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## MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1897.

Notwithstanding the numerous calls made upon the brethren individually in respect of Diamond Jubilee Commemoration Funds and for ordinary charitable purposes, the aggregate of their contributions during 1897 to our three Masonic Institutions, as well as of the total incomes of those Charities for that year, is substantially larger than in any other year since 1892, when the Benevolent Institution celebrated its Jubilee, and the Donations and Subscriptions raised in its behalf were exceptionally formidable in amount. In 1893, the total received by the three Institutions reached £59,051 14s. 9d., of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution obtained £20,436 2s. 8d.; the Girls' School, £17,052 3s. 2d.; and the Boys' School, £21,563 8s. 1d. In 1894, it reached £65,912 7s. 8d., the Benevolent receiving £20,782 3s. 11d.; the Girls' School, £20,043 7s. 1d.; and the Boys' School, £24,186 16s. 8d. In 1895, there was a falling off, and the total only amounted to £62,628 9s. 1d., the Benevolent share being £21,720 10s. 6d.; that of the Girls' School, £18,211 0s. 6d.; and that of the Boys' School, £22,696 18s. 1d. In 1896, there was a great recovery, and the aggregate reached £68,918 2s. 5d., the Benevolent receiving £25,650 16s. 6d.; the Girls' School, £19,664 3s. 11d.; and the Boys' School, £23,603 2s. In 1897, the total, exclusive of the £6000 voted in equal parts among the three Institutions, was £71,837 19s. 11d., of which the Benevolent Institution had the good fortune to receive £27,129 0s. 1d.; the Girls' School, £21,405 14s. 3d.; and the Boys' School, £23,303 5s. 7d. Had the grants voted by Grand Lodge been paid within the period of the account each Institution would have been the richer by £2000, and the year's aggregate would have been £77,837 19s. 11d. The principal item of receipt in each year is the "Donations and Subscriptions," and in comparing the totals of their contributions with the returns as finally settled for the three Festivals, we have every reason to be satisfied. Thus, as regards the Benevolent Institution, the Donations and Subscriptions amount to £19,442 1s. 1d., while the returns for the Festival, under the Duke of CONNAUGHT, ultimately reached £19,083. For the Girls' School, the "Donations and Subscriptions" are entered as £17,412 6s. 5d., and the Festival returns amounted to £16,026; while for the Boys' School, the "Donations and Subscriptions" are £19,321 6s. 7d., and the product of the Festival was £15,031. The other items of receipt are of the usual character, with one exception, there being a sum of £1166 14s. 6d. paid over to each of the Institutions, the

three payments amounting together to one half of the total amount of the fees paid for admission to the Masonic gathering in the Royal Albert Hall on the 14th June, the other half, amounting to £3512, being handed over to the Prince of WALES's Hospital Fund.

The following are the Statements of Receipt by each Institution, for which we are indebted to the courtesy of the respective Secretaries—Bros. TERRY, HEDGES, and MCLEOD:

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Donations and Subscriptions ... ..	£19,442	1	1
Grand Lodge ... ..	1600	0	0
Grand Chapter ... ..	150	0	0
Proportion of Admission Fees Royal Albert Hall ... ..	1166	14	6
Dividends ... ..	4629	18	6
Legacy ... ..	90	0	0
Interest on Cash at Call ... ..	50	6	0
	£27,129	0	1

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Donations and Subscriptions ... ..	£17,412	6	5
Grand Lodge ... ..	150	0	0
Grand Chapter ... ..	10	10	0
Proportion of Admission Fees Royal Albert Hall ... ..	1166	14	6
Dividends ... ..	2324	1	10
Interests on Deposits ... ..	44	17	7
Receipts for Musical Instruction ... ..	120	0	0
Legacy ... ..	100	0	0
Miscellaneous Receipts ... ..	77	3	11
	£21,405	14	3

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Donations and Subscriptions ... ..	£19,321	6	7
Grand Lodge ... ..	150	0	0
Grand Chapter ... ..	10	10	0
Proportion of Admission Fees to Royal Albert Hall ... ..	1166	14	6
Life Presentation ... ..	525	0	0
Dividends and Interest on Cash at Call ... ..	1847	10	4
Legacy ... ..	54	6	0
Music Fees ... ..	50	12	6
Science and Art Department (grants earned) ... ..	15	14	0
Prize Funds ... ..	10	19	0
Sundry Receipts ... ..	69	11	4
Rent of Bushey Grove Park ... ..	81	1	4
	£23,303	5	7

The following table shows the receipts of the three Institutions during the seven years from 1891 to 1897 both inclusive, together with the yearly totals of those receipts during that period; the yearly average of receipt by each Institution, and the average receipt per Institution for the whole of the septennial period.

	R.M.B.I.	R.M.I.G.	R.M.I.B.	Total.
1891	£22,238 14 5	£13,190 18 2	£27,333 11 3	£62,763 3 10
1892	61,849 2 6	12,778 2 1	15,837 18 0	90,465 2 7
1893	20,436 2 8	17,052 3 2	21,563 8 11	59,051 14 9
1894	20,782 3 11	20,943 7 1	24,186 16 8	65,912 7 8
1895	21,720 10 6	18,211 0 6	22,696 18 1	62,628 9 1
1896	25,650 16 6	19,664 3 11	23,603 2 0	68,918 2 5
1897	27,129 0 1	21,405 14 3	23,303 5 7	21,837 19 11
Total for the 7 years	£199,806 10 7	£122,345 9 2	£158,525 0 6	£480,677 0 3
Average for the 7 years	£28,543 15 9	£17,477 18 5	£22,646 8 8	£68,668 2 10
Average per Institution				£22,889 7 7

The following is a statement, month by month, of the cases relieved, and the sum expended in relieving them, by the Board of Benevolence:

	CASES RELIEVED.	AMOUNT.
January ... ..	17	£ 480
February ... ..	33	1000
March ... ..	40	1135
April ... ..	25	560
May ... ..	23	655
June ... ..	27	665
July ... ..	17	465
August ... ..	19	535
September ... ..	20	685
October ... ..	25	595
November ... ..	42	1080
December ... ..	42	980
	330	£8835

On comparing the above figures with those for 1896, we remark, that while there has been a considerable reduction in the number of cases relieved, from 375 to 330, there has been an increase in the amount distributed amongst them from £8722 to £8835.

A general idea of what has been done during the year in supporting the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the different Provincial Charitable Institutions will be found in our review of "Freemasonry in 1897," in the Christmas number of the *Freemason*.

#### GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio held its 88th annual communication in the city of Columbus on the 20th and 21st October last. It is a very powerful organisation, having as many as 498 lodges on its roll, while the membership, which, at the close of September, 1887, amounted to 32,858, was at the corresponding date in 1897, 41,713, the increase during the decennial period being 8855. The Grand Treasurer's statement of account to the 15th October, 1897, shows a total on the receipt side, inclusive of a balance of 25,292 dollars brought forward from previous account, of 51,576 dollars, while the expenditure was 25,174 dollars, the balance in hand being 26,402 dollars. The M.W. Grand Master, Bro. BARTON SMITH, to whom, in recognition of his services, a jewel was voted on his retirement from office, was prevented by stress of circumstances from attending, but his place was ably filled by his Deputy, Bro. NELSON WILLIAMS, now the M.W. Grand Master of the jurisdiction, who not only read the address which Bro. BARTON SMITH had compiled for the occasion, and which contained a full account of the principal events of the year, but supplemented this by a report of his own doings. Naturally, the bulk of these addresses relates to matters of local interest, but one or two subjects were dealt with to which reference may very properly be made. Thus, as regards the question whether or not the lodges and chapters of the body known in the United States as the Eastern Star, should be permitted to hold their meetings in Masonic Halls, though no objection was raised to such bodies enjoying that privilege under certain conditions, it was distinctly recognised both by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge that the aforesaid Eastern Star is not in any way connected with Freemasonry, except in so far as that it is composed of Master Masons, their wives, and daughters, &c., who meet together for social purposes. The other day we noted in one of our articles that in one of the Masonic jurisdictions in the United States the Grand Master referred with complacency to the officers of the two bodies being publicly installed on the same day and expressed a hope that the time would come when the ceremonial observances prescribed for such occasions would be performed from the same ritual. It is evident, therefore, that our Ohio brethren have a clearer and more correct idea of what is and what is not Freemasonry than those of the younger and more immature Grand Lodge we referred to in our former article. Another question that was dealt with was that of Perpetual Jurisdiction over rejected candidates, more than one case having occurred during the year, particularly with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in which the Grand Lodge of Ohio had found itself involved in differences on the subject with other Grand Lodges. Here again we find that Ohio is far more reasonable in respect of this absurd dogma. True it affirms the right of a lodge which has rejected a candidate for initiation to have a voice in his subsequent acceptance by another lodge in another jurisdiction, but it does not go the monstrous length of claiming that this right shall endure for ever. It holds by what it calls the doctrine of Temporary Jurisdiction; that is to say, it allows the lodge which has rejected a candidate to have a voice in his subsequent election by another lodge elsewhere during a definite period of time, but it considers that when that period has elapsed, the lodge in whose jurisdiction the once rejected candidate has taken up his residence has a perfect right to deal with his renewed application for membership of our Society on its own merits. This, though it may not accord with our English ideas upon candidature for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry is at least a reasonable view to take and those who care to read the Report of the Committee to which the question was referred will find that it is based upon grounds which are

perfectly reasonable. It only remains to note that the Grand Treasurer's account discloses the fact that the Grand Lodge contributed a handsome donation towards the support of the Masonic Home which has been lately established under its auspices; that, as usual, there is appended to the Report of the *Grand Lodge proceedings* a very elaborate Report on Foreign Correspondence, and that, in addition, there is also a mass of statistics relating to the Masonic Home, and the lodges on the register. The present Grand Master is Bro. NELSON WILLIAMS, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. H. BROMWELL, who has already filled the office for 10 years.

#### THE GRAND LODGE CALENDAR.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for the year 1898" is published all in good time, and is both opportune and welcome. As an annual, it is very useful, its utility being well known to all concerned in the welfare of the Craft in England, and its value for reference as to the past is equally well attested, especially from the year 1814, though, as a matter of fact, its details embrace a much more remote period.

Each year of issue enables one to judge of the continued prosperity of the Grand Lodge of England, that for 1898 being no exception to the rule. The net number of lodges on the register, as given in the Calendar for 1897, was 2190; but for the present year the total has increased to 2241, being an increase of 51 during the last 12 months. The Metropolitan District is credited with 11 of that number, the Provinces 23, and the Colonies, &c., 17, so that the increase has been pretty equally distributed. The Provinces of Berks, Bucks, Durham, Kent, Norths and Hunts, Sussex, Wilts, and Worcester have each added one to their rolls; Cheshire, Northumberland, Surrey, and West Yorkshire two each; West Lancashire has added three more to its great total, making now 118 (the largest Province of the kind in the world), and Devon has gained four, being the most of any during the year.

Bengal has now 46 lodges (an increase of one), there being 133 in East India in all under the Grand Lodge of England. The largest District Grand Lodge is Queensland, which has 54 on its Register, being an increase of three; and there are still, unfortunately, the solitary lodges each at Sydney (N.S. Wales) and Melbourne (Victoria). The lodges have increased from 16 in 1896 to 22 at the end of 1897, in Western Australia. In North America, the three lodges in Montreal (Quebec) and one at Halifax (Nova Scotia) still cling to the Grand Lodge of England, but it seems to me a pity so to do when there are active and prosperous Grand Lodges which would gladly welcome them into their folds. New Zealand, notwithstanding the formation of a Grand Lodge (*premature in origin*, however good else it may be), has 64 lodges on our Register (besides those of other jurisdictions) divided into five District Grand Lodges, so that the "Sovereign" character of the new Grand Lodge is not yet realised.

Though there used to be so many military lodges (which were the medium of spreading a knowledge of the Craft more than any other means), there are now but three; in the Royal Scots 2nd Batt. (316), the Royal Irish Fusiliers 2nd Batt. (497), and the East Surrey Regiment 1st Batt. (743).

The Roll of Past Grand Officers is now a very long one, and so are the tables and lists of R-markable Occurrences, Public Works' functions, Grants to the Central Masonic Charities and those of a special kind. The regular tables of the Provinces, as also the Roll of Provincial Grand Masters, are simply invaluable, and are of considerable utility for reference.

In fact, the preparation of this part of the Calendar has involved a great deal of labour, spread over a good many years, but none the less a special feature of each issue. The Calendar portion, however, giving the day of meeting under each month of all the London lodges and chapters, as well as those of the various Boards and Committees, is an independent compilation for each year, and I fancy, if brethren who have not tried their hand at such work, would even take the lodges and chapters, say of an ordinary sized Province, and arrange them for 12 months, in due chronological order, they would all the more appreciate the strictly Calendar portion of this publication.

Particulars are supplied of the Grand Chapter of England just as for the Grand Lodge, and from the data furnished it appears that there are now 180 chapters in London, 521 in the Provinces, and 131 Abroad, making a total of 832, being an increase of only 12 during the year.

The usual information is added as to other Grand Lodges in communication with the Grand Lodge of England, and various particulars of a general character, thus rendering the Calendar indispensable for all zealous Craftsmen resident in this country, and a real boon for Masters and Secretaries of lodges.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### Ireland.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS TO BRO. R. W. SHEKLETON, M.A., Q.C., J.P., &c., LATE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND.

On Monday, the 1st November last, at the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, the Board of General Purposes, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, presented an address to the late Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., on his retirement from office.

The ceremony was of a peculiarly touching character, for it partook of the nature of an affectionate personal farewell to the brother who had for

more than a quarter of a century stood in the forefront of Irish Freemasonry. There was not a brother present who had not at one time or another confided in his wise discretion and profited by his sound advice. It is some consolation to note, with the framers of the address, that the natural advance of years demands increased strain upon Bro. Shekleton's bodily health, yet the Craft can still count on those sagacious counsels that his unrivalled experience enabled him to place so ungrudgingly at the service of Irish Freemasonry.

