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A RE-NUMBERING OF THE LODGES.

A correspondent, who has kindly favoured us with a brief note on this subject, is by no means the first who has made similar inquiries as to when a re-enumeration of the lodges on the roll of United Grand Lodge may be looked for, or who has suggested that such a re-enumeration should be undertaken as soon as possible. There are, perhaps, good reasons why such a course should be adopted. According to the statistics contained in the Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year—which, be it remembered, was published in the very early days of December last—there were in that month 2538, or, including the Grand Stewards' Lodge, which heads the list without a number, 2539 lodges nominally on the roll of Grand Lodge. Of these 411 meet in London, 1251 in the country, and 445 in the Colonies and Possessions abroad. These together give us a total of 2107 lodges in active working order, and leave us a balance of lodges, which are either non-existent or have transferred their allegiance to other Grand Lodges, numbering altogether 432. This is, no doubt, a very considerable proportion of the total number, and appears to offer a fair justification for the proposal which has been more than once mooted, that Grand Lodge should take an early opportunity of re-ordering its roll of lodges, and closing up the numerous gaps in the list which have been made since 1863, when the last re-numbering took place. On the other hand, there are equally and, in our humble opinion, even more cogent reasons why so important a step should not be undertaken lightly or hurriedly. Within the last few years, owing to the formation of sundry new Grand Lodges in the Australasian Colonies, there has been a very large secession of lodges, but there has also been a revolt against the supremacy of our Grand Lodge in New Zealand, and there is no saying how or when the difficulties to which that revolt has given rise may be determined. Again, there has been on more than one occasion, and in more than one influential quarter, a scheme suggested by which the numerous lodges which are now working so harmoniously together under different Constitutions in South Africa should be amalgamated, and form one local independent Grand Lodge; while in Queensland a similar proposal has been discussed, though, up to the present time, it has not, so far as we are aware, found favour with the predominant partner—that is, with the more numerous English section of the Craft. These are weighty reasons which incline us to think that no harm will be done, but on the contrary, a large measure of good, if any question that may arise as to a fresh closing up of the lists of lodges is hung up for a time, until we are in a position to know more certainly than is possible at the present moment, whether the numerous secessions which have latterly taken place are, or are not, to be followed by others as numerous, or even more numerous. Lastly, there is just one other point which must not be lost sight of. It is inevitable that a certain amount of confusion will follow upon a re-numbering of the list, while the advantage resulting from the change will be trivial. It is better to glance along a list of numbers which follow consecutively, than along one in which there are frequent gaps. The former undoubtedly presents a more symmetrical appearance, but the lack of symmetry in the latter is no detriment to the lodges. Warrants for new lodges are properly issued in regular numerical sequence, and it matters little as to the cost of starting a lodge or its future fortunes whether it enters upon its career as No. 2500 or No. 2600; but it is of importance that the style and title of a lodge which has been constituted should not be frequently or lightly altered, and for these two reasons especially—in the first place, because it will be some time before the members become accustomed to the change, and in the next, because it will put them to no small amount of expense to make the alterations of number on their banners, furniture, jewels, &c. We prefer that the proposal should stand over for the present.

In the old days, before the Union of 1813, there was only one closing up of the lodges under the "Ancients," and as there were but 16 lodges at the time on the roll, when the closing up was ordered by the Grand Committee, there was little or no confusion caused by the alteration of numbers. Under the "Regular" or "Modern" Grand Lodge, as a reference to Bro. JOHN LANE'S "Masonic Records" will show, a change of numbers was made at frequent intervals. The lodges, as numbered from 1720 to 1739 ranged from 1 to 189, and in 1740, when the first re-enumeration took place, these 189 lodges were reduced to 178. By the year 1755, when the next closing up was ordered, additional lodges had been warranted which increased the number to 270, and these were reduced in the year in question to 204. By 1770, when the third re-enumeration was ordered, these 204 lodges had been increased to 458, but when the new list was compiled, there were only 393 on the roll. The next re-numberings were in 1780 and 1781, and the roll was reduced in the former year from 525 to 430, but some few errors, as will be seen on consulting the Introductory Chapter in Bro. LANE'S work, had

occurred in the re-numbering, and what had been 430 in 1780 became 431 in 1781, while the list in the latter year was extended by the creation of new lodges and the re-introduction of some which had been accidentally omitted, to 438. In 1792, a further re-numbering took place, and the list, which in the meantime had been extended to 588, was again reduced to 497. In 1813, when the Union was effected between the two Societies, there were nominally on the respective rolls of the two Grand Lodges, 359 "Ancient" and 640 "Modern" lodges. The following year these were re-numbered—omitting Grand Stewards' Lodge, which for many years had enjoyed precedence of all the "Modern" lodges and had no number—from 1 to 647. In the 82 years that have elapsed since the Union, there have been only two alterations in the numeration of the lodges, namely, in 1832, when the roll which had been extended to 865 was reduced to 594; and in 1863, when the roll of 1276 lodges was reduced to 974.

But there is a further reason why, in our opinion, there should be no great hurry in re-numbering the present roll of lodges. If our readers will be at the pains of consulting the "List of Lodges removed from the Roll since the last closing up of numbers in the year 1863," as set forth in Grand Lodge Calendar, pp. 170-178, they will notice that out of the first 100 lodges only one has dropped from the roll; out of the first 350, only six; out of the first 500 only 26; out of the 504 on the amended list of 1832 60; and out of the 974 on the amended list of 1863, only 187. Hence of the 1565 lodges which have been placed on the roll since "the last closing up of numbers in the year 1863," only 245 have been removed from the roll. We therefore ask our readers the very natural question:—Is it worth while to cause so much confusion among nearly five-sixths of the lodges which remain on the roll merely to fill up the gaps in the lists created by the removal of the other sixth? Will it not be far better to let things remain comfortably, if somewhat unsymmetrically, as they are now; or, at all events, to postpone all idea of ordering a fresh closing up of numbers until we know with some approach to certainty whether any, and if so, what further secessions are likely to take place? It will be far better if we wait a little before putting the lodges to the trouble and expense of altering their numbers.

THE PUNJAB MASONIC INSTITUTION.

It must be very gratifying to the brethren in the Punjab district to know that their Masonic Institution for the education of the children of deceased and indigent brethren is in so prosperous a condition. The report of the Trustees for the past year, which was to be submitted to a meeting of the Governing Board on Saturday last, shows that the total income for 1894, as compared with that of any previous year since its foundation, was most satisfactory, amounting, as it did, to 21,702 rupees, while the total for 1893 was 12,527 rupees. That portion of the income which took the form of donations and subscriptions amounted to 14,060 rupees, and is the largest on record, the credit being mainly due to Lodges Himalayan Brotherhood, No. 450, Simla, and Stewart, No. 1960, Rawal Pindi, whose Stewards had the satisfaction of raising between them more than one half of the amount. It is also noteworthy that the District Grand Lodge contributed as its annual donation to the General Fund 500 rupees, and to the temporary Relief Fund 1572 rupees, while the interest on invested capital was 3670 rupees. The expenditure reached 11,259 rupees of which 9430 was in respect of those children who are wards of the Institution, and 1106 rupees on children for whom temporary provision is made, while the amount expended for office establishment was only 120 rupees. As to the numbers benefited, there were at the beginning of last year 34 wards on the establishment, of whom 20 remained at its close, while the number of those to whom temporary relief was given was 11. The budget estimate for 1895 amounts to 11,828 rupees, a sum which it is reckoned will enable the necessary provision to be made for an establishment of 38 wards, and as there are, as already shown, 20 children on the list, there will be elected 12 during the current year. The large balance remaining from last year will be in due course invested, and help to swell the permanent income of the Charity. The amount of this capital is 85,600 rupees, to which must be added a cash balance in hand available for investment as favourable opportunity may offer, amounting to 14,842 rupees. If we bear in mind that the Institution was only founded in 1871, we cannot speak too highly either of the generosity of our Punjab brethren, whose support has been so regularly, and to so large an extent forthcoming, or of the admirable manner in which the Governing Board has administered the affairs entrusted to its charge. We hope the prosperity of the Punjab Masonic Institution will be so maintained and extended that its ability to provide for the Educational needs of the children of deceased or indigent brethren belonging to the District will be even greater than it is at the present moment, and, above all, that those lodges which have contributed but little or nothing to its support may become, in time, as enthusiastic in its behalf as the Himalayan Brotherhood and Stewart Lodges have shown themselves to be during the past year.

CONSECRATION OF THE HORWICH CHAPTER, No. 2324, HORWICH.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., the consecration of a Royal Arch chapter in connection with the Horwich Lodge, No. 2324, took place at the Bridge Hotel, Horwich, under most auspicious circumstances. The consecration ceremony was very impressively performed by Comp. Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G.S.E., assisted by Comps. J. Slyman, P.P.G.S.N.; Rev. W. H. Baynes, Prov. G.S.N.; R. G. Bradley, Prov. G.D.C.; and G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O.

The following are the founders: Comps. T. Forrester, 730, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; P. Yates, 730, P.P.G.D.C.; John Heald, P.Z. 730; J. Rogers, P.Z. 581; James Coulthurst, 128; J. H. Holland, H. 730; Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.S. 730; Hawthorn R. Thornton, S.E. 730; W. M. Varley, 2nd A.S. 730; F. M. Palmer, 730; Richard Hampson, 730; J. Cunliffe, 1st A.S. 730; and George Tootell, P.Z. 730.

The other companions present on the occasion were: Comps. T. Schack-Sommer, 730; Rev. J. Alfred Pattinson, 730; G. A. Myers, 1730, Prov. A.G.D.C.; N. Nicholson, P.Z. 221, P.G.P.S.; Philip Bibby, P.Z. 128; Herbert E. Mason, C.C., 37; Thomas Wild Rice, J. 2350; Rev. C. C. Bluett, 1335; James Jolly, 730; Thomas B. Tong, P.Z. 221; A. R. Pilling, 266; John Fletcher, 730; John Urmston, 221; T. Edwards, 730; J. C. Varley, S.E. 227; T. R. Wilkinson, H. 2350; T. G. Christian, Prov. G.S.B.; and T. B. Goulbourn, H. 221.

The chapter having been formally opened and the companions admitted, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and called the D.C. to state the wishes of the companions, and the proceedings they had taken in respect to the charter.

The petition and charter having been read, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL inquired if the companions of the new chapter approved of the officers who were nominated in the charter to preside over them.

On signifying their approval, the following oration was given by Comp. the Rev. W. H. BAYNES, M.A., P.Z., Prov. G.S.N., in the course of which he said:

That Freemasons were a society of men blended together in the form of a brotherhood, linked one to the other by certain ties for a common purpose—the pursuit of knowledge with a view to benefit the whole human race. The ties were twofold—outward and inward. There was the double outward tie in the shape (first) of an obligation to be true to the rules of the Craft and to help a brother in the time of need, and (secondly) of those special signs and words, kept secret from the world, but enabling Masons to make themselves known to each other. There was also the inner tie of a common purpose, and where a common purpose was so noble as that of advancing the happiness and general good of the greatest number, it could not help proving attractive in its power, drawing together from all quarters men of all ranks and conditions of life. That had ever proved the case in Masonry, and it was no empty boast in their ceremonies, where they claimed monarchs as promoters of their art, who had not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel and join in their mysteries. It had been so with some of England's princes—the father and two uncles of our Queen, one of whom became King of England, William III., Charles II., and, if old records are to be trusted, Henry VII., Henry VI., and Edward III., were all of them Masons, being present at their meetings, and doing much for the betterment of the art. The Royal favour then shown, as also that shown by some of the Saxon and early Norman kings, might partly be accounted for by the fact of so many grand buildings, in which they took an active interest, being erected in their days, for speculative was practised side by side with operative Masonry, and had not been separated from it. Nobles and Ecclesiastics, cardinals and bishops were patrons of the Order, and in every way supported it, even one of the Popes had issued a bull in its favour, granting certain privileges to a guild of Continental Masons. But that favour was not always to be shown. In 1425, the third year of Henry VI., while he was a minor, an Act was passed forbidding the assembly of Masons, and making it a felony to do so, punishable by imprisonment and fine. It was, however, never put in force, and remained a dead letter. History also told how Queen Elizabeth, hearing that Masons possessed secrets which they would not reveal, sent an armed force to York to break up the annual Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, Sir Thomas Sackville, initiated some of the principal officers who were sent on that duty. These finding out what Masonry really was, that it was a Brotherhood composed of skilful architects and lovers of art, who never interfered in State affairs, and that loyalty to the powers that be was a special duty inculcated on every member, made so favourable a report to the Queen, that she countermanded her orders, and never again tried to disturb the meetings of the Fraternity. It might be noted that this opposition arose when Speculative and Operative Masonry were practised together—when they were definitely separated. Opposition arose from another quarter, though it proved harmless in England. A papal bull was launched against Freemasons in 1738. Eugenius threatened excommunication not only to Masons, but to all who in any way favoured them, and in January, 1739, ordained "the servitude of the galleys, the torture of the rack, and a fine of 1000 crown in gold" for all who were daring enough to breathe the infectious air of a Masonic assembly. Grand Lodge replied to this by a grant of £20 to one of the Italian victims of the Edict, who had suffered fearful cruelties at the hands of the Inquisition for maintaining the innocence of Freemasonry. And well it might do so, for its principles invariably point its members to the fear of God, the love of their neighbour, and honouring of their King. Those principles were the same to-day as in the past, and when faithfully carried out must in the end secure the general happiness of the greatest number. Reverence for God, justice and uprightness of conduct towards all men, and love of the Brotherhood were pressed home on every Mason in season and out of season, in both lodge and chapter. How these lessons were translated into practice might be seen by looking at those monuments of Masonic Charity in the Metropolis to which no less than £61,801 were contributed last year—£8266 more than the previous year—to find a home for 469 aged and distressed brethren or their widows, when not otherwise provided for, and the support and education of 531 children. While, in the province of West Lancashire, the Educational Fund stood at about £22,000, and the Hamer and Alpass Funds had each about £5000 in addition to annual contributions. Well might they say "May Freemasonry flourish." "Prosper the Art." Might the chapter about to be consecrated become a centre of light and knowledge, and prove a blessing to all belonging to or entering it! Might the result of their labours be the preserving the practice of every virtue, the glory of God, and eternal welfare of every companion!

The chapter was then formally consecrated, dedicated, and constituted according to ancient form.

The musical portions were given under the direction of Comp. G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org., assisted by Comps. Goulbourn, Urmston, Heald, and Bibby.

The Principals were then installed (along with Comp. T. R. Wilkinson, into the chair of H., who was unavoidably absent at the consecration of the Corinthian Chapter, No. 2350, in the Division of West Lancashire, which took place at Wigan on the previous Saturday).

Comp. W. Goodacre installed Comp. Dr. G. H. Whitaker as M.E.Z. Comp. Slyman installed Comp. Hawthorn H. Thornton as H., and Comp. W. M. Varley as J., and the other officers were appointed as follows: Comps. F. M. Palmer, S.E.; John Rogers, P.Z., S.N.; James Coulthurst, P.Z., P.S.; Richard Hampson, Treas.; Peter Yates, P.Z., D.C.; and Robert Heltin, P.Z., Janitor.

Comp. W. Goodacre gave the addresses in a very able manner.

Five joining companions and four candidates were proposed for exaltation and the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to an excellent banquet, followed by the usual toasts: "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Excellent G.Z.," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Most Excellent Pro G.Z.," and the other Officers of Grand Chapter, "The Most Excellent, the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter," "The Principals of the Horwich Chapter, No. 2324," "The Consecrating Officers," "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Chapter."

The banquet was served in a way which reflected the highest credit on Comp. Thomas Edwards, and we shall only be doing justice to the caterer and his staff, when we say that the *cuisine* was perfect and the services all that could be desired.

CONSECRATION OF THE LLANGATTOCK LODGE, AT CARDIFF.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., the important and interesting ceremony of consecrating the above new lodge, which derives its name from the title now borne by the Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of S. Wales, took place at the Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, the ceremony being participated in by a large and influential gathering of members of the Craft, representing almost every lodge in the division. The event was rendered all the more attractive and interesting by the presence of Lord Llangattock himself, who, despite the inclemency of the weather, undertook the onerous duty of dedicating the new lodge, which already has a promised future in store.

The ceremony commenced shortly after 1 o'clock, when about 150 brethren assembled at the hall to do honour to the occasion. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Llangattock, was accompanied by his greatly esteemed Deputy, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Wm. Williams, P.M., and was supported by the following brethren:

Bros. Jno. Munday, P.M. 960, P.P.J.G.W.; J. J. Williams, P.M. 1098, P.P.S.G.D. Mon.; D. Williams, P.M. 1992, P.J.G.W.; J. W. Boon, P.M. 1753; A. P. Steeds, P.M., W.M. 1323; R. J. Dangerfield, I.P.M. 237, P.J.G.W.; Rees Rees, W.M. 679; W. Lloyd Edwards, W.M. 2357; Wm. Williams, 1807, P.G.C.; Thomas Hyman, I.P.M. 2557, P.G.S.B.; W. C. Peace, P.M. 960, P.P.S.G.W.; John Shaw, P.M. 1992; Robert H. Carrick, W.M. 1754; T. Rodway Hunt, P.M. 1323, P.P.A.G.S.; Sidney Coleman, P.M. 36, P.P.G.T.; H. C. Ensor, W.M. 960; T. Garrett Horder, P.M. 36, P.P.S.G.D.; F. J. Ferris Bailey, I.P.M. 1992, P.G. Reg.; J. H. Taylor, P.M. 1573; Harry Samuel, P.M. 960, P.P.G.S.B.; C. R. Lyne, D.P.G.M. Mon.; G. Clarry, P.M. 36, P.P.G.D.C.; R. J. Steward, P.M. 960; W. L. Yerath, P.M. 1754, P.P.G. Reg.; J. G. Ridley, P.M. 1992, P.P.G.S. Northumberland; W. G. Davies, P.M. 364, P.S.G.W.; W. J. Jenkins, W.M. 493; D. Thompson, P.M. 36; H. L. Roberts, W.M. 36, P.A.G.S.; Joseph David, W.M. 1578, P.P.G.S.; D. S. Varzopolo, P.M. 960, P.P.J.G.W.; James Radley, P.M. 960, P.P.G.D.C.; Isaac Thomas, P.M. 1429; and F. P. Adey, P.M. 1754, P.P.S.G.W.

Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT presided, and congratulated the founders of the new lodge on the prompt attention which had been paid to their petition by the Grand Lodge of England, and also on the name they had chosen for it.

Bro. FERRIS BAILEY, P.M., subsequently read the charter appointing Bro. Thomas Matthews, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., the first W.M. of the new lodge, with Bros. John Shaw, I.P.M.; W. E. Mills, S.W.; and Charles Jones, J.W.

The lodge was then consecrated after ancient custom, and an eloquent address bearing on the history and traditions of Masonry was given by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, after which the W.M. designate, Bro. Matthews was presented, obligated, and installed.

The latter, after acknowledging in appropriate terms the distinguished honour conferred upon him, invested his officers as follows: Bros. Samuel Jones, Sec.; W. A. Beer, Asst. Sec.; Walter James, Treas.; G. Durstan, D.C.; W. H. Allen, S.D.; W. M. Rees, J.D.; Geo. Buel, Org.; C. J. Cudlipp, I.G.; Theo. Edwards, and D. Morgan, Stwds.; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler.

Congratulatory addresses followed, the P.G.M. being presented with a founder's jewel; the enthusiasm of the occasion being intensified when it was made known that his lordship had presented the handsome banner of the lodge which was suspended above the dais. Complimentary references were then made, having reference to the presence of the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Tennant), and the D.P.G.M. for Monmouth (Bro. C. R. Lyne), and the lodge was closed.

Subsequently a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, where, under the able supervision of Bro. Judah, the genial manager, a most agreeable repast was served. The newly-installed W.M. (Bro. Matthews) presided, being supported by the Provincial Grand Officers, and Past Masters already named.

The usual toasts were enthusiastically honoured, the whole of the speakers referring in encouraging terms to the foundation of the new lodge, and wishing the members every success.

A word of praise is due to the energy and enthusiasm displayed by Bro. Matthews, and the Secretary (Bro. Samuel Jones), on whose shoulders fell almost the whole of the initiatory correspondence and preliminary work of founding the lodge, in respect of which 23 candidates are already awaiting initiation as members.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this important province was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. We think this a move in the right direction, considering it is so central to all the towns in the province, and a better place for the purpose could scarcely be imagined, it being thoroughly adapted for such a meeting. Great praise is due to the directors of the Freemasons' Hall Company for the admirable manner in which they had come forward to meet the views of all the companions. Neither have they spared any expense in trying to administer comfort and elegance to all who may have the privilege of holding their meetings there. The spacious lodge room and banqueting chamber have been magnificently decorated in suitable characters and rich designs for each. The building throughout is lighted with electricity, which gives an air of comfort and delight as soon as you enter. We trust they will be rewarded by a large number of lodges meeting there. It was a very good augury to see the large gathering at the above meeting. Comp. Col. I. e. Gendre N. Starkie, Grand Supt., presided, accompanied by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H.; James Hellis, P.G.J.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.E.; and James Newton, P.A.G.S.E.

The following companions, and about 170 others, were present:

Comps. J. J. Newbold, P.P.G.S.N.; Wm. Halstead, P.P.G. Treas.; S. F. Butcher, P.P. Dep. G. Reg.; J. R. Reyndall, P.P.G. Soj.; E. Hardman, P.P. 1st A.G. Soj.; John Hindle, P.P. 2nd A.G. Soj.; E. J. Harris, P.P. Dep. G. S.B.; Wm. Shackleton, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Buckley Carr, P.P.G.D.C.; B. T. Sutcliffe, P.P.G. Reg.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.S.N.; James Townsend, P.P. G.S.B.; the Rev. R. Clayton, P.P.G.S.N.; Thos. D. Foreman, P.P.G.D. of C.; Nathaniel Nicholson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Cliffe, P.P.G.S.B.; James Kershaw, P.P. G.P.S.; J. T. Richardson, P.P.A.G. Soj.; Hy. L. Roller, P.P.G.S.W.; G. V. Blaikie, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Williams, P.P.A.G. Soj.; Wm. Jaffray, P.P.G.S.N.; Geo. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; N. Dunville, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Booth, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; A. H. Jefferies, P.G.J.; John E. Lees, P.P.G.T.; Abram Clegg, P.P.G.T.; W. Forrest, P.P.G.P.S.; and W. Newton, P.P.G.D.C.

A grand procession was formed, and the convocation was opened by the Grand Superintendent. The attendance of Provincial G. Officers was very good, two or three being absent, but apologies from those made the list complete. All the chapters were represented but two.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter, held at Rawtenstall on Thursday, 15th March, 1894, were read and confirmed.

Comp. W. M. HALSTEAD, Prov. G. Treas., presented his accounts for the past year, and they were adopted, being highly satisfactory.

The report of the Ex. Principals was read by Comp. J. H. SILLITOE, and revealed the pleasing fact that Royal Arch Masonry is progressing satisfactorily in the province, and, in conclusion, thanked Comp. Buckley Carr, P.P.G.D.C., for his great energy displayed in visiting chapters and giving advice and assistance when it was required.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT proposed a vote of thanks to the two Principals for their comprehensive report, which was carried unanimously, and duly responded to.

The result of the ballot for Prov. Grand Treasurer fell to Comp. Allitt, P.Z.

Two Auditors were elected for the coming year, but we did not catch their names.

The Grand Superintendent invested his officers as follows:

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe (this investiture caused great applause, it being the 21st time the Grand Superintendent has invested him)	...	Prov. G.H.
" James Hellis	...	Prov. G.J.
" John Chadwick	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Tom Garnett	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. T. Allitt	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. Butcher	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Col. H. J. Robinson	...	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" Nathaniel Nicholson	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" S. W. Shorrocks	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" J. Thornley	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. Bolt	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Dan Lord	...	Prov. D.G.S.B.
" R. L. McMillan	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Garside	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Heap	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. H. Peak	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Kay	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" Fletcher Armstrong	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Robert Wrigley	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" James Newton	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" A. H. Flower	...	

There was a notice of motion upon the agenda for £10 to be contributed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational Benevolent Institution, but, in consideration of the coming festival to be held on July 3rd next, it was unanimously agreed to augment the sum to £20.

There were two applications made from companions from Burnley and Rochdale for the Prov. Grand Chapter to be held there next year, both being left to the consideration of the Grand Superintendent.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

Great preparation had been made for the banquet which subsequently was held, at which Comp. Col. Starkie presided with his usual geniality and ability.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

A programme of excellent music had been provided, and was under the direction of Comp. Robert Wrigley, the vocalists being Comps. N. J. Stokes, R. Rudman, N. Dumville, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., and Wm. Booth, P.P.G. D.C. The whole programme was beautifully rendered.

CONSECRATION OF THE CLISSOLD LODGE, No. 2551.

The number of lodges in the northern district of the Metropolis was increased on the 29th ult., by the consecration of the Clissold Lodge, No. 2551, at the Highbury Railway Station Hotel. The new venture owes its origin in a great measure to Bro. Rob. Emery, J.W., who was assisted in his efforts by many brethren interested in Stoke Newington. The lodge possesses a large body of founders, and under the ruling of Bro. W. M. Stiles, the Grand Treasurer elect, with Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B. in the Secretarial chair, should be heard of in the future as doing good and useful Masonic work.

The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., as S.W.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; F. Richardson P.G.D., as D.C.; and C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B., as I.G.

The founders present included Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M., G. Treas. elect, W.M. designate; J. J. Lamigeon, S.W. designate; R. Emery, J.W. designate; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; T. Carleton, W. Hicklin, P.M. 1261; H. Townend, H. Kenney, G. S. Elliott, P.M.; Montague Hibbard, A. H. Cooper, W. R. Itter, and many others.

Visitors: Bros. G. Read, G.S.B.; E. Terry, P.G. Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G.S.B.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; G. Lewis, P.M. 2206; A. H. Cole W.M. 1744; F. Tomlin, I.P.M. 1360; H. L. Sarson, 2242; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org.; T. Holbecke, 504; R. J. Bartlett, 2030; W. Bradford, 2168; J. L. Ellis, 195; H. Stiles, P.M. 1507; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; Sir J. A. Hanham, Bart., P.M. 1523; H. C. Turner, W.M. 1662; E. Hobbs, I.P.M. 453; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; J. S. Taylor, W.M. 929; J. Bruton, 228; H. G. Welch, 1205; C. J. Mickleby, P.M. 1744; W. W. Langley, I.P.M. 2206; S. G. Hayworth, 2150; W. Thompson, 1695; H. Harrold, 1185; B. Bridgman, 144; H. A. Badman, 1298; W. Potter, P.M. 1260; W. Macfarlane, S.W. 27; G. P. Pointer, P.M. 1613; H. Gross, P.P.G.D.C.; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; M. Phillips, 2365; C. H. Gompertz, P.P.G.S.B. Herts.; J. G. W. James, I.P.M. 795; H. Hicklin, 1261; C. Mussared, P.M. 2500; J. Stephens, P.P.G.D. Bucks.; T. Jefferies, S.W. 1744; F. Callingham, 1775; C. Wilding, P.M. 1541; J. N. Hare, P.M. 1260; L. H. Baker, 2472; R. Baker, P.M. 188; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; W. Wright, P.P.G. Org.; J. Starkey, 132; A. Wilson, P.M. 2146; Walter Martin, P.M. 2500; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897, and others.

After the opening of the lodge in the Three Degrees, a hymn was sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then said it would be unnecessary for him to detain them with any words of his own on the present occasion. They were all aware of the object for which they had met. He was present by command of the M.W. Grand Master as his most unworthy representative for the purpose of undertaking a most solemn duty—the constitution of a new lodge and its dedication to Almighty God. He could assure them it gave him peculiar pleasure to attend and assist in bringing into existence a lodge which would enjoy the benefit of being presided over in its first year by so popular and genial a brother as Bro. W. M. Stiles, whom he hoped shortly to have the honour of placing in the chair. He could only hope that under Bro. Stiles's genial and able rule this lodge might have before it a career of great prosperity.

An eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg on the nature and principles of the Order, and the new lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted with the usual impressive ceremonial.

The Grand Secretary installed Bro. W. M. Stiles, Grand Treasurer elect, as W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. W. W. Hayworth, P.M. 1261, acting I.P.M.; J. J. Lamigeon, S.W.; Rob. Emery, J.W.; Thos. Carleton, Treas.; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Harry Townend, S.D.; H. Kenney, J.D.; W. Hicklin, P.M. 1261, D.C.; W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; Alfred H. Cooper, I.G.; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 869, Montague Hibbard, and W. R. Itter, Stwds.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507, Tyler.

On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officer and his colleagues, and they were unanimously elected honorary members. The Grand Secretary was presented with a founders' jewel as a souvenir of the occasion.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Sec., tendered thanks for the compliment paid in the resolution passed, and for the election of himself and colleagues as honorary members. Personally he thanked them for the beautiful jewel so kindly presented to him, which would be an interesting souvenir of an occasion he should not readily forget.

Bro. Hayworth, acting I.P.M., and Bro. Emery, J.W., were cordially thanked for presentation of lodge furniture.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served under the personal supervision of Bro. Tuck.

The usual toasts were then heartily given from the chair and cordially received.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M." were given.

The W.M. then proposed "The Grand Officers," making graceful reference to the members of that body present.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., in response, said it was a great honour to have his name coupled with those of such noblemen and brethren as were comprised in the toast, and he could assure them he felt the honour deeply. His Royal Highness, in appointing Lords Lathom and Mount Edgcumbe, must have had great foresight, because he could not have selected Masons more competent to fill their respective posts. His Royal Highness had also exercised a great discretion in appointing another Grand Officer—the Grand Secretary—who had not occupied the position many years but had added lustre to it, and had shown how the work ought and could be done. With regard to the other Grand Officers, they all felt the honour cast upon them by wearing the Purple, and were pleased to do some work to show their appreciation of that honour. The Grand Officers were glad to hold out the right hand of fellowship to those fortunate brethren who ascend to the dais, and during the next few months there would be many whom they would be able to welcome. It had given the Grand Officers pleasure to inaugurate that lodge, which from the start made would doubtless take a good position. He wished the W.M. a successful year of office, and hoped the lodge would take a prominent place amongst lodges.

In proposing "The Consecrating Master," the W.M. said it was a red-letter day for the lodge to be consecrated by so esteemed a brother as the

Grand Secretary. He (the W.M.) was only alluding, a few months ago, to the fact that he saw the Grand Secretary perform his maiden consecration ceremony at the Rose Chapter, and he then said, and repeated it on the present occasion, how pleased the Craft were with Bro. Letchworth's appointment as Grand Secretary. He, therefore, fully endorsed the remarks of Bro. Richardson. It was a pleasure to make an opportunity of calling at his office to be received and entertained so heartily. The Grand Secretary had at all times been one of their best friends, and he had been so to their lodge, and had consummated that friendship by consecrating the Clissold Lodge and installing its first Master. The way that ceremonial had been performed had shown him to be the right man in the right place. He (the W.M.) did not intend to make long speeches, but they would be none the less hearty and sincere. He wished to say how delighted they would be to see the Grand Officers present again, and thanked the Grand Secretary exceedingly for all he had done for the lodge, and for his splendid services in connection with the consecration. He asked the brethren to drink to the health and long life of the Grand Secretary, the Consecrating Officer.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., said that as they had listened to him at considerable length in the lodge, he should not presume to inflict anything in the nature of a speech on the present occasion, but he should indeed be ungrateful were he not to rise at once to acknowledge the more than kind terms in which the W.M. had been pleased to refer to the small services it had been his privilege to render that lodge. It had afforded him, and the brethren with whom he had been associated in the consecration, the greatest possible pleasure to attend and assist in the ceremony. He knew he was expressing their feelings when he said he felt sure this lodge, started as it had been under such favourable auspices, had before it a great future, and would in years to come hold a position among lodges in the Metropolis of which it might justly be proud. He thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the reception given the toast. It now became his peculiar pleasure to ask them to join in drinking "The Health of their Worshipful Master," whom he had had the great pleasure of installing into the chair. He might take this opportunity, as a Grand Officer, of tendering his hearty congratulations to their Worshipful Master on the high position he was destined to fill in Grand Lodge, and assure him, that whatever difference of opinion existed as to whether the office of Grand Treasurer was the office for which he was best qualified, they recognised in him a genial and accomplished brother who had rendered great services in the past, and would render similar service in the future. He asked those present to join in drinking the health of the W.M., and wish him a year of great prosperity and happiness.

Bro. W. M. STILES, G. Treasurer elect, W.M., in response, could only say how much he appreciated the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received. It was at all times pleasant to hear one's self spoken of well, but when he heard such a high official in Freemasonry speak so highly of his small services, it gave him great pleasure indeed, and he thanked the Grand Secretary for having said so many kind things of him. He sincerely hoped he might, during his year of office in that lodge, show that he took some interest in it, and he would do his best to maintain and uphold the dignity of the Clissold Lodge. They had been told by the Grand Chaplain to be careful whom they introduced, but the founders had made up their minds that if they were not going to be a large lodge, they intended being a select and influential lodge. He hoped they would not speak less well of him at the end of his year than at the present time, and he thanked them for the kind way in which they had received the genial remarks of the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Capt. T. C. WALLS, G.S.B., on behalf of "The Visitors," said the consecration had been attended by various agreeable and opportune circumstances, one of the most important being the unique occurrence that the W.M. designate was the Grand Treasurer elect. He endorsed the remarks of the Grand Secretary, having known the W.M. long before he became a Mason, and having watched his career and assisted in his attaining his present high position.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, P.G.S.W., said it had been to all the visitors a matter of satisfaction and rejoicing to assist in the consecration of this lodge. The Grand Secretary and other Grand Officers did their work in the most splendid manner. He should like to add to the remarks of the W.M. and say that the appointment of the present Grand Secretary had given the greatest satisfaction to every brother and lodge throughout London and the country, and a more popular appointment was never made. The W.M. was getting rather an old man, and had shown himself for many years to be a thorough master of the ritual and of everything connected with Masonry. He had, moreover, shown his love for his poorer brethren, and was a worthy member of the Order. He congratulated Bro. Stiles upon being W.M. of that lodge, especially at the present time when in a few weeks he would be invested as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, P.P.G.D. Bucks., expressed his delight at being present, and at seeing for the first time on a printed programme the name of Bro. Stiles as Grand Treasurer elect. He should be failing in his duty if he did not express the acme of delight he felt at seeing him in that honourable position. The W.M. had by his varied and indefatigable exertions in Freemasonry acquired the love and affection of the brethren.

Bros. HAMER and BAKER also replied.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by the W.M., who will represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and responded to by Bro. McLEOD, the Secretary of the Institution.

Other toasts were given before the proceedings terminated.

Bro. Willie Wright is to be congratulated on the excellence of the musical arrangements in which he was assisted by the Schartau quartette.

THE DEATH OF BRO. THOMAS WILLIAM TEW, J.P., PAST PROV. GRAND MASTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

With profound sorrow we announce to our readers that the death of Bro. Thomas William Tew, Past Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, took place at his residence, the Grange, Carleton, near Pontefract, on Friday, the 29th ult. Outside his own province, Bro. Tew has long been known and honoured, whilst within it, it is no exaggeration to say that he was revered. The loss which the Craft sustains by his death is immeasurable. A just and upright man and a Mason, he was one of its brightest luminaries; one who has ever striven, by precept and example, to carry out in his own life and

aims the principles which are inculcated in the teachings of our Order. To him it was given to see the ethical force and power for good which Freemasonry, properly worked and understood, possesses. Observing how admirably it was adapted to the requirements and needs of society, he was at all times one of its boldest and staunchest champions, and, by a course of lectures and addresses to the various lodges in his province, extending over a period of 20 years, he has endeavoured to raise the Craft to a higher level, and to educate the brethren up to a full realisation of their duties and responsibilities thereto. West Yorkshire, we are sure, will feel his loss acutely. By his genial manner, his stately courtesy, and more particularly his unbounded kindness of heart, he won the respect and affection of those over whom it was once his pride and delight to rule.

