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## APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

When we hear it announced that the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of one of our great central Charitable Institutions is about to be held, we know perfectly well that the celebration of the Festival itself is not very far distant. On the 3rd instant, the Stewards for the Benevolent Festival met for the first time at Freemasons' Hall, when the preliminary arrangements were made and it was settled, among other things, that the celebration should take place at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 27th February. Thus the time has arrived when it becomes necessary for us to renew the appeal we addressed to our readers in the early days of last month for that generous support which is never withheld from this deserving Charity, and at the same time to take a further look round and see what likelihood there is of the returns necessary to meet the obligations of that Charity being obtained. As regards the latter point, we consider we are justified in saying that the outlook is very promising. When the Board met on the day mentioned above, the Secretary was in a position to announce that the number of ladies and brethren he had had the good fortune to enlist as Stewards for the 59th Anniversary of the Old People's Institution very nearly equalled that which he announced at the corresponding date in 1900, when, except for the Jubilee Festival, the strongest Board on record, composed of more than 600 ladies and brethren, was organised. Since then other names have been added to the list, and by the end of the present week the chances are in favour of the number of Stewards being not far short of 350—at all events, considerably nearer to 350 than 300—with an interval of six weeks left in which to make still further progress towards a big Board. Moreover, as far as we can judge, the Stewards are fairly well distributed between town and country, nor can there be the slightest doubt that the Chairman's Province of Essex will do its best to acquit itself in a manner worthy of its well-known loyalty and generosity.

As regards the needs of the Benevolent Institution, they have been so often referred to in greater or less detail in these columns and elsewhere that we shall content ourselves with pointing out that to meet the requirements of the current year

a sum of about £20,000 must be raised, and the permanent income to meet this heavy charge amounts to only about £6000, including the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The annuities and half-annuities for which the Committee of Management must provide the means will absorb about £17,000, and the cost of maintaining the Asylum at Croydon and the expenses of management will run to a further £3000. But the money is well spent. The annuitants on the two Funds together number 463—210 men and 253 widows—and in addition there are between 20 and 30 widows who are in receipt of half their late husbands' annuities—that is, £20 per annum. But as ill-luck would have it, notwithstanding the additional annuities created by the Managing Committee in 1899 and 1900, namely, eight on the Male Fund and eight on the Widows' Fund, the disproportion between the number of candidates and the number of vacancies that will be available for competition at the annual meeting in May next is nearly, if not quite, as large as we have known it for some years past. At Wednesday's meeting of the Committee of Management as many as 22 petitions were dealt with and approved, so that the candidates who will go to the poll at the May election will muster in all 105, of whom 51 are Men and 54 Widows. At present there are only 12 actual vacancies—nine on the Male Fund and three on the Widows' Fund—and if we add the three deferred annuities on each Fund, the number to be elected will be 12 Men and six Widows. In other words, as the case stands now, only 18 out of the 105 candidates can be provided for at the next election. No doubt other annuities will become available between now and the third Friday in May. At all events, it is within our experience that such vacancies have arisen in the past, but under no circumstances can we be prepared for more than about one-fourth of the present applicants being provided for at the next annual meeting of the Institution, unless, indeed, the Festival turns out to be so productive as to justify the Committee of Management in augmenting the number of annuitants on either or both of the Funds. We therefore appeal to the Craft generally to raise such a sum as will enable the Committee to recommend or adopt this course, so that as few as possible of these poor Old People, whose claims to the benefits of the Institution have been approved, may be left to bear the stress of poverty for, at least, another year. We know how numerous and heavy have been the claims upon the brethren's pockets during the last 15 or 16 months and how ready and generous has been their response, but the success of the last Festival inclines to hope that, if only out of compliment to the new century upon which we have just entered, at least, an equal measure of success may be obtained next month under the auspices of the Earl of WARWICK, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Essex.

## PHILO-MUSICÆ ET ARCHITECTURÆ SOCIETAS.\*

Doubtless there are many who will wonder what connection there can have been between Freemasonry and the "Philo-Musicæ et Architecturæ Societas," which existed in London from 1725 to 1727, and "The Book of the Fundamental Constitutions and Orders," which are now reproduced as Volume IX. of the Quatuor Coronati Reprints. The opening sentences in

\* "The Book of the Fundamental Constitutions and Orders of the Philo-Musicæ et Architecturæ Societas, London, 1725-1727." Illustrated with Plates and Facsimiles, with Introduction and Notes by W. Harry Rylands, F.S.A. Published by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, 1900.

praise of Geometry as the "Parent of all Arts and Sciences," and the statement that "Music and Architecture, the Happy produce of Geometry, have such affinity, they Justly may be Stil'd Twin Sisters, and inseperable," suggest, in a general kind of way, that such a connection exists, but the true explanation will be found in the fact pointed out by Bro. RYLANDS in his able Introduction—that though "no qualification for membership is defined in rules," it was an unwritten, if not written, law of the Society that "the Members were obliged to be Masons." But for this fact the Book of the Fundamental Constitutions and Orders would have no special interest for Freemasons, save, indeed, for the insight it may afford as to the manner in which the proceedings of such a body were conducted.

But if the Reprint itself has no such special interest, the able and ample Introduction compiled by Bro. RYLANDS will be read with equal pleasure and advantage. Bro. RYLANDS has done his part admirably. At infinite pains and labour, he appears to have unearthed all the information obtainable—at all events all that is necessary for the enlightenment of his readers—about the founders and members of the Society from the beginning to the end of its career. In his review of the proceedings he has made it his chief care to note everything of a Masonic character, specifying in particular all cases in which members or would be members were initiated, passed, and raised, and drawing particular attention to those among the visitors—such as GEORGE PAYNE, a former Grand Master, and at the time of his visit one of the Grand Wardens; FRANCIS SORELL his fellow Grand Warden, JOHN REVIS, afterwards Grand Secretary—who were prominent members of the Craft. In the course of his remarks he has found it necessary to consider sundry questions, which cannot fail to assure attention on the part of his readers; such for instance, as the regularity or otherwise of the Masonic work done by the Society at its meetings, the position in which it stood to Grand Lodge; and in treating of these several points it will be found that Bro. RYLANDS, whether the reader agrees with him or not in the conjectures he hazards or the conclusions he arrives at, has discussed them fully and with great judgment. The great advantage of this ample treatment is that, with Bro. RYLANDS as his guide, the reader is spared the necessity of wading through the 200 and more pages of dry minutes which constitute "The Book." There is, too, a capital Index, which will enable him to find at once any information he may stand in need of.

But the Introduction, though it is by far the most important part of the Volume, is by no means its sole attraction. There are the Plates, of which one, forming the Frontispiece to the Volume, gives the "illuminated Title containing the armorial bearings of the Founders." In addition, three other Plates give reproductions of the Tokens of Distinction of the said founders, both in obverse and reverse; a portrait of GEMINIANI, who was elected at the very commencement of the Society as the "Sole and Perpetual Dictator and Director of all the Musical Performances," and of whom a short biography is included in "the Introduction, and Facsimile reproductions of several Pages of the Book." In short, nothing has been left undone in order to make the volume attractive as well as valuable, nor has anything been left unconsidered by Bro. RYLANDS in his very successful endeavours to throw light upon the history and organisation of the Society. We congratulate him upon his work, and the Quatuor Coronati Lodge on this admirable addition to its series of Reprints.

### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

#### VISITATION—Continued.

In our last issue we referred to visits—quasi official they might be called—paid by some brother of repute at the request of the District or Provincial Grand Master to remote lodges for the purpose of making reports as to condition and working.

Such visits should be regarded by the lodges concerned as complimentary, and as evidence of the desire of the ruler to be informed of all that goes on under his jurisdiction.

The deputation, whilst as already suggested keeping eye

and ears wide open, should not regard himself, nor allow himself to be regarded as a spy.

He will report what is good as well as what is not. If the latter predominate, he should observe whether the laxity or neglect of rules is the result of ignorance or wilful disregard of the Constitutions or landmarks.

If the brethren be ignorant, then the presence of the visitor is more than justified. He should be competent to interpret laws and regulations, and he should be able to expound ritual matters. Having done which, his report should touch but lightly on such matters, as it is to be presumed that on the occasion of the next official visit such things will be matters of the past.

On the other hand, he should not be sparing of criticism if the only excuse for ignoring Constitutions be the existence of lodge traditions—as was the case in the incident already alluded to, where a candidate's declaration was signed when the Grand Lodge certificate was handed to him. Tradition, as we know, counts for much in Freemasonry, but it must be remembered that our Constitutions are but tradition and custom crystallized, so as to ensure uniformity, and therefore, when tradition and long usage are quoted as excuses for ignoring landmarks and disregarding Constitutions, it is but the conflict of one tradition with another, much older, of local usage with universal custom, and that which is recent and local must give way. The acceptance of a warrant from the Grand Master and its presence in the lodge should be guarantees of this.

It is now and then the visitor's pleasing duty to be able to distribute unqualified commendation, and in reporting to the District or Provincial Grand Master he may even make recommendations as to the conferment of Provincial Grand rank. If the opinion of the lodge seems to point in any particular direction, a particular brother may be recommended.

A case in point occurs to the writer. He was visiting a lodge whose membership was of a very fluctuating character owing to more than half its members being military men. The fact that the lodge continued to exist at all was largely due to the Secretary, who, when membership had been seriously reduced by the transfer of a regiment, used to be most active in searching out such unattached brethren as might be found in the incoming regiment. Nothing is so infectious as enthusiasm, and the gratifying consequence was that the lodge always showed up well both in numbers and work when the returns were made. Such merit as this could only be discovered by one on the spot, and the recommendation made to the District Grand Master met with gratifying and early response.

There are—before concluding this part of the subject—one or two little points for the guidance of the deputation. Nothing he says or does should appear in the slightest degree to have the effect of lessening the esteem in which the Master and his officers are held by the lodge. What is said in open lodge should be in general terms. Anything to be said involving the Master's administration or the conduct of his officers, should be said to those brethren alone.

Then, again, his references, either public or private, should be confined to those matters which belong to Freemasonry in general. It may be difficult to abstain from remark if we find the brethren voting each other jewels on the slightest provocation, or frittering away their money on sumptuous banquets. Worse still, the writer once came across a resolution in the minute book authorising the purchase of four dozen rituals! As, however, none of these were visible to the naked (official) eye, during lodge work, a quiet hint to the Worshipful Master was deemed sufficient.

He must remember in the last instance that after all his business is to report. Commendation or rebuke, as far as small matters are concerned, is, perhaps, more effective when administered "hic et nunc," but he must exercise a very careful discretion in anticipating anything the District Grand Master may be inclined to say or do.

We now come to another class of official visitation. That is, when reports of irregularities come to hand which appear to demand official cognizance. Sometimes these are investigated at head-quarters, but there must always be the unsatisfactory feeling that all the available information has not been procured, such as could have been afforded by investigation *in loco*.

It is, of course, no part of our duty to suggest in what way the Grand Master or his deputy should proceed in such cases. If penal proceedings are within the range of possibility every step taken should be as official and clear as possible, so that no preliminary objection may be taken as to the limits of jurisdiction. Scarcely anything can be conceived more aggravating than for an appeal to be successful on a merely technical ground.

After the District Grand Master has expended a vast amount of time and trouble and Masonic knowledge in arriving at the root of a matter, it is annoying to find it all goes for nothing, because he has omitted to comply with some technicality.

Nor is there any need for us to enter into detail as to the disciplinary powers he possesses as these have been fully referred to in previous articles (*Freemason*, June 23rd, 1900, *et seq.*). The reasons which cause official intervention may, however, be recited. First would be a specially unfavourable report made by a deputation as already referred to. He might report that the minute book showed a continuous history of black balling and the friction thus engendered might even be deducible from the demeanour of brethren in lodge. He might report that the officers generally, or the Worshipful Master in particular, were incapable of doing their work. As regards the incapacity of any particular officer other than the Worshipful Master, Article 140 gives the lodge the power of dealing with him.

Article 140 does not however deal with the incapacity of the Master, and Article 141, which does, is worded ambiguously.

"Should the Master die or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office."

