. Upton, A. Oliver, R. Loomes, and E. J. Harrison.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Upton being the candidate. Bro. Harrison answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Harrison being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, December 31st, when there were present Bros. G. H. Foon, Asst. Preceptor, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; C. O. Burgess, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. W. Hambly, S.D.; W. Jones, J.D.; T. C. Searcy, Org.; J. H. Keen, I.G.; G. H. Reynolds, A. Cogliati, N. Dukas, R. Kirk, W. Wood, F. J. Bonham, J. Wise, and others.

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. G. H. Foon was presented as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the Second and First Degrees. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers. Bro. G. H. Reynolds gave the three addresses. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. F. J. Bonham offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. F. J. Bonham, 1305, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Hoggins, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed—"That a vote of sympathy and condolence be entered on the minutes of this lodge of instruction towards the family of the late Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and an expression of sincere regret for the great loss the Craft has sustained"—s. conded by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATION LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, December 31st, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. W. G. Jennings, W.M.; F. Craggs, W.M.

334, S.W.; H. Elkin, J.W.; G. Higginson, Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; H. Gane, J.D.; H. Kington, I.G.; A. Davis, C. H. Hagen, W. Hillier, L. Cox, F. Woodard, Kirkham, H. Cottor, and R. N. Larter.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, after which the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Higginson, who, after resuming the lodge to the First Degree, examined Bro. Hagen as to his proficiency, and he was entrusted. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Hagen acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was then worked, the W.M. putting the questions. Bro. Jennings resumed the position of W.M. and rose the usual times, and Bro. A. Davis, 145, having been elected a member of the lodge, Bro. F. Craggs was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; W. Hide, S.W.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M. 834, Preceptor; A. Williams, P.M. 2090, Sec. (bro tem.); L. J. Powell, S.D.; J. W. Woodard, J.D.; R. J. Williams, I.G.; F. C. Cotton, Stwd.; J. Davies, P.M. 109; J. Wilcox, P.M. 975; J. Brown, W.M. 2012; R. Reid, G. W. Kirkham, L. Lee, J. Rowlings, and H. Clark.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. R. Reid having offered himself as a candidate for raising, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. On the usual rising, Bro. W. Hide was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. W. S. Whiteley having presented the lodge with a very handsome silver snuff-box, was cordially thanked by the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when there were present, Bros. Bullen, W.M.; Gunzell, S.W.; Rowe, J.W.; Brett, S.D.; Audain, J.D.; Holton, I.G.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; Walter Wood, Sec.; Kirk, Prince, and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Bullen and Kirk respectively. The First ceremony was then ably rehearsed by Bro. Bullen, the candidate being personated by Bro. Kirk. Bro. S. W. Gunzell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and on the motion of Bro. W. Wood, Sec., seconded by Bro. Kirk, and supported by Bro. Greenway, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Grand Secretary be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, and the Secretary was directed to forward the same in suitable terms to Mrs. Shadwell Clarke. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 1st inst. at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Davies, H. 733, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, 834, H.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, J.; John Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 1st A.S. 802, P.S.; and A. J. Turner, 2nd A.S. 1196.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Turner being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

GRAND COUNCIL.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Grand Council of this Order, which took place at Mark Masons' Hall on December 18th, M.W. Bro. Dr. Zacharie, M.D., G.S.R., presided, and was supported by Bros. W. G. Lemon, G. Treas.; J. Tickle, P.G.B.B.; W. J. Spratling, G.R.; Juler, Ninnis, and Kempster, G. Visitors; A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., A.G.D.C.; J. B. Cumming, G.B.B.; J. J. Thomas, J. J. Pakes, and Col. H. M. Gordon, G. Guardians; J. J. Wedgwood, M.D., A. M. Jessop, M.D., A. Stewart Brown, M.D., W. R. Shutt, J. Castello, and J. W. P. Brickwood, G. Councillors. Bro. Elias Jessurun, President of the Board of Grand Stewards, was also present.

The Executive Committee reported an increase in numbers, and the consideration of a set of by-laws for the adoption of the District Grand Conclave of the Straits Settlements.

The GRAND TREASURER reported a credit balance of £93 16s. 9d., after meeting all liabilities.

The GRAND RECORDER reported the issue of one warrant (No. 20), three dispensations, and 138 certificates during the year ending November 30th.

The report of the Grand Visitors was as follows: The Grand Visitors beg to report that the business of the conclaves (with one or two exceptions) has been carried on during the year with marked success and that it has seldom occurred that any meeting has been held without some work in one or other of the Three Degrees. They are pleased to report the steady growth of the Conclave No. 14, Damon and Pythias, M.dras which has lately received into its fold many of the District Grand Officers of the Craft. They are Bros. Col. G. M. J. Moore, District Grand Master; J. T. Groatorex, P.A.G.D.C. England, District Grand Sec.; Jas. Steven, P.D.S.G.W.; F. H. D. Pinsent, P.D.A.G.D.C.; J. T. Lawrence, M.A., District

G. Chap.; Rev. A. Wescott, M.A., Past District Grand Chap.; and Col. R. E. Drake Brockman, of the Royal Engineers, Madras. They regret to report the death of Bro. Barton of this Conclave, Grand Steward, a brother much beloved among Freemasons of this district. The Conclave No. 16, Empress of India, Calcutta, is being worked very energetically by Bro. P. C. Dutt, P.G. Councillor, and with his Highness the Maharajah Cooch Behar as its active V.R. it is likely to grow in numbers and importance. Of the other conclaves—more especially those at home—the No. 1, Alfred Meadows, has changed its name to "The Premier," and now numbers 48 members. No. 5, the Horatio Shirley, numbers 52 members. The Royal Sussex, Brighton, No. 10, deserves also a word of praise for the careful manner in which the ceremonies are performed, and the excellence of the appointments and arrangements of the conclave. It is gradually attracting and absorbing many of the Masons of best standing in Brighton and neighbourhood. The Cleve Fast Conclave, No. 8, has changed its place of meeting to the Holborn Restaurant, and the change will doubtless result in an accession of members. It is not sufficiently known that the main object in founding this conclave was to make a home, under their worthy chief, Sir Francis Burdett, for Secret Monitors belonging to the Province of Middlesex. The Grand Visitors have to report that wherever they have paid an official visit to any conclave they have been received with the greatest courtesy and kindness. They would, however, suggest for the consideration of Grand Council that they would be better able to perform the functions entrusted to them if the conclaves in England, and especially those in London; would kindly favour them with a notice paper of each meeting as it occurs. The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" is at present the only source whence they can obtain information of the days of meeting, and it is impossible for them to know the hours. If this would be giving too much trouble the conclaves might at least send three summonses to the Grand Recorder, who would forward them to the Grand Visitors of the year.

The following motion was then put and carried: "That the report of the Grand Visitors be received, adopted, and entered upon the minutes of this Grand Council, and that the conclaves be desired to forward to the Grand Recorder three copies of each summons as suggested for the information of himself and the Grand Visitors."