It will be remembered that Bro. Tew resigned his post as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire at the beginning of the year 1893. This he felt constrained to do in consequence of increasing ill-health. He had been ailing since 1890, and his last public appearance as ruler of the Craft in West Yorkshire was at the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, at Huddersfield, on the 15th of April, 1891. For two years from that time he struggled on manfully, battling against his infirmities, until, despairing of ultimate recovery, he resigned into the hands of the Grand Master the trust which he had valued so highly and fulfilled so loyally. In a valedictory letter which he issued to the province, he took leave of his brethren in the following words—

"From 1875 to 1885, as many of you will doubtless remember, I acted as Deputy to our late lamented friend and gallant chief, Sir Henry Edwards, and from the latter date to the present time I have had the privilege of presiding over a province which has been distinguished by its charity, its loyalty, and its patriotism, and I look back upon the past eight years as the happiest era in my Masonic life."

After touching upon the various events which had occurred during that period, he continued—

"Without sacrificing one iota of its immortal principles; in the strength of the grand and noble truths, which are its everlasting heritage, Freemasonry, deaf to the cries of party, regardless of sectarian differences, can pursue its beneficent work of elevating, purifying, restraining and enlightening humanity, and above all teaching that great doctrine of Christian Charity, which, in the crowd of conflicting interests, seems sometimes in danger of being thrust aside."

Then after enjoining loyal submission to his successor, he concluded thus—

"It is not without emotion, brethren, that I resign the sceptre and terminate my connection with the chair of this province. The office is endeared to me by the pleasant memories of many happy hours. By its means I have contracted many agreeable friendships and formed numberless delightful acquaintances; and in passing on the gavel to my successor, I have the consolation of recollecting that, though I cease to fulfil the duties of the position, I shall still have the happiness of living in your midst, and I shall ever esteem it a privilege to be of service to you in advocating your interests, advancing your influence, and promoting in every possible way your lasting welfare and prosperity."

Bro. Tew's Masonic career commenced in 1856. He was initiated in the Scarsdale Lodge, Chesterfield, in the neighbourhood of which place he was then residing. He for some time followed the profession of civil engineer, but removing to Pontefract in 1860, he entered the bank of Messrs. Leatham, Tew, and Company, in which in 1862 he became a partner. He there founded the St. Oswald Lodge, of which he was Worshipful Master three times. He soon attained Provincial rank, and was appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master by Sir Henry Edwards, in 1875. On Sir Henry's resignation, Bro. Tew was selected by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to rule over the Province of West Yorkshire, and to the discharge of the duties of that office he devoted himself heart and soul. By visiting the lodges he became personally known to a large proportion of the brethren, and was, perhaps, the most popular Provincial Grand Master in England. Bro. Tew also entered other Degrees, and after serving as Prov. Grand H., under Comp. Bentley Shaw, and Comp. Sir Henry Edwards, he was appointed Grand Superintendent for West Yorkshire in 1885, being installed into that office by Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the late Grand Secretary. In July, 1892, Bro. Tew was made Very Eminent Prior of West Yorkshire. He joined the Knights of Malta, the Red Cross Knights of Babylon and the Rose Croix Degrees. He was also a Past Grand Deacon of England.

In 1888 he founded the West Yorkshire Masonic Library and Museum which, through his liberality and fostering care, has become one of first importance, containing, as we believe, a most valuable collection of ancient MSS., books, medals, and curios.

So impressed were the brethren of his province with the great work he had done in the cause of Freemasonry, that in 1892 they subscribed the handsome sum of £1155 wherewith to purchase a perpetual presentation to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be called "The Thomas William Tew Presentation."

Of all the three Masonic Charities Bro. Tew was a noble and generous supporter. He has filled the office of Steward 31 times, was a Vice-President of the Boys, Vice-Patron of the Girls' School and a Patron of the Benevolent Institution. In all he has subscribed over £800 to these Charities, and the province by his death loses no less than 349 votes.

This, we are assured, though in itself most exceptional and liberal, does not represent a tithe of his benevolence. As his biographer very aptly says: "Pontefract owes much to Thomas William Tew, and to do the town justice it readily acknowledges the obligation. Whatever movement has taken place with a view to its moral, social, or material well-being, with that movement has his name been associated. Possessed of means, he has generously distributed those means, and in addition to his public benefactions (and their name is legion) he has given large sums for charitable purposes, and relieved many a poor and distressed family in the true spirit of alms-giving, in secret. There are hundreds who have cause to bless the name of Thomas William Tew for

"His little nameless, unremembered acts,
Of kindness and of love,"

which, as Wordsworth declares, form

"That best portion of a good man's life."

For the last two years Bro. Tew has been a confirmed invalid. The complaint from which he has suffered has caused him the greatest inconvenience, and though he has from time to time, when his disorder was less acute, got out, or even left his home for a few weeks' change, yet the recurrence has

become more frequent and his weakness greater. His last public Masonic act was to open the New Masonic Hall which has been recently erected for St. Oswald Lodge, at Pontefract. He, on that occasion, delivered one of his characteristic addresses, which appeared in our columns at the time. This was on the 10th October, 1894. From the very pathetic farewell which he then took of his brethren, it was clear that he knew it was the last visit he would pay them, and, on Friday, March 29th, he closed his life of usefulness and beneficence in love and charity with all men. Much most interesting information relating to Bro. Tew's life and Masonic career may be found in the introductory chapters to his Masonic addresses which were edited and published by Bro. Matthewman in 1892. We understand a second or companion volume is in the press, which will give further particulars of the late Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

Bro. Tew was buried in the churchyard of St. Stephen's Church, East Hardwick, on Tuesday last. To the building fund of this church Bro. Tew gave £2000; he, moreover, induced the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon, to lay the foundation stone, and in every possible way helped on the good work. This function, it may be mentioned *en passant*, was the last in which the noble Marquess, as Grand Master of England, took part.

The funeral was of the simplest character, but the numbers of sympathising friends who crowded the church and churchyard most clearly showed how highly our departed brother was esteemed. Amongst the clergy present were the Bishop of Beverley, the Dean of York, and the Vicars of Pontefract, Carleton, East Hardwick and Goole. The neighbouring gentry, the various corporate bodies of Pontefract, and the tradesmen of that ancient borough were largely represented. The Freemasons were very numerous, brethren from all parts of the Province as well as from North and East Yorkshire having, many at great inconvenience, assembled to pay a last farewell to their beloved chief. *Sit tibi terra levis* was the thought of all. All were actuated with the feeling so beautifully expressed by the late Bro. Robert Morris, who said to a loving friend when dying:

We'll not forget thee, we who stay
To work a little longer here;
Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall lie
On memory's pages bright and clear;
And when o'er-wearied by the toil
Of life, our heavy limbs shall be,
We'll come, and one by one lie down
Upon dear Mother Earth with thee.

Bro. Tew was born on the 13th of May, 1828, and was, therefore, just about completing his 67th year. He leaves a widow, one son, Mr. Edward Grosvenor Tew, at present at Magdalene College, Oxford, and three daughters.

ANCIENT FREEMASONRY.

It is worthy of the very careful and earnest study, by those Freemasons of this generation who are in very truth Freemasons, to investigate what was *Ancient Freemasonry*.

There is in this age an epidemic of moral disintegration as well as in the minds of men, that enervates the power of the mental capacity to record, reflect, form unbiased or unprejudiced opinions on questions that are of vital interest in the maintenance of truth.

What has been for ages established, is now looked upon as beneath the attention of the flippant, superficial, unthinking talkers who cry out, "keep step with the progress of the age." They delight to follow a brass band and a circus parade, and are content in the shallowness of their information to believe they are the great men of the day. Keep step with the progress of the age is always circulated as their wisdom, wisdom to them, not understood, but talked, which is the tag they put out to impress the beholders.

The true, enlightened student of *Freemasonry* knows that *Ancient Freemasonry* existed, was believed in, held in honour and maintained in its integrity for ages. It made its indelible impression on the hearts and minds of the greatest thinkers, philosophers and earnest men of many generations. They were deeply impressed by its sublime truths, they were taught all its lessons, they practised its precepts, they devoted their lives to the preservation and perpetuation of its mysteries, they defended its laws and regulations, they made penalties for every destructive agency that endangered the landmarks and the symbology. From one generation to another they were bound to preserve *Ancient Freemasonry* as they in each generation received it. They did not permit any assault on its foundations. They protected its truths from invidious enemies. He who in the days of the glory of *Ancient Freemasonry* would have dared to hint at keeping step with the progress of the age, to inject novelties into the ceremonial of the *Ancient Fraternity* would have met his deserved penalty. Thus it was that for ages the Masonic Craft grew and became a great Temple, built by the wisdom and knowledge, the integrity, devotion and faith of those who were entrusted with the duty of preserving and perpetuating the truth of the ancient laws, landmarks and principles of the Fraternity.

But, alas, here and there in this age it is not rare to find men who wear the apron, and collar, and jewel of the Craft to talk about keeping step with the progress of the age, introducing novelties, unknown, unheard of words and things that the "circus show" and the "variety show" rejoice to use to bring the thoughtless and ignorant to their entertainments.

Ancient Freemasonry!!! in costumes, in uniforms, in parades, in public with females or the dolls of grand potentate's patronesses in maternal habiliments lecturing in a Masonic lodge room, keeping step with the progress of the age.

When these things come to pass, lodge rooms will be turned into shrines—consistories will be music halls, the song and the lute will articulate the secrets, the *feminine fraternity* will publish in a periodical devoted to the modern music of keeping step with the progress of the age.

Ancient Freemasonry will then be found in the ruins of King Solomon's Temple, in the catacombs of the illustrious dead of the *Ancient Craft*, in the mausoleums of great Grand Masters, in the grave of King Hiram, in the hill sides, and forests, and the quarries.

Thus will the march go on, if keeping step with the progress of the age is not promptly condemned by the Craft in all places where *Ancient Freemasonry* exists in her strength, wisdom, and beauty.

The casual reader may smile at these thoughts, and incredulous pay no attention to them. But, dear brethren of the *Ancient Craft*, remember that

those who sought to destroy Troy filled a structure resembling a horse, and thus undisturbed entered the city, and it was destroyed. Beware, then, brethren, of a novelty in *Freemasonry* like unto that Trojan horse, keeping step to the progress of the age. It may, might, destroy your temples and put to flight the brass band and the circus that undertook to get it into your temples.

But be of good cheer! There is seed left of A.F. and A. Masonry that will never die. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, brethren. Yes, there are witnesses left even to this day.—*Keystone*.

JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF THE UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE, No. 507.

The United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, celebrated the jubilee of its existence on Thursday, the 28th ult., when its 51st Worshipful Master was installed in the chair. A very valuable contribution to the proceedings of the evening, which was spent at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, was a succinct history of the lodge collected after considerable research by Bro. Charles W. Peters, P.M., and Secretary, who laid it before the brethren in his reply to the toast of the "Past Masters."

The proceedings were most successful throughout.

Bro. Robert P. Gilson, W.M., presided in lodge, which was held in the well-known beautiful ball-room of the hotel, and there were also present Bros. Chas. Thomas, P.M.; Thomas J. Noakes, P.M.; Charles Hy. Stone, P.M.; H. E. Cockell, P.M.; S. Ellison, P.M.; Geo. Beste, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect; C. W. Peters, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Lipscombe, S.D.; G. W. Terry, I.G.; Geo. W. Comfort, Charity Steward; F. C. Atkinson, P.M., Org.; W. Chaney, A. W. Brewer, E. A. Jacobs, B. M. Jacobs, and C. W. Stone. Visitors: Bros. M. Delmard, 2190; J. H. Laing, J.W. 2469; C. Garton, S.D. 192; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. W. Dickinson, 913; Spencer West, 2182; A. C. White, W.M. 141; G. A. Pickering, 29, P.G.S.; J. Speller, P.M. 1677, 2256, P.P.G.D. Essex; W. G. Hunt, P.M. 452; William Baker, J.D. 192; A. C. Haycraft, J.W. 2424; W. J. Breever, 1853; R. J. Day, D.C. 1853; J. F. Seaton, P.M. 822; Hy. Brown, P.M. 822; Walter Robin, S.D. 890; H. Pynegar, S.W. 890; J. Jenkins, P.M. 1269; Frank Heywood, 862; A. A. Drew, P.M. 890; Walter F. Bull, P.M. 1707; Rushton Odell, 2077; and R. J. Stoneham, J.D. 2046.

Bro. Gilson installed Bro. George William Beste as W.M., performing his work in splendid style, and receiving afterwards the collar of I.P.M. The other brethren who were elected to office were Bros. W. Lipscomb, S.W.; G. W. Terry, J.W.; J. S. Terry, P.M., Treas.; Charles W. Peters, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Gold, S.D.; G. W. Comfort, J.D.; W. C. Chaney, I.G.; S. Ellison, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Stone, Collecting Steward; F. C. Atkinson, P.M., Org.; and Harrison, Tyler. After Bro. Gibson had completed the ceremony by fluently delivering the addresses, Bro. Beste initiated Mr. Rowland Allan Brangwin; and after the report and accounts had been adopted, 15 guineas were voted to the W.M.'s list as Steward for the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, and £10 to a brother in distress. The lodge, however, refused assistance to one of those itinerant Masons, or self-styled Masons who employ their time in soliciting alms from lodges and lodges of instruction.

After the lodge was closed, a sumptuous repast was partaken of, and the usual toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with some beautiful music by Mrs. H. E. Cockell, Miss Lily Beste, Miss Annie Matthews, and Bros. H. E. Cockell, P.M.; Ruston Cockell, and C. Spencer West, accompanied by Bro. F. C. Atkinson, P.M.

The toasts were admirably brief.

Bro. GILSON, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who was so well known to the brethren, and had shown such good working that evening, that it was not necessary to repeat to the brethren what they knew before. They were very fortunate in having such a W.M. in the jubilee year of the lodge.

Bro. G. W. BESTE, W.M., in replying, said he felt it a great honour to fill the high post of W.M. in the jubilee year. He should continue, as he had tried hitherto, to advance the cause of *Freemasonry*, and particularly the welfare of the United Pilgrims Lodge. It was commencing a new era, and taking a fresh lease of life. It had certainly had its ups and downs, but was going now to take a new departure. He hoped in a year or two that the lodge would be very flourishing, and that in his endeavours to make it so he would have the assistance of all the brethren. With that help no doubt the lodge would go forward.

Bro. BESTE, W.M., in proposing "The Initiate," referred to what he had just said as to infusing new life into the lodge. They had started on that course by having one initiate that evening. At their next meeting they would have two initiates. That progress, he trusted, would continue. He knew Bro. Brangwin would reflect great credit on the lodge, he had long wanted to become a Mason, but had lacked the opportunity of coming forward.

Bro. BRANGWIN, replying, thought himself particularly fortunate in his initiation commencing on the 50th birthday of his lodge, also in having such an energetic father in *Masonry* as Bro. Beste. He trusted that under Bro. Beste's rule the year would be a prolific one. In the interests of *Masonry* in general, looking at its age, a lodge 50 years old was rather in its youthful prime and might be expected to have a prolific progeny. That was only by the way. He came as a humble novice into this ancient and honourable Craft of *Masonry*, which had been handed down not only in jubilees but centuries and thousands of years, and whose principle inculcated brotherhood between man and man, truth and right dealing, and when this lodge celebrated its centenary and those now alive had passed on their pilgrimage, he trusted that *Masonry* would not only have promoted brotherhood between man and man, but between nations and nations.

The Charity box realised £2 6s. 6d.

Bro. BESTE, W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M." and presenting Bro. Gilson with a Past Master's jewel, said all the brethren were very much attached to Bro. Gilson, who was the very essence of kindness. He (Bro. Beste) had never come across any man in *Masonry* who had displayed a more Masonic heart than Bro. Gilson. The jewel of a Past Master had never been pinned on a breast more worthy than that of Bro. Gilson.

Bro. GILSON, I.P.M., said the success of his year was due to the kind support of all the officers, from his I.P.M. to the I.G. He had nothing but assistance from every brother of the lodge, and he thanked them all for it.

Bros. H. C. WHITE, JAMES SPELLER, and DREW responded to the toast of "The Visitors," one of whom, Bro. Laing, the W.M. thanked specially for his kind gift of the floral decorations of the table.

BRO. CHARLES W. PETERS, P.M., Secretary, in responding, said, as the oldest Past Master present, he certainly felt very great regret that he was called upon to reply on this important occasion. Bro. Levy, the oldest Past Master of the lodge, who joined 35 years ago, he should like to have seen present. There were also Bro. Gennett, Bro. Terry, the present Treasurer, Bro. Watts, and Bro. Joyce, all Past Masters, and all of whom he expected to see at the meeting. It was a matter of regret to him that they were not present at this jubilee meeting, for he was not prepared to reply to the toast, and he would have much preferred to hear any of their voices to his own. He was sorry to say that illness was the cause of many being away; illness was the only cause of Bro. Joyce's absence. However, as he (Bro. Peters) had to reply, he would take this opportunity of giving an outline of the lodge's history, though it might be somewhat tedious to some brethren who had not the same interest as he had; but he thought that any one interested in Masonry must feel that a lodge established 50 years must have a claim on their attention. He had gone through the list of their Past Masters very carefully, and he could not find one equal to the name of Beste. He must, therefore, say that in their jubilee year they had arrived at their best, and he hoped they would be equal to the occasion. From what they had seen of him that night, he was one of their best. It might be a surprise to the brethren, but United Pilgrims Lodge was the mother lodge of the present century. He would give extracts from the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" about it:—

"Constitution and Consecration of the Lodge of United Pilgrims, 745. Bro. J. L. Jones, W.M., by Warrant Circular. Sir and Bro.,—The M.V.G.M. having granted a warrant for the consecration of this Lodge you are requested to attend on Friday, the 14th March, at 3 o'clock at the Pilgrim Tavern, Kennington Lane, such day having been appointed by the W. Bro. R. T. Crucefix, P.G.D., who has been requested to consecrate the Lodge and instal the Master and Wardens nominated in the Warrant.—I remain, Sir and Bro., Yours Fraternally, "W. EVANS, Secy. (*ad interim*).