What do the italicized words mean? In ordinary English they mean owing to circumstances beyond his control, but Masonic English gives them a wider interpretation. We have seen a Worshipful Master directed to quit the chair because, between an imperfect work of the ritual (considerably in evidence), and a more imperfect memory, he made the ceremonies degenerate into a farce. In the absence of specific provision the discretion of the District Grand Master will generally pass unchallenged unless cause can be shown, which would be sufficient to warrant his own removal from office. Oliver says (*Jurisprudence* 182)—

"The question has often been submitted whether a lodge has the power of deposing a Worshipful Master . . .

"In the absence of any absolute provision in the Constitutions by which the question may be determined we are decidedly of opinion that no lodge possesses the right to try and condemn its own Master. For he, being the undoubted chairman of the lodge during his year of office cannot be legally compelled to depute any other brother to supply his place, and, therefore, as no judge can preside at his own trial it is clearly impossible for a lodge to arraign its Worshipful Master, except before another and superior tribunal. He is, indeed, amenable only to the Grand Lodge, where he may be impeached in the usual manner if his proceedings be not in accordance with the law, or if his private conduct be scandalously immoral . . . It is a wholesome consideration that the Worshipful Master should be as independent of his constituents during his year of office as a member of Parliament is."

The difference existing between Provincial and District Grand Masters in the matter of the powers entrusted to them has already been described in these columns, and, in fact, is clearly laid down in Articles 106, &c. It follows, from such difference, that an official visitation in a District has quite a different aspect from one in a Province. So different, that official visitation of the kind we have been describing is not a frequent occurrence in England, and is a frequent occurrence abroad. Moreover, at home there is not another, qualified to attend, who cannot, for the small expense of a railway ticket, attend the stated communications of Provincial Grand Lodge. Abroad it sometimes happen that less than a quarter of its members are ever able to attend a District Grand Lodge.

It will thus be seen that the subject we have discussed at length is one more interesting to the colonial or foreign brother than it is at home.

### DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT NEWBURY.

The opening week of the Twentieth Century has furnished substantial proof of the progress and stability of Freemasonry in Newbury, a Masonic hall having been dedicated on Friday afternoon, the 4th instant, with all the rites and ceremonies peculiar to the Order, by the Dep. Prov. G. Master of Berkshire, Bro. John Thornhill Morland, Mayor of Abingdon, assisted by Bros. Charles E. Keyser (of Aldermaston Court), P.G.D. Eng.; John W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; Walford W. Ridley, Prov. J.G.W.; and other distinguished brethren. This important step has been taken under the auspices of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, which was founded in the year 1850, and, therefore, attained its jubilee last year, when it was intended that the Masonic hall should be opened, but the event was deferred in the hope that the W.M., Bro. Col. Gerald Ricardo, would have returned from the war in time to participate in the jubilee celebration. Unfortunately, the marauding tactics of the Boers have had the effect of detaining the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa, and there being no immediate prospect of their home-coming, Bro. Colonel Ricardo expressed his wish that the dedication of the Masonic temple in Newbury should not be longer delayed,

although he had taken such an active and liberal part in connection with the proceedings for its acquisition. The first W.M. of this lodge was Bro. John Packer, who in his turn was succeeded by a number of well-known townsmen until the year 1866, when Bro. Bland was elected W. Master. At this period Masonry was not in such a flourishing condition as at the present time, and owing to the paucity of local members, well versed in the ritual, Bro. Bland continued to preside over the lodge for four successive years—an unparalleled incident in its history. Following Bro. Bland came Bro. W. H. Cave, the well-known solicitor of former days, who filled the chair in 1870 and 1871, but this gentleman had previously been Worshipful Master for two years, in 1859 and 1860. The late Bro. Barron Fielder, of Northbrook-street, whose installation was attended by the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, M.P. (then Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks) held office during the years 1872 and 1873. By this time the membership had materially increased, and an era of prosperity for the lodge had set in. Subsequently, no difficulty was experienced in finding a regular succession of members qualified in every respect to hold the position of Worshipful Master, and the interest aroused in Freemasonry during later years has been such that at the present time the lodge has a membership of nearly 80, including clerics, and professional men and tradesmen, the senior initiate member being Bro. G. J. Cosburn, of the Market-place (publisher of the *Berkshire Masonic Register and Calendar*), who was introduced to the mysteries of the Order in 1868, during the presidency of the late Bro. Bland. The next two brethren in point of seniority are Bros. Alderman Ravenor and E. Head (of Thatcham).

It may be mentioned that the oldest lodge of Mark Master Masons in the Province of Berks and Oxon meets in Newbury, the Porchester Lodge, No. 27, which was founded in 1858, with the late Bro. H. E. Astley, solicitor, of Hungerford, as the first Worshipful Master. There is also at Newbury a Royal Arch Chapter, founded in 1896, which has now a membership of about 40, the First Principal being Comp. C. E. Keyser.

The building which has been converted to Masonic purposes stands in a by-way off Northbrook-street, and was for a lengthened period used by successive firms of legal practitioners. It is a well-constructed house, probably built about a century ago. The conversion of the premises was entrusted to Bro. W. Ravenscroft, F.S.A., of The Forbury, Reading, and the works have been carried out by the contractors, Messrs. Elms and Son, who are themselves members of the Craft. The chief feature is, of course, the Temple itself, measuring 39 feet in length and 17½ feet in width, which has been formed by removing the ceiling of the first floor storey and taking in a portion of the roof which originally formed the attic-storey. The old tie-beams of the roof which supported the attic floor have been retained, being in oak, and thus a well-proportioned room has been secured, the floor extending over the old staircase, which has been taken away, and in part used for the new access to the Temple. The ceiling, which is wagon-shaped, is formed with oak ribs, moulded and shaped to form plaster panels, which are left in one tint for future decoration. Beneath the cornice the frieze is similarly treated, and from the under side of this to the floor the whole of the walls are panelled with oak. The treatment thus adopted has been carried into the recesses on the sides and ends of the Temple for the Master's and Wardens' chairs and the Secretary's desk. The style is that of the Jacobean period, and at the east and west ends above the roof cornice level small windows, similarly treated, give as much light and ventilation as is needed. The heating is effected by means of a "Syndicate" stove on the ground floor, and the lighting is by gas brackets executed in wrought iron and copper. The latter work has been carried out by Bros. Stephen Knight and his Son, both of whom are enthusiastic Freemasons, and have for years past devoted much time and energy in promoting the best interests of the Order in this part of the country.

The dedication ceremony was followed by the first regular lodge held in the new Temple, and by a happy coincidence, the principal business on the somewhat lengthy agenda was the installation of the Senior Warden (Bro. John Rolfe, of "The Laurels," Newbury), as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The first duty which devolved upon the newly-installed Master was the appointment and investiture of the following brethren, who will hold the various offices in the lodge during the ensuing twelvemonths: Bros. Lieut.-Col. G. C. Ricardo, Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; S. Knight, jun., P.A.G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; E. A. Stickland, S.W.; J. Stradling, J.W.; Rev. E. Richard Adams, Chap.; W. H. Belcher, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; S. Knight, sen., P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. Howard, S.D.; C. H. Stradling, J.D.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D. Eng., D.C.; S. J. L. Vincent, Org.; E. Turner, I.G.; E. W. Goddard and E. Gould, Stwds.; and S. P. Burton, Tyler.

The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Stephen Knight, jun., assisted by Bros. C. E. Keyser and J. N. Day. A pleasing incident in the proceedings was the presentation of a jewel to Bro. S. Knight, jun., in recognition of the able and devoted manner in which he had carried out the duties of acting Worshipful Master during the past year, in the enforced absence of Bro. Colonel Ricardo.

At the close of the business at the Masonic Hall, which had occupied several hours, the brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, and partook of an excellent banquet, served by Mrs. Stilwell, of the Dolphin Hotel. The newly-installed Worshipful Master presided, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

"The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the W.M.

"The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.; the M.W. Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. H. N. PRICE, P.G. Std. Br.

"The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B.; the V.W. Dep. G. Master, Bro. J. T. Morland; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. PARFITT, and responded to by Bros. MORLAND and MARTIN.

"The Worshipful Master, Bro. John Rolfe," was proposed by Bro. S. KNIGHT, jun., I.P.M., and responded to by the W.M.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. BELCHER, and responded to by Bro. KEYSER, P.M., Treas. R.M.I.B.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. S. KNIGHT, Sec., and responded to by Bros. W. W. RIDLEY, F. H. HAWKINS, and A. H. BULL (Mayor of Reading).

"The Installing Master and the rest of the Past Masters of the Hope Lodge" was proposed by Bro. CAMBRIDGE, W.M. 2760, and responded to by Bro. S. KNIGHT, jun.

"The Architect, Builder, and Building Committee" was proposed by Bro. DAY, and responded to by Bros. RAVENSCROFT, G. ELMS, and E. TURNER.

"The Officers of the Hope Lodge" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the S.W. and J.W.

"The Ladies and the Musical Brethren" was proposed by Bro. GEO. J. COSBURN, and responded to by Bros. T. HAWKINS and E. TURNER.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The speeches were interspersed by some capital songs, rendered by Bros. Camp, Langley, W. Wallis, Saltmarsh, Dale, C. Stradling, Pitman, Bailey, and others.

Among the visitors present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. G. Gray, W.M. 771; R. W. Rolfe, P.M. (brother to the newly-installed W.M.); A. C. Cocks, W.M. 2671; Hodder, P.M.; E. H. Simmons, P.M. 2043; Allaway, W.M. 209; Brooks, and others. In addition to the visitors about 50 members of the lodge were present.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### SOME POPULAR REMEDIES.

(Continued).

The author of *The Frugal Housewife* states that the narcotic scent from the elder tree makes it unwholesome to sleep under its shade. Country people are much impressed with the value of the exhalation from hops as a remedy for sleeplessness. It has been found that those who sleep in hop-houses are with difficulty roused from their slumber. A pillow stuffed with hops is often used to induce sleep in the wakeful, but it frequently proves quite ineffective. The names of certain flowers indicate that they were considered to have a miraculous or magical power. The St. John's wort was supposed to have the power of keeping off all evil spirits, of being a marvellous cure for various disorders, and of having great efficacy in maniacal cases. The flowers of the plant, when made into a salve, were much used in villages in Kent for dressing wounds. The peony is called after Pæon, in Greek mythology, the physician of the gods. "In our own days," says Ann Pratt, "anodyne necklaces are worn by children, which are believed to aid dentition, and to prevent convulsions; and the beads are turned of the roots of one or other of the common peonies." The rustic poet, John Clare, refers to superstitious customs connected with the fumitory, and the name of the plant is derived from the Latin word *fumus*, "smoke," because it is said the smoke of this plant was believed by the ancient exorcists to have the power of expelling evil spirits. The giant puff-ball, a species of fungus, is edible when cooked; but if eaten raw, sometimes causes poisonous symptoms. Recent experience has shown that it is an excellent styptic for wounds. It has also been used successfully for troublesome bleeding from the nose, small masses of the fungus being inserted into the cavity of the nostril. Its action is mechanical, like the cobweb's. Fishermen and others living by the sea are often not quick to discover and utilise the medicinal properties of plants to be seen every day beside them. Readers of Charles Kingsley's "Two Years Ago" will remember how old Dr. Heale, of Aberaton, a small fishing town in North Wales, complains of his new assistant, Tom Thurnall, and the unbusiness-like manner in which he performs his duties in the surgery. A patient, supposed to be consumptive, enters the surgery, and Tom Thurnall tells him he ought to try Carrageen Moss. "There was a drawerful of it to his hand" (grumbles the old doctor); "had been lying there any time this 10 years. I go to open it; but what was my feelings when he goes on cool as a cucumber, 'And there's bushels of it here,' says he, 'on every rock, so if you'll come down with me at low tide this afternoon, I'll show you the trade, and tell you how to boil it.' I thought I should have knocked him down." Carrageen, or Irish, moss is a seaweed growing plentifully on rocky shores in Northern Europe. After it has been washed in cold water and dried, it can then be boiled and made to form a pleasant demulcent—drink suitable for colds, like linseed tea. Boiled in milk it is said to be good for fattening calves, and if milk be employed instead of water it can be made into a kind of blanc mange, and flavoured with sugar and spices. It has been much recommended for consumption on account of its nutritive properties, but these, it must be observed, have been much exaggerated. Another common seaweed—the bladder wrack—has been judged to possess entirely different virtues. When trodden on, it makes audible protest by a slight report, like that of a pop-gun, the air-bladders with which the fronds are studded, bursting under the pressure of the foot. An extract made from this seaweed forms the basis of a popular remedy for obesity; yet a recent observer declares that pigs in Ireland are fattened on it for the market. Extensive advertising, a showy label, and a high-sounding or foreign name, go a long way to make a remedy popular. Painful nervous affections being so common to the denizens of large towns there is an urgent demand for "pain killing" medicines. Many of these "pain killers," contain very strong poisons, and, unfortunately, their power to kill is not restricted to pain, if they are taken in immoderate doses. Some of the so-called "blood mixtures," also contain poisonous drugs. It is to be regretted that these popular remedies should be sold by grocers, drapers, and general store keepers, who may have as little knowledge of the action of drugs as their customers. The greater part are proprietary medicines; but bearing a Government stamp, the public are often led to imagine that they are patent medicines, and they are vaguely so termed. A proprietary medicine is a secret remedy, whereas the composition of a patent medicine is certainly known, and can be seen at the Patent Office. Both, however, bear the Inland Revenue stamp, which, of course, gives no guarantee of their efficacy or wholesomeness. In France, Germany, Italy, and Japan, more stringent enactments are in force. The Governments of France and Germany do not allow even chemists to sell secret medicines; and, in Italy, they must be sold only by chemists, under the surveillance of the sanitary authorities, and with medical prescriptions.