The following distinguished brethren were present, and took part in the presentation:

Bros. James Creed Meredith, LL.D., D.G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord Justice FitzGibbon; W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D.; M. E. Solomans, J.P.; W. M. Battersby, J.P.; Major A. Bailey, G. M. L. Herbert Wilson, Joshua Fayle, Hy. Johnston, C.E.; R. S. Tresilian, Wm. G. Huband, Thomas Purcell, M.D.; H. Sharman Crawford; H. Fitzgibbon, M.D.; J. Fox Goodman, J.P.; John A. Lanphier, John A. Bernard, John Bigger, Loftus Walshe, Charles R. McNamara, C. R. C. Tichboone, LL.D.; Morris Harris; Edwd. Hamilton, M.D.; George Bell, Thomas Jones, Wm. F. Wells, Richd. Heirn, M.D.; Justya MacCarthy; Henry Gibson, J.P.; Sydney Hughes; Joseph G. Burne, M.D.; George M. Ross, C.E.; Wm. Comyns; Samuel Smalldrige, J.P.; J. St. Clair Mayne; J. Crozier, J.P.; W. Grove White, LL.D.; D. Crosthwaite, LL.D.; and Wm. B. Garland.

The Deputy G.M., Bro. JAMES CREED MEREDITH, LL.D., was the spokesman on the occasion, and made the presentation on behalf of Grand Lodge. He recapitulated the chief services Bro. R. W. Shekleton had rendered to the Craft, and conveyed in fitting terms the warm personal feelings of friendship that actuated the hearts of all present.

The address ran as follows:

Right Worshipful and dear Brother,

We, the Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, cannot allow you to retire from the distinguished position which you have so long held amongst us without expressing our high appreciation of your valuable services to our Order.

Our cordial regard for yourself personally, and our sincere regret that the state of your health has obliged you to withdraw from an office which you have filled with credit to yourself and with great advantage to Freemasonry during an unprecedented period.

For more than 28 years you have held the office of Deputy Grand Master, having served under three successive Grand Masters, and having been twice called upon to discharge the duty of Acting Grand Master.

Throughout your distinguished career your actions and decisions were ever such as to win the love and command the esteem of your brethren.

Your able, generous, and zealous services not alone benefited the Masonic Body in Ireland but advanced the interests and reputation of our whole Fraternity, and we can truly say of you that while discharging your arduous duties with conspicuous efficiency you made for yourself hosts of friends but not a single enemy.

We earnestly pray that the Almighty Giver of all good may spare you for many years to enjoy your well-earned repose, to aid us by your counsel and experience and to receive the grateful respect of all who know you.

Given on behalf of Grand Lodge this 7th day of October, 1897.

(Signed) ABERCORN, G.M.

In reply, Bro. R. W. SHEKLETON acknowledged in appropriate language the good will and hearty good fellowship of his brethren that had always converted his task as Deputy Grand Master into a veritable pleasure. Though he was filled with natural regret at parting official ties, yet he felt that the duties of his late post over-taxed his strength, though not his zeal. But though the ties of office were severed the ties of brotherhood were only drawn the closer, and it would be his duty in the future, as it had been in the past, to do what in him lay for the good of Freemasonry in general and of this Grand Lodge in especial.

Advantage was taken of Bro. Shekleton's visit to the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin—his first visit since a recent serious accident—to present him with another address in his capacity of Great Seneschal of the Order of the Temple in Ireland. All the National Great Officers of Ireland were present and took active share in the ceremony.

Sir CHARLES A. CAMERON, M.D., G.C.T., paid a glowing tribute to the manner in which the late Great Seneschal had ruled the Great Priory of Ireland. The two great charges of Constitution that had supervened on the Order of the Temple in the United Kingdom had been successfully controlled by V.E. Bro. R. W. Shekleton, to whom the gratitude of the Order was gracefully tendered by Sir Charles A. Cameron.

The following was the Templar address:

To the Very Eminent Sir Knight ROBERT WILLIAM SHEKLETON, G.C.T., Q.C., J.P., &c.

Very Eminent Sir Knight,

It was with feelings of the deepest regret that the members of the Order of the Temple in Ireland, learned your intention to resign the office of Seneschal and Deputy Grand Master.

Now that you have taken that step, the Great Priory of the Order, cannot allow the long connection which has subsisted between you and them to terminate without expressing their admiration of the manner in which you virtually presided over them for the long period of 20 years.

Although in your capacity of Deputy Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, you expended so large a portion of your valuable time in conducting the affairs of that Great Body, yet, you never ceased to take the most lively interest in the affairs of our Order.

Under your presidency it has attained to a high degree of prosperity.

It has also been brought into close connection with the Great Priory of England and Wales, and the Chapter General of Scotland, largely due to your advice and action.

Although your official connection with us has terminated, we still hope for your attendance at our meetings, and for your valuable advice and assistance in the conduct of our affairs.

Trusting that you may long be spared to your family, the Order, and your numerous friends.

We remain, on behalf of the Great Priory, yours fraternally in the bonds of the Order.

C. A. CAMERON, G.C.T.,

(Signed by the National Great Priory Officers).

&c., &c., &c.

The V. E. Sir Knight SHEKLETON made a suitable response to the terms in which the brethren of the Order had expressed their high appreciation of his firm and kindly rule, and declared that among the happiest moments of his career were those he spent in intercourse with his brethren.

The address of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was gorgeously illuminated and bound in the form of an album.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

A special meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on the 5th instant, under the presidency of Bro. the Marquess of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master, supported by Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, D.P.G.M.; the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G. Chaplain England; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B. England; W. H. Cowper, G. Std. Br. England; M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England; and officers and members of Provincial Grand Lodge.

There was a numerous meeting, the chief object of which was to consider a proposition by the Prov. Grand Master—"That the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the Provincial Fund of Benevolence to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the occasion of the Centenary."

The resolution was seconded by Bro. the Very Rev. the DEAN OF YORK, and supported by Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.G.S.B. England, and carried unanimously.

A vote of condolence was proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER to the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master England, upon the sad bereavement which had befallen his lordship by the untimely death of the Countess.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular meeting of the Council was held on Friday, the 31st ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Richard Eve occupied the chair, supported, amongst others, by Bros. Keyser, Strachan, Corble, Glass, Fitzgerald, Cummings, Le Feuvre, Margrett, Dr. W. H. Kempster, A. J. Thomas, W. Russell, Scurrah, A. C. Chapin, D. E. Radclyffe, and others.

A letter was read from the Earl of Lathom acknowledging vote of sympathy passed at last meeting.

Eight new petitions were accepted, and three rejected as not in compliance with the laws. The list of candidates for the April election was closed, numbering 51, and 27 vacancies were declared.

The Board of Management reported that five boys unsuccessful at the October election had been admitted to the benefits of the Institution on extraordinary vacancies which had occurred during the last term by the withdrawal of boys who had secured good situations, the fifth case being a boy who had only the one chance of election last October.

Bro. W. RUSSELL gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court of the 14th instant, to suspend Law 79 relating to the purchase of Life Presentations for the sum of 500 guineas, which he contended was an insufficient amount.

The SECRETARY announced that the income for the year ended that day was £23,303 5s. 7d.—being the fourth highest amount in the history of the Institution.

Our readers will probably remember that at the last revision of the Laws of the Boys' School power was given to the Board of Management to fill up any extraordinary vacancies which might occur between the half-yearly elections, and from time to time we have had to congratulate friends of unsuccessful cases on this beneficent alteration.

But never before has the utility of the concession been so marked as on the present occasion, as reported to the last meeting of the Council of the Institution. No less than five vacancies have occurred during the term just ended—happily by the removal of boys who have gained good situations. These have enabled five boys to be admitted who polled respectively as many as 5638, 2834, 2504, and 2316 votes in October, and yet failed at that severe election to secure success.

Our London brethren, as well as the more immediate friends of the cases referred to, are to be congratulated, as each candidate belonged to a London lodge, but the most gratifying feature is that the boy Hibbs, who had only the one chance of election in October, and lost it, is now, by the present fortuitous circumstance, enabled to receive the benefits of the Institution.

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT TO THE OLD PEOPLE AT CROYDON.

On Wednesday, the annual entertainment to the annuitants in residence at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon was given on the premises with the accustomed liberality. Notwithstanding that the weather was of the worst, the brethren and ladies attended in goodly numbers to assist in making a pleasant day and evening for their aged friends, and they were amply rewarded by finding that the old people thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Among those who attended were Bro. Sydney George Edridge (Mayor of Croydon); Bro. H. J. Strong, Hon. Physician to the Institution, and Mrs. Strong; Bros. Eric Williams, W. H. Hubbert, J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer of the Institution; Bro. David Hills and Mrs. Hills; Bros. W. H. Allaway, W. P. Warren; Bro. Henry Kempton and Mrs. Ben George; Bro. Charles Kempton and Mrs. Kempton; Mrs. Terry, Miss Kate Terry, Miss Mary E. Raiker, Miss Lilian Raiker, Bros. A. H. Hickman, G. J. Pakes; Bro. John Newton and Mrs. Newton; Bro. John Oldis, P.M., Sec. 1288; Bro. H. Massey and Miss Massey; Bro. A. Mullord, Mrs. Mullord, and Miss Nellie Mullord; Bro. Richard Parish, W.M. 1288, and Miss Parish; Bro. J. Wayte, Hon. Surgeon to the Institution; Mrs. Anning and Miss Anning; and Bro. T. Hastings Miller.

On their arrival at the Institution they were met by Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Institution; Bro. John Mason, Collector; and Bro. J. G. Stevens, who gave them a hearty reception and best wishes for the new year.

The visitors did not go empty-handed, for in addition to having contributed the sumptuous banquet which was provided they gave presents of tea and tobacco, while Mrs. Terry and daughters and Mrs. Curtis gave warm knitted socks and gloves to the annuitants. At two o'clock the company sat down to dinner, Dr. Strong taking the chair, the vice-chairs being taken by Bros. Terry, Farnfield, Newton, Hubbert, and others.

At the conclusion of the banquet the few toasts which are always proposed at these gatherings were given and honoured, the first, of course, being "The Queen." The second toast was "The Founders of the Feast," in giving which Dr.

STRONG said that for the information of those ladies and brethren who had not attended these meetings before he might say that the expense of the entertainment did not come out of the funds subscribed to the Institution, as was the case in some Charitable Institutions, whose funds were thereby diminished materially. This entertainment was due entirely to the voluntary contributions of brethren and ladies who took a deep interest in the Institution. Some of the contributions were in kind and others in money, and among the contributors were Bros. Hastings Miller and Cooke, and Mrs. Curtis. Mrs. Curtis gave warm stockings and gloves, and among the donors of money was Bro. Sydney Edridge (Mayor of Croydon), who, he was happy to say, was present. Bro. Edridge was a Vice-Patron of the Institution as well as of the other Institutions; but if Bro. Edridge had a pet among those Institutions he should say decidedly it was the Benevolent Institution. With his name he coupled this toast.

Bro. SYDNEY GEORGE EURIDGE, Mayor of Croydon, in reply to the toast, said he felt rather under false pretenses because it was not until recently he was able to get Dr. Strong to accept a small mite towards the expenses of this feast. He anxiously wished to take part in this gathering by his presence and his small contribution. Dr. Strong had referred to the fact that the Benevolent Institution was his (Bro. Edridge's) pet Institution in Masonry. Well, he might say he thought it was—(hear, hear)—for the reason that the Boys had the great future in front of them backed by the sympathy of the friends of the Institutions, and they had youth in their favour. The Girls in the same way. But the Old People—what of them? They still had friendly sympathy and material comfort; they were in this home erected by the hands of magnificence and munificence; they could only by recollection look back; the storm and stress of their lives were over. What wonder, then, that Dr. Strong for the first time, with that incisiveness which was characteristic of his profession he once adorned, was able to see into his (Bro. Edridge's) mind and tell the company what his (Bro. Edridge's) feelings were towards the Old People's Institution. He was obliged to go away to another function, but he would come back again to see the rest of the entertainment provided for the Old People. He was not so old a Mason as Bro. Terry; he was young enough to be Bro. Terry's Masonic grandson; but at the same time, although so many years a Mason, he felt Masonry up to the hilt, and when they came to consider the number of brethren there were who absolutely supported the Order—simply out of the kindness of their own hearts—they had nothing to gain by it except to do good—he thought that all the years he had been a Mason, when each Anniversary came round he looked back to see where he had failed in the least degree in sympathy with it, or whether he could have done better than he had done. In the presence of his elders, he said he hoped he had not done wrong. It was quite impossible, according to Masonic tradition, for them to persuade men to belong to it, but that did not mean you could not recommend it. He believed the ritual taught that you could not force it, but you could recommend it, and one of the finest recommendations there could be of it was what had been done by it. The proof of what it was, was not its sentiments, not its words, but what it did. If they did the most they could in this world—a world so cold, so insensible, so unsympathetic—there was room for them to show their sympathy for others, and the most practical way he knew of was to belong to that Order to whom he had the honour to belong—the glorious Brotherhood of which they were all so proud. (Cheers).

Bro. JOHN A. FARNFIELD proposed "The Chairman," Dr. Strong, who was so well-known to all present, that it was unnecessary to enumerate his virtues, or inform them what he had done for the Institution. He had treated the inmates most tenderly, and they could testify to this better than he (Bro. Farnfield) could because Dr. Strong had never seen him in bed. Dr. Strong was a jolly good fellow and when he sat at the head of these festive gatherings he was in his right place. He trusted Dr. Strong might live many many years to enjoy the rest he had so well earned.

Dr. STRONG, acknowledging the toast, said it gave him great pleasure to have the privilege accorded him by the Committee to preside over these festivals. He had presided every year since they were first established; he had not been absent once. As long as the Committee honoured him with the invitation nothing would give him greater pleasure than to preside at these pleasant meetings.

Dr. STRONG gave the third toast "Success to the Institution and the Health of Bro. Terry, the Secretary."

Bro. TERRY, replying to the toast, said he had the same unbroken record as Dr. Strong in attending these annual visits; he had not been absent from one of them; and he trusted it would be his privilege to be present at them for many years. The year had been a very successful year for the Institution. The subscriptions had not been the highest the Institution had had in any one year, because they must not forget that in 1892 they collected nearly £70,000. But last year they turned £27,000, the Boys' £23,000, and the Girls' £21,000; and this was despite all the claims on the brethren's pockets and the exertions made to support the Craft generally. More than £70,000 had been got in 1897 for the three Institutions. This year there would be a grand effort for the Boys' Centenary, and therefore the other Institutions would have to suffer. Nevertheless, he hoped the Benevolent Institution would be able to pay its way without selling out any of its investments.