"Consecration 3 o'clock. Installation 4 o'clock. Initiation 5 o'clock. We give the initiation circular of this maiden lodge as the best herald to record an event highly interesting to the Metropolitan Craft. The Bank of England Lodge, 329, appears by the Masonic Calendar to have been constituted in 1788. Since which period we believe there has not been any Lodge constituted in the London District with the exception of that at Edmonton in 1839, which can hardly be termed a London Lodge although in the London District. We shall not now enquire into the causes shewn and reasons given why Lodges should not have sprung up. One, however, carries with it considerable probability of justice, viz., that at the Union of 1813, so many lodges fell under one jurisdiction that until time should prove it to be necessary it was impolite to grant new warrants in London. Time has shewn that in the suburban Districts new lodges are wanted, and we hail No. 745 as the parent of the many future scions of the Craft, and offer to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren our 'Hearty good wishes' on the occasion.

"The novelty of the occasion attracted a great number of brethren, who assembled at three o'clock. Past Masters of high estimation in the Order felt a natural anxiety to attend a ceremony which none of them had ever witnessed. That was very important, for in 1845 it was an acknowledged thing that there were thousands of Masons in the London district and outside who had never seen the consecration of a lodge, and they simply swarmed to see the consecration of the United Pilgrims Lodge. He had obtained this information at Freemasons' Hall in a two days' attendance, but there was a great deal more. There were three initiates, the reply of one being very interesting. He was a foreigner, and he gave a very good example of what Masonry should be, for he said that from what he had heard that evening and the obligations he had taken Masonry would make him a better man.

"After banqueting were speeches, and a Grand Officer said: Brethren of the United Pilgrims Lodge, may your every meeting be as happy as the first." As far as his (Bro. Peters') experience went every meeting of the lodge had been quite up to it. There were 59 years between the consecration of the Bank of England Lodge and the United Pilgrims Lodge—1788 to 1845. The lodge had done good Masonic work, which had been vouched for by Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who could record its working for 35 years, he having been intimately connected with it, and being familiar with the names of a large number of old members. The lodge had the reputation of being the best workers of ceremonies in South London, and Masons came from all parts to be instructed under the able Secretary, Bro. John Thomas. Bro. Terry was among the number. Bro. Thomas became one of the greatest workers and best authorities of Freemasonry. He was initiated in this lodge in July, 1847, and was its Secretary 17 years. He died in 1873, and his portrait is in Grand Lodge. David Ross Farmer was another member, and he was Assistant Grand P. in 1860, and Grand Pursuivant in 1862. He consecrated the Doric Lodge, 933, in 1862, a lodge which was still flourishing. The original pedestals and furniture of the lodge were presented by Bro. Haddock to the Henry the Eighth Lodge at Hemel Hempstead, No. 1757. The United Pilgrims Lodge stood 90 in the list of London lodges. It was the mother lodge of the century. It had had 297 members on its books, and had initiated 204. It averaged six members a year, a very good record. As far as the Charities were concerned, it had done well also. He thought they should be very proud of the position the lodge held.

Bro. PETERS afterwards replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the S.W. replied to that of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, a vote of thanks having been first accorded to the musical talent, Bro. Odell acknowledging the recognition.

BELFAST MASONIC CHARITIES.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONCERT.

IMPOSING PROCEEDINGS.

Last week the annual meeting in support of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund and the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund was held in the Ulster Hall, and that success which was a prominent characteristic of the whole proceedings is what one usually associates with our great local Masonic festival. The hall was filled to overflowing, and the large assemblage, composed of members of the Order, its friends, and well-wishers, lent sympathetic ears to the appeals made on behalf of two funds whose objects and management commended them to the warm and generous support of every member of the Society, which seems to continue to gain strength and make progress in Belfast. If one thing more than another was apparent on the occasion it was this, and the enthusiasm which prevailed shows that the Order has aroused in the community an interest in its proceedings which is pregnant of increased vitality and continued prosperity, so far as its existence in Belfast is concerned. The arrangements made for the meeting by Bros. William Brown and William Stanfield, Hon. Secs., were most complete in their character, and the musical programme provided was probably the choicest that has yet been submitted to a similar gathering in Belfast. Bro. S. Leighton, upon whom this portion of the arrangements devolved, is to be congratulated on the happy outcome of his efforts, the result of which was a concert high-class in its character and suited to all tastes. An interesting feature of the annual meeting

is the grand procession, and last night's in brilliancy and dimensions was probably unsurpassed by any previous display.

From seven to half-past seven o'clock the band of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, under the direction of Mr. John Le Grove, bandmaster, performed the following programme: Selection, "H.M.S. Pinafore" (Sullivan); march characteristic, "The Turkish Patrol" (Michaelis); polka de concert, "Birds of Passage" (Kling).

At the half-hour the opening notes of the grand march from Wagner's "Tannhauser" announced the arrival of the procession, which had been formed under the direction of Bro. H. J. Hill, P.G.D.C. Antrim, at the main entrance to the hall. The officers of the Craft lodges soon made their appearance, preceded by Tyler, with drawn sword, and marching up the hall divided to right and left at the steps to the platform, which were carpeted with red baize, and placed at each side of which was a Templar banner. The Royal Arch Masons and officers of the Royal Arch Chapter followed, and were succeeded by the Knights Templar, who halted half way up the aisle, and with their swords formed an arch, under which the dignitaries of the Order passed on their way to the platform, which looked extremely pretty, decorated with flowers and plants, that contrasted pleasingly with the red baize with which it was carpeted. All, of course, wore their regalia, and the variety of colouring of the costumes produced a picture, kaleidoscopic and charming to the eye.

The following was the order of the procession:

Tyler with drawn sword.
Deacons with wands.
Craft Masons, marshalled by Bro. Bryson.
Deacons with wands.
Royal Arch Masons, marshalled by Bro. Frame.
Knights Templar.
Prince Masons.
Officers of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund.
Officers of the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund.
Prov. Grand Inner Guard with sword.
Prov. Grand Deacons with wands.
Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.
Provincial Deputy Grand Master.

Provincial Grand Lodge Officers: Antrim—Bros. Thomas Valentine, J.P., P.D.G.M.; Thomas M. Watters, P.S.G.W.; John Kirkwood, P.J.G.W.; Wm. Rankin, P.G. Treas.; Robert J. Hilton, J.P., P.G. Sec.; John Robinson, P.S.G.D.; James Jackson, P.J.G.D.; William Cairns, P.G. Supt. of W.; Henry J. Hill, P.G.D.C.; Samuel Leighton, P.G. Org.; and Robert Rodgers, P.G.I.G.

Provincial Grand Lodge Officers: Down—Bros. John Jackson, P.G.S.; James Page, P.G.I.G.

Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers: Antrim—Bros. W. J. Rainey, P.P. J.G.W.; W. Brown, P.P.J.G.W.; Robert Carrey, P.P.J.G.W.; Richard Stevenson, P.P.J.G.W.; Robert Neill, P.P.S.G.D.; Wm. Stanfield, P.P.S.G.D.; R. B. Andrews, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Mercer, P.P.G.I.G.; and James McConnell, P.P.G.S.

Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers: Down—Bros. David Graham, P.P. J.G.D.; Thomas Alderdice, P.P.G.S.; and John T. Scott, P.P.G.I.G.

Prince Masons—Bros. James Malcolm, D.L., P.J.G.D., Lurgan; Wakefield H. Dixon, J.P., Henry R. Parker, LL.D., Harold R. Smyth, and O'Connell Shaw.

Officers Belfast Masonic Charity Fund—Bro. William Haffern, P.M., Chairman; William Wallace, P.M., Vice-Chairman; William Rankin, P.G.T., Treas.; and William Stanfield, P.P.S.G.D., Sec.

Officers Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund—Bros. William J. Rainey, P.P.S.G.W., Chairman; Harold R. Smyth, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; and William Brown, P.P.J.G.W., Sec.

Order of the Temple: Preceptors—Bros. John Orr, William J. Neil, W. J. Morton, Richard Knox, and Robert Armstrong.

Order of the Temple: Knights of Malta—Bros. William Scott, M.D., Prior; J. H. Heaney, and F. W. McCullough.

Order of the Temple: Knights Templar—Bros. W. G. Murray, W. T. Braithwaite, J. Henchie, T. R. Burns, Charles W. Olley, Henry Joyce, William Mackey Frank C. Neill, William Shannon, Hugh M'Ilwraith, Richard Woods, Samuel Maxwell, James C. Long, and Arthur Williamson.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master having taken the chair, he received the customary salutation.

The CHAIRMAN, who was received with applause, thanked the audience for the fraternal manner in which they had received him that evening, and said their reception of him was to him most gratifying. He had to apologise for the absence of their Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford, who had fully intended to be present at the annual meeting of those two Masonic Charities, but circumstances over which he had no control had prevented him carrying out his intention. It was most gratifying to see such a large audience assembled in the interests of those two Masonic Charities, which administered relief to poor and distressed brother Masons and the widows and orphans of deceased Masons. As would be seen by the report, their income for both funds for the past year had been larger than in the previous year, and, of course, the aid dispensed was proportionately greater. They did not confine their charity to the Masonic province of Antrim, but they aided the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin, of which they were so proud, and in which orphans were clothed, fed, and educated in a superior manner, as the results of the Intermediate examinations showed. Then, again, their charity was not confined to Masonic circles, for as far as his experience went Masons were not behind other citizens in the City of Belfast or elsewhere in contributing liberally to public charities when called upon to do so. Not only did they render pecuniary assistance to their brethren, but their advice and counsel were given when needed, and that was as important as financial assistance.

The reports of the two Charities, which were highly favourable, were taken as read and adopted.

Bro. H. H. PARKER, LL.D., in a very eloquent speech, then moved: "That this meeting, recognising the continued usefulness of these funds, feels it to be its duty to urge upon lodges and brethren the necessity of sustaining them by a liberally increased pecuniary aid in order to meet their ever increasing claims, and hereby promote the noble virtue of Charity, the keystone of the Masonic Order." He said they could not have too clearly before them the fact that they were there that night to celebrate the anniversary of two distinct Charitable funds. One of them had charged itself with the relief of the wants of the poor and distressed brethren, and also, as they would see pathetically stated in the report, of performing for those whose means would not allow it to be done out of their own resources the last sad rites demanded by their poor, frail humanity, and seeing they had a decent burial. During the past year that parti-

cular Charity had, as they had heard, disbursed £464, and they were told that the claims upon that fund were increasing. The other fund was one that especially appealed to everyone who had any of the responsibilities of life on their shoulders—he meant the fund that set before it the rendering of assistance to widows and orphans. Eighty-nine families had received help from this fund, and £674 had been disbursed in helping those unfortunate persons. Having dilated at considerable length on his subject, Bro. Parker proceeded as follows: As a community, they could not exist for one moment without having brought home to them again and again the fact that there were members of their community, who, owing to no fault of their own, owing to those vicissitudes and changes that would take place in life, were not able to maintain the same financial position as they occupied before; and no man holding the principles of Masonry should hold could for one moment allow this state of things to exist without coming forward to the relief of their brethren. Hence Masonic Charities existed everywhere, and hence the determination of Masons all the world over that the poor and distressed brother and the widow and the orphan of the deceased brother should be objects of their special care. It had been sometimes said: "You, Masons, run your Order at a great cost. You spend thousands of pounds upon your lodges and upon the working of your Institution, and the few hundreds that you give for Charitable purposes will not bear any proportion to what you give for the working of the Order." Now, he was not going to say that there was not truth in that, but he would be disposed to defend the Order from the point of view he had taken a moment ago, if it were the case. Masonry, as he said, existed as a brotherhood of love, and Charity was an incidental thing in connection with it. At the same time, it was of such importance that they were met that evening in support of it. It was of such importance that Masons everywhere gave voluntarily and freely for the relief of the distressed brethren and the widows and orphans of the brethren passed away. They were specially interested in these two funds. It was their bounden duty to maintain and support them; and much as they had been enabled to do in the past there in that north-east corner of Ireland, he would venture to prophesy that those spared to meet again at that time twelve-month to celebrate the anniversary in 1896 of these two funds, would be enabled to rejoice that that year had been the most prosperous year they had had.

Bro. Rev. J. A. GREER, LL.D., seconded the motion, which, it is needless to say, was carried by acclamation.

Bro. R. J. HILTON, J.P., P.G.S., in moving a vote of thanks to the Chairman, said he was the embodiment of what a true Mason should be. He had done an immensity of good by his painstaking care in seeing that everything in connection with the society was carried out in order and harmony, and he was the embodiment of a good ruler in Masonry.

Bro. JAMES M'CONNELL, P.P.G.S., seconded the motion, which was cordially passed, and, the CHAIRMAN having suitably responded, the business portion of the proceedings concluded.

The procession was reformed, and the brethren left the hall to unrobe, returning again in the garb of ordinary citizens to occupy the seats reserved for them.

The concert opened with a brilliant performance by the band of Rossini's "Semiramide," which was followed by a beautiful rendering by the choir, consisting of one hundred voices, Bro. Leighton conducting, of Macfarren's "All is Still." Bro. S. Whyte sang, with sympathy and effect, O. Barre's "The Shadow of the Cross," the organ accompaniment of Bro. Hill enhancing the effect. The next item—unique in its character—was a duet for two flutes, and Messrs. J. Dickson and T. H. Ogilvie gave an artistic and tasteful interpretation of "Andante and rondo," by Doppler. This is probably the first time a similar instrumental duet has been heard in Belfast, and the successful nature of the performance should make them be more in request, especially when they are given by skilful and competent musicians. Bro. W. E. Bullock sang, with taste and effect, Caryl's "Trifle not with love," and, in response to a call, gave "Love's Request." The feature of the concert undoubtedly was Mrs. Whyte's rendering of Gounod's "Ave Maria." The choir, who throughout gave evidence of careful training, having sung, with expression, Leslie's "The Lullaby of Life," Bro. Whyte gave an effective rendering of Piusini's "The Night Watch," Bro. Hill again assisting with the organ. Many other selections were given and applauded, and the proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—This distinguished lodge met on the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there were present, among others, Bros. W. Masters, P.M., P.G. Stwd., W.M.; W. H. Kempster, jun., G. Stwd., S.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C., G. Stwd. nominate, J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Debenham, P.M., J.D.; Polenz, I.G.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Stwd., G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; H. Slade, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; and Sir Albert Altman, C.C., P.M., P.G. Stwd. Among the visitors were Bros. E. S. Lardner, Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.G.S.; T. G. A. Burns, P.M. 23; V. Saillard, P.M. 2120; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex; W. J. Bayley, 1572; G. B. Davis, 2028; and R. S. Ayling, 2128.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved, upon the W.M.'s suggestion, that the summer banquet should be held at the Mitre, Hampton Court, on Friday, June 28th. The W.M. also generously expressed a wish that the brethren would accept his hospitality aboard a steam launch on an up-river excursion previous to the banquet. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed.

Bro. W. H. Kempster, jun., G. Stwd., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers;" Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; T. G. A. Burns, P.M. 23; and V. Saillard, P.M. 2120, for "The Visitors;" Sir A. Altman, P.M., for "The Past Masters;" and Bro. H. J. Lardner for "The Officers."

A most pleasant meeting was spent, the pleasures of which were greatly enhanced by the clever and humorous selections of Bro. Schartau, that "set the table in a roar."

Clapton Lodge (No. 1365).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on Thursday, the 21st ult., when there were present: Bros. R. E. Fairclough, W.M.; D. Campbell, I.P.M.; C. E. Luker, P.M., acting S.W.; A. H. Church, J.W.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Lintott, S.D.; W. Banks, J.D.; T. T. Gething, I.G.; R. Devereux, Org.; Henry C. Muckley and J. Holland, Stwds.; W. Finch, P.M.; A. Tucker, P.M.; W. Forty, P.M.; R. B. Chessum, E. Montague Edwards, R. C. Flint, F. J. Thayer, J. Dolman, H. J. Dyer, John Parfitt, H. T. Holloway, M. G. Bate, H. C. Amendt, T. W. Vaughan, W. D. Seaton, P. Becker, E. J. Brooks, Dr. J. N. Bredin, E. C. Robinson and J. Very, Tyler. Visitors: S. Jacobs, S.W. 2396; D. Oxley, P.M. 1306; J. Elkan, 1668; E. J. Wickenden; J. C. Nicholson, P.M. 12; D. Marston, 1963; W. E. Sutton, P.M. 1799, P.P.G.D.C. Essex; W. A. Finch; J. E. Hill, 1460; H. Chalcombe; G. P. Taylor, W.M. 12; T. Feistal, 171; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the W.M. raised Bro. R. B. Chessum and passed Bro. H. J. Dyer, and afterwards initiated Mr. E. J. Brooks, M.A., and subsequently gave the Antient Charge. Bro. Fairclough's working of the ritual was performed in a manner that it would be impossible to excel, and it was greatly appreciated by the members and the visitors. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Boys'. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., who had presented to the lodge a die, which was a work of

art, for the summonses. The W.M., in appropriate terms acknowledged the two votes. Ten guineas was granted from the Benevolent Fund to a very deserving case of a brother stricken with paralysis.

After other business was transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet which was well served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. P. Becker.