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### MINOR ARTISTS AND ARCHITECTS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

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In Caius College is a good portrait, on board, of Dr. Keys, not in profile, undoubtedly original, and dated 1563. *ætatis suæ*, 53, with Latin verses and mottoes; and in the same room hangs an old picture, bad at first, and now almost effaced by cleaning, of a man in a slashed doublet, dark curled hair and beard, looking like a foreigner, and holding a pair of compasses, and, by his side, a polyhedron, composed of 12 pentagons. This is, undoubtedly, Theodore Havens himself, who, from all these circumstances, seems to have been an architect, sculptor, and painter; and having worked for many years for Dr. Caius, and the College, in gratitude left behind him his own picture. In the gallery of Emmanuel College, among other old pictures, is one with an inscription, recording an architect of the same age, with the preceding head and hands, with a great pair of compasses. In a book belonging to the jewel office, in the possession of the Earl of Oxford, Vertue found mention "of a fair bason and lair (ewer) guilt, the bason having in the bushel (body) a boy bestriding an eagle, and the ewer, of the worke of Grestain, with geese heads, antique, upon the handle, and spoute, weighing together xx ounces." In the same book was this memorandum: "Remaining in the hands of Robert Brandon and Assabel Pastrage, the queen's goldsmith's, 4000 ounces of guilt plate, at 5s. 4d. the

ounce, in the second year of the queen." A sketch of the history of the architecture in use, to the close of the reign of Elizabeth, will be appropriate, and worthy of notice. More interesting specimens of that peculiar style could not be adduced than the mansions erected by her ministers for their own residence. She rather encouraged that enormous expense in the noblemen of her court than set them any such example. She neither built nor rebuilt any palace, for she considered that her father's magnificence had supplied them; and excepting the gallery at Windsor Castle, no Royal building claims her for its founder. The Earl of Leicester is said to have expended £60,000 upon Kenilworth only, which sum will not bear the test of comparative examination. Of the palatial houses, finished before 1600, the following list will include those of greater celebrity in that era; there is undoubted authority for the names of certain individuals, as architects, whose works are not exactly known at this period, but whose fame must have been acquired by the eminent talents they displayed in the age where-in they lived. Such names as Robert Adams, Bernard Adams, Laurence Bradshaw, Hector Ashley, and Thomas Grave are mentioned as holding the employments of architects, surveyors, or master masons to the Queen and her nobility.

1—Burleigh	... 1580 ...	Lincoln—Lord Burleigh.
2—Kenilworth	... 1575 ...	Warwick—Earl of Leicester.
3—Hunsdon	... ..	Herts—Lord Hunsdon.
4—Stoke Pogis	... 1580 ...	Bucks—Earl of Huntingdon.
5—Gorhambury	... 1565 ...	Herts—Sir N. Bacon.
6—Buckhurst	... 1565 ...	Sussex—Lord Buckhurst.
7—Knowle	... 1570 ...	Kent—do.
8—Cutledge	... 1560 ...	Cambridge—Lord North.
9—Longleat	... 1579 ...	Wilts—Sir J. Thynne.
10—Basinghouse	... 1560 ...	Hants—Marq. of Winton.
11—Wanstead	... 1576 ...	Essex—Earl of Leicester.
12—Wimbledon	... 1588 ...	Surrey—Sir J. Cecil.
13—Westwood	... 1590 ...	Worcester—Sir J. Pakington.
14—Penshurst	... 1570 ...	Kent—Sir H. Sydney.
15—Kelston	... 1560 ...	Somerset—Sir J. Hartington.
16—Taddington	... 1580 ...	Bedford—Lord Chesney.
17—Hardwick Hall	... 1597 ...	Derby—Countess of Shrewsbury.
18—Theobalds	... 1580 ...	Herts—Lord Burleigh.

In the above list the names, dates of their erection, their respective founders, are given; subsequently we shall mention the respective architects and the present condition of such mansion.

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### LINKS WITH THE PAST.

During the last week many persons passing towards the City have wondered why the large hoarding was being erected around the church of St. Clement Danes. The reason is that the churchyard is shortly to become part of the new thoroughfare, now in the course of formation, from the Strand to Holborn, and in consequence the bones of those who have lain so quietly for generations, amid the turmoil of the London streets, are to be removed to the more peaceful surroundings of Woking. Needless to say, a church in the situation of St. Clement, was a favourite place of burial in the days of our ancestors, when little was understood of the laws of sanitation, and between 1822 and 1848 there were no fewer than 2759 interments in the churchyard, 705 in the poor ground, and 213 in the vaults. The registers of the parish date from 1558, and having been exceedingly well kept and legibly written, are of the greatest interest. Among the names which are now seldom given, to be found in the fading handwriting, are those of "Syrophenissa," "Venus," and the pretty old English name of "Cicely," while on the authority of the late Mr. Diprose, who may be well termed the historian of the parish, in 1567 two boys were baptised with the familiar names of "Richard Cobden" and "John Bright." Perhaps the most noted personage buried in St. Clement is Bishop Berkley, who was described by Pope as having "every virtue under Heaven," if we are to discard a tradition that Harold Harefoot, eldest son of Canute, found a resting place within the walls of the ancient church. The word "Danes" is supposed to have been added on account of the fact that in the days of Canute, the Danes formed a colony in the neighbourhood, and there is another memorial of this in the adjacent Dane's Inn, though, of course, now rebuilt out of all knowledge. The last burials which took place were on 19th June, 1853, and five years later, further interments having been prohibited by an Order in Council, the coffins were piled up in one portion of a vault, which was bricked up. It is a somewhat curious fact that an admiral had paid £250 for the right of his family's interment in a particular vault only a couple of years before the Order in Council alluded to rendered further burials unlawful. Among the more or less illustrious dead, we find the name Hippocrates Outhen, the son of a physician Queen Elizabeth sent for. Bishop Berkley is not the only bishop who rests within the sacred precincts, as, according to Stow, two bishops of Exeter were also interred there, the inscriptions in the old church being, "Hic jacet Johannes Arundell, Episcopus Exon," and "Corpus Venerabilis, F. Booth, Legum Baccalaureus, Episcopus Exon." This church will ever be dear to Englishmen for its connection with Dr. Johnson.

### GENERAL NOTES.

A recent loss to the theatrical world is that of Mr. Chas. L. Carson, for so long the editor and part-owner of the *Stage* newspaper. Carson had in his younger days been himself a professional, and that, no doubt, was what made his direction of the *Stage* so particularly practical and beneficent. He was very popular with players, and deserved his popularity.

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London playgoers have reason to be thankful that Mr. Benson has included "Coriolanus" in his scheme of performances at the Comedy. It is announced for the evening of 13th February, and will be played on certain days of the week till 25th February. It will be a welcome "appetiser" for the revival which Sir Henry Irving promises for April at the Lyceum.

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A grand concert will be given at the Guildhall, City, on 16th February in aid of the funds of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Madame Albani, Mr. Lloyd Chandos, and other eminent artistes have already promised their services.

## Craft Masonry.

### West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291.

The above lodge gave a ladies' banquet in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Stratford, on the 2nd instant. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings were of a very enjoyable character. The W.M., Bro. George Bush, presided, and those present included: Bros. James Boulton, P.M., P.G.P.; the Venerable Archdeacon Stevens, M.A., P.M., P.G.C.; Miss Bush, Bro. Stone, S.W., and Mrs. Stone; Bros. F. C. D. Fenn, Sec.; T. Threlford, S.D.; J. J. Richardson, J.D.; W. H. Turner, D.C.; G. A. McDowall, I.G., and Mrs. McDowall; Bros. W. Graves, Org.; J. H. Retallack-Moloney, Stwd.; Geo. Gwinn, P.M.; Alfred Reed, P.M.; G. W. Kidd, P.M., and Mrs. Kidd; Bros. W. G. Norman, P.M.; R. Fielder, P.M.; J. Byford, P.M., and Mrs. Byford; Bro. C. Mansfield, P.M., and Mrs. Mansfield; Bro. Marx Gross, Tyler; Mrs. Bishop (Mayoress); Bro. and Mrs. E. Evennett, Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Wilkinson, Bro. Ernest Stollery, Bro. Charles V. and Mrs. Watts, Bro. G. R. and Mrs. Durrant, Bro. R. Holbrook, Bro. S. A. Mitchell, Bro. W. F. Batsford, Bro. and Mrs. W. Bangs, and Mrs. Simpson, Bro. J. W. Turner, Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Woodward, Bro. J. Mowbray, Bro. A. J. Kennedy, Bro. J. J. Phillips, Bro. J. G. and Mrs. Cundy, the Misses Cundy, Bro. Fred and Mrs. Docksey, Bro. J. W. and Mrs. Ivey, Bro. W. Harbott, Bro. J. Silvester, Bro. W. T. Spencer, Bro. T. and Mrs. Druitt, Bro. J. V. and Mrs. Rockley, Bro. E. J. K., Mrs., and Miss Savage, Bro. W. A. Laver, Bro. E. White, Bro. F. R. and Mrs. Branch, Bro. W. and Mrs. Maggs, Mrs. Paff, Mrs. Carter, Bro. and Mrs. Scott, and Bro. and Mrs. Spilsted. The visitors were: Bro. Walter Fisher, J.W. 2411, and Mrs. Fisher; Bro. R. Box 2409, and Mrs. Box; Bro. W. L. South, 2411; Bro. J. Wright, 2409; Bro. R. Datton Boxall, 2409; Bro. P. J. Schollay, 720, and Mrs. Schollay; and Mr. E. Bascombe Mitchell.

Each lady guest was presented with a pretty box of fancy sweets or chocolates, the gift of the W.M.

The usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

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

Bros. Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, M.A., P.M., P.G.C., and Jas. Boulton, P.M., P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. G. Kidd, P.M., proposed "The Ladies," which was responded to by Mr. E. Bascombe Mitchell.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. C. Mansfield, P.M. Bros. Walter Fisher, J.W.; W. L. South, and P. J. Schollay responded for "The Visitors."

"The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. George Gwinn, P.M., and J. Byford, jun., P.M.

Bros. Archdeacon Stevens, Chap.; F. C. D. Fenn, Sec.; and Stone, S.W., replied for "The Officers."

Miss Edith Chapman, Miss Hope Jackson, and Bros. Harry Greene and Louis Breeze contributed some excellent vocal music in a highly satisfactory manner, Bro. W. Graves most efficiently accompanying.

The arrangements for the banquet, supplied by Spiers and Pond, were in the hands of the Secretary, Bro. F. C. D. Fenn, and were most successfully carried through.