Dr. STRONG next proposed "Miss Norris (the Matron) and her sister, Miss Mary Norris," to whom the preparation of the banquet was due, and who worked very hard to render the residents in the Institution happy and comfortable.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD led in Miss Norris, and, replying for her, said he had felt her grasp, and he perfectly understood what she wished him to express to the company for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of her health. Dr. Strong had mentioned the great amount of labour she had expended on the Institution, and she bade him say that it was a labour of love; everything she could do for the Institution and its various inmates she should be happy to do so long as the Committee felt she was doing her best. She hoped to remain in the Institution with her sister, who so well supported her.

The old folks then retired to their homes until the evening entertainment, and the ladies paid a round of visits to the residents while the brethren who had been attending to the wants of their guests at the Old People's dinner, sat down to a repast of their own. Bro. John Newton presided, and Bro. J. Terry took the vice-chair. At the conclusion of the repast "The Queen's Health," was drunk.

Bro. JOHN NEWTON next proposed "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." Might it go on and prosper for many years. The brethren had seen the Old People that day and they were all very happy. If they were not it was their own fault, for the Committee and Secretary did the very best they possibly could to smooth the remainder of the days of the annuitants. In connection with that toast it was usual for the chairman on these occasions to wish continued health to the Institution's esteemed Secretary, Bro. James Terry, but to his mind it was absurd to wish prosperity to the Institution separate from the health of Bro. Terry. Bro. Terry was so bound up with the Institution that its prosperity and his health were concurrent. It was impossible for Bro. Terry to do more work than he did for the Institution; he worked hard, intensely hard, and how he did it was a marvel. This all the brethren acknowledged.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., in reply to the toast, said no one could be more sensible than himself of the words which Bro. Newton had uttered so kindly and so friendly. In the first place he would get rid of the personal debt he was under to Bro. Newton for his expressions and to the brethren round the table who had so cordially received them. It was not now a small number of years he had

been connected with this Institution. Since the year 1864 he had been intimately connected and associated with it and from 1872 he had had the honour of being its Secretary. He need hardly tell the brethren that the growth of the Institution during that lengthened period had been very, very great, consequent, naturally, upon the increased number of lodges in the Craft. But the work he had to do was never looked upon by him as work; it was his duty to do it, and he did it to the best of his power and ability. One got sometimes, perhaps, a little tired, he need hardly say, especially when one went into the country. On those occasions the provincial brethren, when they got a Londoner down, they would take him from one club to another, and the only question was whether the doors of the hotel where he was staying would open for him after he had been keeping the night porter up. He was down at Oxford three months ago at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting there, and was staying at the hotel where the P.G. Lodge banquet was held; he stayed there in order that no inducement should entice him to go out. But on that occasion there were so many brethren present who were going to support their Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Jersey, in his Chairmanship of the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution that he was compelled to relinquish his resolution, and he was taken to as many as three different clubs, and did not get back to his hotel until 4.30 in the morning. However, he went to bed, and was up again to breakfast at 8.30 and away from Oxford by the 9.15 a.m. train to London to discharge his duties. So far as regarded the personal interest he took in the Institution, he hoped and trusted that as long as he lived and health was spared him he should continue to take that interest. Now, with regard to the Institution, of course, they were going to pass through a very crucial year in 1898; everything was running one way, and that way was on behalf of the second-established Institution of the three; and he hoped it would have such a bumper as would satisfy the Committee of Management for four or five years, so as to allow the other Institutions to recuperate. If they did not, the Benevolent Institution would have to make further appeals and have two Festivals a year. At that time last year he had something like 270 or 280 Stewards for the then forthcoming Festival; he had only 150 now. Therefore, the brethren would see the Institution's normal Festival strength that year would only be about half what it was last year. Of course, they had not yet got the £2000 which Grand Lodge voted in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee; and that would come in that year, and it would assist materially; therefore, if they got for their Festival on February 22nd an amount which he expected to announce—with the aid of the Board of Stewards—they would not have to sell out any invested capital and pull through 1898 without trenching on anything which his predecessors and the Committee of Management before and since he had been Secretary had been able to put away. Of course, it was an exceptional event, the Centenary of the Boys' School, and the other Institutions bowed to it; but in the year of the Centenary of the Girls' School the Benevolent Institution was able to realise £13,000. He did not think he would realise that this year, but the brethren might rely upon it it would be sufficient to justify the Committee in the belief that at the end of the year it would be found they had paid their way. That that thing must come round to all the Institutions was apparent to everyone, but he trusted he might tell those around the table that although the jubilee of 1892 was that of the Male Fund, 1899 would be the Jubilee of the Widows' Fund. The funds of 1892 were not divided, and he was perfectly certain that the gallantry of Masons was such that they would never allow the Jubilee of the Widows to pass over without supporting it as they did the Men's Jubilee. The question of a festival being held was carried by a large majority. He knew how the majority was constituted. Health and strength being spared to him, he should endeavour in 1899 to make that Festival a great success. He knew that the brethren now in the room had the interest—their undivided interest—in the support of the Girls' and the Boys' Schools; but as Dr. Strong had said that day boys and girls were different to old people; boys and girls with full vigour in health had a prospect before them; the old people could but look back and they might have bitter distress. He only hoped and trusted that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution might have a very fair Festival this year and a brighter hope for 1899—the last Festival the Old People could hold in the 19th century. Sincerely and heartily did he hope that the Institution would go on prosperously; every one wished it; but if there was any one who felt for the benefit and interest of the Institution would they allow it to be shared by the Secretary of the Institution? Long might they have gatherings like this—the union of friends! They encouraged the executive on their way, and when the day came, as it must, that they went underground, might the good done by them be followed by those who had the honour of succeeding them. (Cheers).

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD proposed "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. John Newton." Bro. Newton had one single purpose in this life, the promotion and the welfare of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. As February came near people avoided him in the street. (Laughter.) Bro. Terry had said he believed the Institutions would be solvent at the end of the year. They had been preparing for this centenary of the Boys; they knew it was coming on, and it would not overwhelm them. He trusted that with the liberality of the Craft they would be able to get on.

Bro. JOHN NEWTON replied, and acknowledged that he did work for the Institution. He was not going to say how he did it; but very often other people got the credit for what he had done. He did not care for that; he was satisfied if the Institution benefited.

This part of the proceedings of the day was then closed.

An interesting occurrence was brought to the attention of the brethren. One of the annuitants, Bro. Alcock, who died in November, was the possessor of a handsome chair. That chair has since been presented by the widow to the Institution for the use of the Chairman who presides at any of the festivities of the Institution at Croydon, and it was used at this meeting for the first time.

In the evening the annuitants and visitors were entertained with a musical treat by Mrs. Rapkin and Miss Kemp, Mr. Charles Norman, Miss Harris, Bro. John Porter, Miss Clarkson, Mrs. R. H. D. Rapkin, Bro. Percy Day, and Mr. E. J. Dale, with "Mystic Wonders" (conjuring); Mr. Edward Bernard, ventriloquist; Mr. E. J. Dale with the Graphophone and the Cinematographe, which included the following scenes: A Musical Ride—the Lancers; Dancing on the Lawn—Crystal Palace; Bicycling in Hyde Park; Scene in Paris outside the Barracks; the Hat Manipulator; Highgate Tunnel—G.N. Railway; the Conjuror; Brighton—the King's-road; the Serpentine Dancer; Balloon Ascent—Crystal Palace; On the Terrace—Crystal Palace; the Lightning Cartoonist sketching a Face; and the Diamond Jubilee Procession—the Soldiers, the Bands, and the Queen's Carriage.

The whole of this entertainment was provided by, and given under the superintendence of, Bro. H. Kemp, W.M. 862.

The company returned to town by the 10.40 p.m. train, after having spent a delightful day.

AMONG the guests of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, at Sandringham on Saturday last, in addition to members of their Royal Highnesses family, were the Spanish Ambassador and the Bishop of Rochester. On Sunday morning the Princes and Princesses and the house party were present in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, where the service was performed by the Rev. Canon Hervey. On Monday T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria, attended by Miss Knollys and Bro. Capt. Hollford, travelled to Chatsworth, on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. WILLIAM ANDREWS,  
W.M. 1933.

The brethren of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1933, Jamaica, have sympathised very sincerely with their Worshipful Master, Bro. Wm. Andrews, in his illness, and on the occasion of his proposed departure in search of health and strength they determined to evidence their appreciation of his services in a very tangible and whole-hearted fashion. With that view, they discussed the best methods of showing their appreciation, and decided that they would present their Worshipful Master with a silver bowl. Accordingly, on Wednesday, the 1st December last, an emergency meeting was held under the presidency of Bro. C. C. Campbell, when it was stated that owing to his illness the W.M. was unable to attend. It was agreed, however, that the address should be read.

Amongst those present were Bros. Dr. Robinson, C. T. Burton, O. Plummer, J. Lockwood Wingate, R. A. Walcott, E. N. Leon, C. H. B. Armstrong, H. R. C. Garcia, C. O. Palmer, and others.

When the lodge was formed, Bro. CAMPBELL called upon the Senior Warden, Bro. A. ROBINSON, to read the address, which had been prepared and was to the following effect:

"Kingston, Jamaica, November, 1897.

"To the Wor. Bro. Wm. Andrews, Worshipful Master, Founder, and Senior Past Master of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1933, District No. 11, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Jamaica.

"Worshipful Bro.—We, the members of the Kingston Lodge, have the very pleasurable task of presenting the piece of plate we now hand you in recognition of the valuable service you have rendered to the Craft in general, and this lodge in particular, and also to commemorate this the 25th year since you were admitted into the Craft.

"It is not necessary for us to go into details that are known and appreciated by all, and are largely written upon the pages of the history of the Craft in this Island for the past quarter of a century. We, however, in an especial manner desire to express our high appreciation of the prompt and ungrudging spirit in which during this year you have placed your services at our disposal as Master, and the skill and success of your administration.

"Although the gift which we present is beautiful, and we are proud to convey it to you, yet let us assure you that in our opinion it is but a small and inadequate recognition of the able and perfect work you have done for the Brotherhood. We are, however, to present this bowl to you not empty and alone but filled to overflowing with the good wishes, brotherly esteem and regard of all the members of this lodge and of the crowds of worthy brethren both here and in the Mother Country where you are also well-known, and we are sure that to a good man and true like yourself these extrinsic considerations will render it in your eyes priceless.

"We feel proud to know that a brother who is so perfect and experienced a Master as yourself, who already wears so many Masonic honours, takes the interest that you have always expressed and evinced by word and action in this our Kingston Lodge.

"We congratulate you upon the still further honour that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has recently conferred upon you, a distinction second to none anywhere except in England—that of R.W.D.G.M. of Mark Masonry in Jamaica—and to express the hope that in due course you may receive other high honours of the Craft, which we know that you are eminently fitted for and really deserve.

"The beautiful banner that adorns this lodge reminds us that it would be an unpardonable omission if we did not conclude this address by coupling the name of Mrs. Andrews and your children in the wish of long life, happiness, and prosperity.

(Signed)

"ADRIAN A. ROBINSON,  
R. A. WALCOTT,  
H. R. C. GARCIA,  
J. LOCKWOOD WINGATE,  
H. C. ROBINSON,  
C. H. B. ARMSTRONG."

The silver bowl which accompanied the address was of massive proportions, standing high upon a carved ebony pedestal, and stretching fully 12 inches across. On the outside it was beautifully carved in solid silver, and inside a golden layer glittered and scintillated in the light. The bowl was an excellent representation of the silversmith's art, and in every way worthy of Kingston Lodge. Two handles of carved silver relieved the appearance of the bowl, and on each side, within an ornamental design, there were inscriptions. On one side the inscription ran as follows:

"Presented to the Worshipful Brother William Andrews, 32nd degree, Worshipful Master, Founder, and Senior Past Master of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1933, District No. 11, of ancient free and accepted masons, by the Lodge, on the 25th anniversary of his admission into the craft, Anno Domini, 1897; A.L. 5897."

And on the reverse side of the bowl the following appeared:

"In recognition of the valuable services rendered to the craft in general and to the Kingston Lodge in particular."

When Bro. Robinson had read the address, it was proposed that in order that the ceremony might be completed, a deputation should be appointed to wait upon Bro. Andrews at his residence and present the address with the silver bowl. It was agreed that Bros. Campbell, A. Robinson, R. A. Walcott, J. L. Wingate, and J. Cargill should form the deputation, which proceeded accordingly to the Marine Gardens, where Bro. Andrews was then residing, and made the presentation.

Bro. ANDREWS thanked the deputation, and in reply, said:

"Marine Gardens,  
"Kingston, Jamaica,  
"1st December, 1897.

"To the Worshipful Past Masters, Officers, and Members of the Kingston Lodge.

"My dear and worthy Brethren,—The assurances of appreciation and goodwill from those we esteem are at all times acceptable; but at a moment when prostrate under enfeebled health, every word of comfort from kind and sympathetic friends seems to catch up and renew the threads of life, your brotherly address is of priceless worth in sustaining me in the hour of trial, and bearing testimony that in those things dearest to my heart—the love of all good men among whom I have moved—my labours have not been in vain.

"You remind me of my 25 years' connection with the Craft. It has been, Masonically, a golden year in the bonds of fellowship, throughout which I have always striven to do my duty faithfully and well, and your words of approval are to me as grains of gold, to be laid away in the treasury of my mind in which my dearest recollections are stored.

"Your thoughtful reference to my wife and children, let me assure you, has touched the tenderest chords of my heart. It is of them I think when I receive at your hands the elegant, as well as substantial and costly present with which your brotherly and affectionate address is accompanied. To them, the children, it will be a witness for their father that he strove to do that which is right always, and was accepted among the worthy men of his time.

"The bowl you present me, overflowing with the good wishes, brotherly esteem and regard of the members of my lodge and other loving brethren, can never be empty, for it will ever be replenished with the gratitude which I can

but inadequately express, but which will ever be outpoured from the hearts of those to whom, as a happy memento, it will be handed over in trust.