The W.M. gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but happy terms. In submitting the toast of "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. D. Campbell, I.P.M., stated that as the W.M. had intimated that the speeches should be brief, and although he felt he ought to speak at length, yet he would obey orders, and be content by observing that the lodge was a home lodge and a happy lodge, and that in Bro. Fairclough they could not have a better Master, and they were proud of him.

Bro. Fairclough, W.M., who had a hearty reception, stated that so long as he could meet with such a reception, and so long as he could do the work, which the members appeared to appreciate, so long would he be delighted to be the Master.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiative," remarking that it was the toast of the evening, and one that was always welcomed. He hoped and thought he would turn out a respected member of the lodge and a good Freemason.

Bro. E. J. Brooks, M.A., responded. He said it was a great pleasure to think of the honour they had paid him in electing him a Mason, but he was afraid he had given them a lot of trouble, but he hoped they would forgive him.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. stated that they were always delighted to have plenty of visitors. They had a good few that evening, and on behalf of the lodge he gave them a hearty welcome, and he hoped that if they were satisfied with the treatment they had received, they would come again and again.

Bro. D. Oxley, P.M., responded. If he might say so, none had worked harder than he had, but he had never seen better working than that of the W.M., who had done the Three Degrees in a perfect manner. The Clapton Lodge was well known for its working, and Bro. Fairclough would certainly add to its reputation.

Bro. W. E. Sutton, P.M., also replied, observing that the working that evening was marvellous, and it had been a happy surprise to him.

Bro. J. E. Hill having responded,

Bro. G. P. Taylor, W.M., stated that the W.M. was one of the best workers in the Metropolis.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Masonic Charities," which were the best in the world and should be supported by all. The Charity box was then sent round the banqueting table and £1 11s. 9d. was collected.

In proposing "The I.P.M.," Bro. D. Campbell, and Past Masters," the Worshipful Master said they were often referred to as fossils, but he preferred to call them models, as they were all excellent, and in making special mention of Bro. Campbell he remarked that if he could succeed as he had he would be gratified, and he coupled his name with that of Bro. Finch, P.M., the Preceptor of their lodge of instruction.

Bro. D. Campbell, P.M., said that he was proud of the position he held in the lodge, which bore a good character for its work, and he had done his best when in the chair and the W.M. was a great success.

Bro. Finch, P.M., also responded. As their Preceptor he was proud of the W.M.'s working that evening which must, he thought, have impressed the initiate, and he urged all to join the lodge of instruction and qualify for office.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary." He regretted the absence of the Treasurer. In Bro. Church, P.M., they had one of the best of Secretaries in the Masonic world, and they owed him a great deal for what he had done for the lodge.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., Sec., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He appreciated the kind words of the W.M., and he thanked the brethren for their flattering greeting. In the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, he had to fill two offices that night, but he hoped he had kept within bounds. While he was the Secretary he would endeavour to do his duty and further the interests of the lodge.

The W.M. gave "The Officers." He said that no Master, however good, could carry out his duties without the assistance of his officers, and he was proud that his staff had done their part that night with perfection.

The toast was acknowledged in some good speeches from Bros. Arthur Church, J.W.; W. Banks, J.D.; Gething, I.G.; Devereux, Organist; and H. C. Muckley, Steward.

The Tyler's toast brought a very successful and pleasant evening to a close.

It is pleasing to record that the members present contributed, during the evening, the substantial sum of £49 to the Worshipful Master's list, as Steward for the Boys.

Some excellent songs and recitations were well rendered by Bros. Ernest Hill, Banks, Arthur Church, Feistal, Forty, Becker, and Very, but a word of praise is due to Bros. A. Church, Hill, and Feistal for their great efforts.

Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge (No. 2432).—The fourth sessional meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., on Thursday, the 28th ult., when there was a larger attendance than usual, including Bros. G. Emblin, W.M.; D. Phillips, S.W.; T. W. Lightfoot, J.W.; W. Klingenstein, Treas.; A. F. Scholding, Sec.; W. F. Bates, C. Ransford, J. F. Pink, Thomas Rayner, W. H. Bullock, A. Pringle, G. Ransford, W. C. Lightfoot, E. Granher, O. C. Moore, F. E. Thomson, R. Ambler, Alex. Jones, J. H. Butt, S. Maier, H. C. Winter, Louis Weenen, J. J. Woods, J. H. Custance, A. S. Benjamin, and H. Evenden, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. Stutfield, I.P.M. 144; T. S. Henson, S.W. 1996; E. Koenig, 183; I. L. Van Gilder, 205; A. Iszard, 2374; G. R. Brown, 2256; and G. H. Pizey, 2374.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Mr. Louis Weenen was, on the proposition of Bro. J. J. Woods, seconded by Bro. D. Phillips, balloted for and unanimously elected for initiation, and being in attendance, the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. Letters regretting their inability to attend, were read from the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., and Bro. William Mason Stiles, Grand Treas. elect.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. G. Ransford, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said the W.M., his working, and all his excellent, genial qualities were so well-known that he did not propose taking up a lot of time to recapitulate them, especially as there were present a good muster of musical brethren, who would fill up the time much more agreeably. The lodge was fortunate in having such an excellent Master to preside over them.

Bro. Emblin, who met with a most enthusiastic reception on rising to reply, said: Bro. Past Master Ransford, officers, and brethren,—It affords me very great pleasure to reply to this toast, so kindly proposed and heartily responded to. I have the interest of this lodge at heart. I am pleased to have initiated to-night a brother who, I believe, will be a useful addition to our ranks, one that will stick to us and in time we shall be proud of. When I was first asked to become one of the founders of this lodge, and saw the names of W. Klingenstein, W. H. Bullock, and Adam Pringle amongst them, I knew it would be a good lodge. Well, it is a good lodge, and by introducing such an excellent candidate as we have initiated to-night, we shall keep it so. I propose "The Health of the Initiative."

Bro. Weenen briefly expressed his pleasure and thanks for the cordial reception he had met with.

Bro. W. H. Bullock, replying for "The Past Masters," said there was one thing he thought ought to have been done in the lodge, and that was to have passed a vote of thanks to the W.M. and the Committee of the Ladies' Night. The W.M. had achieved a great success, for the first time the ladies' night had not only been no expense to the lodge, but the ladies had thoroughly enjoyed it. He had heard no complaints but all praise. The attendance was far the largest they had had, and the W.M. deserved the best thanks and hearty congratulations of all concerned. As to the Past Masters, he was sorry he could not attend more regularly, but they did all they could for the lodge, and he thought the brethren had been well represented at the Festival of the Old People by Bro. G. Ransford, whose list amounted to nearly £40.

"The Visitors" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., to which they all joyfully replied, Bro. Stutfield observing that it had afforded him great pleasure to hear the Worshipful Master's working. It was (like his own) that taught by Bro. W. M. Stiles, and from visiting various lodges, he found it generally accepted as the correct version of the ritual.

Bros. Lightfoot, J.W., and Bates, J.D., responded for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, the enjoyment of the brethren having been greatly enhanced by some excellent music and songs by Bros. J. F. Pink, F. E. Thomson, W. F. Bates, and O. C. Moore.

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below the average. We are not expecting a Board so numerous as that of 1894, but we are very anxious that the great effort which was then made shall not be in a great measure neutralised by any serious diminution of receipts next month as compared with those of ordinary years. By the efforts of the Stewards of last year, the Institution was restored to its old condition of efficiency as regards funds, and we are most anxious that this condition should not be weakened.

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We are authorised to announce that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., P.G.W. to the office of Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, in the room of the late R.W. Bro. Col. G. Noel Money C.B., and the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Yarborough P.G.W., to the office of Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire, in the room of the R.W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, resigned.

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We judge from the report of the proceedings at the regular Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Monday, the 7th January last, that the Craft there is in a fairly prosperous state. There has been no advance in strength, either in respect of numbers or funds, but the lodges remain in good working order, and the District Grand Treasurer's Report shows that if there is a slight weakness noticeable in one direction, there is a counterbalance of strength in another. Indeed, the position may be said to be unaltered from what it was the previous year, and so we heartily congratulate the District Grand Master—Bro. J. I. Miller—his District Grand Lodge, and the lodges and brethren generally on the work they have done in the past year. May their efforts in future years in maintaining, if not extending, the influence of Freemasonry be attended with at least an equal degree of success!

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The sad duty devolves upon us this week of chronicling the death of one of the ablest and most respected members of our Order, Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., who, for the last 20 years, had taken so distinguished a part in the proceedings of Freemasonry in the important Province of West Yorkshire. A full record of his Masonic career will be found in another part of our columns, but in the case of one who rendered such services to the Craft as Bro. Tew had rendered, the mere details of his achievements in particular offices, though interesting enough in themselves, constitute but a poor monument to his worth. If ever there was a man who devoted himself unselfishly, with all his heart and soul and strength, to the promotion of the truest and best interests of Freemasonry, it was the brother, who, only a year or two since, was the central figure in West Yorkshire Masonry, and who resigned his exalted office from a sense of his duty to the lodges and brethren over whom he had been appointed to preside. When he found that his strength was waning, and that, having regard to his enfeebled health, he was no longer able to patronise our mysteries and join in our assemblies, he at once resigned his trust, rather than that the Province he had served so faithfully, and whose interests he had laboured so diligently to promote, should suffer by his default.

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That his loss will be felt by the general body of English Freemasons, but more especially by that section of it to which, by long and intimate association, he had become endeared, is a statement which none will dream of contravening. Whether we think of him as the Dep. P.G. Master who, under the late Sir Henry Edwards, helped so materially to reanimate our West Yorkshire brethren after the retirement of the Marquess of Ripon, or as the Prov. G.M. who, in all things and at all times, was the "guide, philosopher, and friend" of his Province; as the head of its Royal Arch and Templar Masonry; as "the friend in need and friend in deed" of our Masonic Institutions; or as the generous patron of Masonic literature—in all these various capacities we cannot but realise to ourselves that his conduct was worthy of the highest admiration. And as we loved to dwell upon his goodness and excellence while yet he lived and moved amongst us, so shall we best fulfil the sacred, if mournful, duty of respecting his virtues, by endeavouring to imitate them in every thought, word, and deed.

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A correspondent, who signs himself "An Evangelical Presbyterian," in a letter he addressed last week to our contemporary *The Rock*, falls foul of Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, one of the Grand Chaplains of United Grand Lodge, for his recommendation of Freemasonry in an article which our distinguished brother contributed to *The Churchman*. We shall not be so pre-

sumptuous as to take up the cudgels in defence of one who is so capable as Bro. Sinclair of defending himself from this and similar attacks. We are merely going to propound the simple question: Does Christianity as set forth in the Gospel according to "Evangelical Presbyterian" forbid its professors from loving and associating in the practice of morality with those who are either not Christians at all or belong not to that particular branch or section of Christianity which has the honour of including him among its members? If so, then with all deference to this correspondent of *The Rock*, and in spite of the formidable title he has bestowed upon himself, or had bestowed upon him by the members of his sect, we do not set a very high value upon his idea of Christianity.

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It is our duty, as Freemasons, to avoid every topic of political or religious discussion. But we shall not be violating that duty if we state, on the authority of those who best understand its character, that the basis of Christianity is love—love of God and love of our fellow-creatures; nor, as regards the latter, is there, so far as we are aware, any line to be drawn, which shall distinguish those of our fellow men whom we are enjoined to love from those whom, for private and personal reasons, we are to consider it our duty not to love. We have never heard it laid down authoritatively, as constituting any part of the true doctrine of pure Christianity, that the love we are theoretically enjoined to bear towards all our fellow-creatures must be practically limited only to those Christians who belong to our own particular sect. But then we are only benighted Freemasons, who earnestly strive to do our duty by loving and respecting every man, be his religious faith what it may, not "Evangelical Presbyterians."

Correspondence.

MASONIC VAGRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As Almoner to our lodge, 381, Darwen, I am pleased to see your leader of last Saturday, re this tantalising and perplexing subject, and I think Bro. Mutton's (1362) suggestion is a step in the right direction. I have held the position of Almoner for 15 years, and have adopted the following system: I keep a book with headings as follow, and insist upon every applicant signing the same—

Name
No. and name of lodge
How long a subscribing brother
Where going, and why travelling
Where last relieved and when
What degrees have passed
Amount of relief
Signed

The following sheet is also sent to the Secretary or W.M. of the lodge the applicant professes to belong to (with stamped envelope for reply), as below:

The undermentioned brother has obtained relief from me as Almoner. Please to fill in the queries and return to me at your earliest—

Name—Bro. John Smith.
Says he has subscribed since 10 years.
Did he leave you honorably and straight with subscriptions?
Is this a case deserving our support?
Signed

During the period of time I have acted as Almoner, and relieved some 200, I am certain, from the replies, that very few are genuine cases.

If Bro. Mutton's suggestion is acted upon I shall consider it a duty to forward the names of applicants for relief, unless some other equally good method can be adopted. I have an impression that one of the names mentioned by Bro. Mutton is also in my book three distinct times.

6th April, 1889—Ed. Burnett, 306, Leeds.
22nd December, 1890—Eli Burnett, 306, Leeds.
31st March, 1893—E. Burnett, 306, Leeds.

On comparing the three signatures above, I am fully persuaded they are one and the same person. I may say that from information received to the middle signature that I refused to relieve the third one, and especially so after seeing the signature. I shall be glad if we can adopt some system whereby we can minimise this objectionable vagrancy.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. WARDLEY, P.M. 381,
P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs.

Arch-street, Darwen.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was very pleased to read your excellent Article in last week's *Freemason*, and to see that the brethren in Kent are taking some steps towards remedying the great evil of Masonic vagrancy. Would that all other provinces would act in like manner. I, with you, see the great difficulties in forming a proper organisation which would effectually do away with this social pest, and compel him to mend his ways and work for his living, but I do not think the difficulties are insurmountable.

If every P.G.M. were to call a meeting at some central place, and invite each lodge in his province to send a delegate, I feel sure some workable scheme could be arranged, or a very simple plan would be for each lodge to appoint an Almoner and supply him with a weekly copy of the *Freemason*, in which might be published a black list, communicated to you by the Almoners, as each case came under their notice, and then for every other brother to absolutely refuse to relieve any applicant (unless known personally to him), but refer all to the Almoner, then I think the Masonic tramp would find his occupation gone.

The William Dawson referred to in your Article called on me on the 15th January, 1895, and on reference to my diary finding I had previously relieved him in December, 1892, I gave him one shilling only, on the faith of his being as he represented, a member of Lodge Newstead, 47. I immediately wrote the Secretary of Lodge 47, Bro. R. Jackson, who very kindly replied at once: "This man is a fraud, if you can land him in gaol you will be conferring a favour on the Craft." I then wrote Bro. C. Prior, Chief Constable of Tunbridge Wells, thinking Dawson might call there, which he did, and was promptly detained, but unfortunately our Magistrate's Assistant Clerk refused to grant a warrant, although it was a clear case of obtaining money under false pretences, and I was willing to prosecute. We therefore had to advise Bro. Prior to let the man go.

I shall be pleased to give information respecting other vagrants who have called upon me, and whose names I will be glad to furnish to inquiring almoners.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ALFRED C. MUTTON,
47, High-street, Redhill. Almoner, 1362.

To the Editor of the "Freemason,"

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been reading with much interest your Leading Article and Bro. A. C. Mutton's "Caution" against a certain impostor calling himself Wm. Hill, W. A. Foster, or David Allen, of No. 279, St. John's Lodge, Leicester, and on other occasions W. Foster and D. Hill, of No. 50, the Knights of Malta and Hinckley.

I was Prov. G. Sec. of this province for eight years, viz., 1884 to 1892. During that time I had a minute acquaintance with the Prov. Register and the lists of members of all the lodges of the Province. I have not the books before me; but I wish to say that I have no recollection of the names mentioned as being members of 279 or of 50. I don't believe they ever existed. If I can do anything to expose these frauds I shall be willing; and I am quite sure my courteous and able successor, Bro. Holmes, P.M. of 279, will afford any assistance in his power.—I have the honour to be, yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHAS. HENTON WOOD (Clerk M.A.),
P.M. 1560, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Sec.,
P.Z. 279, and Prov. G.S.E.

13, Tichborne-st.,
Leicester.

CLOSING UP OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is now over 30 years since the roll of lodges was closed up, and during that time many lodges have been removed from the roll. I think it is quite time that the numbers should be re-arranged, and for my own part I cannot see why this should not be done. Why the delay?—Yours fraternally,

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COLONIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of January 12th, just to hand, appear two paragraphs—evidently what pressmen call inspired—but I do not intend to show their naked incorrectness. Suffice it to say there has been too much of this "always understood" business in connection with the very important subject of Colonial Grand Lodges.

I must, however—and I know what I am talking about—characterise the statements regarding the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.), as absolutely untrue. I will not even trouble you to refer to your manly, outspoken, and unchallenged leading articles of the last six or seven years to convince you of the unreliability of the information contained in the paragraphs under review; nor will I ask you or your readers to take my unsupported word; but I suggest that you, and any members who have the leisure, or who wish for light, though most instructive, reading, SEE for yourselves in Grand Secretary's Office, the ORIGINAL letters and ENCLOSURES sent from here in early November, 1888, more particularly those of June, August, October (two to Lord Carrington), and November 8th, 1888. I certainly have no wish to continue this correspondence, but I trust in fairness to my lodge and yourself, you will insert this letter, and, having perused the correspondence alluded to by me, say whether the paragraphs I complain of are not deserving of complaint and accurately characterised.—I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEO. ROBINSON, S.W.
Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.)