### La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE ALFRED STURGESS.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd instant at Freemasons' Hall, under the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. Thomas Alfred Tidy. The gathering of brethren was numerous, the list of those attending comprising the names of Bros. G. A. Sturgess, S.W.; H. T. Hipwell, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; S. C. Cross, S.D.; F. J. Pittman, J.D.; W. H. George, I.G.; J. J. Pittman, P.M., D.C.; J. Bannister Howard and W. M. Everett, Stwds.; G. P. Augspurg, P.M.; J. H. Clear, P.M.; E. Child, P.M.; W. F. Fenn, P.M.; J. Allsopp, E. J. Whittle, F. Kohn, P. L. Sanders, F. Cambridge, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey; J. M. Horrington, J. Leather, T. Whitcomb, H. J. Davis, F. A. Zeppenfeld, and A. E. Shurer. The visitors were Bros. E. Hulburd, D.C. 2096; F. S. Brazier, 3; R. Fitch, Stwd. 87; C. W. Holmes, A.D.C. 1687; G. H. Peters, 2394; G. D. Dennis, 802; G. Maynard, 2550; B. I. Kench, 1574, S.D. 2795; H. Leslie Smith, Org. 1556; M. Beedle, S.W. 619; A. Wheeler, J.W. 1305; C. W. Seppell, 860; R. J. Haspeid, 1716; W. J. Greig, P.M. 65; A. Whitaker, 1599; C. H. Blenkins, 1538; C. A. Broadhurst, 879; W. S. Johnson, S.W. 211; H. Massey, P.M. and P.Z. 610 and 1928; J. Paul, P.M. 1287; J. Lynn Campling, P.M. 403; C. F. Gildersleve, P.M. 1278; A. H. Lines, 2454; and Howard E. Mullins, J.W. 211.

After the report of the Audit Committee had been adopted, Messrs. W. Coppin and Benjamin Joseph John Goulding were initiated by Bro. T. A. Tidy, who subsequently installed Bro. George Alfred Sturgess, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. T. A. Tidy was invested as I.P.M. The following brethren received the lodge collars at the hands of the new W.M.: Bros. H. T. Hipwell, S.W.; S. C. Cross, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Org.; J. J. Pittman, P.M., D.C.; F. J. Pittman, S.D.; W. H. George, J.D.; J. Bannister Howard, I.G.; G. T. Augspurg, W. M. Everett, J. Leather, and J. Garibaldi Zeppenfeld, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler.

A very superior banquet followed the working of the lodge, and the customary toasts were proposed in due course.

In the interval between the speeches an attractive programme of music was performed by Miss Grace Wiseman, Madame Mabel Roberts, Mr. Lawrence Harewood, Bro. Lines, and Mr. W. Scollick.

Bro. James Kench, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," who, he said, were always ready to sustain the dignity of their Order. Moreover, their devotion to the cause of charity, as testified by the large amount of success they gave to the Benevolent Institutions, and their earnest endeavour to make those Institutions the pride of Freemasonry, required no commendation; it was sufficient to know that their services were acknowledged by the Craft in general and La Tolerance Lodge in particular.

Bro. Fenn, P.G. Stwd., also acknowledged the toast, and said perhaps the Grand Officers were not quite *au fait* at lodge working, but it was supposed to be necessary, in order to obtain Grand Office, that in your lodge you should work hard. From what had been seen that night La Tolerance Lodge officers were working the right way. This lodge, with which he had been associated for 20 years, had always been a hard working one, and it was a mystery to him that it was not honoured with more Grand Lodge appointments. Still, the competition for collars in Grand Lodge was now so great that Masons must work to the utmost in the Charities and in Masonic ritual to be invited to be members of Grand Lodge. For himself, he always felt indebted to those who gave him the privilege of becoming a member of La Tolerance, and to have worked in every Degree of Masonry very hard; but he was sorry to say that business matters prevented his giving that time to Masonry he would like to have.

Bro. J. Lynn Campling, P.M. 403, also replied, and said he knew that to have G. Lodge office was a great honour, and a man to attain that honour must be a great worker in Masonry generally. His own Prov. G. Master, Bro. Halsey, M.P., who had just received the honour of being made a Privy Councillor, was a most zealous and anxious worker in Masonry, who had never stood still or lacked energy; whenever energy was needed he had brought it to the fore, and had brought it in view in the lodges of Hertfordshire. The W.M. slightly hinted that Grand Lodge might or might not be composed of good men. He regretted to hear it, because there was hardly a man could obtain the position they had been placed in in Provincial Grand Lodge if they had not been in a position to represent the Freemasonry of England. For himself he was only too anxious to do his best, and say what was right and beneficial for the Freemasonry of this country. He admired Masons whom he knew to be zealous and good men. The name of La Tolerance was new to him, and he was at the lodge for the first time introduced by a young Mason who, he was desirous to see advance in Masonry, who had all the elements of goodness of a Mason, and who, if properly helped would become an ornament to that lodge and any lodge of Freemasons in England.

Bro. T. A. Tidy, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He was sure all the brethren were pleased to see Bro. Sturgess in the chair. He felt he had installed a very kind, beneficent, good, and worthy Master who would do honour to the lodge as Masters had done before him. Bro. Sturgess was one of those zealous brethren who would do in a masterly way whatever he took in hand, and he would find that the officers and brethren of the lodge would give him the same support that they had given to his predecessors. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. G. A. Sturgess, W.M., who, on rising to respond was received with round after round of applause, said that as the Master of Lodge La Tolerance for the first year of the new century he was not going to make long speeches, but he was going to endeavour to cut everything in the nature of speeches as short as he possibly could, because in this little lodge they all knew each other so thoroughly. They had one of the Past Masters present whom they had not seen for a long time—Bro. Fenn. Bro. Fenn must see an improvement in the working of the lodge. He (Bro. Sturgess) had not been in the lodge long, but whether brethren were present with them or not, he must tell them that all the brethren put their heart into the work. He was more than delighted with the officers he had, because he knew they would well assist him in the working of the lodge, and he hoped to hand down the warrant pure and unadulterated. (Cheers.)

Bro. G. A. Sturgess, W.M., next proposed "Bro. Tidy, I.P.M." The brethren all knew what a Master Bro. Tidy had been, and that he had had to serve a second year of office through unforeseen circumstances which none of them could help. It did not matter where the Master was, whether under a stormy day or a fine day, he was a jolly good fellow. The brethren would remember the summer outing—what a terrible day it was; but the Master did not put on oilskin, but he was there making the best of it. The brethren now presented him with a Past Master's jewel, which it afforded him (Bro. Sturgess) much pleasure to hand to him, and a silver hot water jug for him and Mrs. Tidy when they took their grog. On this jug was the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. T. A. Tidy, P.M., by the members of Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538, in recognition of his services as W.M., 1899, 1900, 1901."

Bro. T. A. Tidy, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast and the gift, said words could not express what he felt for the very kind manner in which they had all supported him during the whole of his two years of Mastership, for it was no doubt from their kind manner he was encouraged to do the best he could for the lodge. He had succeeded, and he could never forget their kindness. When he and Mrs. Tidy had their grog together he would feel that the present which had been made to him was given by those who had kind feelings towards him. If his services would be at any time required by the lodge they would be rendered cheerfully. (Hear, hear.)

Bros. Coppin and Goulding responded to the toast of "The Initiates."

Some of the visitors responded to the toast proposed and drunk in their honour.

Bro. Clear replied to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Kench and Smale responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. Hipwell, S.W., replied for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

### Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., in the chair; W. H. Rylands, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., as I.P.M.; G. Greiner, S.W.; S. T. Klein, P.M., as J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D. of C., Sec.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, J.D.; G. L. Shackles, I.G.; E. Armitage and F. H. Goldney, P.G.D., Stewards; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M.; Colonel C. S. Pratt, P.M.; C. Purdon Clarke, P.M.; and Hamon le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; also 58 members of the Correspondence Circle and 10 visitors.

The Secretary presented a list of 46 candidates to be admitted to the Correspondence Circle. He pointed out that the first one on the list was H.R.H. Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, Grand Protector of German Freemasonry, Ordens-Meister of the National Grand Lodge of Germany, and a Past Grand Master of England. It had been intimated to the Committee of the lodge that his Royal Highness would like to be placed on the Correspondence Circle, but the Committee advised the lodge to remove the name of the Prince from that list, and elect him instead an honorary member of the lodge itself, feeling sure that our illustrious brother would appreciate the compliment. The Prince was, therefore, proposed, seconded, and elected unanimously an honorary member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and the following candidates were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle:

The Brighton Masonic Library; Lodge of Harmony, No. 438, Cawnpore; Bros. John Miller, P.M. 2459, Buenos Ayres; G. E. O. Bennett, D.D.G.M.; C. J. Gohl, De Guede Hoop L.; H. C. Pilcher, 398 (S.C.), all of Cape Town; and J. G. Gardner, 882, of Graaf Reinet, Cape Colony; J. C. G. Grasse, Nos. Vinxit Libertas L., Amsterdam; Major W. S. S. Harvest, H.M.S. Warspite; J. Barnet and R. Storey, 2415, Shildon, Durham; T. Brown, 602, J. W. B. Wright, 2391, and J. T. Jov, 2391, of Middlesborough; W. Bradley, P.M. 1651, Newark; Rev. T. C. Ewbank, 1094, Grantham; W. R. Lodge, 2391, Bradford; S. Withers, 117, Shrewsbury; F. T. Palmer, W.M. 246, Cheltenham; A. Fisher, 342, Southsea; A. J. Carpenter, Pr.A.G.S., Brighton; R. Foxwarner, Staines; A. B. Brown, P.M. 1503, Strawberry Hill; T. A. Polson, W.M. 1826, Kingston; A. S. Gedge, 1692, Bromley; and in or near London, R. W. Carter, 22; Dr. F. H. Alderson, 2323; W. C. Geaves, P.M. 22; C. A. Basset-Smith, 2416; S. A. Muggford, W.M. 276; J. Nicholson, P.M. 12; Major H. Herbert, 2612; W. H. Doe, 268 (I.C.); W. Chambers, 2662; J. W. Kirk, 2664; W. J. Moulder, 1336; Hon. Dato J. Meldrum, 1 (S.C.); E. J. Leveson, P.G. Stwd.; H. G. A. Leveson, 26; E. L. H. Davis, G. Paxton, and W. Curry, all of 435; W. W. Szlumper, 2000; R. C. Mason, 2241; A. F. Hardyment, P.M. 2698; and H. J. Walker, 1305.

The Secretary brought up the Report of the Audit Committee. It showed a membership of 32 members of the lodge, and of 2350 correspondence members. The income for the year had amounted to £1800, and the expenditure to £1760, all of which had been expended in the furtherance of Masonic literature and research, except the small unavoidable payments for hire of lodge room, quarterages, and such like matters. The balance-sheet showed assets of £111 ts. 8d. in excess of all liabilities, which was naturally considered very satisfactory. The report was adopted by the lodge. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the W.M., Bro. E. Conder, jun., who was detained in Gloucestershire by his magisterial duties, from Bros. Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D., Ireland, detained in Dublin; T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., unable to leave York; E. Macbean, Glasgow; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., Torquay; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; E. J. Castle, and Admiral Markham, S.D. The Secretary reported that two local Secretaries, Bro. C. F. Silberbauer, of Cape Town, and Bro. S. Jones, of Birkenhead, had, after long years of service, found themselves obliged to resign their office. Their services to the lodge had been exceptionally valuable, and they had always kept their several districts free from arrears, and in close touch with headquarters, and he thought that some recognition from the lodge should be accorded to them. The lodge agreed to record their thanks in an illuminated certificate, to be forwarded to the brothers in question. The Secretary announced that Bro. C. Kupferschmidt, A.G.S.G.C., had since their last meeting undergone the serious operation of having his right arm taken off at the shoulder, and that he and Bro. Greiner had visited him on several occasions, and were able to report very favourably on the brother's progress. The Secretary was instructed to convey to Bro. Kupferschmidt the sympathy and love of the brethren. Among the exhibits were an old Dutch atlas and other books by Bro. Klein; a set of small framed hand-painted tracing boards of early in the 19th century by Bro. J. A. Carpenter; a photograph of a very old Masonic plate found in Copenhagen, exhibited by Bro. J. Gray, of Singapore; and a hand-painted Leeds ware Masonic mug, presented to the lodge museum, by Bro. Dr. R. Lake. Bro. W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C., read a paper on "The Alnwick Lodge Minutes," which cast an entirely new complexion on these documents, and showed that the old operative lodge, with minutes preserved from 1701, made a new start in 1748, and with the assistance of brethren from elsewhere, hitherto unconnected with the lodge, erected of their own accord and without recourse to Grand Lodge, a speculative lodge, of which we have minutes down to 1756. How much longer it existed is not known, but it never came under the Grand Lodge at any time. The paper was thoroughly discussed by Bros. Speth, Horsley, le Strange, and Purdon Clarke, and written comments were read from Bros. Hughan, Chetwode Crawley, and Thorp. A paper on the "47th Proposition" was also read from Bro. Thomas Green, and discussed by Bros. Speth, Rylands, Hugh James, and Klein. Votes of thanks were accorded to both writers.