"The high honour conferred upon me by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master brings fresh obligations, which I trust, by the will of Divine Providence, I may be spared to fulfil, and that you will all be spared to share in the honour which it should be to our lodge, for whatever eminence to which a brother may attain, the glory should not be his alone, but should serve to shed lustre upon his brethren, particularly the brethren of his lodge.

"I heartily thank the bearers of the address and accompanying testimonial, and ask them to convey to the other brethren my hearty expressions of gratitude and of good will and esteem, with the hope that with restored health, we shall all be reunited to renew and strengthen these bonds of fellowship and good will.—I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

"WM. ANDREWS, 32°,  
"P.M. Kingston Lodge."

The deputation returned to Sussex Hall, where the ordinary business of the lodge was proceeding, and submitted the reply of the W.M., which was read and applauded. The proceedings then terminated.

FATHER WYNDHAM AND THE "FREEMASON."

(From the Tablet of the 1st inst.)

Sir,—The *Freemason* (Saturday, December 18), commenting upon my letter of November 20th, observes that no arguments their writers might employ would influence my position towards the Masonic Craft. This is quite true, if future arguments should have no more cogency than those already adduced.

When I was an undergraduate at Oxford it was sometimes said to me: "Why do you not become a Mason?" Knowing nothing about Masonry, I used to reply: "Tell me what I have to do if I become a Mason." "Oh! no," was the invariable rejoinder; "become a Mason, and then you will be told what to do." If I did not put my neck into the noose when I was young and inexperienced, is not when I have learned something of Masonry that I am going to change an attitude founded on reason and evidence.

The *Freemason* is displeased because I hold that "English Masonry is responsible for the violations of Masonic principles which have been sanctioned and approved by other sections of the Craft—in France and elsewhere." This is not precisely what I said; but let it pass.

The *Freemason* replies—(1) That the Grand Lodge of England does not recognise those sections of the Craft which have set at defiance "the fundamental principles of Freemasonry," and that it does "not accept them as Masons;" (2) that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is itself outside the pale of "pure antient Masonry;" and it adds: "But even were it otherwise, as none but Master Masons can become members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, it follows that the fundamental principles must be the same."

The Grand Lodge of England accredits Representatives to the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, Berlin, Hamburg, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, Hungary, and Greece, besides others out of Europe. It accredits no Representatives to Belgium, France, Italy, or Spain. The Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland have also ceased to recognise the Grand Orient of France. But the Grand Lodge of Ireland recognises the Grand Orient of Italy. And the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for Scotland, receiving a Representative from the Supreme Council for England, accredits Representatives to Belgium, France, Italy, and Spain. (The Supreme Council for England has not published the list of its Representatives.)

Now, the Grand Orient of France has (since 1877) eliminated from its Constitutions and rituals all allusions to the Great Architect of the Universe, and in so doing has violated a fundamental principle of Masonry. The Representative of Italy, at the Supreme Council of Scotland, is Grand Master Adriano Lemmi, 33°, who, on December 18, 1892, at a Masonic banquet at Naples, ended his speech with a toast to Satan. Yet, if this be an expression of "belief in the Deity," there is, perhaps, no violation of a principle.

Be it as it may, the Supreme Council for Scotland recognises both France and Italy, and the Supreme Council for England recognises the Supreme Council for Scotland. And the Supreme Council for England, and, indeed, the whole of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, is composed—as *The Freeman* tells us—of Master Masons (from the English lodges, I presume); while many of the officers of the Grand Lodge of England are of high Degree (30°, 31°, and 33°) of the said Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Is it then a fact that what is Masonically unlawful for a Master Mason under the Grand Lodge of England or of Scotland is lawful for him as a brother of the Ancient and Accepted Rite? Does he, in his garb of Master Mason, reject the French Mason for denying "belief in the Deity," and in that of a brother of the Ancient and Accepted Rite admit him to fraternal confidence?

And yet, as the *Freeman* tells us, the fundamental principles of the Grand Lodge of England and of the Ancient and Accepted Rite are the same. This must be one of the "mysterious secrets" into which simple uninitiated persons cannot penetrate. For myself I am not competent to explain how English and Scotch Masons can be free from some responsibility for "the violations of Masonic principles" by other sections of the Craft, since these, though condemned by the Grand Lodges, are recognised by the Supreme Councils of the Thirty-third Degree.

Yet I was not primarily concerned with the violations of the fundamental principles of Masonry. I am quite as much interested in the normal fruits produced by the Masonic Tree. But enough for the present.

FRANCIS M. WYNDHAM,

St. Mary of the Angels, Bayswater, London, W.,  
December 21, 1897.

MASONIC TREAT TO OLD FOLK AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

In accordance with their annual custom, the members of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, entertained 350 old people of Weston-super-Mare to a substantial meat tea at the Victoria Hall on New Year's Eve. The wants of the guests were attended to by the following ladies: Miss Dart, Mesdames Cooper, Capell, Hyndman, G. H. Perrett, W. C. Thomas, S. J. Wilde, G. Glossop, Musgrave, Gardiner, Foley, H. F. Frampton, Melsome, Bere, C. E. Barry, G. W. H. Pearce, Ackland, E. G. Huntley, A. W. Franklin, W. H. Wooler, W. B. Lillington, W. E. Perrett, sen., Glover, T. Cox, H. Butt, J. H. Gray, G. F. Forster, F. E. Day, R. E. M. Lawrence, W. Clothier, E. Baker, S. L. Wansbrough, E. E. Baker, E. J. Morris, W. E. Perrett, jun., W. A. Lyddon, F. Blackmore, J. J. Lovell, F. Barnard Ballance, J. P. Curtis, A. J. Cary, Parsons, A. E. Jefferies, Glass, H. F. Taylor, W. C. King, C. Cornelius, T. Cogle, Miss Harvey, Miss Frampton, and Miss Bryan.

Subsequently the old folk were entertained by a musical programme, and during the interval tobacco, ale, and teetotal drinks were provided. At the close, hot punch was distributed, and the gathering proved one of the happiest yet held under similar auspices.

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on THURSDAY, the 13th day of January, 1898, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution.

To receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Perpetual Presentations.

To consider Notice of Motion by W. Bro. Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D., Vice-Pat., for amendment of Laws as under:

"That Law 53 be amended as follows, viz.:

"In sixth line for word 'three' substitute word 'two,' and after word 'London' in the same line add words 'Masonic or.'"

"That Law 57 be amended as follows, viz.:

"In eighth line after word 'Election' reinstate the words 'with power to reject any Petition if they consider the case not within the class of those intended to be aided by the Institution, notwithstanding the correctness of all Certificates required.'"

"That Law 79 be amended as follows, viz.:

"After word 'death' in sixth line add words 'within seven years of his initiation,' after word 'misfortune' in eighth line add words 'within that period,' and eliminate the clause after the word 'livelihood' in ninth line and substitute the words 'provided that at the time of such occurrence the Father was a subscribing member to a Lodge under the English Constitutions.'"

To approve and declare the List of Candidates for the Election on April 16th, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

5, Freemasons' Hall,  
Great Queen-street, W.C.,  
6th January, 1898.

The 110th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place on Wednesday, 18th May next, under the distinguished presidency of Alderman Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., M.P., LL.D., P.G.W., Patron and Treasurer of the Institution. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being greatly needed.

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To consider Notice of Motion by the W. Bro. William Russell, Asst. G.D. of C.:-

"That Law 79 be suspended."

To receive a statement from the Board of Management respecting the progress in the development of the Bushey Site for the New Schools.

To approve and declare the List of Candidates for the Election on Friday, 15th April next, and to determine the number of Candidates then to be elected.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order.

J. M. McLEOD,

Office—6, Freemasons' Hall,  
London, W.C.,  
4th January, 1898.

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**Masonic Notes.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1898.

The Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in addition to the Statement of Income for last year which he has sent us, and on which in connection with similar statements received in respect of the other Institutions we offer sundry observations in our article on "Masonic Benevolence in 1897," has favoured us with other interesting particulars, which show the financial progress made since the existing régime was inaugurated in 1890. There is, in the first place, a tabular statement showing the yearly income of the School from 1887 to 1897, both inclusive. From this it appears that the total amount received by the Institution during those 11 years is £213,205 12s. 4d., giving an annual average of £19,382 6s. 7d. But during the first four years—1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890—the old order of things was in force, and the total received was £55,011 9s. 4d., giving an average per year of £13,777 17s. 4d. During the seven years passed under the present Board of Management, the total received is £158,094 3s., the yearly average being £22,584 17s. 7d.

It must be allowed that it is not altogether just to the old administration to institute a comparison between the average income during the closing years of its existence, when its rule had fallen into bad odour with the Craft, and with the more prosperous years which the Institution has known under the existing régime. But even when due allowance has been made

in respect of this very material consideration, there can be no doubt the progress made during the last seven years is well nigh unexampled in the history of our Masonic Institutions. Moreover, it has been well maintained, the only year in which the income is below the average being 1892, when the Benevolent Jubilee very properly absorbed the lion's share of the brethren's contributions. This is eloquent testimony to the sustained energy of the Board of Management, proving, as it does, that it has never relaxed in its efforts to maintain the recovery which marked the commencement of its administration.

But this by no means represents the whole of the work so successfully accomplished since the summer of 1890. When the new era began, the invested capital of the Institution was £17,500; it is now £61,852 8s. 5d., the increase in the septennial period being £45,352 8s. 6d. In addition, there is the sum of £13,000 paid for the site of the new School at Bushey, Herts, so that had a change of locality not been determined upon there would have been an augmentation of capital in the seven years amounting to upwards of £58,000. This shows that with the increased income there has been no material increase in the average annual expenditure.

We publish elsewhere a letter on the attendance of the brethren at Divine service in St. Paul's Cathedral on the 2nd ultimo, which we feel sure will command the sympathy of our readers. The writer—Bro. Wingate—lays stress on the difficulties which those in charge of the arrangements had to contend with, and concludes a very admirable account of the service by suggesting that a subscription be opened in behalf of the Decoration Fund, and that the amount contributed by lodges and brethren may be in every way worthy of the Craft. We must confess to having been surprised and disappointed at the offertory, and Bro. Wingate's suggestion offers a medium for augmenting the sum then contributed, of which we think full advantage should be taken. The offertory at the service in St. Saviour's, Southwark, at which the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, and the Grand Officers and brethren were present, amounted to upwards of £2300; but at St. Paul's, on the 2nd ultimo, when over 5000 brethren attended, it reached but little more than one-third of that sum. We feel sure there are numbers of brethren who would gladly assist in augmenting the £800 collected to such an extent as to allow of the cost of a substantial portion of the work that is being carried out under the supervision of Sir W. Richmond being defrayed by our Society. For ourselves, we shall be pleased to do anything in our power to promote the success of the "proposal."

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of Part III. Vol. X. of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," or the Transactions of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, for the closing portion of the year 1897, and shall take an early opportunity of commenting upon the several interesting papers it contains. The most important of these are No. VII. of Bro. R. F. Gould's "Masonic Celebrities," the subject of which is Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, Past G. Master of Maine, and one of the most distinguished members of the Masonic Fraternity in the United States; and the Installation Address of the present W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Sydney T. K'ein, the subject being "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty; a Physical and Psychological Examination of Masonic Symbolism." As the Address appeared in our Christmas number, our readers have already had an opportunity of forming an opinion of the merits of this very abstruse essay.

We have further to acknowledge the "St. John's Card," which is issued annually on St. John the Evangelist's Day (27th December), and conveys the greetings of the W.M. and officers of the lodge to the members of both Circles. This year the card is a very elaborate one, and is, moreover, very beautifully engraved. It is accompanied by a brief address from Bro. Klein, who makes it the medium for explaining the hidden meaning of the Masonic symbols delineated therein and other matters connected with the subject. There is also an illustration, excellently well-engraved, of the Socratic philosopher Aristippus, who, when wrecked on the shores of an apparently uninhabited island, caught sight of sundry geometrical figures drawn upon the sand, and at once bade his companions be of good cheer, as in them he recognised the evidence of man's presence upon the island. To this also we shall take an early opportunity of referring in detail.

The School Quarterly Courts will be held at Freemasons' Hall next week, that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, being fixed for the 13th instant, and that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the day following. The important business at both meetings will consist of the settlement of the lists of candidates and the declaration of the number of vacancies to be filled in April. Certain motions will also be considered, there being a proposal to amend the laws defining the qualifications of candidates for the Girls' School, and one to suspend the law which sanctions the purchase of Life Presentations to the Boys' School.

General sympathy will be felt with our Bengal brethren at the news that Bro. Gen. Yeatman-Biggs, their Dist. G. Master, died on Wednesday from dysentery contracted a few weeks back at the seat of war on the North-West frontier. The deceased was in command of one of the divisions of Sir W. Lockhart's force and his death will be a great loss both to the service in which he had served so long and with such distinction, and to the Craft of Masonry. We hope to be in a position to publish a record of his Masonic career at an early date.

We hasten, at the request of Bro. Major-General John F. Owen, District G. Master of Malta, to correct an error that appeared in the record of his Masonic career which, with the portrait of our respected brother, was published in the 'Xmas number of the *Freemason*. We appear to have misread the particulars we had received and returned him as having been initiated in the Albion Lodge, now No. 196, Barbados, on the 11th April, 1861, but not raised to the Degree of M.M. till the year 1879 in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 1525, Mauritius. The facts are that he was initiated in the Albion Lodge early in 1861 and raised on the 11th April of that year.

Thus the commencement of his record of service will read as follows: "Bro. Maj.-Gen. J. F. Owen, the successor of Rear-Admiral Markham, as Dist. Grand Master of Malta, was initiated in the Albion Lodge, No. 196—then No. 232—Barbados, in 1861, and raised to the Degree of M.M. on the 11th April of that year. Owing to the exigencies of military service, no Masonic work is recorded of him until he joined, in 1879, the Lodge of Harmony, No. 1525, Mauritius, of which lodge he was appointed, and served as J.W. in 1880, and since then he has taken a very prominent part in Masonry." We regret and apologise for the error, which, however, in no way detracts from the merit of Bro. General Owen's services.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Bro. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine, for a copy of the circular addressed by Bro. Joseph Locke, M.W.G. Master of that jurisdiction, to the brethren under his obedience, forbidding all Masonic communication with the Grand Lodge of Peru and its subordinate lodges, the ground of the excommunication being that the said Grand Lodge of Peru has altered its fundamental laws, so as to exclude the "Book of the Law," i.e., "The Great Light of Masonry," from its altars and those of its subordinate lodges. This excommunication, however, is not intended to apply to those Peruvian brethren, who may sever their connection with the Peruvian Grand Lodge and the lodges under its obedience in consequence of this departure from the great fundamental principle of the Craft, and with a view to maintaining, pure and unadulterated, the principles which were recognised at the time they were initiated into Freemasonry.