The Executive Committee for the ensuing year was nominated and elected as follows: Bros. Dr. I. Zacharie, M.D., G.S.R.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R.; W. G. Lemon, G. Treas.; W. J. Spratling, G.R.; Sir Augustus Harris, P.G.B.B.; J. Tickle, P.G.B.B.; J. J. Pakes, P.G. Gdr.; and A. Stewart Brown, M.D., P.G.C. Bro. Mills was re-appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Council determined to allot a sum of 10 guineas towards the support of conclaves of instruction, and fixed the date of the Grand Conclave for the 4th Wednesday in June next.

THE LATE BRO. COL. CLERKE.

The following notices have been issued in connection with the decease of our late brother:

Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C., 2nd January, 1892.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to your inquiry I have to inform you that by the usage of the Craft no general mourning is adopted in the event of the decease of the Grand Secretary.

Every lodge can exercise its own discretion and go into mourning at its option, and I suppose such course would be adopted in all cases where our lamented brother was a member of the lodge.

The usual time where mourning is ordered is three months.—I am, dear sir and brother, your fraternally,
A. A. PENDLEBURY, Asst. G. Sec.

**UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.
GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES.**

In respect for the memory of the late Great Sub-Prior (and Provincial Prior of Sussex), Very Eminent Sir Knight Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, who departed this life on the 25th instant, all knights meeting in Preceptories, Provincial Priors, and Great Priory, are requested to wear mourning for the space of six months.

By Order,

W. TINKLER, K.C.T., Vice-Chancellor.

Hilts of swords and jewels to be covered with crape, and a crape scarf to be substituted for the ribband.

Chancery of the United Orders,
3 and 4, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.,
31st December, 1891.

SHADWELL CLERKE LODGE, No. 1910.

Mark Masons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, London, W.C.,
29th December, 1891.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is with the most unfeigned regret and the deepest sorrow that I have to communicate to you the sad news of the death of our Worshipful Master, the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who died on Christmas Day, after a very brief illness.

By command of W. Bro. Geo. J. Reed (W.M. No. 1695), Senior Warden, ruling the lodge, the

members of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge will appear in Masonic mourning for three months from this date, and at the next meeting of the lodge, on 28th March, 1892, the pedestals and jewels will be draped in black.—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, P.G. Std. Br.,
P.M. and Sec.

The name of Bro. General Laurie, Past Grand Master Nova Scotia, appeared in our report last week as being present at the funeral, but we omitted to state that the R.W. brother attended as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and also in the absence of Bro. Brackstone Baker, as representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, he being a representative of that Grand Lodge near a sister Grand Lodge.

We regret also that we omitted to mention that Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D. of C., was present at the funeral, and was also amongst those who sent floral tributes of affectionate regards.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., writes to say that a severe attack of bronchitis with which he was laid up at Winchester, prevented his being present at the funeral of the late Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

The following expression of condolence and sympathy from the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man has been forwarded by the Prov. Grand Master to the representatives of the late Grand Secretary:—

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, beg most respectfully to tender our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolence with you in the heavy bereavement you have recently sustained in the lamented decease of our esteemed Very Worshipful Bro. Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, for many years the distinguished and popular Grand Secretary of the great Masonic body of this country.

In thus tendering our sympathy and condolence—a sympathy and condolence which will be universal in its extent so far as Freemasonry is concerned—we, at the same time, consider it our duty to place on record the many obligations which we as Freemasons owe to our deceased brother. Col. Clerke, in his official capacity, visited this island on two separate occasions, once in 1884, and again in 1886, on the formation of the province, and the brethren generally have many pleasant recollections of those visits, and it is their duty to testify to the very high appreciation of the very valuable services rendered to the Craft by the late Grand Secretary.

Trusting that, in due time, when it shall be the will of the Great Architect of the Universe to summon us from this sublunary abode, we may all meet together in the Grand Lodge above, whence all goodness emanates, we beg to subscribe ourselves on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge.

J. S. GOLDIE-TAUBMAN,
Provincial Grand Master.
T. H. NESBITT,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
L. G. HANNAV,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., in the chair. There were likewise present Bros. John Glass, J. S. Cumberland, W. A. Scurrah, H. Dickey, Samuel H. Parkhouse, J. J. Thomas, W. Adams, J. W. Burgess, George Everett, G. Treas., H. Massey, J. E. Le Feuvre, Stanley J. Attenborough, J. H. Stock, James Brett, George Corbie, W. D. Church, Robert Martin, H. W. Green, John Barnett, jun., Robert W. Bourne, Rev. H. A. Hebb (Head Master), and J. Morrison McLeod (Secretary).

The Council recommended to the Quarterly Court the adoption of 38 candidates for the April election, and the declaration of 20 vacancies in the School.

Bro. EVE in moving a resolution of condolence with the widow and family of the late Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., said that the Craft at large had sustained a severe loss by the death of the Grand Secretary. Col. Clerke brought to bear on the decision of cases placed before him a judicial mind seldom found in a military man, and his judgment gave satisfaction to all.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH seconded the motion, which was put and carried, and ordered to be communicated to the widow and family.

The resolution was as follows: "That the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys begs to tender to Mrs. Clerke and family their deep expression of regret and sympathy in the heavy loss they have sustained by the death of the late Grand Secretary, whose eminent services to every branch of the Order and kindly manner had endeared him to the hearts of all Masons."

The Council's proceedings were then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. H. Matthews, James Brett, Alfred C. Spaul, H. Massey, W. G. Kentish, Peter de L. Long, C. H. Webb, Wm.

Morley, J. S. Cumberland, G. Adamson, E. M. Money and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN said that the 10 guineas voted to the children's New Year's entertainment was well laid out, for on Monday a most enjoyable and successful evening was the result, and the company, including Bro. Sir Joseph and Lady Savory, were much pleased with the arrangements of the Institution.

After the usual reading of the various minutes, Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.D.G.D.C., Patron, moved, "That in consequence of vacancies caused by children elected in October not being of age to be received into the School, the four next highest unsuccessful candidates be admitted under Law 60." He said the object of the motion was that no bed should be vacant. Another reason was that the fourth child to be taken in was a last chance case, and he had, as all others had, great sympathy with last chance cases. He asked the Secretary to let him look at the petition in this fourth case, and when he saw it he ascertained it was a good one all round.

Bro. MORLEY seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

The following motion was then adopted: "That the three eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 20 whose petitions have been since approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the April election, and that 16 vacancies be declared."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT TO THE ANNUITANTS AT CROYDON.

The annual entertainment given on the first Wednesday in the New Year to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution resident in the buildings at Croydon was provided on Wednesday last, when a company of brethren and ladies left London in special saloon carriages provided by the South-Eastern Railway Company.