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**Masonic Notes.**

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the 59th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 27th February, under the presidency of the Earl of Warwick, D.G.M., Prov. G. Master of Essex, was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 3rd instant, when the following brethren were appointed officers of the Board, namely: President, Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, J.G.D.; Vice-President, Bro. James Stephens, Past D.G.D.C.; Acting Vice-President, Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Secretary Essex; Hon. Treasurer, Bro. James Speller, P. Prov. G.D. Essex; Hon. Secretary, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Institution. The other preliminary arrangements having been made, the Board adjourned till Thursday, the 14th February.

The Committee of Management of the same Institution held its meeting for the current month at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Winkfield, P.A.G.D.C., occupied the chair, and when the Secretary had announced the death of five annuitants (three men and two widows) and of one accepted candidate, the Committee proceeded to consider the petitions to the number of 22, which had been received to the 31st ult., ten of them being for the Male Fund and 12 for the Widows' Fund. In the result all of them were accepted, and the names were ordered to be placed on the lists of candidates for the election in May next.

The Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, at the hour of noon, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W., Treasurer, being in the chair. Bro. Pulman's motion for the immediate admission without ballot of the daughter of a brother who had died of enteric fever while on active service in South Africa, was adopted *nem. con.* A list of 22 candidates for the April election was approved and 18 vacancies then to be competed for were declared.

In our review of "Freemasonry in 1900," as compiled by Bro. G. Blizard Abbott for our Christmas Number, the new Erkenwold Lodge, No. 2808, Barking, which was assigned by him to the Province of Essex, is within the 10-mile radius from Freemasons' Hall, and should, therefore, have been included among the new lodges in the London district. The transfer involves a slight re-arrangement in the numbers for London and the Provinces respectively, those in the former district being increased from 10 to 11, and those in the Provinces reduced from 17 to 16. We are indebted to Bro. T. J. Ralling, Provincial Grand Secretary of Essex, for calling attention to the error.

To the number of brethren on whom the Queen has been pleased to confer New Year honours, as referred to in our Notes of last week, should be added Bro. Joseph Sykes Rymer, J.P., who has been twice elected Lord Mayor of York, and who having been made a Knight will henceforth be known as Bro. Sir Joseph S. Rymer. Our distinguished brother is a Past Master of the York Lodge, No. 236, a prominent member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, a supporter of our Central Masonic Institutions, and Vice-Chairman of the North and East Yorkshire Masonic Educational Fund. We hope that Bro. Sir J. S. Rymer may live for many years to enjoy the honour which his Sovereign has so recently conferred upon him.

We warmly congratulate our Bro. James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., and Mrs. Stephens on the auspicious anniversary which they celebrated a short while since. The large attendance of friends on the occasion shows how firmly they have established themselves in the estimation of all who know them, and that the services they have rendered, both generally and to Freemasonry, are appreciated. We trust they may be spared to celebrate many future anniversaries surrounded by such a host of friends and well-wishers as graced their "silver wedding."

We have to acknowledge receipt of copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio at its 91st annual Communication at Springfield, on the 24th and 25th October last. It is indeed a most formidable volume, the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by Bro. W. M. Cunningham, M.W. Past G.M., the Chairman of the said Committee, alone occupying more than 300 pages. In this Report are reviewed the Proceedings of some 60 English-Speaking Grand Lodges in 1899 or 1900; while brief particulars are furnished of 13 non English-speaking Grand Lodges, or Orients. The information contained in these reviews is most valuable, and will enable the reader to form a pretty correct idea of the manner in which the affairs of the Craft are administered in the jurisdictions of these various Grand bodies.

It is with a feeling of great satisfaction that we record another instance in which a lodge has established itself in quarters of its own—we allude, of course, to the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, which is located in Newbury, and which, as will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere, has become the owner of a well-built house, and had it rearranged and refitted for Masonic purposes. It was intended that the Hall should be dedicated to Masonry last year,

when No. 574 completed the first half-century of its existence, and it was expected that Bro. Col. Ricardo, the W.M., who is serving in South Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry, would have returned home, and been able to take part in the ceremony of dedication. Unfortunately, owing to the prolongation of the war, Bro. Col. Ricardo, who took a prominent part in organising the scheme, has been under the necessity of denying himself this pleasure, and at his wish it was resolved there should be no further delay. Hence on Friday, the 4th instant, the new Hall at Newbury was dedicated to Masonic uses by Bro. J. T. Morland, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Berkshire, who was assisted in his task by Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Bro. J. W. Martin, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Secretary; and other leading members of the Prov. G. Lodge. We trust that in its new quarters the lodge, which is in a very flourishing condition, may be even more prosperous than it has been in the past.

We shall await with more than our usual eagerness the publication of Part I. of the new Vol. of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum." At last week's meeting of the lodge, Bro. W. H. Rylands read a paper on "The Alwick Lodge Minutes," from which it appears that in 1748 this Operative lodge established, with the assistance of brethren from other parts, a Speculative lodge, and that this was done without having recourse to Grand Lodge. Minutes of its proceedings to the year 1706 have been preserved, but there is no evidence of its having been continued subsequently. The material point is that at no time during the period of its known activity did the Speculative lodge thus established come under Grand Lodge. We shall be curious to learn more of this discovery than could be compressed into our report, and also more about the views of Bros. Speth, le Strange, and the other brethren who took part in the discussion that followed.

Bro. Hughan has very kindly forwarded a letter he has received on the subject of the English lodges in Montreal and the endeavours that are being made to induce them to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The letter is written by Bro. W. H. Whyte, one of the most distinguished members of the Order in the Province of Quebec, who is Grand Scribe E. of its Grand Chapter and Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. He is thus in a position to know all about the nature and extent of the movement for effecting a union between these three lodges and the Grand Lodge, and the difficulties which prevent the accomplishment of the union. It is a most interesting letter, and we purpose referring to it in an early issue.

It is with the deepest regret, which we know will be shared by all our readers, that we announce the sudden death on Wednesday morning, from heart affection, of that distinguished and much respected Mason, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, Past Grand Chaplain of England. Bro. Martyn had been a member of our Society for close on 45 years, having been initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1856, and in the course of that period had won the greatest distinction in nearly every branch of Freemasonry with which he was connected. In the Craft he was Past Grand Chaplain of England and Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk; in the Royal Arch, Past Principal Grand Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter and Grand Superintendent of Suffolk; in the Mark Degree Past Grand Chaplain and Past Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master of East Anglia; in the Order of the Temple Past Great Prelate; while, in addition, he was a Rose Croix Mason of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1. There are very few brethren who could or can point to such a wealth of distinction as the appointment to all these offices and honours tell us plainly he must have secured to himself during his long Masonic career.

But much as all must admire and respect the man who has religiously, and with conspicuous ability, fulfilled the duties and responsibilities of the different offices we have mentioned; much, too, as we must love and respect him, who was both generous in his gifts and lavish of his services to all our Charitable Institutions, it is not so much in respect of these that he will be best remembered. True he was, as we have seen, a Mason of high rank, and a true friend of our Institutions, but more than this, he was a genuine Mason, thoroughly imbued with the fundamental principles of our ancient and honourable Society. He set an example to be followed for all time by those who desire to carry into practice the profession of their Masonic faith. He was genial and kind to all; considerate towards all, whether of high or low degree, and endeavoured in every act and deed of his life to show that he was worthy of the honours which were so justly conferred upon him. We sympathise with our Suffolk and Gloucestershire brethren, and with the members of the many lodges and chapters and other Masonic bodies he belonged to; but above all with the family and friends who are now mourning the heavy loss they have sustained by his sad and sudden death.

## Reviews.

"MASONIC CALENDAR OF LODGES, COUNCILS, &C., MEETING AT MARK MASONS' HALL, &C."—This excellent annual is edited by the ever courteous Grand Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier (who has done his part admirably), and is published by authority of the General Board. The chief portion of the Calendar, however, is taken up with a complete roll of the Mark Grand Officers from 1856 to date, according to precedence and chronological order. The Provincial Grand Masters (and District G.Ms.) are arranged under their Provinces (alphabetically), and so also the D. Prov. G.Ms., from the earliest appointed; the latter ranking after Grand Secretaries and immediately before the Grand Deacons. There are tables exhibiting the number of certificates issued, warrants granted, and receipts for the General and Benevolent purposes of the Society; from 1857; also a list of grants by the Grand Lodge to the Masonic Charities, as well as three separate Registers of all the receipts, expenditure, interest, &c., of the Benevolent, Education, and Annuity Funds from 1868-79 to date; besides a mass of information which makes the handy little book a necessity for all Mark Masons who desire to keep in touch, at all points, with the Mark Grand Lodge and its Institutions.

### A CENTENARIAN FREEMASONS' LODGE.

The Carlisle Union Lodge, No. 310, which held its annual installation meeting on the 26th ult., has records dating back to the year 1796. The souvenir printed by Messrs. G. and T. Coward for the banquet contains the following list of the Worshipful Masters of the lodge from that year to the present:

1796 Thos. Milburn.	1831 Matthew Webster.	1867 Geo. G. Hayward.
1797 John Reed.	1832 Thos. Johnston.	1868 John Slack.
1798 Thos. Hill.	1833 Robt. Scott.	1869 Wm. Johnston.
1799 John Taylor.	1834 Wm. Moore.	1870 Fred W. Hayward.
1800 Wm. Gibson.	1835 John B. Sutton.	1871 John Slack.
1801 Henry Nanson.	1836 Anthony Mullinder.	1872 Alex. Taylor.
1802 Jos. Gibbons.	1837 Jos. Iredale.	1873 Wm. Court.
1803 Jos. Hope.	1838 Jos. Iredale.	1874 Wm. Pratchitt.
1804 Stephen Wylie.	1839 Thos. Story.	1875 John Murray.
1805 Chris. Little.	1840 Jos. Iredale.	1876 Wm. Carruthers.
1806 Jas. Findlay.	1841 Thos. Johnston.	1877 Jas. A. Wheatley.
1807 John Armstrong.	1842 Wm. Amos Wilson.	1878 Andrew Houston.
1808 John Anderson.	1843 Peter Turner.	1879 Robt. Tweedy.
1809 John Lemon.	1844 Jas. Watson.	1880 Wm. Harrison.
1810 Thos. Milburn.	1845 Wm. Amos Wilson.	1881 Wm. Blaylock.
1811 Thos. Sewell.	1846 John Sherrington.	1882 Richard L. Court.
1812 John Hodgson.	1847 John Sherrington.	1883 Henry Court.
1813 Wm. Armstrong.	1848 John Mitchinson.	1884 John Bewley.
1814 John Reed.	1849 John Burgess.	1885 Richard Nelson.
1815 John Lemon.	1850 Thos. Rigg.	1886 Albert Bunyan.
1816 Jas. Findlay.	1851 Wm. Moore.	1887 Thos. Beatty.
1817 Wm. Coneton.	1852 Jos. Iredale.	1888 Thos. Ormiston.
1818 John Anderson.	1853 Jos. Jas. Bough.	1889 Jas. Baty.
1819 Robt. Bunyan.	1854 John Sherrington.	1890 Samuel Lockyer.
1820 Abel Earl.	1855 John Sherrington.	1891 Jos. Wharton.
1821 Wm. Armstrong.	1856 Robt. Scott.	1892 John T. Graham.
1822 Matthew Webster.	1857 Thos. Elsworth.	1893 Robt. A. Clarke.
1823 Thos. Dent.	1858 Wm. Sewell.	1894 Chas. Ratsey.
1824 Wm. Moore.	1859 Wm. Sewell.	1895 John F. Grant.
1825 Wm. Moore.	1860 Fred W. Hayward.	1896 Fletcher Ritson.
1826 Matthew Webster.	1861 Fred W. Hayward.	1897 Chas. Borstel.
1827 Robt. Holliday.	1862 Geo. Wilson.	1898 Wm. Pogson.
1828 John Anderson.	1863 Thos. Blacklock.	1899 John Gray.
1829 John Anderson.	1864 John Howe.	1900 John M. Henderson.
1830 Thos. Robinson.	1865 Wm. Murray.	1901 John H. C. Colton.
	1866 Wm. Cockett.	