We gather from the report of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury at its regular quarterly communication on the 21st August, that an important letter had been received from Bro. Richard Eve, Past G. Treas., "with regard to the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand," and at the request of the Dist. Board of General Purposes, the Dist. G. Master, after fully explaining the position of affairs, has sent Bro. Eve a reply thanking him for his trouble and embodying the views of the members of the Dist. Board of General Purposes. The Dist. G. Master—Bro. R. Dunn Thomas—further stated "in proof of the steady progress English Masonry had made in this district," that while in 1891 "after formation of so-called new Grand Lodge the E.C. retained seven lodges with a total of Subscribing Members of 274" there are now—in 1897—"nine lodges with a total of Subscribing Members of 369." This does not look as if the lodges in the Canterbury District were in a very great hurry to unite their fortunes with those of the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

According to *Taggart's Times* of Philadelphia, the Grand Master of Alabama has given it as his opinion that an obligation contracted "by an initiate under an assumed name" has the same binding force as if he had contracted it "in his proper name," and the Committee of his Grand Lodge has sustained him in his opinion.

## Correspondence.

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

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTION 1898.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I much regret that my letter which appeared in your issue of October 30th, on the above subject has not been deemed worthy of any notice by your readers. As however it is a very important matter, in my humble opinion, will you kindly allow me to shortly state the purport of it. I drew the attention of the Subscribers that at the ensuing election there would be 17 candidates (six brethren and 11 widows) who have been on the list from six to 16 years, a sad state of affairs and utterly belying our title to the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and that I had ventured to suggest to the W. Brothers, the Treasurer, and Secretary, that this dark spot might be easily remedied and ultimately removed by allowing a proportion of these old and friendless candidates, to take the place of those annuitants who had died after the polling papers were issued. This would be helping the friendless and no injustice to those who were at the head of the unsuccessful at the previous election, who by that position showed that they had many friends still living to help them to success, and I pointed out that other Institutions assisted candidates in this manner. I regret to say Bros. Farnfield and Terry did not receive my suggestion favourably. Failing this, I further suggested that it would be greater kindness to make a law, "That any candidate failing to obtain a sufficiency of votes should, after a certain number of elections, be removed from the list of candidates," this would spur up those brethren and lodges to get their candidates elected and would also deter others who had not sufficient influence from nominating a candidate and then leaving them in the sad plight of those I am endeavouring to interest your readers in.

I had hoped that you, in your editorial capacity, might have drawn the attention of subscribers to the subject, and I cannot understand why no one has troubled to discuss the above. I understand that the Committee are waiting for some evidence of a general wish that something should be done before moving in the matter, so that unless the Subscribers make a move and bring pressure to bear, this blot will still remain and these poor old candidates must still go on, with hope deferred, until death relieves them and removes them from the list. Hoping some Brother of more ability and influence than I possess will take up their cause.—I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM C. PARSONS,

P.M. and Sec. 180, P.M. and Sec. 1687.

51, Loughborough Park, Brixton,  
December 8th, 1897.

### THE SERVICE IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having been present as a Steward at a notable event of Masonic interest and importance at St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, the 2nd of December last, I venture to offer a few remarks upon the unusual observance, with the view of urging upon all those who have ever attended or are likely to be present in the sacred edifice for private or public worship, to remember that the work still to be accomplished needs further subscriptions in order that success may be achieved in a manner worthy of the aspirations of this great nation.

After the great fire of London in 1666 a Royal Commission was constituted for the purpose of carrying on the reconstructions of the chief architectural glory of the Metropolis, and the Letters Patent enjoin upon that body "that it was to be done for the promotion of Divine Service there to be celebrated to the end that the building might excel the splendour and magnificence of the former Church, and so become the principal ornament of the City of London, to the honour of this Realm and to the glory of God."

Sir Christopher Wren, the son of a Dean and nephew of a Bishop, brought to the discharge of this duty an earnestness of genius and great scientific knowledge in conjunction with the industry of the mediæval workers to whom Christendom owes its heritage of architectural majesty whereby the Minster of the People, one of the grandest Cathedrals of Europe was reared to adorn what in a few years has become the chief City of the World.

Over the north door will be found a richly sculptured Phoenix by Cibber, the pertinent motto being, "Resurgam."

It is worthy of remark that the building was commenced and finished under one architect, under the supervision of one Master Mason, Bro. Thomas Strong, and during the life time of one Bishop of London, Dr. Henry Compton.

The re-opening of the Cathedral 200 years ago after restoration was rendered doubly important as being the thanksgiving day for the Peace of Ryswick which established the right of England to choose its own Government and to manage its own affairs.

We are justly proud of this memorial to the greatness of the Church of England, which has become the last resting place of soldiers, sailors, and artists as the Royal Minster of the West is of poets, politicians, and jurists.

Ample as the church is in its proportions, dignified in design, with acoustic properties of the highest character it yet needs decoration to relieve its coldness and poverty of colour.

Much ornate work has been done in the choir and dome, but much more is required in the transepts and nave before perfection can be attained, which it should be our pride to bring to pass, so as to satisfy the ideal and cultured taste of England.

The Masonic Brotherhood is especially interested in translating into spiritual language the historic sanctity with which the sacred building is invested by taking a distinct share in its mural embellishment. The process is slow, but the progress is continuous; and it is most fitting that the Craft should undertake some portion of the interior decoration, for when all is done the effect will be magnificent.

A definite and highly efficient scheme of adornment has been commenced in fulfilment of Wren's intention, to use mosaic in order to make the edifice more worthy of the position it occupies in the history of the world.

It is to be hoped that pious donors may be found ready to come forward with their offerings for stained-glass windows, the absence of which detracts from the beauty of St. Paul's, and it will be a lasting credit to the Craft to supplement their contributions, so that the scheme, partly carried out, may be brought to a prosperous termination at a comparatively early date.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's having determined to celebrate the Bicentenary of the re-opening for Divine worship of the Metropolitan Cathedral by holding a special service, the invitation to Freemasons to take a leading part in the ceremonial came with peculiar appropriateness as the architect, Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, as well as many of the workmen associated with him in erecting the greatest Renaissance Cathedral in the Universe, had founded a lodge

at the "Goose and Gridiron" in the vicinity, now represented by the Lodge of Antiquity which is still in a flourishing condition.

Many stirring celebrations have been held from the time of Queen Anne to the Diamond Jubilee service of the present reign with all the pomp and circumstance which the clerical authorities can command, but it was reserved for the United Grand Lodge of England and representatives of over 900 lodges to solemnize the 200th anniversary of the opening of Sir Christopher Wren's great masterpiece by an unprecedented religious service, the like of which has not before been seen in any Christian church.

Praise is due to those who undertook the responsibility of organising and carrying out the proceedings, and if the arrangements made for visitors were not so perfect as desired the cause is to be found in the fact that the Committee were overwhelmed by applications from eminent ecclesiastics, well-known statesmen, Colonial celebrities, and others, representative of the great and noble in modern life.

When access to the interior had been gained, the courtesy and tact of the Stewards dispelled all irritation, and 6000 Masons of every grade soon filled the vast area. But with all the accommodation available, hundreds of the brethren high in rank, and great in social position, had to stand throughout the service, some where little could be seen, and it is a regrettable fact that many who came from distant parts of the Empire were unable to gain admission.

In taking official part in the Ceremony, the Corporation of London followed the example of their predecessors 200 years ago. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs attended in State, accompanied by Aldermen and Members of the Common Council, whilst the procession of the clergy in their vestments and Academical robes, followed by the Grand Officers resplendent in various colours of gold and silver, embroidered regalia, and brilliant jewels, was most effective, and invested the Bi-centenary with superb magnificence, the sword of Grand Lodge being carried in front of the Acting Grand Master. Last of all the Bishop of London entered, preceded by his Chaplain, bearing the crozier, his lordship taking his seat within the Sacrament.

The evensong service was intoned by the Venerable Archdeacon of London, Bro. Dr. Sinclair, P.G.C., whose full rich voice, with deliberate delivery, and clear enunciation, resounded to the furthest parts of the great structure, where it may be noted more artificial light is absolutely required.

A memorable service followed, characterised by devotion, fervent attention, and becoming reverence always experienced when the Masonic Order engage in religious duties.

The musical portion of this imposing service, conducted by Dr. Sir George Martin, was worthy of ancient tradition. The organ, augmented by silver trumpets and other instruments, accompanied the melodious voices of a large choir, which echoed round the great fabric, and when the compact assembly of 6000 voices joined in singing well-known hymns, and last of all the National Anthem, one realised that the glorious strains reflected the emotions of the worshippers.

The Bishop of London preached an appropriate sermon from words which David put before Solomon as the motive which was to inspire him when building the Temple of the Lord. Part of this discourse may be summarised as inculcating the nobleness of Charity with the dual obligation of Religion as binding on members of the Craft.

A special reason for the great ceremony was to give the Fraternity an opportunity of contributing to the embellishment of that temple of peace, as funds had yet to be raised for assisting in the work of Mosaic and other decoration now being carried on under the direction of Bro. Sir William B. Richmond, K.C.B., R.A., which was part of the original scheme revived in this generation so as to make the Cathedral worthy of the purposes for which it was intended.

The Bishop earnestly exhorted his hearers to give their practical assistance to the preserving and beautifying the House of God, and we were reminded that—

"Many a blow and biting sculpture,  
Polished well those stones elect,  
Who therewith hath willed for ever  
That His palace should be decked."

The offertory was to be allocated to the special adornment of the building by a mosaic panel, with a suitable inscription recording its origin, and the Decoration Committee will thankfully receive and acknowledge any further aid that may be forwarded to them. The collection would no doubt have been larger if more time had been allowed to the Stewards.

Let us hope that the Masonic spirit of fraternal love may grow, and draw mankind together in sympathy, that they may understand and respect each other, and unite their efforts for the good of this sublime cause, for is it not written—

"That the House that is builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnificent, of the fame and the glory throughout all countries."—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEO. L. WINGATE,  
Secretary 1423, P.M., P.P.G.R.

83, Angel Court, E.C.,  
December 24th, 1897.

## Reviews.

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H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has forwarded a donation of five guineas to the London Schools Dinner Association.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

1115] THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

Our able and zealous Bro. T. C. Walls is not a member of the "Quatour Coronati" Lodge, that happening to be one of the lodges he has not entered. He is, however, a welcome member of the "Correspondence Circle," and it is to be hoped that many other brethren will follow the example he has thus set, as the subscription is only half a guinea per annum on election. Major Walls does not believe in honours without work, and is not a Masonic Drone. It is a pity that honours should ever be bestowed on those who do not deserve them and lack due service.

2076.

## Craft Masonry.

Newstead Lodge, No. 47.

The installation meeting of this ancient and prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when Bro. I. Mason was installed W.M. An especially large number of brethren, including many distinguished Masons assembled to witness the proceedings. The W.M. elect was presented and installed into the chair by the outgoing Master, Bro. A. Aldam, in a singularly able and impressive manner.

A splendid banquet followed, at the conclusion of which the W.M. briefly, but in happily expressed terms, gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most loyally received.

Bro. Sir Samuel Johnson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master. In a felicitous speech, he expatiated on the many sterling qualities of the W.M., and congratulated the lodge upon having elected such an earnest and benevolent worker in the Craft to preside over them in the dignified capacity of Master.

The toast was enthusiastically received, as was the W.M., Bro. Mason, on rising to respond.

In replying, the Worshipful Master remarked that he valued very much the high honour which had been conferred upon him and that with the hearty and fraternal co-operation of his officers he would endeavour to becomingly maintain the harmony and dignity of the mother lodge of the province.

All the ordinary toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The musical programme presented special features of attraction; the artistes were Madame Lynn, Bro. Bingley Shaw, Bro. F. S. Gilbert, and Mr. Ford Waltham. The Masonic Band was under the conductorship of Bro. A. R. Watson.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.

This lodge, now 109 years old, held its annual installation meeting on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, London. The assembly was presided over by Bro. E. J. A. Davy, W.M., who was supported by his officers and Past Masters: Bros. the Rev. S. J. Roco, Chap.; I. Botibol, W. J. Gardiner, I. Cohen, S. Weigel, J. Dodson, Henry Lazarus (W.M. elect); Lewis Lazarus, J. G. Cross, E. G. Galloway, M. Jacobs, S. Silver, G. Van Vollen, D. Koyminsk, Harry Barnett, Henry Witmund, Ed. M. Lazarus, Barnett Samuel, W. Thorpe, J. Hanks, E. Reineman, J. H. Craig, A. W. Brewer, A. Harris, A. W. Davill, T. H. Bull, H. Bull, J. G. Moore, S. Freeman, M. J. Rosenberg, N. Lazarus, and A. Levay. Visitors: Bros. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M. 1839, 2264; J. W. Westmoreland, P.M. 1259; W. C. Tebbitt, P.M. 2045; L. S. Genese, W.M. 2265; Emanuel Lazarus, W.M. 2313; F. Louison, 188; W. H. Fleming, 1158; J. Hyams, 1349; Hy Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; Richard Poore, 1949; W. J. Trappitt, 1259; G. Linn, W.M. 1608; Geo. Gabb, 902; M. C. Owen, P.M. 185; S. Fonseca, 1503; J. J. L. Linton, 2411; W. H. Young, 1601; Hy. Green, 1693; Geo. Perrett, 1259; and Henry Pick, 1920.