Among those who attended at the Institution were Miss Harriet Cotter, Mrs. Jennings, Dr. H. J. Strong, Mrs. Horsnail, Bros. Charles Frederick Hogard, Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; Robert D. Cummings, P.M. 2168; and W. J. Crutch, P.M. 1278; Bro. John Oldis, P.M. 1288, and Mrs. Oldis; Bro. Wm. Lawrence, 2168, and Mrs. Lawrence; Bros. George F. Cook, 1580; and J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157; Bro. Alexander Mullord, P.M. 1288, Mrs. Mullord, and Miss Alice Mullord; Bro. W. H. Hubbert, P.M. 1625; Bro. Edward James Anning, P.M. 1625, Mrs. Anning, and Miss Anning; Bros. H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; and Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287; Miss M. E. Raiker, Miss L. Raiker, Miss A. G. McKenzie, Miss Terry, Bro. Dr. Wayte, Robert Griggs, J. G. Stevens, John Mason, and Smart; Bro. Bowyer and Mrs. Bowyer; Bros. Geo. Smith, W. N. Wheeler, J. Chudderworth, and W. Syckelmere.

Bro. Terry, who had come that morning direct from Dudley, received the party at the entrance hall, and wished each individual "A Happy New Year," a greeting which he and all the visitors extended to the annuitants a few minutes later when they arrived in answer to the dinner bell. Headed by Dr. Strong, and with Bro. Terry in the vice-chair, the party sat down to the usual bountiful dinner, the visiting brethren acting as attendants on the old people and supplying their wants.

The feast, for such it well deserved to be styled, for it was in every respect unexceptionable, was followed by the toast of "The Queen, Patroness of the Craft and of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," proposed by the CHAIRMAN, who next proposed "The Founders of the Feast," and he said he was sorry to miss the faces of many old friends who had assisted in these entertainments by their presence, by their pockets, and in kind. But they were not away in spirit; it was only in their person, through illness, the terrible influenza keeping several away, and doing no good to anyone but the doctors. As it was an ill wind that blew nobody any good, he supposed he must not say too much about it.

Bro. MULLORD, who was called upon to reply, said it was a great treat to be able to minister to the happiness and gratification of one's fellow-creatures, and he and all those who provided the day's enjoyment were only too thankful that they were able to do so.

"Success to this Institution and the worthy Secretary, Bro. Terry," was the next toast, and Dr. Strong said Bro. Terry had travelled that morning all the way from Dudley in order that he might not be absent from this New Year's meeting.

Bro. TERRY, in responding, said the present year was an eventful one in the annals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There were two great events which had taken place in 1891—one the jubilee of this Institution, and the other the 50th birthday of the Prince of Wales. He had not the slightest doubt that the Queen if she knew this Institution was founded in 1841 thought it right that she should present the nation with a son to celebrate its foundation. Therefore those two events certainly marked an epoch in history. What the result of the Festival might be which was to celebrate the 50th year of the Institution could not possibly be foretold, but up to that morning there was a list of 919 Stewards—the largest list of Stewards ever known at these festivals. Well, if each of those Stewards brought up £40 there would be nearly £37,000. Of course it would be wholly out of place to think of

having Freemasons' Tavern for holding the Festival; and casting their eyes about for a suitable place there were to be found but two in London—one the Albert Hall, the other Covent Garden Theatre, which belongs to Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas. Which of the two would be chosen by the Committee he could not say, but whichever it was, he hoped it would be for the benefit of the Institution. As Dr. Strong had informed them, he (Bro. Terry) was the night before at Dudley, and when he told the brethren there that £16,000 was annually required to pay the annuitants who were on the books of this Institution, that there were at present on the list of candidates for election next year 150 persons, and only 27 vacancies for the annuity, they could see at once there was a very strong ground for him to appeal for support for the Institution. He need scarcely say he did extract a pound or two from the brethren before he came away. Sir Edmund Lechmere, the Provincial Grand Master, sent a wire from Stourport, saying he would give 15 guineas, and Bro. Godson, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, not to be outdone, said he would give 15 guineas. Well, they raised £170 in the room. Therefore, he thought that the circumstances of the Secretaries of the Institutions going out was recognised at Dudley on Tuesday night. For the fourth time in the lives of the three present Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions, those three Secretaries had met together out at a great Masonic gathering. It was a good thing for them to go out, they made themselves known. To say that, for a modest man, was something. The Secretaries had a great deal of correspondence with brethren in the country, and in the course of that correspondence occasionally it was difficult to understand a brother. Perhaps a brother by his correspondence might appear to be crusty, and one felt inclined to resent his tone. But when you got introduced to the brother and came to know him, he probably turned out to be one of the best fellows living, and you and he were the firmest friends ever after. To go to another subject in connection with the Benevolent Institution he would not like to pass by. He would not like to sit down without mentioning the name of Miss Norris, the worthy Matron. A great deal rested on the shoulders of Miss Norris, and the brethren and ladies had only to look round to see how well everything was managed, that all was done in a spirit of love, and there was no word of command given. The Institution was blessed first of all with a modest Secretary, and secondly with a good Matron. If there could be anything done to evince their regard and esteem for that lady in the Jubilee year, it would be by a large subscription. They might take it from him it would be flattering to her. A little later in the day he would say something financially, but he might now inform the company that Dr. Strong was retiring from the active medical supervision of the Institution, though not from his hearty co-operation in its affairs. Year by year, and again this year, they had his genial presence among them, and Mrs. Strong and her two daughters were generally there as well. This year, however, they were not. One of those daughters was married on Tuesday, and she could not be expected to be there. He was sure that everyone present would desire to tender to the happy pair their sincere congratulations, and wish them every blessing they could wish for themselves. To revert to the Institution, he hoped if there was anyone in that assembly who had not yet parted with a £5 note that he intended to give to this Institution, he would hand it now to him.

Dr. STRONG acknowledged for Miss Norris the kind remarks made by Bro. Terry with respect to her, and said she ruled not with a rod of iron. With regard to what Bro. Terry had said of him, he was entering on his 32nd year of office in the service of the Institution. He had been in practice since 1854. He did not, however, relinquish his connection with Croydon, for although he had a marine residence, he continued to have a residence in Croydon, and would be there once a week.

The dinner party then rose, and the ladies paid visits to the residents, and afterwards partook of tea. The brethren who had attended to the serving of the dinner subsequently dined together, Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., presiding.