"ANALYTICAL CONCORDANCE TO THE BIBLE" on an entirely new plan containing every word in alphabetical order, arranged under its Hebrew or Greek original with the literal meaning of each and its pronunciation, exhibiting about 311,000 references making 30,000 various readings in the New Testament, with the latest information on Biblical Geography and Antiquities, &c. By Robert Young, LL.D. Sixth Edition. Revised throughout, to which is added an important supplement, specially prepared for this work, entitled 'A Sketch of Recent Explorations in Bible Lands,' by Rev. Thomas Nichol, D.D., Edinburgh: George Adam Young, & Co., and sold by all booksellers. This rather long extract from the title page does not exhaust the attractive features of this most extraordinary volume, the like of which we have never seen before. It is, undoubtedly, a work of herculean labour, representing a lifetime of diligent study, determined application, and unvarying fidelity throughout. In order to give some idea of the extent of this massive volume, let it be noted that there are about 1200 pages, quarto size, of three columns each, beautifully printed, ably arranged, and with a free use of capitals and italics so as to catch the eye, help the understanding, and promote facility of reference. This is not simply an ordinary concordance, though it is that in the full sense of the term, but it is, in reality, a Bible dictionary in which every Hebrew and Greek word is printed in the original characters, the correct pronunciation in English letters being given, and the meaning of each duly and tersely supplied. Then follows, after each word, the concordance proper, not confined, as so many are, to mentioning the numerous chapters and verses where the words are to be found, requiring one sometimes to go through scores of texts before the reference needed is discovered—the proverbial "needle in a bundle of hay"—but the context is so quoted as to enable a student at a glance to fix the quotation desired. The proper and geographical names are so placed, and their history in relation to the latest Biblical and historical information so concisely stated, that the researches and discoveries of the Palestine Exploration Society are ably utilized to the manifest advantage of students who value all such accurate and skillfully condensed information. What the gifted author and compiler, Dr. Young, means by an Analytical Concordance, is described in part by the foregoing details. Its distinctive and predominating feature, however, cannot well be described; at all events, far from being equal to a consultation of its pages. We are persuaded that an examination of this superb volume, and its comparison with other works of its kind, will reveal its excellence, and demonstrate its superiority to all other Concordances. This noble tome contains all the advantages of other works, besides many additions peculiar to itself. So much is this the case, that several ordinary works in one's library can be entirely dispensed with on this valuable book being placed on the shelf. In truth, this Analytical Concordance is three Concordances in one, a fact easily illustrated and proved did time and space permit. This is the sixth, last, and best edition, and brethren on ordering for lodge or their own libraries should see they get it, and not an earlier issue, not only because of the corrections made in this volume, but it also contains Dr. Nichol's "Sketch of Recent Explorations in Bible Lands," which is simply invaluable because of its trustworthy, interesting, and explicit character. The Hebrew and Greek lexicon to the "Old" and the Greek and English Lexicon to the "New" Testaments are veritable boons, and the "Romanised Index to Hebrew Lexicon" must be read to be appreciated, as also "The Pentateuch Illustrated by the Classics." The various maps add much to the usefulness of the work and the plates of the old MSS. of the scriptures are in full facsimile of these ancient documents. For the Craftsman, and especially the Royal Arch Companion, as well as members of the *Hautes Grades*, Dr. Young's Concordance is most valuable. Every Hebrew or Greek word may be found with perfect ease, and its literal meaning, correct exegesis and parallel passages, are duly explained. Two large impressions of this Sixth Edition have already been exhausted, and the third issue of this revised, complete and handsome volume is now ready. The work is remarkably cheap, considering its size and importance, the prices running from 24s. to 52s. 6d., but we prefer the *Student's Copy* at 32s. We wish much that a copy of Dr. Young's Concordance was placed in every lodge library in this country.

"OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL," 1895.—This ably compiled annual is in its 24th year of publication, and was never better edited than it is now. It was started by Bro. W. J. Hughan, when Prov. Grand Secretary of the Province, some 26 years ago, and on his resignation as Editor, it has been continued on similar lines, only the other Degrees are now duly represented in the Directory proper, instead of in an occasional supplement, which is an improvement on the old plan. There are also the lists of officers of each Lodge given in the later issues, which is most useful. Statistics were, and still are, a special feature of this Directory, the number of members belonging to the 30 lodges being given from 1885, with the number of initiations in each year. Particulars of the "Cornish" Lodge, No. 2369, London, are also supplied. There are 1771 members in the Province, being the largest returned in any year, the Cornish Craft being very popular under the genial rule of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe (D.G.M.), the Prov. G.M. A Table of Precedence is an excellent compilation, and so the List of Votes in the Central Masonic Charities, the latter exhibiting a total of 3108. It should be remembered however, that the List of Beneficiaries proves the Province is receiving some £600 from these grand Institutions.

"THE LETTERS OF HARGRAVE JENNINGS"—author of "The Rosicrucians," "Phallicism," &c., &c. Edited by Invictus. Robert H. Fryar, Bath, 1895.—The late Hargrave Jennings was well known in the world of literature as the author of several important works on subjects which are but little comprehended by the general public. His earliest works upon the "Indian Religions" and "Curious Things of the Outside World," but more particularly the former, brought him a considerable amount of fame, attracting, as they did, the serious attention of all thoughtful readers. His best known work, entitled "The Rosicrucians: their Rites and Mysteries," which was published originally in 1870, has since reached a third and greatly enlarged edition, while his "Phallicism: Celestial and Terrestrial; Heathen and Christian: Its connection with the Rosicrucians and the Gnostics, and its Foundation in Buddhism," which appeared in 1884, added largely to his fame as a writer in this most difficult of all the many branches of literary work. For these reasons we are greatly indebted to Invictus for this edition of Mr. Jennings's letters. We are satisfied they will prove instructive to all who interest themselves in the study of the occult, that is, of what is, of necessity, hidden from men of average intellectual power, and can be understood by those of the very highest culture only after the most laborious study of the philosophies of the ancient and modern worlds. They are marvellously egotistical, but at the same time they will prove sure and certain guides to all who may desire to enter into the same field of abstruse study, in which he has won so prominent a place. They exhibit the most profound respect for all the great writers who have had a hand in helping forward the study of the mystical, and the most profound contempt for the Spiritualists, Theosophists, and others whose names are legion, who palm themselves off as guides to the correct revelation or interpretation of the secrets and mysteries of science, but who, at best, are only blind leaders of the blind. In addition to the letters are sundry appendices and addenda which greatly enhance the value of the publication, nor must we omit to mention as an additional item of interest that the "Introduction" is from the pen of our worthy Bro. John Yarker, who himself is no mean adept in the study of things hidden from the general body of readers. We regret that in the Latin and French quotations, to be found in p. 35 and elsewhere, greater care has not been taken to ensure correctness, that save as regards this one blemish, we have nothing but commendation to bestow, both on the editor and the publisher, the former for having placed these letters within our reach, and the latter for the manner in which he has produced the book in which they are contained.

"MOFFATT'S REPRINT OF QUEEN'S SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS, December, 1894," with answers to Arithmetic, Algebra, and Mensuration. Price sixpence. London: Moffatt and Page, 28, Warwick-lane, Paternoster-row, and 11, Paternoster-square, E.C.—In our issue for the 9th February, we referred to "Moffatt's Reprint" of the papers set for the examination of similar scholarships in July. Thus the present follows in its regular order and will be equally valuable as the preceding set of papers, both for those who are engaged in preparing candidates for these examinations and also for the candidates themselves, who will, by its means, be able to prepare themselves to a certain extent. These reprints of Moffatt, as we have before said, are exceedingly useful.

"INDIAN MASONIC REVIEW"—Addison and Co., Mount-road, Madras.—The March number is an excellent one, and contains an exceptionally long list of Reports, in addition to about a page and a half of Notes, or "Chips," as they are called by our contemporary—and other matter. There are also two articles on "Masonic Sweepstakes" and "Official Visitation," in the former of which the *Review* deprecates strongly the association of Derby Sweepstakes with the duties of Masonic lodges.

"THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON"—Glasgow, Scottish Freemason Publishing Company. The great attraction of the April number—at least for English Freemasons—is the portrait, with biographical sketch accompanying it, of our respected Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. This illustration would have been all the better if it had been crisper and clearer, but there is no doubt as to the original of this counterfeit presentment, nor is there any thing but recommendation to bestow on the biography, in which are compressed all the leading facts in Bro. Hughan's career. The "Editorial Notes" are well written, and there is plenty of lodge news, which will be perused with interest by Masons both north and south of the Tweed and elsewhere.

"THE CRAFTSMAN"—Messrs. Daniel Owen and Co., Limited, Cardiff. The number for the current month opens with a paper by Bro. Wm. Simpson, in which is described at length the "Consecration of a Parsee Priest," the article having the additional advantage of being illustrated, and very well illustrated, too. It has been summarised from an article which originally appeared in the *Illustrated London News*, and was copied thence into the transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. However, it is none the worse for having been borrowed and curtailed. The notes and the reports with the foregoing article make up amongst them a very readable number, fully up to the high standard already attained by our worthy contemporary.

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsuir Lodge (No. 1385). One of the most numerously-attended and successful meetings ever held by this lodge took place at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 29th ult. A few minutes after the appointed hour the W.M., Bro. F. C. Collingwood, Prov. G. Stwd., took the chair, and amongst those present during the proceedings were: Bros. G. Blizard Abbott, I.P.M.; W. H. G. Ball, W.M. elect; Anneveld, S.W.; W. Lewis, P.M., P. Prov. G.A.D.C., acting J.W.; Charles Gray, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B., Sec.; Mason, J.D.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., D. of C.; Marshall, I.G.; Euerby, P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Cussans, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; Goddard, Tyler; Tibbatts, J.W.; Rainsford, Cranston, Ellis, Inglis, Baddeley, H. J. Grimwade, C. W. Grimwade, Dade, Attree, Billson, Davy, King, W. S. Woodhead, and C. O. West. Visitors: Bos. T. S. Carter, P.M. 403, P. Prov. S.G.W. (hon. member of lodge); J. G. Cobb, W.M. 45; Lerner, S.C. 1326; Stone, W.M. 2087; Doughty, 1386; Ellinger, W.M. 2222; Bateman, 206; Harold Imray, S.W. 3; Webdale, W.M. 1470; Falconer, 3; Davidson, 289; E. H. Moore, W.M. 2278; Overed, P.M. 1708; E. Apelt, P.M. 186; Dr. Roughton, 2509; Rev. G. E. Gardner, 2509; Walter George, 1897; S. M. Banker, P.M. 809, P. Prov. G. Std. Br.; Hunt, P.M., Sec. 194; Perks, P.M. 209, P. Prov. G.S.B. Bucks; J. D. Langton, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. Surrey; and Stanbury, W.M. 194.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read

and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. W. S. Woodhead and C. O. West, and proving favourable, these gentlemen were successively initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, the ceremony being most ably and impressively carried out by Bro. W. H. G. Ball, the W.M. elect, who is a P.M. of Strong Man Lodge, No. 45. The lodge then unanimously voted the sum of five guineas as a donation to the R.M.I. for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bro. Grimwade, who will represent the lodge at the approaching Festival of that Institution in July, and also three guineas to the Barnet Cottage Hospital. A ballot was taken for a Life Governorship to one of the Masonic Institutions, the prize being won by Bro. Cranston. The chair was then resumed by Bro. Collingwood, and Bro. Ball having been presented, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. installed his successor in office in a manner which reflected the greatest credit upon himself, and deeply impressed all who had the privilege of being present and witnessing his working. Bro. Collingwood was equally successful in his delivery of the several addresses, and the function being completed, the newly-installed W.M. having previously invested Bro. Collingwood as I.P.M., proceeded to appoint and invest the following as his officers during his Mastership, namely: Bros. Anneveld, S.W.; Tibbatts, P.M. 2396, J.W.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; Mason, S.D.; Marshall, J.D.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C.; Cranston, A.D.C.; Rainsford, I.G.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; Ellis, and H. F. P. Inglis, Stewards; and Goddard, P.M. 65 (for the 25th time), Tyler. Bro. W. K. Hopkin, who had been re-elected Treasurer for the current year, was prevented, to his great regret, by the state of his health from attending, and his investiture was, therefore, postponed. The lodge being thus completely re-constituted, Bro. Ball rose, and, after a few well-merited encomiums on the manner in which he had fulfilled his duties, presented Bro. Collingwood, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel which the lodge had previously voted him by acclamation as a slight mark of their respect and esteem.

Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren, to the number of over 50, adjourned to the banquetting room, and there assembled round the festive board under the presidency of their new chief, who acquitted himself to the full as genially and successfully as he had done in the lodge, when initiating the two candidates.

Dinner over, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, Bro. Brittain returning thanks for that of "The Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Collingwood then gracefully submitted the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so expressed the pleasure it had given him to install a brother who had already given them such convincing evidence of his ability to discharge the important duties he had undertaken.

The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and was briefly but feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Ball, who, in his turn, proposed the toast of "The Installing Master," and congratulated the brother who had filled that office on the brilliancy of his work.

"The Visitors" were also most cordially greeted, the toast being responded to by Bros. Cobb and Stanbury.

"The Initiates" were received with equal cordiality, and their brief speeches in reply were heartily cheered.

Bro. Abbott responded for "The Past Masters."

Finally the Tyler's toast was given, and one of the most enjoyable and satisfactory meetings which the Old Red Lion at Barnet has ever witnessed was brought to a conclusion.

In the intervals between the speeches was introduced a most admirable programme of song, the humorous contributions of Bro. Walter George, which included a laughing song and a trio, being heartily and, be it added, most justly applauded. Bros. Cranston, Lewis, Gray, Grimwade, and Baxter also bore their part in this portion of the after-dinner proceedings.

CROOK.

Crook Lodge (No. 2019).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall on the 27th ult. for the purpose of installing Bro. W. T. Wanless, J.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of the ordinary business, the W.M. elect was presented and duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Myles Taylor, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. T. Hardy, P.M., P.P.G.P. The newly-installed Master then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hughes, S.W.; J. H. Pollard, J.W.; T. Bowes, Treas.; W. J. Anderson, Sec.; W. Addison, S.D.; S. Barkas, J.D.; G. E. Dowson, D.C.; G. W. Rippon, Org.; J. H. Wilson, I.G.; W. Makepeace, Almoner; T. A. Brown, E. Brougham, J. L. Bell, and J. Allison, Stwds.; and Geo. Smith, Tyler.

The annual installation banquet was provided by Mrs. Brown, of the King's Head Hotel, at the close of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Myles Taylor, the retiring W.M., which was acknowledged in suitable terms.

A large number of visiting brethren were present.

HAMPTON COURT

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held on the 28th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. E. H. Trotter, W.M.; J. Smith, P.M., acting S.W.; G. J. Tagg, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Std. Br., Sec.; Gale, I.G.; Broke, Org.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., W. Hill, and C. Boyce, Stwds.; J. W. Clarke, I.P.M.; and W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Among the visitors were Bros. Rayner, 2432; Bells, 1669; Lecren, 1320; Neal, 1348; Bale, 87; Hardy, 87; and Ingle, 1673.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Austin was impressively raised to the Third Degree by the I.P.M. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. W. Hopkins, S.W.; P. Cronin, S.D.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; A. Macch, Stwd.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

A dinner followed, the W.M. presiding in an able manner.

Bro. W. Spearing, P.P.G.S.B., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the Past Masters," expressed his great thanks to the I.P.M. for the able assistance he had rendered that evening. He (the

W.M.) regretted that in consequence of illness he had been prevented from attending the last meeting. He had been informed that Bro. J. W. Clarke had presided both in and out of the lodge in a most admirable manner, and he took that opportunity of thanking him.

The I.P.M. responded in a few well-chosen words.

Bro. G. Ransford, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Masonic Charities," and in the course of his remarks he expressed a hope that the lodge would support the Chairmanship of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.G.M. of Middlesex, at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1896.

Bro. J. C. Jessett, P.M., acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" in a speech that was both practical and humorous.

During the evening Bros. Brooke, Boyce, Fox, Dixon, and others entertained the brethren instrumentally, vocally, and dramatically.

THORNHAM.

Thornham Lodge (No. 2279).—The annual festival and installation meeting in connection with this lodge took place on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., at the Half Way House, Royton, and was one of the most successful ever held. Amongst those present were Bros. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; Hilton, P.P.G.D.C.; Graham, P.M.; Varley, P.M.; Broadbent, Harrell, Wilson, Kenworthy, and Cheetham. Bro. Abbott acted as Installing Master; and Bro. Hilton undertook the duty of investiture of officers; Bro. Clegg, I.P.M., presented the working tools to the newly-installed (Bro. J. C. Harrison, P.M.); and Bro. Riley delivered the charge. The musical part of the ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. Slater, Org., and songs were efficiently rendered by Bros. J. Schofield, Kenworthy, Harrison and Slater. The following were elected to the various offices, viz.: Bros. Harrison, W.M.; Hall, S.W.; A. Butterworth, J.W.; Tattersall, Treas.; Thompson, Sec.; Sutcliffe, S.D.; Brierley, J.D.; Kent, I.G.; J. R. Meanock, P.M., D.C.; Collins, Tyler; and Slater, Org. The banquet was presided over by Bro. Harrison, W.M., and Bro. Meanock, P.M., acted as D. of C.

Mark Masonry.

Egerton of Tatton Lodge (No. 400).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, when there were present: Bros. H. W. Kiallmark, as W.M.; Henry Wright, S.W.; Dr. Danford Thomas, J.W.; A. W. Peckham, M.O.; Raymond Tucker, J.O.; H. W. Kiallmark, Treas.; Charles M. Jessop, Sec.; J. H. Bradshaw, I.G.; E. J. Mills, Tyler; Belgrave Ninnis, P.M.; Lennox Browne, P.M.; William Westcott, George P. Parker, Edward Hornidge, Walter Evans, and Ernest Jackson. Visitor: S. Herbert Shoppee, Bon Accord Lodge (T.I.).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, Bro. Captain Henry Wright was installed in the chair by Bro. H. W. Kiallmark. The W.M. appointed the following members to officiate during his year of office: Bros. A. W. Peckham, S.W.; Charles M. Jessop, J.W.; Raymond Tucker, M.O.; Harry Seymour Foster, M.P., S.O.; Baron de Bush, J.O.; H. W. Kiallmark, Treas.; Dr. Danford Thomas, Sec.; J. H. Bradshaw, S.D.; William Westcott, J.D.; Geo. Phillips Parker, I.G.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. Bros. Walter Evans, Ernest Jackson, and Edward Hornidge, of 1718, having been balloted for and unanimously elected, were introduced and advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the newly-installed W.M. The Treasurer announced that all debts were paid, and the arrears would leave a good balance to the credit of the lodge.