The W.M. passed to the Second Degree Bros. Galloway and Cross, after which ceremony Bro. the Rev. S. J. Roco raised Bro. Jacobs to the Third Degree. For the installation ceremony the W.M., Bro. Davy, ceded his position to Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M. and Secretary, whose son, Henry Lazarus, P.M., had been elected to serve the office of W.M. for the second time. Bro. Lewis Lazarus then installed his son, who, subsequently invested Bro. E. J. A. Davy with the collar of I.P.M. The other brethren appointed to hold office for the year 1898 were Bros. E. Emanuel, S.W.; I. Cohen, J.W.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. S. J. Roco, P.M., Chap.; E. Ansell, S.D.; J. Edwards, J.D.; A. W. Brewer, I.G.; A. Cohen, P.M., D.C.; J. Craig, A.D.C.; E. Reinemann, M. D. Armstrong, and W. Rosenthal, Stwds.; and J. Ives, P.M., Tyler.

The W.M. informed the brethren that at the following meeting they would have to elect a Treasurer in place of Bro. J. S. Lyon, whose death on December 31st, 1897, they all deeply regretted. He further informed the lodge that the funeral of the deceased brother took place on Sunday, and it was very gratifying to find such a large number of the brethren of the lodge attended. The family of the late brother were deeply touched by that mark of respect and love which was exhibited. The time between the death and the funeral was very short, but owing to the promptitude of the lodge Secretary notices were sent to all the brethren sufficiently early for them to attend. A vote of condolence with the family was passed, and in speaking to the resolution Bro. J. Dodson, P.M., said that had it not been for illness in his own family he should himself have been present at Bro. Lyon's funeral. Before the ceremonies of the evening were over the W.M. presented in the name of the lodge a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Davy, I.P.M., together with a Past Master's collar and jewel which Bro. Davy's old friends, Bros. Gardner, P.M., Galloway, and Cross had contributed.

The lodge was thereafter closed, and a choice banquet was partaken of in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern.

The speeches accompanying the toasts and responses were very brief, the evening being principally devoted to some excellent music by Mr. F. P. Berry, Miss Ethel Harrison, Bro. W. H. Berry, Mr. F. Butlin, Bro. Victor Medcalf, Miss Alice Leslie, and Mr. J. Crumley, Messrs. F. P. Berry and J. Crumley being the accompanists.

Bro. John Mason, P.G. Std. Br., responding to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," said he had known the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master for a quarter of a century, and had seen them ever ready to do their work in every ceremony—install Provincial Grand Masters, consecrate Masonic halls, and never failing, even when called upon at a moment's notice. When they got noblemen like them not ashamed to put on Masonic clothing, and able to carry out the great work of the Craft, it was seen that they were not ornamental Masons merely, but true men. They were called upon to assist the Grand Master in ruling the Craft, and settling knotty questions which were to the advantage of Masonry. There were other hard-working Grand Officers, like the Grand Secretary, who worked many hours a day. Then there was the Grand Registrar, who gave his opinions, but though they did not always agree with lawyers, they, like good Masons, bowed down to them. He was proud to be one of those who wore the purple, and he was proud to have worked for it; for 33 years he had worked, and it had come at last. Whoever was appointed thought it incumbent on him to work, but the brethren must not consider that those who wore the purple were better than they were when they wore the blue. They should always be ready to take any part in lodge working, from Inner Guard upwards, at a moment's notice; his advice was that they should work and wait.

Bro. Henry Lazarus, W.M., replying to the toast of "The W.M.," which was proposed by Bro. E. J. Davy, I.P.M., said it gave him very great pleasure indeed to have to respond to that toast. It was a very proud night to him when he looked back to that very night 12 years ago, the night he was initiated and sat on the right of the W.M. Some six or seven years after the brethren were good enough to elect him as their W.M., and now for the second time they had put him in that same position. He might say, without sounding his own trumpet, that as far as Masonry was concerned he took every interest in it that it was possible for any individual member to take. He was very pleased now to stand up and tell the brethren, after so many years' connection with

the lodge, that during all that period he had never missed a single meeting whether ordinary or emergency, and he could now say he should do his very best during his year of office to keep up the prestige of this centenary lodge, and he knew that with the assistance of the officers and Past Masters that object would be attained.

Bro. Henry Lazarus, W.M., in giving the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Davy," said the last year had been a most successful one, for Bro. Davy had had eight initiates besides which 100 guineas had been voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He did not think that there had been such an occurrence in the Joppa Lodge during its existence. The brethren's appreciation of Bro. Davy had been testified by their voting him a Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Davy, I.P.M., in responding, said he had to thank the W.M. for the terms of praise he had used. It had been a proud moment for him that during his year they had given 100 guineas to the Benevolent Institution. He thanked the Past Masters for the support they had given in that direction. He hoped as long as he was spared that he should stick to the lodge along with many of the old Past Masters.

Bro. Henry Lazarus, W.M., proposed "The Installing Master," thanking Bro. Davy for standing aside to allow his (Bro. Lazarus's) father to instal him in the chair of K.S. in the Joppa Lodge for the second time. He thought the performance of the ceremony had been satisfactory to the brethren.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Secretary, in acknowledging the toast, said that was a unique night of unique nights. He had had the books of the lodge before him, which referred back for 80 years, and he found that one father and son, besides him and his son, had been Masters of the lodge. The father had installed the son; but that was the first time when a father had installed his son the second time. He considered it a great compliment that the lodge had recorded its thanks to him. He had said so in lodge, and he reiterated it. If he looked back to the day that he initiated his son, it seemed only a few years. He was certainly a few years older, and he did not feel so young on that occasion; but he considered it one of the greatest honours that could be conferred by one Mason on another to have the privilege of installing and conducting the affairs of the lodge. From his experience of 26 or 27 years, what had taken place that night had been most exceptional. Having had the privilege of installing his son for the second time, it was his earnest desire and wish that the Lodge of Joppa might have continued success, and that the present year might be one of its most successful years; he also hoped that the lodge might continue to increase in prosperity, and be everything individual members could desire.

Bro. John Mason, P.G. Std. Br., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and Bros. Parrett, Linn, Genese, Dewsnap, and Moss Cohen, to that of "The Visitors."

The toasts of "The Benevolent Fund," "The P.Ms.," "The Secretary," and "The Officers," were honoured in due course, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441.

The installation meeting was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, the 3rd inst., and was attended by nearly 80 brethren, including the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray, P.G. Chap. England, and a number of visiting brethren from the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, and other lodges.

After Bro. F. W. Potts, W.M., had opened the lodge, the duties of Installing Master were efficiently discharged by Bro. J. Royston, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., and Bro. F. R. Leach was duly placed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. There were 20 present at the Board of Installed Masters. The appointment and investiture of the officers followed. Subjoined is a list: Bros. F. R. Leach, W.M.; F. W. Potts, P.P. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; L. Hosegood, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; G. R. Barnes, J.W.; T. Watts, P.M., P.G. Treas., Chap.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; F. Cole, P.P.G. Purst., Sec.; F. W. Miller, S.D.; G. F. Knowles, J.D.; F. Dewberry, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Royston, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., A.D.C.; W. H. Berridge, P.P. G.O., Org.; H. W. Dewberry, Std. Br.; J. Dempster, P.G. Purst., I.G.; Bros. J. Vail, P.P.S.G.W.; W. T. Bowman, and Oliver J. Hammond, Stwds.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Tyler.

At the banquet which followed, the toast of "The Grand Officers of England," was acknowledged by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. Gray remarked that he could respond to this toast better in any other province than Cambridgeshire, for elsewhere he might be considered as representing that august body of brethren, the Grand Officers, he trusted, not unworthily. But here in Cambridge they knew too much about him as being associated with the province and with the Isaac Newton Lodge. Last year, his Royal Highness did him the honour of conferring Past Grand rank upon him; and it was indeed an honour to be associated in any way with such a body of men as the working officers of Grand Lodge, who did splendid work in a splendid manner. For himself, he wished he could feel that he held his position not unworthily.

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," said that the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Caldwell, was absent from Cambridge, but had sent his hearty good wishes to No. 441.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in acknowledging, congratulated Bro. Leach on having been placed in the chair of a most important lodge, and he also congratulated him upon the officers he had to support him. He (Bro. Gray) thought he could report the province prosperous and united. The breach of discord had never, to his mind, crossed their counsels. He had only to refer to the brethren standing, in acknowledgment of the toast, to show of what high calibre the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were made of.

Bro. F. W. Potts, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and spoke of the deep interest Bro. F. R. Leach had always taken in Masonry since his initiation. The brethren had acknowledged the services he had rendered by unanimously electing him as W.M., and there was no doubt but that he would prove himself worthy of the chair.

The W.M. said it was always a difficult thing for him to attempt to speak, but it was doubly difficult to adequately respond to a toast he had never responded to before. It took him back to the time of his initiation, and made him feel his feebleness. He trusted they would accept his best thanks for the manner in which they had received him, and he hoped that he might go through his year of office with the same hearty good wishes as had then been showered upon him.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. Royston, and the other Past Masters," and thanked Bro. Royston for the admirable manner in which he had performed the installation work. He also thanked the I.P.M. and other Past Masters for the kind assistance they had rendered to himself in working up to the chair.

The Dep. Prov. Grand Master here, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. F. W. Potts a Past Master's jewel, remarking that whatever honour might fall to his lot—and might they be true—he would never regard with greater pleasure and satisfaction any honour more than that of receiving from his brethren and fellows a jewel to commemorate honourable work done for the lodge.

Bro. F. W. Potts suitably responded, and remarked that he had had several red-letter days, but that he regarded as the best.

Bro. J. Royston also acknowledged the toast of his health. As to the work of installation, it was no trouble to him, and he could only hope that the brethren would take away with them the beautiful lessons conveyed in the ceremony. If they took the charges to heart and practised them, they would be better men and better citizens.

Bros. Joseph Bell and John Vail responded for the other Past Masters, mentioning that they both had been members of the lodge for 33 years.

Bro. P. H. Young, P.M., gave "The Visiting Brethren," which toast was acknowledged by Bros. Oliver Papworth, P.G. Sec.; W. Sindall, W.M. 88; W. H. Francis, P.M. 859; R. C. Bayn, I.P.M. 1044; C. Armstrong, 1184; and F. Cumberland, 2107.

"The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers of the Lodge" were afterwards proposed and responded to.

An excellent programme of music was provided by Bros. E. F. Bindloss, F. W. Miller, E. W. Swann, O. J. Hammond, and W. H. Berridge.

Restoration Lodge, No. 1117.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Darlington, on Thursday, the 30th ult., for the installation of the W.M., and investiture of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. C. J. Walton, P.M., presided in the unavoidable absence, through a bereavement, of the W.M., Bro. John Broughton. There was an exceptionally

large attendance on the occasion, comprising Bros. John Robinson, P.M., P.J.G.W., W.M. elect, and the following officers and members of the lodge: Bros. Rev. Richard Coulton, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; John Bailey, P.P.J.G.W.; Andrew Farmer, P.P.S.G.W. Yorkshire; Richard Luck, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W.; William Mitford, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Richard M. Wilks, P.P.G. Reg.; Thomas M. Thompson, P.A.G.D.C.; Fras. Martin, P.M.; William Todd, S.W. elect; Robert Kirton, P.S.W.; John Henderson, J.W. elect; B. S. Beckwith, P.M. 1230, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; Percy Hutchinson, Sec. elect; R. A. Brown, S.D. elect; W. C. Barron, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Wilkes, P.M.; Henry Petch, J.D.; Wm. Swales, P.P.G. Org., D.C.; P. T. Howard, Org.; Wm. Bentley, I.G. elect; F. G. Mountford, John Jackson, and D. H. Oliver, Stwds.; Thomas Wood, P.M. 1650; John Teasdale, J. T. Teasdale, M. Curry, Thomas Metcalfe, Charles Hinks, C. Blaister, S. H. Mitford, Thomas Brown, Thomas Henderson, C. H. Wrightson, G. W. Davison, Geo. Guiseley, and W. Richardson. The following visiting brethren attended, namely, Bros. Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; Wm. P. Cowper, P.M., G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; C. D. Hill Drury, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.P.S.G.W.; C. S. Lane, P.P.S.G.W., West Hartlepool; T. G. Mabane, P.P.J.G.W., South Shields; John C. Moor, P.P.J.G.W. Sunderland; Will Hutchinson, P.S.G.D., Stockton; J. Holt, P.P.S.G.D., Yarm; H. Baumann, P.M. 764, P.P.J.G.D.; J. G. Hall, P.M., 1230, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Tovey, P.M. 1379, P.P.G. Org.; G. Middlemass, M.D., Sec. 1379, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. N. Cochrane, I.P.M. 1379; W. Waldy, P.M. 1379; R. H. Richardson, 1001; Bernard Biggs, 1379; Wm. Lyall, 1379; Thomas Imeson, W.M. 1650; J. Widdowfield (Mayor of Darlington), 1650; G. J. Johnson, 1650; Wm. Robinson, 1650; Eli Rowley, 1650; John Bethell, Org. 1932; Wm. Raine, 2568; Thomas Putnam, 1379; G. P. Andrews, S.W. 1650; C. W. Anderson, P.P.S.G.D. Stockton; J. W. Cuthbertson, W.M. 1274; F. S. Cowper, P.M. 2039, P.P.G.D.C. Sunderland; and W. Imeson, S.D. 1650.

Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. John Robinson, S.W., was presented by Bro. J. Bailey, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., by whom, in a full Board of Installed Masters, he was duly installed in the chair of K.S. and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.M. then invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Broughton, I.P.M.; W. Todd, S.W.; J. Henderson, J.W.; the Rev. Rd. Coulton, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; B. S. Beckwith, P.M. 1230, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; Percy Hutchinson, Sec.; R. A. Brown, S.D.; Henry Petch, J.D.; P. Howard, Org.; Wm. Swales, P.M. 1650, P.P.G. Org., D.C.; William Bentley, I.G.; F. G. Mountford, J. Jackson, D. H. Oliver, and A. Cleghorn, Stwds.; and G. Guiseley, Tyler; Bro. W. C. Barron, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was elected as Representative on Charities Committee. The addresses to the W.M. and officers were given by Bro. W. H. Cowper, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Fleece Inn, Bro. J. Robinson, P.J.G.W., W.M., in the chair, and Bros. W. Todd, S.W., and J. Henderson, J.W., in the vice-chairs.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured with great enthusiasm.