Bro. TERRY, in replying to the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," proposed by the Chairman, said Bro. Hogard had informed the brethren that he (Bro. Terry) perhaps had some interesting statistics to give. Well, just as to the history of the past year, so far as regarded the finances of the Institution, the brethren were aware the Institution had a very heavy fight against the recent Festival of the Boys' School, which had the great honour of receiving nearly £30,000. When the Benevolent Institution came to total up its amount at the end of the year, the announcement at the Festival being over £15,000, there was only the difference between the amount announced as received for the Boys' School, £27,000, and the total, £22,000, of the Old People, of only £5,000 when the year of both of them terminated. That was a great result to achieve in the face of such a grand success as the Boys' School had. In the future the Benevolent Institution could only make a guess; it was impossible to say what the amount might be; but with the 919 Stewards at £40 a piece a total of £37,000 would be got. But when it was known that ladies were working as well as brethren, and that the provinces were working most energetically, he hoped the average total of £40 per list would be considerably exceeded. If that should be the case the total announcement would be very much increased. The average list of the Benevolent Institution taken the last 10 or 11

years had always been in excess of that of the Boys' or the Girls' School. It had sometimes got up to from £50 to £52 per list; the Boys' and Girls' had been £40, and averaged from £32 to £36. Therefore in this coming year great efforts being made, and additional voting privileges being given, people and lodges would increase their subscriptions, and he was sanguine enough to hope that £36,000 or £40,000 would be below the mark. The Chairman had said he saw no one round the table who was not a Steward; but casting them up he found 12 were Stewards, which was a large proportion. There were others who had been Stewards last year, and it could not be expected that they would take that burden on themselves this year. One took up over £200 last year, and he could not be expected to be a Steward this year. Dr. Strong was one, and brethren right and left of him were also. The Festival he hoped would be a success. Its President was the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, the new Deputy Grand Master. Seven Stewards would come up from Cornwall, Lord Mount Edgcombe's province, and every lodge in the province would send a Steward. Devonshire, which was intimately connected with Cornwall, would also come forward and support his lordship. The place in which to hold the Festival had not yet been fixed upon by the Committee. The Crystal Palace and Brighton were out of the question, and the Committee had to choose within a four-mile radius of London. The Albert Hall and Covent Garden Theatre were the two to select from, as Her Majesty's Theatre, not having been used for a long time, would require too much money to be spent on it. But in the event of Covent Garden Theatre being selected it was to his mind best adapted, as it was now arranged for fancy balls; 1350 people could dine on the floor of the house, and then there was the magnificent crush room, and the whole house would be at their disposal. Very advantageous terms had been kindly offered by Sir Augustus Harris for a three days' occupation. In case of that house being decided on, he ventured to say the scene would be one that Freemasons had never seen the like of. Reference had been made to his services, and to the fact that on Tuesday he was on the other side of Birmingham, and on Thursday would be at Northampton. He could assure the brethren that nothing except in the way of health would stand in the way of his doing all he could for the Institution; but, just in passing, permit him to say, as almost the only graceful acknowledgment he could make to the services of his coadjutors, Bro. Mason and Bro. Stevens had been doing their best—Bro. Mason in Birmingham, where he was well known, and Bro. Stevens in London, where he was well known, night after night getting Stewards. They were very successful, and as Secretary he thought it but right to give praise where praise was due. The Benevolent Institution stood in a different position to the Boys' School and the Girls' School offices, in which there was no man who was a Mason but the Secretaries. The Benevolent Institution was in the position of having to speak three Secretaries, each at a different place at the same time. He had he thought nothing further to say than to express the earnest hope that this time next year all the brethren present might congratulate themselves on the good health of the residents of the Institution. Bro. Terry then made special allusion to the services of Dr. Strong in looking after the residents, and to the cheerful entertainment which was given to the old people, which reminded them of days when they were able to provide comforts for themselves.

Bros. MASON, STEVENS, Dr. STRONG, and HOGARD replied to speeches made in compliment to them; Bro. Dr. Wayne promised to guineas, and Bro. Anning another 10 guineas; and the party adjourned for a short time to tea, while the room was being prepared for the evening entertainment.

In the evening a musical programme was performed under Bro. George Smith by Miss Amy Sargent, Miss Lillian Close, and Bros. W. H. Wheeler and W. Syckelmore.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE LANGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual festival of this flourishing lodge of instruction was held on Thursday, December 17th, at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-street, E.C., Bro. J. D. Langton, P.M. 1673 and 2096, P.P.G.W. Surrey, in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. James S. Fraser, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, W.M. 256, Hon. Sec.; H. M. Hobbs, P.M. 2096, P.P.G.W. Surrey, and Geo. F. Marshall, P.M. 69, Preceptors; W. T. Grant, F. Knight, Hugh E. Diamond, W.M. 1704; Henry Ough, S.W. 1673; E. M. Morriss, P.M. 1965; J. A. Williams, A. Smith, S.W. and W.M. elect 1704; F. G. Ivey, J. White, jun., S. Lea Smith, W. E. Soltau, and Gordon Smith, P.M. 14, 2041, W.M. 2243, P.G.S., Hon. Sec. Second Langton Masonic Benevolent Association. Honorary members: Bros. G. Anderson, P.M., P.G.S., and R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B. Visitor: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. The preliminary business consisted of the annual audit of the accounts of the Benevolent Association attached to the lodge of instruction, which was quite satisfactory. A ballot for a Life-Governorship was drawn in favour of Bro. C. W. Mapleton.

Shortly after seven o'clock the brethren sat down to dinner, and that important function having been performed to the satisfaction of everyone, the Chairman

proceeded with the list of toasts usually honoured on these occasions.

After "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was received with lively satisfaction, Bro. PHILBRICK responding in his well-known effective and kindly manner.

Bro. PHILBRICK next proposed "The Chairman, Bro. J. D. Langton," which was drunk with the enthusiasm that widely-esteemed brother deserves.

Bro. J. D. LANGTON responded, and gave "Success to the Langton Lodge of Instruction," coupling the toast with the names of Bros. H. M. Hobbs and G. F. MARSHALL the hard-working Preceptors, who returned thanks in fitting style.

Bro. GORDON SMITH responded to the next toast, that of "The Second Langton Masonic Benevolent Association," remarking that over £1500 had passed through his hands whilst Secretary of the present and the previous Associations.

"The Health of the Honorary Members" was especially well received, Bro. SUDLOW, in reply, laying stress on the fact that the lodge of instruction was the stepping-stone to the proud position he occupied in the Emulation Lodge, and thereby to the dignity of the purple; and

Bro. ANDERSON stating that during the winter season he gave the room free on five nights a week to lodges and chapters of instruction, and esteemed it a great privilege thus to show his love of Masonry and his appreciation of the devotion of its workers.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was responded to by Bro. C. W. MAPLETON, who gave a most gratifying account of the popularity of the lodge and the state of its funds, the latter being sufficient to make the lodge hold three shares in Benevolent Associations at the same time.

Bro. W. GRANT replied to the toast of "The Committee," and the brethren separated at a late hour, a thoroughly pleasurable evening having been spent.

MASONIC TREAT TO POOR PEOPLE.

Following the precedent of 1890, the officers and members of St. Kew Lodge entertained about 300 of the aged and deserving poor of the town to a capital meat tea and entertainment at the Victoria Hall on New Year's Eve. About £34 was subscribed by the brethren, and the catering of Mr. E. G. Huntley could not have been surpassed. The arrangements for the treat were undertaken by the following Committee, who discharged their duties very satisfactorily. Bros. R. J. Dart, S. Sellick, W. E. Perrett, and W. H. Webb. Some choice plants for decorative purposes were kindly lent by Messrs. W. Brooks and Son.