The oldest living Past Master in the list is Bro. Wm. Murray, who was installed Master of the lodge 37 years ago. Next to him comes Bro. Alex. Taylor, who was W.M. 29 years ago. He was one of the founders of the Bective Lodge, and is perhaps the oldest active member of the Craft in Carlisle. He was the recipient of his portrait presented by the brethren of Bective Lodge on Wednesday night, the 2nd instant, in recognition of his long and valuable services.

### MASONIC PRESENTATION IN CARLISLE.

There was a large gathering of brethren at Bective Lodge, No. 1532, in the Masonic Hall, Fisher-street, Carlisle, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, on the occasion of a presentation to Bro. Alexander Taylor, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.,



BRO. ALEXANDER TAYLOR, P.M., TREASURER.

Treasurer of the lodge. Bro. Taylor, who is also a Past Master of the Union Lodge, No. 310, is the oldest working Past Master of the Craft in Carlisle. He was the first Past Master in Carlisle to receive the high honour of P.S.G.W. during a period of nearly 40 years, and he is well known and esteemed in Masonic and all other circles. He was one of the founders of Bective Lodge, which is one of the most flourishing lodges in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, and owes more to his watchful care and self-sacrificing services than to any other individual member. The presentation consisted of his portrait, in full Masonic regalia, in colours, on opal, from the studio of Bro. Tassell, and handsomely framed, with an inscription.

It was the gift of the lodge, and was presented on behalf of the brethren by the W.M., Bro. T. LONG, who spoke highly of the services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Taylor, who was not only one of its founders but also one of its corner stones, and had worked strenuously to place the lodge in its present sound and prosperous condition. His upright manly figure, which they all admired, was the index of his character and condition. Few Masons were more widely known or more highly esteemed in the province; and his life was a pattern to them all.

Bro. J. W. HAYTON, P.M., P.S.G.W., supported the Worshipful Master's remarks.

In thanking the brethren for the picture, Bro. TAYLOR made grateful recognition of this mark of their regard. He was pleased to see present a large number of members of Union Lodge, where he received his early training in Masonry, and he hoped he might be spared to still further devote his time and energies to the welfare of Bective Lodge and of Freemasonry in general.

Bro. HIGGINSON, S.W., proposed "The Visitors," for whom Bros. F. RITSON, Captain SAUNDERS, and GILBERTSON (Preston), responded.

Letters of regret were received from Bros. G. White, R. A. Clarke, D. L. Thorpe, and others.

Bro. Taylor is 74 years of age, and is as fresh as a two-year-old.

### BRO. DAVID REID, G. SECRETARY SCOTLAND.

We have much pleasure in presenting a portrait of Bro. David Reid, who at a Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Free-



masons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 13th December last, was elected Grand Secretary in succession to Bro. D. Murray Lyon, resigned. Bro. Reid had previously held the office of Grand Treasurer for some time.

## Mark Masonry.

Industry Lodge, No. 293.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. C. A. HOLZAPFEL.

The annual meeting was held on the 7th inst., at Gateshead, when there was an average attendance of members. The retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Jobson, presided, and he was supported by the following brethren: Bros. H. Jackson, I.P.M.; T. R. Short, P.M.; A. Dodds, P.M.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; W. Brown, P.M., D. of C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; John Page, P.M.; W. C. A. Holzapfel, S.W.; T. Douglass, J.W.; John Armstrong, M.O.; C. W. Hodgson, S.O.; J. B. McKenzie, J.O.; W. E. Peacock, P.M.; R. Laverick, S.D.; C. H. Keay, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. H. Armstrong, I.G.; J. Carr, Stwd.; W. Blythe, A. Gourlev, J. P. Smith, W. W. Nichols, J. T. Pragnell, E. Scurfield, J. Lawson, T. W. Kent, E. Shewbrooks, P.M. 346, and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. Jas. Routledge was balloted for and accepted. The Treasurer read his annual statement, showing a balance of £22 9s. 8d. in hand. The accounts were adopted. Bro. John Page, P.M., presented Bro. W. C. A. Holzapfel, W.M. elect, to Bro. W. J. Jobson for installation, and Bro. Holzapfel was duly installed as W.M. Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M., delivered the usual charges incidental to the ceremony. The following officers were invested by the new W.M.: Bros. W. J. Jobson, I.P.M.; T. Douglass, S.W.; J. Armstrong, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, Chap.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Hodgson, M.O.; J. B. McKenzie, S.O.; W. E. Peacock, J.O.; H. H. Pitt, R. of M.; R. Laverick, Sec.; C. H. Keay, S.D.; T. H. Armstrong, J.D.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; S. Brown, I.G.; J. Carr and A. Dodds, Stwds.; and J. Curry, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

The annual festival was held in the banqueting room, when most of the brethren named above were present.

## Craft Masonry.

### Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. H. CRAIG.

The installation meeting of this ancient lodge took place at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 7th instant. The Reports presented showed that excellent work is being done, especially in regard to the Charities, towards which handsome donations have been made. The Joppa Benevolent Fund, which was started to assist members of the lodge, celebrated its jubilee last December, and is still in a prosperous condition. During the past 20 years £1400 has been voted to various brethren from this fund.

The brethren present included Bros. Isaac Cohen, W.M.; J. H. Craig, S.W.; A. W. Brewer, J.W.; E. Emanuel, P.M.; W. J. Gardner, P.M., D.C.; E. Davey, P.M.; B. Weiger, P.M.; H. Lazarus, P.M.; Joshua Hand, Treas.; Lewis Lazarus, P.G.P., Sec.; M. D. Armstrong, S.D.; W. Rosenthal, J.D.; A. W. Saville, I.G.; H. Emanuel, Stwd.; F. Bean, E. G. Galloway, Herbert Cave, R. Gardiner, and many others. Visitors: Bros. Frank Evans, S.W. 2749; P. J. Wilson, 1950; J. Gerson, W.M. 185; P. T. Osman, 2466; E. Cohen, W.M. 57; S. J. Heilbron, 1668; Frank Crocker, W.M. 2786; J. J. L. Linton, 2411; B. Trenner, 205; W. Digby Owens, W.M. 1017; J. Porter; W. W. Lee, P.M., and others.

Lodge was opened, minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' Reports of Lodge and Benevolent Funds adopted. Mr. R. J. Andrews was then initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. J. H. Craig was next installed as W.M. by Bro. I. Cohen, who performed the ceremony very impressively. The following officers were invested: Bros. A. W. Brewer, S.W.; M. D. Armstrong, J.W.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; J. Hands, Treas.; W. Rosenthal, S.D.; A. W. Saville, J.D.; J. Mott, I.G.; W. Gardner, P.M., D.C.; H. Emanuel, Levay, Galloway, Cane, and Lemel, Stewards. Bro. I. Cohen, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his services, and suitably acknowledged the gift.

The lodge was closed, and after banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.G.P., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he was present at the installation of the M.W.G.M., who would doubtless be unanimously re-elected. As the Craft had been so successful in the past, they must all hope it would continue so in the new century.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. I. Cohen, I.P.M., in cordial terms. The cardinal principle of a W.M. should be trust in himself and have faith in himself, and pursue a straight course. With these principles to guide him, the W.M. would keep up the traditions of the lodge, which had existed for 111 years.

Bro. J. H. Craig, W.M., said he felt it an extremely great honour to be W.M. of such an ancient lodge. He knew there had been many important and influential Masters in the lodge during its long career, and he only hoped the Great Architect would enable him to be as good as any of them, if not better. He would, at any rate, try to emulate them, and leave the lodge, as he found it, without stain. If he failed it would not be his fault, but his inability. He thanked them greatly, and if they would trust him, and be a little blind to his faults, he would try to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," briefly remarking that they had heard Bro. Cohen's good working on that and many previous occasions. He thanked the I.P.M. personally for the manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony.

Bro. I. Cohen, I.P.M., said that in very few words he wished to thank them for the way in which they had received the toast. Any success he had had during his year was principally due to the aid of his officers. He would specially allude to the Secretary and D.C. The former had kept him within the compass of his duty as defined by the Book of Constitutions. The D.C. had also rendered splendid service, and he had much to be thankful for in both officers. During his Mastership he had had opportunities of showing them his own particular ideas. He had tried to keep a straight and undeviating line and that was his proudest boast. He had done nothing to disgrace the lodge and if anything he had kept it well to the front in the Masonic world.

Bro. R. J. Andrews responded for "The Initiate," after which Bro. H. Lazarus, P.M., proposed "The Joppa Benevolent Fund."

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., P.G.P., said the lodge was very proud of its Benevolent Fund, which in December celebrated its jubilee. It was initiated for the purpose of assisting the members of the lodge. It frequently prevented brethren from going to the Board of Benevolence, and its useful work had been recognised on many occasions. During the past 20 years £1,400 had been distributed. No applicant had ever found fault with the amount handed to him, with one solitary exception.

For "The Visitors" responses were made by brethren representing the "sister" lodges, viz., Bros. Trenner, W.M. 205; Owens, W.M. 1017; and Heilbron, W.M. 1668.

Bro. Crocker, W.M. 29, also replied, and was followed by Bro. Cohen, 57, who had travelled from Yorkshire to hear his son, the I.P.M., perform the installation ceremony.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was well received, and elicited the fact that Bro. L. Lazarus, P.M., had been Secretary for 17 years, and was but the fourth occupant of that office in 100 years.

Bros. Weiger, P.M., and Gardner, P.M., D.C., acknowledged "The P.Ms."

"The Officers" toast followed.

Bro. John Porter directed the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Miss Adelina Bond, and Bro. Willie Wright and Mr. Frank Percival.

### Hengist Lodge, No. 195.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. J. MILLER.

The annual festival of the above lodge, established at Christchurch over 130 years ago, and removed to Bournemouth in 1851, was celebrated on the 3rd inst., when Bro. W. J. Miller was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. There was a crowded attendance of officers and brethren at the lodge room, St. Michael's Rise, and the ceremonies of the day were carried through with that thoroughness and impressiveness which are so characteristic of the lodge. The W.M. elect was installed by Bro. Miles, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, assisted by Bro. Nethercoate and a full Board of Past Masters, and having been duly proclaimed, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. A. Nethercoate, I.P.M.; E. Jones, S.W.; C. H. Mate, J.W.; C. J. Whitting, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; Humphry, Treas.; W. Woodhouse, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; W. M. Manne, S.D.; G. McWilliam, J.D.; R. Hodges, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; C. Field, Org.; C. Goater, I.G.; W. Alexander, Almoner; F. J. Webb and S. G. Witcomb, Stwds.; and W. J. Holloway, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M., as his first duty on behalf of the lodge, presented his predecessor, Bro. Nethercoate, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a souvenir of his year of office and a mark of appreciation of his many valuable services.

The installation banquet took place at the Grand Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Miller, presided, supported by Bros. J. A. Nethercoate, I.P.M.; E. W. Rebbeck, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Druitt, jun., P.P.S.G.W.; C. T. Miles, P.P.G. S. of W.; W. B. Rogers, P.P.G.R.; W. Mattocks, P.M.; W. H. Dunn, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Vye, P.G. Stwd.; F. T. Cutler, P.M.; W. Dunn, P.P.G.R.; D. Sydenham, P.P. J.G.D.; W. Humphry, P.M.; W. Harris, P.M.; G. W. Powell, W.M. 2203; P. Homewood, J. A. Hosker, W.M. 2158; A. Macklin, W.M. 132; J. J. Brazier, P.P. S.G.D.; T. Handford, P.P.J.G.W.; H. E. Hawker, P.P.J.G.D.; the newly-appointed officers of the lodge as enumerated above; and Bros. J. A. Crawshaw, C. D. Newton, A. C. Thorne, Kenneth R. Balfour, M.P.; H. Baker, E. Hope, H. E. Brooke, G. W. Lazenby, W. Alexander, C. Laney, J. A. Cocker, W. E. Jones, J. H. Flint, F. Parsons, P. Collier, A. E. Roberts, J. E. Webster, C. H. Cartwright, W. G. Harris, J. Harwood, H. E. Child, J. H. Williams, F. Broad, C. P. Turle, E. Fynes Clinton, C. H. Ratsch, J. W. Davis, E. W. Ingamells, G. W. Powell, E. A. Legg, G. W. Whaley, W. E. Cooke, F. Banks, G. A. Mate, J. F. Fogerty, A. C. Tuthill, A. C. Curtis, H. I. Pottle, A. Davis, Reginald Down, Russe, H. Harris, W. Briggs, Dore, D. Godfrey, R. Hiscock, Hammersley Campbell, O. C. Mootham, and others.