#### Brownrigg Lodge of Unity, No. 1424.

The installation meeting of this important Kentish lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, under the presidency of Bro. R. Urquhart, W.M. The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The Treasurer presented to the Installing Master, Bro. R. Urquhart, the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Miller, S.W., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in a deliberate, impressive manner he was installed into the chair of K.S., saluted, and greeted by the numerous array of Masters and Past Masters—22—representing the majority of the lodges in Kent. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed. A word or two of commendation must be deservedly given to the Installing Master for the most excellent and impressive manner in which he performed the ceremony, which could not easily be excelled.

In due course the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the loyal toasts were given from the chair.

Bros. H. Hurrell and W. Atkinson responded to the toast of "The Provincial G. Officers of Kent" in an impressive manner.

Then came the important toast of the evening—"The W.M."—which was most enthusiastically received with full Masonic honours.

The W.M., in reply, said he was deeply touched with the spontaneous loyalty of the brethren of the lodge. His great aim during his year of office would be to prove that their confidence had not been misplaced, and that they were justified in committing the interests of the lodge to his care.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," remarking that the Brownrigg Lodge always extended a fraternal welcome to visiting brethren at all times.

Bros. Dr. Robins, P.M. 1774; W. Wiggins, P.M. 20; E. S. Standing, W.M. 2599; and other brethren responded.

The toast of "The I.P.M." followed, proposed gracefully by the W.M. He said Bro. Urquhart and he had been true Masonic comrades; that he had watched with great interest the efficiency of the I.P.M. during the year he had occupied the chair he had now the honour of filling, and how he hoped to profit by the practical lessons he had received from the I.P.M. As a tangible proof of the good service he had rendered as W.M., and of the universal esteem in which he was held by the brethren, the handsome Past Master's jewel which he had the honour and pleasure of affixing to the breast of the I.P.M. was ample evidence. He wished the distinguished brother many years to wear the tribute awarded to him by the lodge.

When the applause had subsided, the I.P.M. briefly responded, saying how grateful he was to the brethren for their generous marks of appreciation of his humble efforts to support Masonry in general, and the interests of the lodge in particular.

The next toast was "The Treasurer and Secretary." The W.M. said how much he relied upon them, and appreciated the valuable services they would render him.

The Treasurer and Secretary responded, and numerous other toasts followed.

Eighty-three brethren sat down to the banquet, which was all that could be desired.

The Royal Engineers' String Band rendered excellent music during the evening, and numerous songs and solos were given.

#### Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535.

A regular meeting of this successful young lodge was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 3rd inst. At each successive meeting there is something fresh to record in the phenomenally successful career of this lodge, and the gathering under notice was no exception to that rule. The brethren had to congratulate themselves that yet another member was assured of a distinguished position in Grand Lodge, viz.: Bro. Lieut.-Col. Probyn, who was the only candidate nominated at the last Grand Lodge meeting for the office of Grand Treasurer. This will make a total of four members who have received Grand Lodge collars since the formation of the lodge three or four years ago, two being appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and two elected by Grand Lodge. Following the usual practice of the lodge a sum of 25 guineas was voted to the Boys' School on the list of Bro. W. Thomas, W.M. elect. The W.M., Bro. E. L. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., was supported by Bros. W. Thomas, P.M., S.W.; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C., Sec.; B. Carter, J.D.; W. Making, P.M., I.G.; J. H. Haylor, D.C.; S. Hussey, P.M.; W. J. Batho, Stwd.; M. S. Rubinstein, Org.; Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, P.M.; J. W. Morrell, T. J. Sewell, M. H. Foster, B. Griffin, P.M.; and many others. Bros. J. T. Musgrave, Org. 753, and W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx., were visitors.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Owing to the indisposition of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Stephens, D.G.D.C., who raised Bro. J. W. Ward to the Third Degree, and afterwards initiated Mr. F. W. Clark into Freemasonry. Bro. A. Gray, 2310, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. resumed the chair, and the elections were proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Bros. W. Thomas, W.M. elect; J. Welford, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Thomas was congratulated by the W.M., and returned thanks for his election, expressing the hope that he might be allowed to represent the lodge as Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School. On the proposition of the Secretary, Bro. Thomas, W.M. elect, was authorised to represent the lodge as Steward, and a sum of 25 guineas was voted to his list. The Secretary announced, with great regret, the death of Bro. Major Reed, the late S.D. of the lodge, who was highly respected and esteemed by all the members, and a sincere vote of condolence was passed to his rela-

tives. Apologies were received from Bros. J. R. Roberts, P.M.; Rudderforth, and W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas., who were absent on account of ill-health. On the motion of Bro. J. Stephens, P.M., Sec., a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., the retiring Master, for the very successful and able manner in which he had conducted his duties during the past year, and also represented the lodge at the last Boys' School Festival. It was unanimously agreed that a ball should be held in connection with the lodge, and that Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas., should be asked to take the position of President of the Committee. Other business was transacted, and lodge was closed.

After an excellent and well-served banquet, the usual toasts were given.

Bro. J. Stephens, D.G.D.C., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Past, Present, and Future," and referred in sympathetic terms to the sad loss sustained by the Pro Grand Master, who had rendered such eminent service to the Craft. The record of the Fellowship Lodge in reference to Grand Lodge honours was a marvellous one, and next March another Grand Officer would be added to the list. The W.M. in the chair, who had been connected with the Rothesay Lodge for about 20 years, and had taken an active interest in Freemasonry, had been rewarded and his merits recognised by the office he held. It was open to the initiate of that evening to do the same if he would but make a name for himself.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn also replied, remarking that he always understood that the W.M. could do no wrong, but he did not think the W.M. even of that lodge would propose his own health in conjunction with those who did not exist. He knew the motive was the kindly good feeling of the W.M. There was an old saying—"Never crow until you take your perch." He had not his perch, and therefore, could not crow, but bowed with all deference and obedience to the W.M., a principle he recommended to the initiate. He thanked them for the references made, and hoped to make one of the wonderful roll of Grand Officers belonging to that lodge—which possessed a record which he thought could not be beaten.

Bro. J. Stephens, Deputy G.D.C., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and deplored the absence through ill-health of two P.Ms. of the lodge. He had referred in the lodge to the zealous manner in which Bro. Valeriani had discharged his duties in any office, and all must have been pleased and gratified at the very handsome manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge. They had voted him a Past Master's jewel as a slight mark of their affection, and only hoped that when he vacated the chair he would be spared for many years to identify himself in the future, as he had in the past, with the best interests of the lodge.

Bro. E. L. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., W.M., said he would not try to thank them sufficiently for the simple reason that he could find no words in the English vocabulary to adequately express his thanks. He had been very happy and proud to be their W. Master and he was only surprised they had shown so much patience and forbearance to his shortcomings. However, his heart and soul had been in Masonry for the past 25 years in his mother lodge—the Rothesay—and if he was spared there was plenty of work left in him. He was proud of having been initiated in one good lodge and of coming to the top of the tree in another.

Bro. F. W. Clark, replying for the toast of "The Initiate," expressed his thanks for having been introduced to the mysteries of Masonry. He also thanked the W.M. for his good wishes and for the kind reception given him.

"The Officers" was next given and replied to by Bros. Rubinstein, Org., and Hussey, and Haylor, Stwds.

Bro. B. Carter, S.D., also responded, and said that he was young in Masonry and had such brilliant examples before him that it would not be a "simple little thing" to do the same as his predecessors, but if he could do that he would succeed in pleasing all. As long as he continued in office he would do his best to serve the W.M. and his successors faithfully.

Bro. J. Stephens, P.M., Sec., in his reply, said the lodge was going on well and he hoped there would be as large a balance as usual notwithstanding the proposed ball. The Secretarial duties of such a lodge were not light and the office was no sinecure. It was his ambition to uphold the dignity and prestige of the lodge which was second to none in London.

The Tyler's toast terminated a pleasant evening, the pleasure of which was enhanced by musical selections by Bro. Rubinstein, Org.; Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Florence Venning, and Bros. Batho, Hussey, Herschel, Haylor, and Stephens.

## Mark Masonry.

### Industry Lodge, No. 293.

The annual gathering of this progressive lodge was held at Gateshead on Monday, the 3rd inst., when there was a good attendance, amongst whom were Bros. William Stafford, P.G.R. of M., W.M.; Thomas Purvis, P.D.G.M.; John Page, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Dodds, P.G.M.O.; T. R. Short, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Brown, P.M., P.P.S.G.O., D.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M.; T. R. Jobson, P.M.; A. Simpson, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Jackson, J.W.; W. J. Jobson, M.O.; W. C. A. Holzapfel, S.O.; T. Douglass, J.O.; J. Armstrong, R. of M.; R. Harrison, Sec.; C. W. Hodgson, S.D.; J. B. McKenzie, J.D.; W. E. Peacock, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; R. Laverick, Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; C. H. Keay, F. J. Hastie, T. Chegwidan, A. J. Vaughn, J. Lawson, R. Dobson, J. T. Pragnell, and others.

After the financial statement, showing a balance of £16 Ss. 6d. in hand, was read and adopted, the D.P.G.M., Bro. Thos. Purvis, presented Bro. A. Simpson, P.G.I.G., to the retiring W.M., Bro. Wm. Stafford, for installation as W.M. The ceremony was performed in a very satisfactory manner, also the charges incidental to the appointment of officers. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Stafford, I.P.M.; H. Jackson, S.W.; W. J. Jobson, J.W.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; the Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; W. C. A. Holzapfel, M.O.; T. Douglass, S.O.; John Armstrong, J.O.; R. Harrison, R. of M.; C. W. Hodgson, Sec.; J. B. McKenzie, S.D.; W. E. Peacock, J.D.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; H. H. Pitt, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; R. Laverick and C. H. Keay, Stwds.; and J. Curry, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Central Hotel, where the annual festival was held under the presidency of Bro. Simpson, W.M.

An enjoyable dinner was followed by a very harmonious evening's entertainment.

## Obituary.

### BRO. J. M. STEDWELL, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.W. MIDDLESEX.

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. John M. Stedwell. The sad event occurred at his residence, 14, Queen's-road, Twickenham, our late brother, who was highly respected in the neighbourhood, where he had resided for over 60 years, having attained the ripe age of 86 years. Bro. Stedwell was the second senior P.M. of the Crescent Lodge, No. 788, Hampton Court, having occupied the chair of W.M. in 1854, and in 1870, on the constitution of Middlesex as a Province, under the late Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., had the honour of being appointed the first Prov. Junior Grand Warden. He was also in Royal Arch Masonry, the senior Past First Principal of the Strawberry Hill Chapter, No. 946, Twickenham, and in 1872, when the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex was organised, was appointed to the chair of Prov. G.J.

### BRO. VERNON, P.M.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Vernon, P.M. of Lodges Nos. 58 and 261, Kelso, and hope to be in a position to furnish particulars of his Masonic career at an early date.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**  
For the week ending Saturday, January 15th, 1898.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 10.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
- 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
- 58, Felicity, Grafton Rooms.
- 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- 103, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1366, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.
- 1022, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 2012, Chiswick, Criterion.
- 2243, Argonauts, Putney Constitutional Club.
- 2426, Wood Green, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel.
- 2565, Royal Rose, Hd.-quarters 3rd Vol. Battalion Royal Fusiliers, Hampstead-road.
- 2632, Byfield, Great Eastern Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 1704, Cable, Cafe Royal.
- 2191, Anglo-American, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 44, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 180, St. James Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
- 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- 781, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.
- 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.
- 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
- 1698, Samson, Cafe Royal.
- 1909, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2400, Brentford, Castle Assembly Rooms.
- 2427, Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras.
- 2546, Kahere, Frascati Restaurant.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.**

Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
- 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
- 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.
- 147, Justice, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 548, Wellington, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 820, Lily Lodge of Richmond, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 1280, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel.
- 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1986, Honor Oak, White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood.
- 2362, Bloomsbury Villas, Head-quarters, Chancery-street.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 1260, John Hervey, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 385, King Solomon, Mark Mason's Hall.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.**

General Court Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

**CRAFT LODGE.**

- 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 200, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
- 293, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
- 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
- 800, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
- 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1076, Copper, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern.
- 1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill.
- 1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, North Finchley.
- 1820, Sir Thomas White, Cafe Royal.
- 1987, Strand, Criterion.
- 2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2090, Hammersmith, Vest y Hall.
- 2108, Derby Allerott, Midland Grand Hotel.
- 2417, Bodingbroke, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
- 2509, Barnet, Assembly Rooms.
- 2523, Roll Call, Oddfellows' Hall, Hounslow.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 149, St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath.
- 619, Beadon, Anderton's Hotel.
- 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, N. Woolwich.
- 2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 467, West Ham, Town Hall, Stratford.

**ROSIKUCIAN.**

Metropolitan College, Mark Masons' Hall.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14.**

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
- 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel.
- 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
- 1704, Anchor, Cafe Royal.
- 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.
- 2309, Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
- 2503, Hugh Owen, Frascati Restaurant.
- 2603, Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**

- D, Mount Calvary, Inns of Court Hotel.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion.
- 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.

- 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1767, Kensington, Royal Palace Hotel.
- 2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
- 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

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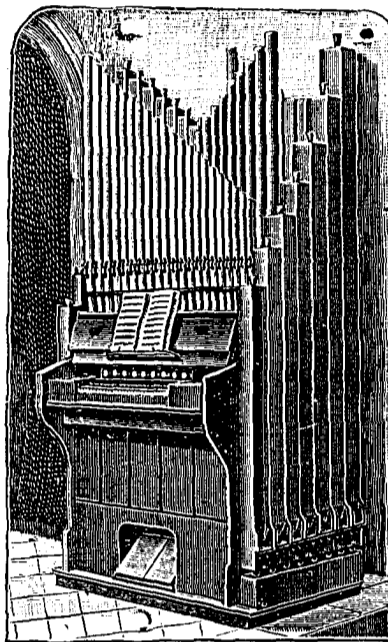
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## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY has consented to distribute the prizes at the fifth annual festival of the London Diocesan Church of England Temperance Society, in the Crystal Palace, on May 21st next.

THE ANNUAL London dinner of the Old Blundellian Club (Blundell's School, Tiverton) will take place at the Hotel Cecil, on Thursday, the 13th inst., at seven p.m. The Archbishop of Canterbury has signified his intention to be present.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES has consented to become a Patroness of the Depot for Greek Industries recently opened in London, the other Patronesses being her Majesty the Queen of the Hellenes and the Crown Princess of Greece.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS LOUISE will be present at the reading, "A Christmas Carol," by Bro. Sir Squire Bancroft, on behalf of the East London District Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, at St. James's Theatre, on the 31st inst.