At the conclusion of the tea, the following excellent programme was submitted for the delectation of the company: Musical sketch, Bro. Roberts; comic song, Bro. R. J. Dart; song, "Anchored," Bro. W. C. Thomas; song (in character), "Jim the carter," Bro. S. Sellick; song, "I was so volatile," Bro. Kirkbride; reading, "Nancy Bell," Bro. Williams; song, "Round goes the wheel," Bro. Dart; song, "The better land," Mrs. Alford; recitation, Bro. Webb; song, "Three jolly smiths," Bro. Huntley; musical sketch, Bro. Roberts; song, "The skipper," Bro. Williams; song, "Love's old sweet song," Bro. Sellick; pianoforte selection, Mr. C. T. Grinfield, R.A.M. The last-named and Mrs. Webb accompanied.

The whole of the items were thoroughly enjoyed by those assembled, and the musical sketches of Bro. Roberts were remarkably clever, and were productive of considerable merriment. The pleasure of the company was further enhanced by the distribution of the fragrant weed, in addition to alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Bro. W. E. PERRETT, sen., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had presided at the tables, and expressed a hope that they would all meet again on a similar occasion in 1892.

The pleasant gathering was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem.

Ireland.

ENNISKILLEN.

Enniskillen Chapter (No. 205).—The regular quarterly communication of this chapter was held in the chapter rooms of the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 1st December. The chapter was opened, and Bros. Crowe, Gibson, and Kidd being in attendance, were exalted to the R.A. Degree by Bro. O. Ternan, P.K., P.G.S., 18°. Before closing the chapter, the following officers who had been elected on 1st September for 1892, were confirmed as under: Bros. John Cuning, M.D., King; Wm. Ritchie, High Priest; Joe L. Carson, Chief Scribe; John Vane, Capt. of Host; George B. White, Sup. of Tab.; George Elliott, R.A. Captain; B. Gamble, P.K., Capt. Scarlet Veil; W. Teele, P.K., Capt. Purple Veil; Wm. Purdon, P.K., Capt. Blue Veil; O. Ternan, P.K., Chaplain; W. F. Jones, P.K., Reg. and Treas.; and C. E. Irwin, P.K., Janitor.

The Court of Aldermen held a special meeting on New Year's Day for the purpose of receiving the formal announcement of the death of Sir Thomas Chambers, Q.C., the City Recorder, and, on the motion of Sir William Lawrence, seconded by Bro. Sir J. Whittaker-Ellis, Bart., M.P., a resolution recognising the services of the deceased official, and expressing sympathy with the members of his family, was carried unanimously.



The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., at four p.m.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-day (Friday) at four p.m., when the number of vacancies to be filled in April will be declared, and the list of candidates approved.

At the last regular meeting of the Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, of Mark Master Masons, Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.M., Treas.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton came to town on Saturday last, and after transacting business at the Admiralty left again the same evening for the Wilderness, Sevenoaks, on a visit to Lord and Lady Hillington.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Bro. Admiral Sir J. E. Commerell, V.C., G.C.B., to be one of the Grooms-in-waiting in Ordinary to her Majesty, *vice* Admiral Lord Frederick Kerr, appointed Extra Groom-in-Waiting.

Among those on whom Her Majesty has been pleased to confer honours at the commencement of the New Year is Bro. General Sir Frederick Sleight Roberts, Bart., V.C., G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief in India, who has been raised to the peerage.

The Duke of Devonshire, till recently known as the Marquis of Hartington, has issued his address to his late constituents of the Rossendale Division of Lancashire, in which he thanks them for their kindness and consideration in electing him as their representative.

We are glad to hear that the condition of Bro. Lord Suffield was reported to be so favourable on Saturday last that it was announced there would be no more bulletins issued. It is also good news that Bro. Lord Alexander Gordon-Lennox has made some slight progress.

The reports as to the progress made by Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein since the accident by which he lost one eye are very satisfactory. All is going on most favourably, and in a short time his Royal Highness hopes to be able to return home to Cumberland Lodge. His wife, the Princess Helena, has been most devoted in her care of her husband since the removal of the eye.

King George of Greece, brother of the Princess of Wales, who has been suffering from an attack of small pox, had so far recovered that he was able to go out for a two hours' drive on the 1st instant. He was accompanied by the Queen, and it was hoped and expected that his Majesty would be able to join the family circle on Saturday last, all danger of infection having passed away entirely.

The Queen's New Year's gifts, which were distributed on Friday, the 1st inst., among 881 persons, consisted of joints of beef ranging from three to seven pounds, weighing in the aggregate 3501 lbs., or rather more than a ton and a half, 1310 cwt. of coals in quantities of 3 cwt. to each family, and £100—given annually—to the Royal Clothing Club. The participants lived in the five parishes of Windsor and Clewer.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife and their infant daughter, the Lady Alexandra Duff, arrived at Sandringham House on Saturday last on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales, and on Monday the number of their Royal Highnesses' guests was increased by the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and the Princess Victoria of Teck. Prince George of Wales is progressing most favourably, his condition in all respects being most satisfactory.

A runaway engine did no end of damage at the Slough Station on New Year's Day. The driver had got off in order to arrange the points so that he might be able to cross the branch line, when his engine started off, and dashed at the rate of about 30 miles an hour into the wall of the engineers' office, into the clerks' room, and thence on to the inspector's office. The clerks were fortunately able to escape by jumping through a window into the open street, so that no lives were sacrificed. Having done this damage, however, the engine was so battered about that it was not able to go further, and as the water from the boiler extinguished the fires the runaway was pulled up sharp.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris intends having a grand gala night at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and the Princess Victoria of Teck, on the 27th February, when it is expected that the display at the gala visits of the Shah of Persia and the Emperor William will be altogether eclipsed. The programme is not unlikely to include Mascagni's opera—"Cavalleria Rusticana," and Gounod's "Philemon and Baucis." Bro. Sir A. Harris is in communication with the authorities mostly concerned, and in the event of the proposed arrangements being carried out, the highest personages and their guests are expected to be present.

With reference to the approaching Royal marriage meetings are being held and Committees formed for organising subscriptions with which to present gifts to the Princess Victoria of Teck. Among these may be mentioned a Committee to present one on behalf of the ladies of England, the subscriptions to which will be limited to £20. Among the members are the Duchess Dowager of Marlborough, the Duchess of Bedford, Maria Marchioness of Ailesbury, the Marchioness of Hertford, the Countess of Selton, the Countess of Bective, and the Countess of Normanton. A meeting was held at Windsor on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Mayor, when it was resolved to present illuminated addresses of congratulation to the Queen and Prince of Wales on the approaching marriage, and raise subscriptions for a wedding present to the Duke of Clarence and his bride. A similar meeting was held at Norwich on the same day, which had been convened by the Earl of Leicester, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, and was presided over by the High Sheriff of the county. In this case individual subscriptions were limited to £3 3s., so that as many as possible might join in the movement.

The citizens of York have subscribed over £200 for a wedding present to the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and Princess Victoria of Teck.

Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, after spending some days at Devonshire House, has left town for Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, where he will make some stay.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Charing Cross on Monday afternoon from Coburg, where he had been spending Christmas, and has since proceeded to Devonport to resume his official duties.