After dinner, the W.M. submitted the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The M.W. Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst, the R.W. Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

The toast of "The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Edgar Goble; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was entrusted to Bro. C. H. Mate.

### Mariners' Lodge, No. 168.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. F. A. PARKER.

The installation of Bro. F. A. Parker as W.M. of the above lodge was conducted on the 2nd inst. at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, Guernsey, under the most favourable auspices, the proceedings being graced by the presence of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. E. C. Ozanne, P.M. 84; the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. E. K. Corbin, P.M. 84; and many other members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Guernsey and Alderney, all of whom were in full Provincial dress, the scene, when the lodge was in full working order, being highly effective. The attendance was very large, and included 37 Past Masters and about 55 brethren.

The Installing Master was Bro. W. D. Murdoch, I.P.M., who was assisted by Bros. W. Austin, W. Courtenay, F. Pengeley, S. A. Candon, and H. E. Marquand. After Bro. Parker had been installed, and had invested Bro. W. D. Murdoch as I.P.M., he invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Petty, S.W.; C. Lowe, J.W.; W. Austin, Chap.; T. Pengeley, Treas.; L. Whelan, Sec.; W. H. Courtenay, D. of C.; W. Pugsley, S.D.; J. Donald, J.D.; C. Ashworth, I.G.; C. Loaring and F. Whales, Stewards; and P. Geraghty, Tyler. The usual and impressive addresses were then delivered as follows: To the W.M., by Bro. J. B. Nickolls, Prov. G. Secretary; to the Wardens, by Bro. E. K. Corbin; and to the lodge in general, by Bro. E. C. Ozanne, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Auditors of the lodge accounts then gave their statement, which showed that it was in a very sound financial position. The report was adopted unanimously, and a proposition made to vote 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The new year opens auspiciously for the lodge, as no less than four brethren were proposed as joining brethren and one candidate for membership.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where, when dinner had been disposed of, the following toasts were honoured: "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales and other Masonic rulers," "The Worshipful Master," "The Provincial Grand Master and his Officers," "The Visitors," "The Installing Masters," "The Charities." To the latter, the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Nickolls, made a most telling speech in which he impressed upon the brethren the necessity of increasing their efforts in supporting the various Masonic Benevolent Institutions.

The last toast was the Tyler's, given at about 11.30, after which the brethren dispersed.

The proceedings throughout were most cordial, and the Installing Officers, more particularly Bro. Murdoch, carried out their work in faultless manner.

We would like to add that the toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bro. H. Garnet for the Loyalty Lodge; Bro. C. Jones for the Fidelis Lodge; Bro. T. Bean for the St. Sampson's Lodge; and Bro. G. F. Peek for the Balfour Cockburn Lodge.

The W.M. of Doyle's Lodge was present during the greater part of the proceedings but had retired before the toast of "The Visitors" was proposed.

### Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE F. KNOWLES.

The installation meeting was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, the 7th instant, and was attended by nearly 80 brethren. Work commenced at half-past two, when Bro. F. W. Miller, W.M., passed two candidates and initiated another. The installation of the W.M. elect was commenced shortly before five o'clock, and was attended by the Prov. G.M. (Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell), Bro. G. J. McKay, 88, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; and the following other Masters and Past Masters: Bros. Joseph Bell, J. Vail, F. Dewberry, T. Watts, J. F. Symonds, J. Royston, P. H. Young, James Catling, Dr. W. R. Roper, F. W. Potts, F. R. Leach, and L. H. Good, all of 441; T. Hunnybun, Oliver Papworth, Frank Piggott, W. Sindall, and F. J. Moden, W.M., all of 88; Dr. J. Reynolds Green and R. H. Adie, of 1492; T. Leader, 2107; T. A. Guyatt, W.M. 2727; W. Briggs, 45; C. H. Vincent, 1823; and H. King, 1280. Twenty-six were present at the Board of Installed Masters.

Bro. George F. Knowles was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. F. W. Miller, the outgoing W.M., who also ably gave the proclamations and the working tools, Bro. F. Dewberry acting as D.C. The following is a list of the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. George F. Knowles, W.M.; F. W. Miller, P.P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; J. Dempster, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; W. H. Berridge, P.P.G. Org., J.W.; L. H. Good, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Chap.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; J. Vail, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; Horace W. Dewberry, S.D.; W. Saint, J.D.; F. Dewberry, P.M., F.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C., D.C.; E. Bowman, Org.; A. R. Jennings, Std. Br.; W. F. Thompson, I.G.; F. W. Potts, P.M., P.P.G.R., and F. R. Leach, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Stwds.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. gave an earnest of capable work in collaring his officers, and was particularly happy when investing the portly Standard Bearer, his remarks causing a vein of humour which extended throughout the evening. The three charges were impressively delivered by Bro. Jos. Royston, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. The Prov. Grand Master then in the name of the lodge presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. F. W. Miller, and said that this testimonial from the brethren was thoroughly deserved by the good work the I.P.M., had done in the lodge. Colonel Caldwell trusted that Bro. Miller would live many years in this new century to wear this mark of approbation and to see many of those whom he had admitted to the light rise to occupy the chair of the lodge.

The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and at the close of the banquet the customary toast list was gone through, Bro. Knowles acting with confidence and efficiency in the chair.

The toast of "The Grand Officers of England" was acknowledged in suitable terms by Bro. G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.

In giving "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master and his Officers," the W.M. said the brethren highly appreciated the presence of the Prov. G. Master, and regretted that his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Gray, was prevented by other engagements from attending.

The Prov. G. Master, in responding, said the province was a small one, but it possessed many excellences. If it were a fighting province it would come off well in competition.

The Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. Oliver Papworth) also spoke to the toast. Bro. P. H. Younger, P.M., gave the toast of "The Visitors," and this was responded to by Bros. W. Briggs, P.M. 45; W. James, W.M. elect 88; Griffiths, 347; Hughes, 471; Prince Ranjitsinhji, 859; Adie, W.M. 1492; C. H. Vincent, P.M. 1823; Wadsworth, J.W. 2684; Guyatt, W.M. 2727; and Birkett, J.D. 2786.

Bro. F. W. Miller gave "The Health of the W.M.," and wished him every success during his year of office, which had opened so well.

The W.M. expressed his thanks, and said he hoped that many of those present would eventually occupy the chair. For the sake of the brethren he trusted they had a successful year before them, and he assured them he would do all in his power to uphold the principles and tenets of the Craft.

In submitting "The Health of the Installing Master and the Past Masters," the W.M. mentioned that the beautiful arum lilies which adorned their table had been sent from Guernsey by Bro. J. Fuller, P.M.; whilst Bro. S. H. Sharman, P.M., had also sent a nice gift from Norwich.

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. F. W. Miller, Joseph Bell, Joseph Royston, and F. W. Potts, the first-named remarking that it was very satisfactory to hear the complimentary remarks upon his work from the Provincial Grand Master and others.

"The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast were afterwards honoured.

The harmony of the proceedings was enhanced by some excellent vocal contributions.

### Socrates Lodge, No. 373.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. F. B. THACKRAY.

The annual meeting and installation festival of this lodge took place at the Lodge room at the George Hotel, Huntingdon, on Tuesday, the 8th instant, when there was an unusually large attendance, both of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. W. R. Todd, P.P.G. Stwd., took the chair, and opened the lodge, and after the usual preliminaries the ceremony of installing Bro. F. B. Thackray, P.P.G. Stwd., was proceeded

with, and admirably performed by the W.M. (Bro. Todd), Bros. H. T. Smith, and Conney. The newly-installed Master then invested the following brethren as his officers during the year, viz.: Bros. W. R. Todd, I.P.M.; G. Brounlow, S.W.; A. H. Yeomans, J.W.; Rev. G. H. Frewer, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Pascoe, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks., Sec.; J. Wood Ingram, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; W. Rawlance, Org.; J. Copping, S.D.; L. R. Dalgleish, J.D.; Theakston, Supt. Wks.; W. Howard, I.G.; and Brown and Page, Tylers.

After lodge had been closed the brethren sat down to a banquet, ably provided and served by Mrs. Fisher, the landlady.

The newly-elected W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts on such occasions were proposed and responded to.

The following visitors were present: Bros. Keeling, Purvis, Pullan, Eenals, White, and Copping, all of 2283; J. Johnson, R. Brown, G. B. Griffiths, and J. Giddins, of 2684; J. Squires, 2030; J. Ray, 377; W. Hearn, 1348; J. B. Wilkinson, 277; G. G. Wheeler, 88; F. Casler, 442, 2533; G. W. Ingram, 838; and F. Saunders, 318 (S.C.).

### Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. COUNCILLOR FRED VARLEY.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 3rd inst., about 100 well-known local brethren assembling to witness the installation of Bro. Councillor Fred Varley, P.M. 1260 and 2601, P.Z. 1260, the W.M. elect, into the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was carried through in an impressive manner by Bro. Walter Sycklemore, P.M., and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. Key, S.W.; J. W. Key, J.W.; S. H. Price, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Pocklington, P.M., Sec.; G. Weidner, S.D.; J. E. Moy, J.D.; A. E. Colevell, I.G.; R. V. Davies, D.C.; J. A. Cosgrove, A.D.C.; F. Partington, P.M., Dr. W. Soutter, H. W. Moy, and W. H. Witherington, Stwds.; J. Baine, Org.; R. W. Wilson, Asst. Org.; and T. E. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren assembled at a banquet. The W.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts, and in giving "The Health of the Queen," remarked that in the past year the war in South Africa must have caused her Majesty anxiety, but they could now rejoice with her on the supremacy of the British flag in that country.

Bro. Harrup, P.M., submitted the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in eulogistic terms.

On rising to respond, Bro. Varley met with a very hearty reception. Having thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, Bro. Varley mentioned that he became a joining member in 1892, and had discharged the duties of every office of the lodge. He was proud to be their new Master in the new century, and hoped they would all have a very happy year of office, and support Bro. Captain John Barlow, P.P.G.W. of East Lancashire, as the Grand Treasurer at the election in March.

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they had as many as 50 present. It was a record attendance, and showed how much the lodge was appreciated. He assured them all a very hearty welcome, and called upon Bro. J. J. Runtz, P.M. (the Mayor of Stoke Newington), Bro. Alderman Beale, and other guests to respond.

Bro. Runtz made a capital speech on the principles of Freemasonry, and thanked the brethren for their very cordial reception.

Bros. S. H. Price, P.M., Treas., W. H. Pocklington, P.M., Sec., and Key replied for "The Officers."

At the banquet Mrs. Hunt's Ladies' Orchestra contributed selections, and the artists included in the musical programme were Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Florence Venning, Miss Jose Dubois, Bros. Alexander Edwards, and R. B. Hopkins. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Walter Sycklemore, P.M., musical director of the lodge.