THE SUM of £1,418 15s. has been awarded by the Council of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London to the Seaman's Hospital Society (Dreadnought), £918 15s. of which is a special donation in honour of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

UPWARDS of £50 has been subscribed towards a fund to endow a bed in the Hampton Court and Molesey Cottage Hospital, primarily for the use of watermen and others connected with the Thames, as a memorial of the late Tom Tagg, Queen's waterman.

BRO. THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER is confined to his room at Eaton Hall with a bronchial cold. A house party, which was to have assembled this week, has been temporarily postponed. His Grace's condition does not give rise to any fear of complications.

THE PRESENT disposition of the British Squadron in North China waters, according to latest advices received at the Admiralty, is as follows: At Chemulpo—Centurion (flagship), Undaunted, Narcissus, Pique, Rainbow, Daphne, and Algerine; and at Port Arthur—Immortalité and Iphigenia.

OUR READERS will be pleased to hear that there is a marked improvement in the health of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain, whose condition had of late caused considerable anxiety to the members of his family. His lordship is expected to go for a sea voyage shortly, and it is confidently hoped that the change will complete his recovery.

BRO. SIR J. BLUNDELL MAPLE, Bart., M.P., following his usual custom at this season of the year, has distributed among the poor in the neighbourhood of Childwickbury, his country seat near St. Albans, between 4000 and 5000 pounds of beef and mutton. An enormous number of rabbits also have been distributed to the poor widows and families in the St. Pancras district.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO CRIPPLED CHILDREN.—Through the exertions of the Ragged School Union and the Shaftesbury Society, aided by Bro. Alderman Treloar, some 4000 boxes of food were made ready for distribution to the crippled children on the register of the body in question. Each box contained a pork pie, cake, plum pudding, tea, and sweets.

THE "FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK" for the year 1898 contains, besides the matter usual in similar books, a complete list of all the regular lodges and Royal Arch chapters, with their places and times of meeting. This book is published for the benefit of the Charity Fund under the authority of the United Grand Lodge of England. It is splendidly bound, and is altogether a very handy little book.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*.

BRO. SIR HENRY IRVING having read "Becket" in Canterbury Cathedral, it has been arranged to give four performances of the "Conversion of England" in the Great Hall of the Church House on Saturday, the 15th inst., at 2.30 p.m., and on the following Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, at 8 p.m. Considerable interest was excited some time ago by this religious play at Canterbury, and there is every reason to believe that its repetition in London will prove attractive.

BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL LORD ROBERTS, V.C., who is already the Honorary Colonel of two militia battalions, has again evidenced his interest in that branch of the service by accepting the Honorary Colonelcy of the 3rd Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. The battalion, formerly comprised in the old 3rd Lancashire Militia, is commanded by Colonel Leith Bonkote. In the county the appointment is very popular, and is expected to have a good effect on recruiting prospects.

THE STEAMSHIP *Gerona*, belonging to the firm of Messrs. W. Thomson and Sons, of Dundee, bound from Portland to London with 400 horses and a general cargo, struck Seal Island 18 miles off Cape Sable, the southern extremity of Nova Scotia, at four o'clock on Saturday morning last. The weather at the time was thick. The ship floated almost immediately, but when the pumps were sounded it was reported that there were 15ft of water in the hold. The captain refused to abandon his vessel, but the second officer and 24 of the crew took to the boats, and reached Wood Harbour, Nova Scotia, on Sunday, at noon. The captain and the remainder of the crew stuck to their ship, which was, with splendid seamanship, steered to Seal Island, and there anchored. The sea, however, was so rough that it was impossible to communicate from the island to the ship.

TWO HUNDRED MEN of the Warwickshire Regiment started for Wady Halfa on Sunday last by post-boat. The remainder of the regiment, together with the Lincolnshire Regiment, will probably start for Wady Halfa on the 9th, as the extension of the Lower Nile Railway will be open to Assouan on the 10th inst. Both regiments will be at the disposal of Bro. General Sir Herbert Kitchener, the Sirdar, who is still at Wady Halfa, and it is probable they will both go on immediately by the desert railway to Abu Hamed. The despatch of these troops has been occasioned by the receipt of trustworthy news from Omdurman, stating that the Dervishes show every sign of commencing an advance northward. No actual northward movement has, however, yet been made. The 1st Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders has also been ordered to be held in readiness to start up the Nile in a fortnight's time.

HER MAJESTY'S annual gifts to the poor of New Windsor, Holy Trinity, and Clewer, were presented on Saturday morning last. The Royal bounty consists of meat and coals. The distribution of the beef, which is the most interesting feature of the alms-giving, took place in the riding school at Windsor Castle, in the presence of the Dean of Windsor, Domestic Chaplain to her Majesty; Mr. E. Lawley, Clerk of the Queen's Kitchen; Lieut. Hickey, Superintendent of the Royal Mews; Mr. T. Clarke, Mayor of the Borough; the Rev. J. H. J. Ellison, Vicar of Windsor; Councillor Webber, the Rev. Arthur Robins, the Rev. D. G. Nicholas, the Rev. G. E. King, and others. Arrangements for the presentation were completed at an early hour by the Palace officials and her Majesty's purveyor. The interior of the spacious building was decorated with the Royal Standard, the Prince Consort's Banner, and several Union Jacks, and the meat, temptingly garnished with red-berried holly, was displayed upon tables covered with white cloths from the Lord Steward's department. The portions distributed varied from three to seven pounds each, the total weight of the beef being 3685 pounds, or considerably over a ton and a half. There were 937 recipients of the Royal bounty. Many of the men, women, and children assembled outside the St. Alban's-street gates long before the hour of the ceremony. They were gradually admitted to the riding school whence, after receiving their gifts, they passed out by the east entrance, under the Queen's Room, and down the Castle Hill into the town. The Parish Church bells were cheerily rung while the distribution proceeded. Her Majesty likewise gave away 1350 hundredweights, or nearly 68 tons, of coals. The fuel, in quantities weighing from one to three hundredweights, was conveyed to the homes of the poor. The total value of the Queen's bounty was about £200, and her Majesty, in addition to this seasonable benevolence, contributed £100 to the Royal clothing club in Windsor.

EVERY MASON should read "Volo, or the Will," what it is, how to strengthen and how to use it. By Arthur Lovell, author of "Ars Vivendi." Crown 8vo., cloth, 3s. 6d. net; by post, 3s. 9d. Many curious and interesting facts are given about ancient and modern initiations. Catalogue post free. Nichols and Co., Publishers, 23, Oxford-street, W. *Light*, Sept., 1897—"The Author's theories seem to us reasonable and valuable." *The Glasgow Herald*, Sept., 1897—"Mr. LOVELL has much that is valuable to say on the subject of the Will. The advices which he gives as to the training and disciplining of the Will and its practical cultivation are excellent, while the central principle of his philosophy is beyond question."—[ADVT.]

A FULL SIZE portrait of the W.M.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was presented to the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, on Thursday last, at Beale's Restaurant.

THE COMMITTEE of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 4 p.m.

MR. VINCENT LEE and "The Committee of the Old Masonians' Association," will be "At Home," at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 14th inst., at 8 o'clock.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND.—Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C., has become an annual subscriber of five guineas to this noble scheme of our M.W.G. Master.

BRO. F. J. W. CROWE, of Torquay, P.P.G. Org. Devon, was unanimously elected the W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 328, for the ensuing year, at the meeting held last Monday.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, who is expected at Cannes to-morrow (Saturday) has consented to give his patronage to the fund for adding a new wing to the English Hospital at Nice.

THE CANADIAN Pacific Land Department sales for 1897 show the largest increase on record, 200,000 acres having been sold for 650,000 dols., while in 1896 only 83,000 acres were disposed of for 307,000 dols.

BRO. JOHN BYFORD, JUN., P.M. and Treas. 898, P.M. 350 and 2442, P.Z. 2374, M.E.Z. 554, P.P.G. Soj. Essex, was unanimously elected W.M. of the popular West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, on Thursday, last.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN attended the Albert Institute, at Windsor, on Thursday, where, before a large gathering, Bro. Sir Squire Bancroft gave a reading of the "Christmas Carol," in aid of the District Nurses' Home.

MRS. GLADSTONE celebrated her 86th birthday on the 6th inst. The latest information received at Hawarden from Cannes is to the effect that she is enjoying much better health than when she left England for the South.

THE PROV. GRAND CHAPTER of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will meet on Friday, the 28th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, when the officers for the ensuing year will be appointed by the G. Supt., Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.

UP TO THE present £400 out of £1050 has been received towards the fund for the endowment of a bed in the Victoria Mary Ward of the Great Northern Central Hospital as a memorial to her Royal Highness Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck.

BRO. MAJOR J. WOODALL WOODALL, M.A., J.P., D.L. (Grand Treasurer in 1885), has, on the nomination of Sir W. H. White, K.C.B., Master, seconded by Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., become a member of the Shipwrights' Company.

THERE WILL be no lack of candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer of England next year. We hear that the Province of Norths and Hunts intend nominating their representative on the Board of Management Boys' School—Bro. Harry Mansfield—as Grand Treasurer for 1899.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE arrived on Monday in London from Sandringham, where they have been spending Christmas and the New Year with T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales. In the evening the Duke and Duchess visited the Princess's Theatre, and witnessed the performance of "How London Lives."

ON MONDAY Princess Christian, who is President of the Infant Nursery at Windsor, distributed parcels of clothing from a grant by the Berks and Bucks Needlework Guild—of which Princess Henry of Battenberg is President—to the mothers of children taken charge of in the nursery during daily work. Her Royal Highness also presented the matron of the institution with a handsomely-bound Bible. The Dean of Windsor and a number of ladies were present.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will take place at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, the 25th instant, when Bro. George R. Langley, P.P.G.D. Middx., will preside, and a presentation will be made to Bro. H. Hooper, Prov. G. Treas. Middx., in recognition of eminent services rendered to the Masonic Charities in connection with the Brixton Benevolent Association since its foundation.

A COUNTY BALL successfully inaugurated the series of similar annual social gatherings at Salisbury on Tuesday. Among the guests who assembled at the County Hall, which was brilliantly decorated, were the Earl and Countess of Pembroke, Lord Herbert and Lady Beatrix Herbert, the Countess of Dunmore and the Ladies Victoria and Mildred Murray, Lord Hyde, Lady Edith Villiers, Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, the Hon. G. Crichton, the Hon. F. Gathorne Hardy, the Hon. A. Anson, Lady C. Osborne, the Hon. Percy Wyndham, Bro. Bromley Davenport, M.P., and Bro. Allhusen, M.P., and Mrs. Allhusen. The Stewards included the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Earl of Pembroke, Bro. the Earl of Radnor, the Earl of Normanton, Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bro. Allhusen, M.P., and Mr. E. H. Hulse. Mr. George H. Gordon again performed the secretarial duties.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER of the *Freemason* is an excellent production, and should be read by all interested in Freemasonry. The publication contains over 60 pages of reading matter, exceptionally well written, and it cannot fail to be appreciated. Through the medium of Bro. Robert Hudson, of Tynemouth, the original minutes of an old lodge that assembled in London early last century have been lent for perusal and reproduction by the kindness of the "Freemason's Hall Co.," Stockton-on-Tees, in whose possession the important volume is. It is the oldest minute book of any regular lodge known, and has been quite overlooked until recently. The extracts are well worthy of careful perusal. There are several excellent illustrations in the Christmas number—one showing the west front of St. Paul's Cathedral, while the other three of the interior of the Cathedral show the reredos, the Nelson Monument, and the Wellington Monument.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*.

LADY ALICE HAVELOCK-ALLAN has received the following letter from Bro. Lord Wolseley, dated from the War Office, Jan. 1: "Madam—It is with profound regret that I have received the intimation of the death, on the 30th ult., of your husband, Lieut.-General Sir Henry Havelock-Allan, Bart., G.C.B., Colonel Royal Irish Regiment. I may, perhaps, be allowed to intrude upon your sorrow to convey to you the expression of my own deep sympathy with you in this sad event, and also to offer you that of the whole Army, by whom he was widely and universally respected. Sir Henry was a good and gallant officer, very distinguished himself, and the son of one of the nation's highly-prized soldiers. His death is a loss to the country.—I remain, Madam, your very obedient servant (signed) Wolseley."

ONE OF THE OLDEST veterans of the British Navy has weighed anchor for the stormless port, and our fleet has lost a gallant comrade by the death of Commander Henry James, who "went out with the tide" at Brighton—his birthplace—almost on the threshold of his hundredth year. He was born in 1799, and as a child was a spectator of Nelson's funeral. He then declared that "he would be a sailor too," became a naval cadet in July, 1812, and very soon had his baptism of fire, for in the same year his ship, the *Pompeii*, 74 guns, was engaged in an action with the French off Toulon. Commander James thus had the special distinction, besides his advanced age, of being the last man in the British Navy who had fought against the French. In after years he was engaged in the West Indies and on the coast of Peru, as well as in the Straits of Malacca, taking part in the operations for the suppression of piracy. The gallant sailor left the service a few years after Queen Victoria's accession.

MEETING IN THEIR old-fashioned hall in Noble-street, under the chairmanship of Bro. Justice Gainsford Bruce, the Master, the Court of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers conferred the honorary Freedom and Livery on the late Lord Mayor, Sir George Faudel Phillips, G.C.I.E. The last occasion upon which a similar privilege was granted was in 1894, when the Baroness Burdett-Coutts received it in recognition of her valuable work in connection with technical education. It is interesting to reflect that the Coachmakers' Company was the first of the City Guilds to identify itself with instruction of a technical character. In the present instance the privilege was given in recognition of Sir George Faudel-Phillips's distinguished services in the civic chair during the year of Jubilee. The Master expressed his appreciation of the late Lord Mayor's civic and municipal labours in a graceful speech, and the compliment was acknowledged by Sir George with equal happiness. At the same Court the Company admitted to its own ranks an old liveryman, in the person of Mr. Albert Chancellor, Mayor of Richmond.