The Prince of Wales having lent his schooner yacht *Aline* to Bro. Lord Alexander Gordon-Lennox, the vessel, which has completed her outfit, has gone to Portsmouth to take the party on board and will shortly sail for the Mediterranean.

The International Sanitary Conference commenced its sittings in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Venice, on Tuesday, and at once voted an address of greeting to King Humbert. There were 30 delegates present, representing 15 different States.

The death rate in London during the last two weeks is found to have been 32 per 1000, or higher than in any two consecutive weeks during the last 10 years, with the exception of January, 1890. This excessive mortality is ascribed to the fogs and low temperature.

The Countess of Carnarvon, with her daughters, the Ladies Margaret and Victoria Herbert, and her sons, the Hon. Aubrey and the Hon. Mervyn Herbert, have left England for Paris on a two months' visit to the French capital.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans has consented to preside at the 60th anniversary festival of the Linen and Woollen Drapers', Silk Mercers', Lacemen, Haberdashers', and Hosiers' Institution, which will be held at the Hotel Métropole on the 17th March.

Great rejoicings have been held on the Duke of Richmond and Gordon's estate in Scotland over the coming of age on the 30th December of Lord Settrington, the eldest son of Bro. the Earl of March. A grand dinner and ball were given at Lochabers, Banffshire, and the town was brilliantly illuminated.

In accordance with orders published in a supplement to the *Gazette* on Saturday last the Court is in mourning for the late Admiral his Serene Highness the Prince Victor of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, G.C.B., nephew of her Majesty the Queen. On the 15th inst. the Court will change mourning, and on the 22nd inst. will go out of mourning altogether.

About 3500 poor children were entertained at dinner in the Dome of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on New Year's Day. The building was appropriately decorated, and the dinner consisted of roast and boiled beef, with plum pudding and dessert. After the meal was over the little ones were sent home, each with a useful article of clothing as a seasonable gift.

Saturday last, the 2nd inst., was the jubilee anniversary of the establishment of the Railway Clearing House. The promoters of this important institution were Mr. Kenneth Morrison, Bro. R. Carr-Glyn—subsequently Lord Wolverton—and Mr. George Hudson, the "Railway King." At the outset the number of clerks was four, of whom one is still in the house, while the number at present engaged is 2000.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., President of the Board of Trade, after consultation with the Admiralty and War Office authorities, has appointed a Committee to report upon the system of artillery practice seawards from ships and forts, and the conditions under which it should be carried out with due regard to the requirements of the service and the safety of life and property.

We have to record the death on Saturday last of Sir George B. Airy, lately Astronomer-Royal. The deceased was born at Alnwick on the 27th June, 1801. He graduated at Trinity College, Cambridge, as Senior Wrangler in 1823, and in 1826 was appointed Lucasian Professor at Cambridge. In 1835 he succeeded the late Mr. Pond as Astronomer-Royal, and retained that office until about ten years ago when he retired on a pension of £1100 a year. He was the author of many important works and had rendered incalculable service to the cause of science.

In most calendars there is little to review, as they all seem to agree that there are 12 months, 52 weeks, and 365 days in the year. This year's Freemasons' Pocket Book, coming as it does on the top of the lamented death of its compiler, Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, will have a pathetic interest for all members of the Craft. Besides the matter usual in other pocket-books it contains a list of all the regular lodges, with their places and times of meeting, a list of all wearers of the purple, and much information invaluable to all Masons from initiates upwards. It is published by George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, with the authority of Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund, and is priced 2s.—*Harok*.

Bro. Henry Wright, whose marriage at a City church we recorded a few weeks since, was on Sunday last invited by the Duchess of Teck to White Lodge and to bring his autograph album, which we believe contains an extraordinary number of signatures of the Royal Family and other distinguished persons. The Duke of Clarence and the Princess May, who were present, exhibited considerable interest in the collection, and at the suggestion of the Duke and Duchess of Teck Bro. Wright afterwards called at Sheen Lodge and obtained the autograph of the venerable Professor Sir Richard Owen, who at the age of 87 still takes an interest in passing events.

The first step towards fully understanding the Freemasonry of to-day is to understand the Freemasonry of primitive times, and of the intervening eras between then and the present. Any good history of Freemasonry—Fort's, or Gould's, or Stillson's—will enable a brother to accomplish this. It is impossible to comprehend the present without knowing the past. If a brother desires to acquire this needed, this profitable, this enjoyable culture, he must become a reading Mason. How few, comparatively, there are of them! How few brethren possess at home even the beginnings of a Masonic library! How few patronise the periodicals of the Craft! But these few become the Craft's leaders. These few become truly intelligent Masons. These few find out all that there is in Masonry, and make it one of the prime enjoyments of their lives.—*New Zealand Mail*.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. J. L. Poole, who has been somewhat seriously ill, is reported to be going on better and making satisfactory progress towards convalescence.

The Earl and Countess Cowper have arrived at their country seat, Wrest Park, Amptill, Bedfordshire. The tenants annual dinner was fixed for Wednesday.

Bro. the Duke of Devonshire was on Monday elected Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, in succession to his father, the late Duke, who had held the office for 30 years.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., presided at a dinner held at the Royal Hotel, Bristol, on Tuesday evening, in aid of the Bristol special appeal on behalf of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution.

The Duchess of Albany has been elected member of a working Committee appointed to arrange classes under the Surrey County Council Technical Education Scheme for the benefit of the villagers of Esher in cookery, dressmaking, nursing, and laundry work.

Bro. Francis W. Frigout, P.M. 171 and 2041, and one of the founders of the Anglo-American and Columbia Lodges (who for some years past has occupied the position of Deputy Consul General), has been appointed Vice and Deputy Consul-General of the United States of America at London, *vice* Mr. George C. Hitt, resigned.

Viscountess Hambleden, widow of the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., has forwarded to the vicar of Portsea a cheque for £500 to complete the building fund for the parish church. The cost of erection was £46,000, and the late First Lord of the Treasury contributed £27,000 of that sum. Her ladyship has also contributed £50 and her daughter £5 towards the organ fund.

The 32nd session of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature, re-opened after the Christmas vacation on Monday, the 4th inst., and the studies of the Junior Section will commence on Monday, the 18th inst. Lectures on ancient and continental history, English history, art, German language, and literature, elocution, social usages, and pianoforte playing will also be resumed. Further particulars can be obtained of the Superintendent in the Library, next the Byzantine Court.

The many friends of Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, Grand Secretary Mark Master Masons, will be sorry to learn that he has been seriously ill for the past fortnight. As we announced last week, this prevented his being present at the funeral of the late Grand Secretary. Since then his condition has been such as to cause considerable anxiety to his family and friends, but we are glad to learn that an improvement has taken place, and that he is in a fair way towards recovery.