The brethren afterwards dined together at Freemasons' Tavern.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Chorlton Lodge (No. 394).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Hy. Wells, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. C. Beaver, P.M., W.M. 2363, was advanced by the W.M. The latter portion of the ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Crompton, P.M., Bro. Charles Heywood, P.M., acting as Senior Deacon. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Hy. Wells, W.M.; Harry Nall, S.W.; Thos. Griffiths, J.W.; Thos. W. Bone, S.O.; F. W. Jordan, J.O.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; J. H. Marsh, Prov. A.G. Sec.; R. of M.; J. Crompton, Sec.; Arthur Middleton, P.G. Std. Br.; James G. Batty, I.G.; C. Heywood, P.P.S.G.O.; Sam. Locke, P.M., P.G. Treas.; and W. Chesshyre. Visitor: Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org.

GREENWICH.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 332).—

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the King William the Fourth Hotel, when Bro. G. Burney, sen., S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Burney, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates, and proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M. (Hon), P.M. 309, P.P.G.M.O., took the position of Installing Officer, and duly installed Bro. G. Burney into the chair of A. The W.M. appointed and invested those of his officers who were present as follows: Bros. W. H. Burney, I.P.M.; G. Burney, jun., S.W.; R. H. Brutton, J.W.; W. J. Huntley, M.O.; H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.I. of Wks., S.O.; Dr. H. Partridge, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., J.O.; Dr. Walter C. Burney, M.D., P.M., P.P.G. Reg. of Mks., Treas.; G. P. Carter, P.M., Sec.; S. J. Gore, P.M., I.G.; and E. Spinks, Tyler. Bro. C. Jolly, P.M. 226 and 309, P.P.J.G.D., then, by special request of Bro. Bateman, who was suffering from a severe cold, gave the addresses, and concluded the ceremony of installation; both Bros. Bateman and Jolly were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed in the minutes of the lodge, for their services. Bro. W. H. Burney, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet that followed was one of Bro. G. Burney's special efforts, and consequently gave every satisfaction.

The usual loyal, Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge toasts were honoured.

Bro. Burney was cordially greeted, and the toast of his health received and drunk enthusiastically. His response was brief and to the point, as were the other responses.

Bro. Kipps (Hon.) P.M., responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Bro. W. Burney for "The Past Masters."

Bro. C. Jolly responded for "The Visitors," and then harmony and social chat helped to pass away a few pleasant hours till the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The Three British Supreme Councils, 33°, will meet next week in Edinburgh at the new hall of the Scotch Supreme Council, in Queen-street. The work will cover three days—from Tuesday, the 9th, to Thursday, the 11th inclusive—and will comprise besides a conference of the Councils, the working of the 18th, 30th, 31st, and 33rd Degrees of the Rite, while the banquets will be presided over by Bros. the Earl of Kintore, the Marquis of Breadalbane, and Lord Saltoun. We learn further that the opportunity will be taken for a conference between the Grand Priorities of the Temple of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following addition to a list already entered in the Returns has been received this week:

Lodge		£	s.	d.
1319 Bro. W. S. Penley, additional	...	105	0	0
(raising his list to £208 15s.)				

The above sum is a further personal donation from Bro. Penley, and constitutes that brother a Patron of the Benevolent Institution. The total of the Returns now exceeds £14,600, so that a sum of about £500 has been added since the day on which the Festival itself was held and the announcement of donations and subscriptions made.

PROVINCE OF CHESHIRE.

The Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire and the brethren who are Life Governors of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution had a very busy day on the 27th ult.

The Committee of Benevolence met at 12 o'clock at the Creve Arms Hotel, Crewe, to consider petitions for relief and to elect a Vice-Chairman, which office had been rendered vacant by the election of Bro. Jno. Clayton to the office of Chairman. There was an unusually large attendance, and at one time it seemed as if there would have been a contest for the Vice-Chairmanship of the Committee. However, wise and judicious counsels having their influence, Bro. Lieut. Col. Dean, 2375, was unanimously elected to that important office.

At two o'clock in the afternoon an adjourned Special Court of Governors of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution was held, Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., in the chair.

The Special Court met for the purpose of considering the revised by-laws, and the report of the Committee appointed to revise the same. The object of such revision was for the purpose of vesting the management of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution in the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire, in pursuance of the resolution which our readers will remember was brought forward by Bro. F. Broadsmith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., in June of last year.

At a Special Court of Governors held in October last, that resolution was carried, and a Committee appointed to give effect to it. Bro. Broadsmith was, of course, a member of the Committee, and, thanks to his skill and ability, the outcome has been the production by the Committee of such a set of laws for the management of the affairs of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution as must of necessity be in the highest degree advantageous to its interests, promote its usefulness, and ensure additional support. The best thanks of the province are due to Bro. Broadsmith for the untiring energy he has displayed in connection with this matter.

The report of the Committee appointed to revise the by-laws was read and adopted, the by-laws taken seriatim and agreed to, and then recommended to the annual Court of Governors for adoption.

The Annual Court was held at three o'clock for the purpose of receiving the Treasurer's accounts, the report of the Auditors, to confirm the recommendations of the General Committee, to place new candidates on the funds of the Institution, and to renew grants in favour of children already on the books.

Eight children (new applications) were elected to the benefits of the Institution.

A grant for advancement in life was made in one case, and about 40 grants to children by way of renewal of prior grants were made for another year.

The Annual Court then proceeded to deal with the recommendations of the Special Court, and the new by-laws for the management of the Institution by the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire were passed and confirmed.

Bro. F. K. Stevenson was elected Hon. Sec. of the Institution; Bro. Sim, Treas.; Bro. Clayton, Hon. Solicitor; and the Auditors and other officers were appointed, the business of the evening terminating at 4.30 p.m.

Truly a busy day devoted to the cause of Masonic

Charity, whilst the numerous body of brethren who attended the meetings and the interest shown in the proceedings prove that the welfare and success of their local Charities is dear to the hearts of the Cheshire brethren, and that the change is a step in the right direction.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. W. Nicole, W.M.; G. T. Peall, S.W.; R. P. Upton, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. Isler, S.D.; G. Yexley, J.D.; E. P. Woodman, I.G.; J. W. Clarke P.M.; D. C. Ritchie, W. Rapley, and M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Rapley being the candidate. Bro. Peall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2046).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 30th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street. Present: Bros. H. Whyman, P.M., W.M.; E. Gratwick, S.W.; F. W. Wright, P.M., J.W.; H. Potvine, Sec.; T. D. Lyle, P.M., S.D.; T. W. Neech, P.M., J.D.; L. W. Stansell, I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler; F. Blake, P.M.; J. B. Groom, P.M.; and W. B. Stonhan, P.M. Visitors: Bros. G. Fowler and P. Good.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. Wright then took the chair, and resumed the lodge to the Third Degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Wright for his attendance and help, and also to Bro. Whyman. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 753).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 28th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., when there were present Comps. C. Coleman, M.E.Z.; C. Kempton, P.Z., H.; R. T. Redfearn, J.; W. Parsons, S.E.; J. C. Kruse, S.N.; Major E. J. Reed, P.S.; R. Miliken, P.Z., 1st A.S.; J. Weston, P.Z.; and W. P. Clark.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Clark personating the candidate. The ceremony of installation of the Second Principal was afterwards worked by Comp. Weston, P.Z. Comp. Kempton, P.Z., was elected M.E.Z. for the next fortnight, and Comp. Weston, arranged to work the ceremony of installation of the First Chair, on Thursday, the 25th inst. The chapter was then closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bridge-road, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. W. Hancock, M.E.Z. gr and 1614; J. Bailey, P.Z. 1602; C. Butter, J. 1196; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. C. Conway, M.E.Z. 1891, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, H. 862, Treas.; G. Gregory, J. 862, P.S.; Major E. Reed, 1st A.S.; and W. Hillier, 834.

The chapter was declared opened for the purpose of improvement, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hillier being the candidate. A vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Hancock for the admirable manner he had rehearsed the duties of M.E.Z. for the first time in the chapter of improvement, which compliment was duly acknowledged. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 29th ult., when there were present: Comps. T. Grumman, M.E.Z.; Benedetti, H.; Cureton, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Barr, S.N.; Elgar, P.S.; T. Grumman, acting Preceptor; Addington, North, and Telling.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. H. Pullen personating the candidate. Comp. Benedetti H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. T. Grumman, P.Z., and S.E. 1275, very kindly, with the unanimous wish of the companions, undertook the office of Preceptor, which was rendered vacant through unavoidable circumstances. The chapter was then closed.

The weekly convocations will be held as usual, and all Royal Arch Masons will be heartily welcomed. The ceremonies of installation will be rehearsed as desired after the exaltation ceremony.

Obituary.

BRO. LORD ALCESTER, P.G.W.

Bro. Lord Alcester, who had been ill for some time, died on Saturday morning, the 30th ult., at his London residence in Ryder-street, St. James's. The Right Hon. Frederick Beauchamp Paget Seymour, G.C.B., Baron Alcester, who was born in London, on April 12, 1821, was the only surviving son of the late Sir Horace Beauchamp Seymour, M.P., and was a grandson of Vice-Admiral Lord Hugh Seymour. He was educated at Eton, and entered the Royal Navy at the age of 13,

receiving his lieutenant's commission eight years later. He served as a volunteer in the Burmese War of 1852-53 as *aide-de-camp* to General Godwin, and led the Fusiliers to the capture of the Pagoda at Pegu. He was also present in numerous other engagements, and was four times gazetted, also receiving the Burmese medal with the clasp of Pegu, and the Baltic medal for his services against the Russians in the White Sea. He became captain in 1854 and in 1860-61 was commodore in command of the Naval Brigade in New Zealand. In the operations of the Brigade he fought with distinction, and was severely wounded on June 27, 1860. He was subsequently made a C.B., and in 1866 was appointed *aide-de-camp* to the Queen. In 1866-70 he acted in the capacity of private secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, and in 1870 was made a rear-admiral. During the years 1870-72 he commanded the Detached Squadron, and in 1874-77 the Channel Squadron. In the interval he had been a Lord of the Admiralty, and had been made a vice-admiral. In 1877 he was made a K.C.B. and Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean. In 1880 he was given the supreme command of the Allied Fleet of the European Powers, which was posted on the Albanian coast when the Turks refused to cede Dulcigno to Montenegro. The Porte yielded, the fleet was dispersed, and Sir Beauchamp Seymour received the thanks of the Government and the Grand Cross of Bath. In 1882 he became admiral, and took a conspicuous part as Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. On July 6 he demanded of Arabi Pacha the instant cessation of the works on the forts at Alexandria, under penalty of bombardment; and on the 10th dispatched an ultimatum to the Egyptian Ministry demanding, not only the cessation of all defensive works, but also the surrender of the forts at the mouth of the harbour. This being refused, early on the morning of the 11th, eight British ironclads and five gunboats advanced to the attack, and the forts were, in a few hours, laid in ruins or silenced, with slight loss on the British side, and with trifling damage to the ships. For his services he received the thanks of Parliament, was voted the sum of £20,000, and was elevated to the peerage as Baron Alcester of Alcester, in the county of Warwick. He was decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Osmanieh, and made Hon. D.C.L. at Oxford in 1885. As Lord Alcester was unmarried, the peerage becomes extinct. Of his lordship's Masonic career, we are unable to furnish more than a few details. He was a man of too little leisure to be able to devote much time to the affairs of Masonry. All we can say is that he was initiated in 1879, and that in 1890 his Royal Highness the Grand Master was pleased to confer upon him the rank of Senior Grand Warden. On his retirement from active service he was an occasional, but always welcome, visitor at many of our best known lodges in the London district. But though for the reasons we have stated, he took so slight a part in our affairs, he was very popular with the Craft, and will always be remembered with respect for his geniality and *bonhomie*.

BRO. COUNCILLOR BAGNALL.

We regret to announce that the death took place, on Tuesday, the 26th ultimo, after a lingering illness, at his residence in Cheetham, of Bro. Councillor William Bagnall, of the Red Bank Oilworks. He had long been esteemed for his work in connection with various religious and philanthropic organisations in the neighbourhood of Red Bank. He entered the city council in June, 1888, as a representative of Collegiate Church Ward, in succession to the late Mr. Robert Affleck, and became an active member of the Parks, Baths, and Gas Committee, taking special interest in the provision of playgrounds, open spaces, and public baths for the Red Bank and Cheetham districts. He was a member of the Affability Lodge, No. 317, in this city, and always took an active part in the ceremonies performed. He was P.P.S.G.D. of East Lancashire.

EASTER RAILWAY FACILITIES.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their City and West-end offices, viz.—193 and 407, Oxford-street, W.; 181, Tottenham Court-road, W.; 23, New Oxford-street, W.C.; Gloucester Mansions, Cambridge-circus, Shaftesbury-avenue, W.C.; "The Piazza," Covent Garden Market, W.C.; 29, Charing Cross, S.W.; 26, Regent-street, S.W.; 17, Brompton-road, S.W.; 137, Borough High-street (Nag's Head Yard), S.E.; 4, Holborn-circus, E.C.; Minorities (opposite Goodman's Yard): 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge, E.C.; 82, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.; 67, Gresham-street, E.C.; 4, Cheapside, E.C.; 269, Strand, W.C.; and at the L.B. and S.C. Company's excursion office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar Square, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the whole week preceding Easter. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria (L.C. and D.R.), Kensington (Addison-road), Aldgate, the stations on the Hammer-smith and City line, and at most of the stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways. The booking office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, before Easter. Cheap tickets at special low fares and available from April 11th to 15th will be issued from London to Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and certain other stations in the South and West of England. Tickets at 25s. return, available for 14 days, will also be issued for use on April 11th, 13th, and 15th, to Guernsey and Jersey. On Thursday, April 11th,

an excursion reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours, will leave Paddington at 7.53 a.m. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Yeovil, Weymouth, Oxford, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, &c. On Good Friday cheap trains will run to Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, April 13th, an excursion will run to Bath and Bristol, and on Monday excursions will be made to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. In addition to these excursions, cheap trains will be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population. On the Thursday before Easter most of the long distance trains will be duplicated; the first portion, as a general rule, will take passengers for the longer distances, and the second those for less distant places. On Good Friday, the trains will run as on Sundays, with the addition of the 5.30 a.m. newspaper train, which will run as far as Oxford, Exeter, and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts, and at Bathampton (by special stop) with the 8.47 a.m. train from Bathampton to the Weymouth Line. Cheap third class excursion tickets will be issued on Good Friday, Saturday, April 13th, Easter Sunday and Monday, by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington, (Addison-road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, and other popular riverside resorts.

LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN.

The London and North Western Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be opened throughout the day, from Monday, April 8th, to Easter Monday, April 15th, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of the passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the town receiving offices of the company. On Thursday, April 11th, a special express will leave Willesden at 2.55 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Weedon, Blisworth, Welton, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford; a special express will leave Euston Station at 4.25 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction and Coventry, arriving at Birmingham (New-street) at 6.50 p.m.; the 12.0 midnight train from Euston will be extended from Warrington to Preston on Good Friday morning, arriving at Preston 6.2 a.m. On Good Friday, April 12th, the newspaper express train from London (Euston Station) will run to Blisworth, Northampton, Rugby, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Shrewsbury, Crewe, Runcorn, Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and Aberdeen. A train will leave Manchester at 9.30 a.m. for Wigan, where passengers for Preston and the North can join the newspaper train. The 4.30 p.m. train, Carlisle to Preston, will be extended to Wigan, Liverpool, St. Helens, Tyldesley, Bolton, and Manchester. The 10.45 a.m., Crewe to Holyhead, and 1.0 p.m., Holyhead to Chester, will not be run. A special train will leave Euston at 10.5 a.m. for Cheddington, calling at Willesden, Watford, King's Langley, Boxmoor, Berkhamstead, and Tring. On Good Friday the usual Sunday service of trains will be run. On Friday night and Saturday morning, April 12th and 13th, the 11.41 p.m. and 12.5 a.m. trains from Carlisle will run as usual; the 12.5 a.m. will call at Oxenholme and Carnforth when required; the 12.10 a.m., Holyhead to Crewe, 4.30 a.m., Holyhead to Chester, and 2.32 a.m., Chester to Liverpool, will not be run on Saturday morning, there being no boats from North Wall or Greenore on the evening of Good Friday. By special arrangement with the Postmaster-General, a sleeping saloon for first class passengers and an ordinary carriage for first and third class passengers will be attached to the 8.30 p.m. Postal Express from London (Euston Station) on Good Friday night, April 12th, for the conveyance of passengers booked from London to Dumfries, stations on the Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Railways, Stranraer, Larne, and stations in Ireland on the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway. On Sunday, April 14th, a special train will leave Euston at 10.5 a.m. for Cheddington, calling at Willesden, Watford, King's Langley, Boxmoor, Berkhamstead, and Tring. On Bank Holiday, Easter Monday, April 15th, the 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. trains from Euston will leave at 12.10 noon and 4.10 p.m. respectively. The 4.30 p.m. train from Euston will not run—passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m., except those for Peterboro', Market Harboro', Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, and the Great Northern Line, who on this date will travel by the 3.15 p.m. train from Euston. The 7.30 a.m., Birmingham to London, will run via Northampton and Blisworth, and call at Kilsby and Crick, Long Buckby, Althorp Park, Wolverton, Leighton, and Cheddington, in addition to its ordinary stoppages, reaching Euston 10.35 a.m. The up and down dining saloons between London, Liverpool, and Manchester will not run on Easter Monday, April 15th, but the corridor dining car trains between London and Edinburgh and Glasgow will be run as usual. Numerous residential trains will also be discontinued the particulars of which will be advertised locally. The company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London, and Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Warwick, Coventry, Walsall, Burton, Derby, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, the Cambrian Line, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, Scotland, and numerous other places on the occasion of the Easter Holidays.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

On Good Friday, the trains on the Midland Railway will run as appointed for Sundays, with the following exceptions: The Newspaper Express, leaving St Pancras at 5.15 a.m., will run to Bedford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, and Manchester. The 8.55 a.m., local train, Sheffield to Leeds, &c., will await the arrival of the Newspaper Express at Sheffield. The Up Night Express, leaving Edinburgh at 9.45 p.m., Glasgow at 9.45 p.m., and Carlisle at 12.38 a.m. for London, will run on Good Friday night, April 12th,

and Saturday morning, April 13th, the same as on ordinary week-days. The 3.32 a.m. Carlisle to Stranraer, and 8.50 p.m. Stranraer to Carlisle, in connection with steamers to and from Ireland, will run on Good Friday, the same as on ordinary week-days. The steamers between Barrow and Belfast will sail on Good Friday in both directions. That from Barrow will await the arrival of the 4.5 p.m. train from Leeds. To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, April 10th, 11th, and 13th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their offices. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. On Thursday, April 11th, cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., &c., returning the following Tuesday; and from London (St. Pancras) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, Stirling, Aberdeen, &c., returning Monday, April 15th, or Friday, April 19th. Tickets will also be issued by the Scotch Excursion at a single ordinary third class fare for the double journey, available for returning on any day within 16 days from date of issue. Cheap week-end and day excursion tickets will also be issued to Southend-on-Sea during the Easter holidays, for particulars of which see special bills. Tickets for joining the trains at St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the offices of the Company. Cheap excursion trains for six days will also be run on Thursday, April 11th, to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Lincoln, Newark, &c., &c.; and on Good Friday, April 12th, from Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Manchester, &c., for two or four days, and from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Leicester, &c., for one, four, or five days. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, and other South Coast stations, and to the Continent; those for the Continent having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. Cheap three days' trips will also be run to London on Friday night, April 12th, from Colne, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, &c., and on Saturday, April 13th, from Manchester, &c. On Easter Monday, single day trips will be run from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Northampton, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, &c., and a one or two days' trips from Birmingham and the South Stafford District.