THE BADDELEY CAKE FESTIVAL.—Bro. Sir Augustus Harris's annual festival was as successful as ever, although the scene was changed from the stage of Drury Lane to the Opera House at Covent Garden. The official part of the ceremonial was performed by Sir Augustus himself, who cut the cake and distributed it to whomsoever wished to preserve a portion as a memento of the occasion. Supper was served at the back of the stage, and the vast auditorium, the seats being covered with a platform, made probably the most spacious ball-room in London. As usual a large number of well-known personages were present.

On Wednesday night, December 30th, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Committee of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1337, gave a dance in the Masonic Hall at Northallerton, which was attended with great success. Over 60 ladies and gentlemen responded to the invitations sent out. Dancing took place in the banquetting room, Mr. T. Jenkinson's band supplying the music. Bros. James Ward and Dr. C. Tweedy efficiently acted as M.C.'s, while the duties of Stewards were discharged by Bros. W. Bell, H. E. Broderick, J. Naylor, T. Russell, J. Vasey, and M. Walmsley. The evening was most enjoyably spent.

On Thursday night, December 31st, the annual ball of the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2224, was held in the National School, Long Eaton, and was well attended. The brethren, by special dispensation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, appeared in full Masonic clothing and jewels. About 100 ladies and gentlemen were present. The W.M., Bro. N. J. Hughes-Hallett, was M.C., and the acting Stewards were Bros. J. Marshall and J. W. Chambers. Songs were given in the intervals by Bro. Rowland Hill, and Bro. J. W. Chambers gave a recitation. The ball was the most successful yet held by the lodge. The band was supplied by Mr. John Turner.

The Christmas number of the *Freemason* is replete with much besides the ordinary matter interesting to members of the Craft. In addition to the continued articles by G. Blizard Abbott and W. J. Hughan, there are illustrated articles on "Hungarian Lodge Medals" and "The Lodge of the Nine Muses," by Fred. J. W. Crowe, Prov. G.O. Devon, and W. L. respectively. Bro. Rob. Morris has a pretty poem on "The Freemason's Home." There are seasonable Christmas stories—"The Last King of Leinster," by F. M. Allen (Edmund Downey); "The 'Merrie Maide,'" by Henry Sadler; "A Manx Story," by Barrule; and "Light and Shade," by T. C. Walls—which help to swell the attractiveness of this number.—*Citizen*.

Prince Victor of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, the Queen's nephew, was buried in the burial ground attached to Holy Trinity Church, Sunningdale, on Monday. Among those present were the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Duke of Connaught, who represented the Queen, Prince Henry of Battenberg, Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, representing the Prince and Princess Christian, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Teck, the Marquis of Lorne, Bro. Lord Alcester, the Marquis of Hertford, Admiral Sir John E. Commerell, V.C., G.C.B., and others. A memorial service was also held in the Chapel Royal, at which her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family were represented.

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

The annual entertainment given to the children who remain at the Institution at Battersea Rise during the Christmas holidays took place on Monday last, when a large company assembled to assist in amusing the little folks. Among others signing the visitors' book were Bro. Sir Joseph Savory, late Lord Mayor, and Lady Savory; Bro. Frank Richardson, Miss Ethel Palmer, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Miss Violet Hanson, Bro. Eugene Monteuis, Master Louis Monteuis, Mrs. D. Richardson, Miss A. Richardson, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), Mrs. Dicketts, Bro. Sadler, Master O. K. Sadler, Master B. C. Sadler, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., Miss E. Philbrick, Mrs. Garner, Bro. John Toone, Bro. William T. Massey, Mrs. H. W. Woodforde, Miss Rose Woodforde, Miss M. Chapman, Miss M. Bingham, Bro. Edward C. Davies, Mrs. A. E. Rowarth, Mrs. A. M. Allport, Miss Allport, Miss F. Allport, Mr. S. F. Dicketts, Mr. A. S. Dicketts, Mrs. R. Allen Brown (a former pupil), and Bro. Edward Letchworth.

The entertainment, which was of the usual high standard, and was much appreciated by the children and visitors alike, consisted of ventriloquial and other sketches by Mr. Ganthony, who divided his entertainment into two parts.

Dancing was also indulged in, and a pleasant evening closed shortly after nine o'clock with the National Anthem.

EX-CONSUL-GENERAL WALLER ON FREEMASONRY.

At a meeting of the Palestine Commandery of Knights Templar at New London, Connecticut, U.S.A., in December, ex-Governor WALLER, the former Consul-General of the United States, in London, said:—

The principles, traditions, and benefits of Masonry are the same, as we all know, all the world over, beyond as well as within the boundaries of modern civilisation. But there are certain methods of work and ceremony that are peculiar to the country where lodges are located. To this topic I will devote, with your permission, the few minutes I am expected to speak.

Since I last had the pleasure of meeting this commandery, some six years ago, I have spent four years in London as the consular representative of the country and the Masonic representative of the Grand Lodge of this State. These positions gave me many opportunities to become acquainted with the distinguished Masons of her Majesty's dominions, and to observe the practical operations of Masonry in the United Kingdom.

In good works our English brethren are in every sense our equals. There is no city in the world in which there is more voluntary Charity administered than in metropolitan London, and there, as everywhere else, the Masonic Fraternity stands in the front. There is to-day in our country little prejudice against our ancient Order—in England there is none. The ancient bigotry with which Masonry had to contend is everywhere melting away in the sunshine of Masonic Charity. The people of the outside world are coming to learn that there is nothing done in our Masonic temples inimical to either religion or patriotism.

There are not in England, in proportion to the population, as many Masons as there are in our country. They have in a population of about 35,000,000 80,000 Masons. We have in the United States, in a population of 64,000,000, 600,000 Masons. As I used to say, and I think with pardonable pride, at Masonic gatherings in London, "Masonry is strong in my country because the policy of the civilisation as it wended its way westward was to plant first the church, then the school-house, then the lodge—Faith, Hope, and Charity. Some of the reasons why Masonry is not as popular or rather as populous in England as with us may deserve our attention. It is more difficult to become a Mason there than it is here. The position is more of a social one with them than with us. English lodges are smaller than ours. We have still the ambition of a new country to be bigger in everything "than all outdoors." We revel in great lodges, we boast of great numbers. But English Masons believe that a lodge of 40 or 50 is as large as comfort, sociability, and Masonic intercourse justifies, and I think they are right. I sympathise with the English notion that "A little farm well tilled, and a little lodge well filled," are the true sign of pastoral contentment and Masonic happiness.

English lodges do not meet as often as we do. In London meetings do not occur more than once in two months, but they meet earlier than we do. In London at six o'clock the lodge is called to order, and before ten o'clock brethren go from labour to refreshment. Almost every meeting of a lodge in London is made a social gathering. They seldom meet without a banquet, visiting brethren, toasts and speeches. While they meet earlier than we do, they are apt to stay later. When Masons return from their lodges in England they expect to find their good wives a-dreaming. They also have at their gatherings, you see, a sociable time. But do not misunderstand me—Masonic gatherings in England are not bacchanalian entertainments. Dissipation is no more permitted in London at Masonic meetings than it is here. Smaller

lodges, less frequent gatherings, and more frequent banquets, are the English peculiarities which deserve your attention.