GREAT NORTHERN.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on the night of Thursday, April 11th, a cheap excursion will leave London (Woolwich Arsenal, Woolwich Dockyard, Victoria (L.C. and D.), Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, &c.), for Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Helensburgh, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Oban, Montrose, Aberdeen, Inverness, and other stations in Scotland, returning on Monday, 15th, or Friday, 19th April. Tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by above excursion to places named, available for return by one fixed train on any day within 16 days, including days of issue and return. On same day cheap excursions will also be run for six days to and from London (King's Cross) and Scarborough, Whitby, York, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Leeds, Wakefield, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln, Gainsborough, Lynn, Yarmouth, Norwich, Spalding, Wisbech, Cambridge, St. Ives, Ramsey, &c. On Good Friday, April 12th, the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run through to Lincoln, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, York, Newcastle, and Scotland.—Cheap two or four days' excursions will be run from Manchester, Oldham, Sheffield, Hull, Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, York, &c., to London. On Saturday, April 13th, cheap three days' excursion trains will be run from Liverpool, Southport, Stockport, Warrington, Manchester, Oldham, Huddersfield, Wigan, &c., to King's Cross. On Easter Monday, April 15th, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L.C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. A cheap day excursion will also be run from Moorgate, King's Cross, Holloway, Finsbury Park, &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Cheap day excursions to London will be run from Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln, Peterboro', Huntingdon, Cambridge, Luton, Dunstable, &c. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park stations, and at the various ticket offices of the Company.

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SECOND APPLICATION.

The favour of your VOTES and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of

SILVANUS GUY WOOD,
Aged 9 years.

His father is a Commercial Traveller on commission, residing at Bellevue, Uckfield, Sussex. His mother, who suffered from epilepsy, is dead. Five children are dependent on their father, between the ages of 7 and 15 years. SILVANUS has been imbecile from birth. The Case is for election by Part Payment of £21 per annum.

This case is strongly recommended by the following Ladies and Gentlemen—

J. Cooper, Esq., J.P., Campbell-square, Northampton; the Misses Cardale, Belmon, Uckfield; Miss Fitznugh, Manor House, Uckfield; Francis Barchard, Esq., J.P., Horsted Place; Lieut.-General Clarke, Church House, Uckfield; and R. J. Streatfield, J.P., The Rocks, Uckfield.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the Father.



WE MUST REMIND our readers that the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at Freemasons' Hall, this (Friday) afternoon, at about 4 p.m., when the various officers will be appointed, and the preliminary measures for the gathering will be arranged.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m.

THE EIGHTH anniversary dinner of the Devonians in London was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Viscount Sidmouth.

BRO. THE Duke and Duchess of Devonshire have offered a prize for competition in the Battle of Flowers, which will take place at Eastbourne on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

THE 52ND Anniversary Festival of the Royal Metal Trade's Pension Society will be held in the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers sometime during the month of May.

HIS EXCELLENCY the United States Ambassador has very kindly promised to preside as chairman at the festival dinner which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole, on the 1st May, in aid of King's College Hospital.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has very kindly promised to visit Exeter on the anniversary of the Queen's birthday for the purpose of unveiling the memorial erected in honour of the late Sir John Bucknill, the father of the Volunteer Movement.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES before leaving Cannes presented the Mayor with 500 francs for the poor, and 150 francs for the police of the port, where the Britannia and other yachts have been so pleasantly berthed during their stay.

HER MAJESTY'S first-class cruiser Crescent, bearing the flag of Vice-Admiral Erskine, sailed from Portsmouth on Wednesday morning for Bermuda and Halifax, to relieve the Blake, flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir J. O. Hopkins, in command of the British Fleet on the North American and West India Station.

WE REGRET to announce the death of Bro. Sir Charles Mills, the Agent General in London for the Cape of Good Hope. The sad event occurred on Sunday afternoon last after only a few days' illness. He had served in many offices at the Cape, and had held the Agency General for the last 13 years.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Marlborough House for Sandringham on Saturday last. Previous to their departure his Royal Highness presided at a meeting of his Council at the offices of the Duchy of Cornwall, Buckingham-gate.

IT IS REPORTED that the condition of the Czarewitch, brother of the Czar, is very serious. His Imperial Highness has been staying for some time at Algiers, but according to the latest news, both of his lungs are affected, and one very seriously. If this proves true, the visit of the Dowager Empress of Russia to the Danish Court will be shortened.

THE APPEAL of the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Sir Thomas Renals) and the Mansion House Committee for funds to enable the test work of the unemployed to be resumed has resulted, so far, in contributions amounting to upwards of £800, among the more recent donors being Bro. the Duke of Bedford, £100, and the Clothworkers' Company, £50.

BRO. J. L. TOOLE, though he has been making good progress towards recovery, has not yet been able to leave for the seaside, though he hopes to be able to reach there before the end of the present week. In consequence, his re-appearance at Toole's Theatre in "Thorough-bred" will be somewhat later than Easter, at which it was recently fixed.

THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER on behalf of the German Society of Benevolence was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on the 30th ult., under the presidency of Mr. Alexander Siemens, the subscriptions announced in the course of the evening amounting to £1552, in which were included £50 from the German Emperor and a like sum from the Emperor of Austria.

AMONG the guests at the dinner party given by the Countess Stanhope at her residence in Grosvenor-place on Saturday evening last were the French Ambassador, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Erne, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Bro. Lord and Lady Halsbury, Bro. Lord Ashbourne, and Bros. Akers-Douglas, M.P.; Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P.; and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.

THE FREE HOME FOR THE DYING at 82, The Chase, Clapham, S.W., was opened after an appeal inserted in the Times on Christmas Day, 1891. It provides 10 beds for poor persons who are certified to be in a dying state and have neither home nor friends to help them, one of the beds having been established under the name of "Our Brother's" for the benefit of indigent brethren who are sick unto death and are unable to find help in other quarters. The Institution which is entirely dependent upon Charity for its means, is well worthy of support, and we earnestly appeal to our readers to contribute towards the maintenance of "Our Brother's" Bed. The sum required for the current year is £100, of which about one-fifth has already been obtained. It only needs therefore that a very moderate number of lodges and brethren should combine together and give five shillings each in order to complete the amount we have mentioned. May we hope that our readers will help in so meritorious a cause by remitting contributions either to William Hoare, Esq., Hon. Treas., The Brewery, Lower East Smithfield; Miss Clara Marie Hole, at the Home, 82, The Chase, Clapham, S.W.; or Bro. W. Portlock-Dadson, Hon. Sec., at the Offices, 281, Strand, W.C., to whom all cheques and postal orders crossed "Messrs. C. Hoare and Co.," should be made payable.

AT A LARGE MEETING in the Masonic Hall, Toronto-street, of the Past Masters' Association of Toronto, a paper which our worthy contemporary, *The Canadian Craftsman*, describes as excellent, was read by Bro. Kappele, entitled, "Masonry the Science of Human Friendship."

ON THE same authority we learn that Royal Arch Masonry is making considerable progress at the present time in Canada. The visits of Comps. Robertson and Sargent have had the effect of waking up the companions to a greater degree of interest in this most beautiful branch of pure and ancient Masonry.

THE REMAINS of our late Bro. Lord Alcester were cremated on Wednesday at Woking, and simultaneously a memorial service was held in the Chapel Royal, St. James's, at which there were present representatives of the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught, and of the Emperor William of Germany, and amongst many others Bros. the Marquis of Hertford and the Earl of Wharnccliffe, the Earls of Lucan and Camperdown, Bro. Lord Carrington, Earl Fortescue, Lord Colville of Culross, and Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, and others.

THE *Voice of Masonry* announces the death, at his residence in Salem, on the 15th January last, of Bro. Stephen F. Chadwick, who for upwards of a quarter of a century had served as Grand Secretary and on the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Bro. Chadwick, who was in his 70th year, was initiated in 1856, and had served successively as Junior and Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, previous to holding the office of Grand Secretary. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, and had taken the 33° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

IT HAS BEEN arranged that a short series of orchestral concerts shall be held at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, W., on Sunday evenings under the auspices of Mr. Randegger, with Mr. J. T. Carrodus as leader. The orchestra will be composed entirely of our most prominent instrumentalists, and the opening concert will take place on Sunday next, the 7th inst., when Madame Belle Cole and Mr. Andrew Black will be the vocalists. Admission will be free, but reserved seats will be charged for at prices ranging from sixpence to half-a-crown.

THE 36TH ANNUAL MEETING of the Institute of Naval Architects was held in the rooms of the Society of Arts, on Wednesday afternoon, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Brassey, when a number of papers of great interest were read. In the evening the annual dinner took place at the Holborn Restaurant, the chair being again occupied by Bro. Lord Brassey, while among the guests were Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, and Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth, Sir Edward Harland M.P., Mr. Bryce, M.P., Admiral Sir John Hay, and others to the number of about 200.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS, 1895.—The Great Northern Railway Company have issued a handy and compendious list of the principal Agricultural Shows to be held throughout the country during the year 1895 and to and from which they carry. Some useful information is added as to the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Darlington in June next, for which the Great Northern Company's "Express" route to and from London, and the various railways south of the Thames, appear to be specially suitable. Their representatives will attend on the show grounds, and be prepared to give full particulars of rates and times of transit. The list is mounted on linen card, conveniently folded for pocket, and copies may be had on application to the company's agents or to Mr. J. Medcalf, Out-door Goods Manager, King's Cross Station, London, N.

THE BRODERERS' COMPANY have lost a Past Master and one of its oldest members by the death on Friday, the 29th ult., of Bro. George Henley Barber, senior member of the firm of G. H. Barber and Son, Solicitors, 13, St. Swithin's-lane. The deceased had been suffering from laryngitis for the past three months, and for a few weeks past had been staying at St. Leonards-on-Sea. He appeared to be progressing favourably until Friday last, when he became suddenly worse and passed away. At the time of his death he was the auditor of the Broderers' Company, of which guild his son (Mr. G. W. Barber) is the present clerk. He was a Justice of the Peace for Middlesex, and a prominent Freemason, being a member of the Burlington Lodge, No. 96. Bro. Barber, who was 62 years of age, leaves a widow (Julia, the daughter of the late Mr. James Shoolbred, of Tottenham Court-road), three sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss.

THE LAST MATCH played by Mr. Stoddart's Eleven before leaving the Antipodes for home terminated in a great victory for England. It was played against the South Australian Eleven at Adelaide, in the presence, each day that it lasted, of crowds of spectators. The Colonials started, and had the satisfaction of compiling the very substantial total of 397, of which Hill, who carried his bat out, made 150. To this England replied with the magnificent score of 609, towards which Ward contributed 219, Mr. Ford 106, and Brown 101, while five of the remainder reached double figures. In their second venture the South Australians fared somewhat badly, the number they compiled being only 255, so that England had only 44 runs to make to win. Their difficulty was that there remained only 25 minutes for play. However, Brockwell and Mr. Ford, who are both hard hitters, were sent in, and in 22 minutes put together the necessary number, plus one, England being thus victorious by 10 wickets. The Eleven are now on their way home, having won eight of the 12 matches played on level terms, the four in which they were defeated being two out of the five test matches with the whole of Australia, the opening match of the tour, with South Australia, and one with Victoria. We may expect to see Mr. Stoddart and his merry men back in England early in May, when our own cricket season will have set in.

Good Spirits.—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach and improving digestion. They entirely remove the sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue, and act as a wholesome stimulant to the liver, and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK attended a meeting at St. Martin's Vestry Hall on the 30th ult. and distributed the prizes to the successful pupils of the High School of the Royal Parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

WE READ in the *Voice of Masonry* that the brethren in Kentucky are raising a centennial fund, towards which subscriptions amounting to over 4400 dollars have been already received. The sum they are endeavouring to obtain is 50,000 dollars.

A SQUADRON of the Middlesex Yeomanry Cavalry, under the command of Captain William Duncan, will leave London on the 11th inst., in order to take part in the Easter manoeuvres of Lord Belhaven's Surrey Volunteer Infantry Brigade, at Brighton.

IN THE report we published last week of the installation meeting of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge, we regret to say we omitted to mention that the duty of installing Bro. W. H. Reed in the chair of W.M. for the current year was performed, and very ably and impressively performed, by Bro. H. J. Bragg, the present I.P.M.

WE HAVE been requested to announce that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 144, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, S.W., on Friday, the 12th inst., commencing at 6.30 p.m., precisely. Bro. F. Stutfield, P.M. 144, is the Secretary of this lodge of instruction, which holds its meetings, all the year round, on Thursday evening, at 8 p.m.

THE 32ND annual Horse Show will be held jointly by the Royal Agricultural Company and the English Horse Show Society at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, from the 11th to the 17th May. New classes have been established for harness horses, both single and double, and novice classes, both riding and driving, for animals that have not previously won prizes of over £5 in value. The Show will be managed by the same Committee as in previous years.

THE BIENNIAL festival in aid of the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Bros. Lord Halsbury, Justice Gainsford Bruce, and General Sir Redvers Buller, and F.M. Sir Donald Stewart were among the most prominent guests. The subscriptions amounted to £4440, including £20 from the Chairman and £15 15s. from the Duke of Connaught.

THE REGIMENTS of Household Cavalry made their usual change of quarters on Wednesday, the 2nd Life Guards leaving Knightsbridge for Windsor, taking over the quarters of the Royal Horse Guards, the Royal Horse Guards going to the Albany-street Barracks, and the 1st Life Guards from the latter to Knightsbridge. The battalions of the Foot Guards will not change their quarters till September, after the Army Manoeuvres, under the Duke of Connaught, in the New Forest, to which they will contribute a brigade.

THE FUNERAL of Field-Marshal Sir Patrick Grant, G.C.B., Governor of Chelsea Hospital took place in Brompton Cemetery, on Thursday, the troops in attendance being about 700 or 800. The first portion of the service was performed in the Hospital Chapel. Among the many distinguished officers present were the Duke of Cambridge, Field-Marshal Bro. Lord Wolesley, Field-Marshal Sir D. Stewart and Sir L. Summers, Bros. Sir Redvers Buller, and others. The remaining portion of the service was held at the graveside.

THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY HOTEL, HARWICH.—We are very pleased to learn that the pleasure trips which were organised last year by the management of this hotel in connection with the Great Eastern Railway Company will be renewed during the approaching season, and that lodges in search of new resorts for their summer outings will have the opportunity of visiting those places of interest, with which this line is in communication, and within easy access from the port of Harwich, whence its lines of steamers start daily for the Continent and elsewhere. Last year, the Clapton Lodge, No. 1305, which meets at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, enlisted the aid of the Great Eastern Railway Company in arranging and carrying out its usual summer trip, and it had every reason to be gratified with what was done on its behalf. The party, including ladies, friends, and brethren to the number of over 100, were accommodated in four saloon carriages attached to an early morning train, and conveyed comfortably to Harwich, where luncheon was served. They then boarded the good ship Orwell for a most delightful excursion up the Orwell to Ipswich. Returning thence to the Great Eastern Hotel at Harwich they found a choice banquet awaiting them. After doing justice to this and honouring the few toasts which are proposed on these occasions, the party returned to town with the same comfort as they had experienced on the out journey, and reached Liverpool-street terminus about 10.30 p.m., having thoroughly enjoyed themselves throughout. The arrangements, from first to last, were in the hands of Bro. H. C. Amendt, the manager of the Hotel Department, who carried them out most successfully to the great satisfaction of every member of the party, and, with this experience to guide us, we have great pleasure in recommending lodges who make summer excursions to consult him when the time comes for their trips. We are confident they will be well and generously treated.

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