There is one other feature of Masonic procedure which I ought to mention. Masons are seldom seen in England in public processions. I can hardly recall during the four years of my stay there more than one or two public Masonic demonstrations. The work, the good, and the enjoyment of Masonry are clothed in Masonic secrecy throughout Great Britain.

It is, I think, a matter for American Masons to seriously consider whether in these things our elder brothers are not more wise than we. Whether great, over-crowded lodges and many public demonstrations do not increase the burden upon, rather than support the pillars of our loved Institution.

There is a pleasant feature about English Masonry which every American Mason who visits that country will have an opportunity to enjoy. No Institution in the world is more hospitable. An American Mason in England is always an honoured guest. Though the lodge may be filled with titled dignitaries, and the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Institution, himself be present, the American Mason is always welcomed on the "level," and parted with on the "square."

The Theatres.

For a limited period Bro. Charles Wyndham has revived Bronson Howard's evergreen farcical comedy, "Brighton," at the Criterion, which is at all times popular, but never more so than at Christmas, when even the duller and prosier people want to laugh. Bro. Wyndham is at his very best in this play, and all the more welcome now, as for so long he has been associating himself with more serious characters, such as David Garrick—much to the regret of some of his admirers, for he is looked upon by all playgoers as the acme of farcical comedy actors. Mr. Blakesley plays now the part so long acted in old days by the late Bro. Hill, and the versatile lessee is supported by Miss Mary Moore and a host of ladies and gentlemen who, combined, make a very strong cast. We believe when "Brighton" is withdrawn an entirely new piece will be produced.

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It is not often that French farcical comedies can be adapted for English tastes and retain much wit. Mr. Mortimer however, has in "Gloriana" translated a piece which from start to finish is highly diverting. It deserves to fill the Globe Theatre, and were it at the Criterion it would be sure to do so. As played by Bro. Lestocq, Mr. Forbes Dawson, Mr. Percyval, and Miss Florence West, the best justice is done to this extremely amusing and harmless farce. It is a long time since we have seen a piece of this character which has in every act been so entertaining. In making the rounds of the theatres at this season, the Globe ought not to be omitted, but an early visit should be paid to "Gloriana."

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The last play of 1891 is likely to be seen for the greater part of 1892. Mr. Comyns Carr has provided Mr. George Alexander in "Forgiveness" with a piece which, erroneously termed a comedy, is really a drawing room melodrama. The great pressure on our columns at this time of the year will not allow us to give even a short *resumé* of the story. We regret this, and can only say that the dialogue is polished, smart, and in places brilliant. The plot is not a new one, but the incidents and characterisation are strikingly original. The mounting is superb. The acting without one exception is all that could be desired. Miss Marion Terry is more than ever sympathetic. Mr. George Alexander is full of repressed passion. Mr. Nutcombe Gould is again a courtly old gentleman. West-end folk are now supplied at the St. James's Theatre with a play which will please them, for they like drama as well as the east ender.

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Mr. Haddon Chambers' play, "The Honourable Herbert," deals with a subject well worn but always highly interesting, namely, the neglect of a husband to his wife owing to a mistress of his in early days. The wife seeks other society, and the husband's great friend seeing her left alone visits her to befriend her, and with no evil intention comes to admire her; and when he has said the words he ought not to have uttered at once recalls them and shows that though weak he is an honourable man, and sets about, first to break the husband from his unlawful penchant, and then to bring about union betwixt husband and wife. The latter always has loved his wife though he has fallen into evil ways. Mr. Elwood, as the friend, plays in a fine manly way. Miss Dorothy Dorr, as the wife, is extremely sympathetic and will aid the popularity of the Vaudeville. Miss Ella Banister, as the temptress, is excellent, and actually looks her part. Bro. H. B. Conway, as the erring young husband, acts the part equally well with the other principals. Bro. Thomas Thorne has only an unimportant part. We do not consider "The Honourable Herbert" as likely to prove such a success as Mr. Chambers' "Captain Swift," or "The Idler," but it is a play which should be seen.

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139, Piccadilly, March 2nd, 1866.
SIR,—I was recommended to try your Pasiatremis for pains in the back, for which I was under the hands of two doctors for five months receiving no benefit: but by the application of your Pasiatremis, I was greatly relieved, and after using the same again, I was completely cured. One of my children was troubled with an eruption of the head, which continued for years. I am happy to say that, owing entirely to the use of your Pasiatremis, the child's head is quite healed and clear. Please send me some more, as I would not be without it under any circumstances.—Yours obediently,
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JAMES FULLER.

6, St. Helen's Square, York, January 2nd, 1866.
SIR,—I have to thank you for your Pasiatremis, by the use of which I am entirely free from corns, which, as you well know, rendered me at times quite lame, and were always more or less troublesome and tormenting.—I remain, yours truly,
E. REEVES.

Crawford Street, February 7th, 1866.
SIR,—I think it right to let you know that your Pasiatremis has, under God's providence, been the means of saving my wife's life. For six weeks she was under the hands of the doctors for an abscess on the breast, having caught it whilst in confinement. All medicines and every other remedy having failed, after only two applications of your Pasiatremis she was relieved, and the abscess was healed in a few days.—Yours obediently,
W. RICHARDSON.

Crown Inn, Manor Place, Bognor, October 12th, 1880.
MR. CLARK.—DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent effects of your Pasiatremis and Embrocation. I feel great benefit from its use, giving strength to my feet and ankles. I have suffered from Gout for a considerable time.—I am, thank you,
H. NODDIS.

P.S.—You can make use of this if it would be of any service to you.

Churchfield Road, Acton, W., July 4th, 1880.
WM. CLARK, Esq.—DEAR SIR.—Suffering from Rheumatism and Chalk Gout, I was induced to try your Pasiatremis, recommended by a friend who had benefited by it. Am pleased to testify as to its efficacy; the effect was marvellous, relief being obtained after three applications, and in a few days the pain disappeared. Shall be glad of some more Pasiatremis, in case of return of symptoms.
Feel so grateful that it will be my study to circulate its virtues to all that are similarly affected.—Yours truly,
THOMAS SNOW.

3, New Quebec Street, Portman Square, September 1st, 1890.
MR. W. CLARK.—DEAR SIR.—Having suffered from gout in the foot for the last three years, and which nothing would move, I was advised to use your Pasiatremis and Embrocation, which I did with great results, for, after only three applications, the pain and swelling had gone, and I was able to walk with ease, and I have had no return. I may mention that I have given part away to a fellow sufferer in the country, and it has been likewise beneficial to him.—Yours truly,
R. CHESTERFIELD.

Devon Villa, Bognor, November 21st, 1891.
DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in testifying to the valuable property of your Pasiatremis and Embrocation. I have used them for Rheumatism, Lumbago, and Rheumatism of the Gout. For Gout, for Rheumatism, and Sprains they gave almost instantaneous relief, and in a few days made a complete cure. I hope never to be without them in the house.—I am, yours faithfully,
T. P. NORRIS, Lieut.-Colonel.

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