### Playgoers' Lodge, No. 2705.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE SCHULTZ.

The third annual festival of this lodge was duly celebrated at the Hotel Cecil on New Year's Day, and it was in no whit less successful than its predecessors. There was a large gathering of brethren, some 20 forming the Board of Installed Masters, among those present were Bros. W. R. Bennett, W.M.; G. Schultz, S.W.; W. Sparks, J.W.; G. J. Farrington, I.P.M.; J. L. Goldstein, Treas.; Percy Howse, Sec.; W. Schroder, S.D.; J. Cohen, J.D.; G. Powell, P.M., D.C.; T. Wontner Smith, L. Harfeld, and R. H. Shaw, Stwds.; M. Moss, G. W. Collins, L. Lehmann, H. Cart, J. Hawkins, J. Vagg, G. Hand, W. H. Worster, G. F. Payne, F. Matthews, C. E. Loader, A. J. Anderson, R. J. Sadleir, T. Pescod, A. Gerson, J. F. Bridgen, W. V. Higgins, A. J. Watson, H. W. Payne, F. J. Leggett, A. R. Moyle, H. L. Butterworth, H. Scott-Russell, J. Bannister Howard, M. S. Newmark, J. H. Bishop, A. M. Rickards, M. Cohen, T. Rose, E. J. Hiscock, A. Thompson, J. Newmark, C. J. Pinnell, E. Emanuel, J. Sharpe, T. A. Polson, A. G. Buttifant, S. D. Wade, A. Wade, H. D. Kemp, C. A. Anderson, and others. The visitors were Bros. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; E. C. Mulvey, P.G. Purst.; T. W. Allsop, 88; A. J. Colledge, 723; Norman Clinton, 723; H. Bevis, 2473; F. G. Rimell, 2492; A. Dowsing, 1196; L. Ferguson, 1997; W. E. Loader, 137; E. A. Fisher, 569; J. Edwards, 1986; J. Hodgkyns, 1025; A. Carpenter, 2536; R. H. Williams, 1767; R. H. Catling, 2157; W. Laver, 1818; C. Freeman, 1929; J. A. Carpenter, 2565; J. Bishop, 1956; J. H. Jenks, 8; M. Strang, 1081; W. Squire, 144; H. Broadway, 1320; W. Johnson, 211; W. Rice Flack, 1656; F. Bishop, 1056; J. Mellings, 3500; D. Hills, 185; E. A. Peachey, 1928; H. Inde, 2648; H. Benjamin, 11; J. Keyzor, 11; E. L. Berry, 1321; E. Holland, 2467; F. W. Bishop, 1056; W. G. Holloway, 1842; W. Tilbury, 704; H. B. Atkinson, 2355; W. Mansell Stevens, 813; W. Hunt, 1636; J. Warren, 2448; and G. Brown, 860.

The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. R. Bennett, who, previous to proceeding with the installation ceremony, initiated Mr. Michael Cohen with his usual correctness of ritual. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Schultz, S.W., was then presented and duly installed in the chair by Bro. Bennett in a very clear and impressive manner. The following officers were then appointed: Bros. W. R. Bennett, I.P.M.; W. Sparks, S.W.; W. Schroder, J.W.; Rev. H. Cart, Chap.; J. L. Goldstein, Treas.; G. J. Farrington, P.M., Sec.; J. Cohen, S.D.; L. Harfeld, J.D.; R. H. Shaw, I.G.; M. Moss, D.C.; T. Wontner Smith, J. Sharpe, J. S. Gautier, and S. Newmark, Stewards; and E. J. Hiscock, A.D.C. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. R. Bennett, I.P.M., who suitably acknowledged the gift. After the reading of numerous letters of regret from Grand Officers and other brethren, and the transaction of some ordinary business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Medicis Room, where the banquet was served in a style which gained the highest encomiums.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and enthusiastically received.

"The Grand Officers" were next toasted, Bro. E. Terry, P.G. Treas., being called upon to respond.

Bro. E. Terry replied in a facetious and amusing speech, being followed in a somewhat similar strain by Bros. Langton, Sudlow, and Mulvey.

"The W.M." and "The I.P.M." were respectively toasted in complimentary terms.

The toast of "The Initiate" followed.

Bro. M. Cohen responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" brought several brethren to their feet, all expressing their gratification at the excellent work they had witnessed in lodge and at the hospitality since extended to them.

Other toasts followed.

A choice entertainment was provided, at which Miss Hetty Hills, Bros. Harrison Brockbank, H. Scott Russell, Fred Stephens, J. Warren, H. Montague, and M. Stevens took part, and an amusing cockney description of "The Merchant of Venice" as played at Sadler's Wells, voluntarily given by Bro. E. Terry in inimitable style, was quite the "tit-bit" of the evening.

## Instruction.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 9th instant, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. H. F. Adlard, W.M.; B. T. Mills, S.W.; A. J. Rippen, J.W.; H. T. Masters, P.M., Sec.; A. F. Jones, S.D.; Jas. Collins, J.D.; F. H. Farr, I.G.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; J. G. Robeson, P.M.; William Baker, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; T. Stokes, J. Hess, A. Hess, W. G. Read, E. P. Moore, W. J. Lockett, W. J. Fishleigh, Geo. Hoare, W. T. Moreton, and J. J. Moxley.

Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. G. Read acting as candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. J. Moxley acting as candidate. The lodge was then closed.

### ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 3rd instant at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. R. M. Ridley, W.M.; H. T. Town, S.W.; E. C. St. Aubyn, J.W.; F. J. Larkman, P.M., Treas.; A. H. A. Bridger, Sec.; C. E. Dowling, S.D.; H. R. Worth, J.D.; E. H. Wilcox, I.G.; C. Humble, Stwd.; C. Jacob, P.M.; J. Dinnis, P.M.; C. M. Challender, P.M.; F. Botley, P.M.; C. Baker, and Johnson.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. C. Baker acting as candidate. Bros. F. J. Larkman, P.M., A. H. A. Bridger, R. H. Williams, P.M., and Justin Allen, P.M., were re-elected, unanimously, Treasurer, Secretary, Preceptor, and Deputy Preceptor, respectively, for the coming year. The lodge was then closed.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. J. Jackson, W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; M. Relph, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; C. C. Renaud, P.M., S.D.; H. J. May, J.D.; E. P. Fischer, I.G.; C. Nicole, H. R. Maskall, A. Hess, A. Noel, Culver, P.M.; and A. Williams.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hess being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Maskall, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jackson being the candidate. Bro. Lucas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The usual vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Jackson on his occupancy of the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 10th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. C. Spaul in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. W. Duret, Charles Pulman, W. G. Kentish, C. H. Webb, H. Massey, J. H. Matthews, Sir Reginald Hanson, Thomas H. Gardiner, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

After a resolution of the General Committee of December 27th, 1900, covering the Special Court had been read, together with the advertisement of the meeting, and other necessary formalities had been observed,

Bro. CHARLES PULMAN, P. Prov. G.D. Northumberland, moved the following resolution: "That the laws relating to election be and are hereby suspended for the purposes of the election, with a view to her immediate admission to the Institution, of Audrey Rennett, a duly qualified candidate, in consideration of the fact that her father died of enteric fever during active service in South Africa, and she is hereby elected accordingly, subject nevertheless to all the laws and regulations pertaining to girls after election." He said he thought the brethren were all too well acquainted with the laws of the Institution to require him to say anything on the subject he was moving in. It was proposed that they should admit a child into the School without election, and a special Court was called for the purpose of passing a resolution to that effect. In this case the child was the daughter of a duly qualified Freemason who had lost his life through enteric fever during the South African War. The brethren were all too patriotic and loyal, and had the cause of charity too much at heart, to keep the child six months out of the School, which would be necessary if she had to be elected. If the present motion were carried she would be admitted at once. He thought the subscribers to this Institution would be doing a good thing by assenting to his proposition. The brethren knew the facts of the case as well as he did; they knew that the cause was a good one, and that they

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would be doing a benefit to the child. He moved the proposition as printed.

Bro. JAMES HENRY MATTHEWS, President of the Board of Benevolence, seconded the motion, but asked the Chairman, as a lawyer, whether the Court was in its right in taking the step proposed? He was very glad to think they had the power.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL said he thought they had the power without the Special General Court; but having a doubt about it, they had a Special Court called. The duty of a Court was to elect girls, but the present case was an unusual one. The elections were in April and October, and this being so, he thought it right to call the Special Court in order to avoid any question about it. Law 54 said: "A Special General Court shall be called by the Secretary on delivery to him of a requisition, in writing, of the President, a Trustee, the Treasurer, nine Patrons, Vice-Patrons, or Vice-Presidents, or by a resolution of the General Committee. Such Court shall be held within 14 clear days therefrom, notice of such Court being given by advertisement in three at least of the London daily papers. The business to be transacted must be specified in such requisition or resolution and advertisement, notice must also be sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary." That being so, they had complied with the law. There was a resolution of the General Committee that this special meeting should be called, and the meeting had been held within 14 days as required. As to new laws—Law 53 said: "No motion for a new law, or for the abrogation, suspension, or alteration of any existing law, or for a grant of money, or for an expenditure exceeding £500, shall be made at a General Court, unless notice thereof shall have been given at a previous General Court or General Committee, and advertised in at least two of the London Masonic or daily papers, six days prior to such meeting, notice also being sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary. No such resolution shall take effect until the minutes have been confirmed." Therefore, it was within their power to pass any resolution at a Special Court and ask a General Court to confirm. He thought that answered Bro. Matthews' question.

Bro. MATTHEWS said he was quite satisfied.

Bro. C. H. WEBB said he agreed with the motion to the fullest extent. If the brethren passed the resolution, they would be showing their loyalty to the Throne and to their Masonic professions.

Bro. C. PULMAN said he thought the Masonic body were to be congratulated on their being no other candidates for the Institution caused by the same circumstances. The motion was unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The Quarterly General Court was held at 12 o'clock, R.W. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W., Treasurer, presiding, with the remainder of the brethren present at the Special General Court being in attendance.

Among the other announcements made by the Secretary was that Earl Amherst, Pro G.M., would preside at the next festival of the Institution.

The brethren adopted the resolution passed by the Special Court, admitting Audrey Rennett into the School without election.

On the motion of Bro. A. C. SPAULL, P.G. Std. Br., Patron, seconded by Bro. W. G. KENTISH, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron, it was resolved "That the vacancies caused by the withdrawal of Beatrice Mitchell Williams and Nora Floyd, before the expiration of their term, be filled by the admission under Law 94 of Ada Emily Perry and Annie Lewell, the highest unsuccessful Candidates at the October Election."

On the motion of Bro. A. C. SPAULL, seconded by Bro. CHARLES PULMAN, it was resolved that 22 candidates, for whom there will be 18 vacancies, be approved for the next election.

Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON produced the statement of the receipts of the Institution for the year 1900, which, he said, had appeared in the daily papers, and that, with the exception of the centenary year, the amount was the largest received by the Institution in any one year.

The death of the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., was then referred to. That brother took the chair for the Institution in 1889 in the absence of the appointed Chairman, and his personal donations to the Institution had been very large.

On the motion of Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, seconded by Bro. T. H. GARDINER, P.G.D., a vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. C. J. Martyn was unanimously agreed to.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the Court to an end.

## Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. C. J. MARTYN, M.A., P.G.C.

We refer elsewhere to the grievous loss which Freemasonry has sustained through the sudden death, from heart disease, on Wednesday of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rector of Draglingworth, Cirencester, and Chaplain-in-Ordinary to her Majesty the Queen. Our deceased brother had been somewhat seriously ill ever since his visit to Ireland to conduct the funeral of his friend and brother Mason, the Earl of Donoughmore, Past Grand Warden; but death came upon him suddenly at the last, and there only remains for us to give a brief record of the invaluable services he rendered to the Craft during the whole of his long and distinguished career.

Bro. Martyn was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1856, and was thus a Mason of nearly 45 years' standing. In 1857 he joined the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, and about the same time was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary of Oxfordshire. The following year he was installed W.M. of No. 478, and was elected a joining member of Lodge Foundation, No. 82, Cheltenham, in which he was chosen to fill the Worshipful Master's chair in 1867, having in the interim (1866) been honoured with the appointment of Prov. Junior Grand Warden of Gloucestershire. In 1869 and 1870 he served as G. Chaplain of United Grand Lodge, and seven years later was appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master of Suffolk by the late Lord Waveney, then G. Master of the province, and retained the position till the day of his death, his last appearance in the Prov. G. Lodge having been at its annual meeting in 1900, when Lord Henniker, who had been for some time absent on official duty as Governor of the Isle of Man, had the pleasure of presiding and hearing how ably the province had been administered by his Deputy. Bro. Martyn also had the satisfaction of installing his Suffolk chief, Lord Henniker, as Prov. G. Master of the Isle of Man, this being about the last important occasion in Craft Masonry at which he attended and took a prominent part in the proceedings. He was also a joining member of the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, of Faithful Lodge, No. 85, Harleston, and of the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, which is composed almost entirely of Grand Officers, and in which he had, if we remember rightly, the pleasure and privilege of assisting at the initiation, by his Royal High-

ness the M.W.G. Master, who is permanent W.M. of the lodge, of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale. In Royal Arch Masonry he was even more distinguished. He was a joining member of the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, P.Z. of Unanimity Chapter, No. 82, Cheltenham, P.Z. of White Rose Chapter, No. 1007, Bury St. Edmunds, Past Prin. G. Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter, and had held the office of Grand Superintendent of Suffolk since 1877. In Mark Masonry he served as Grand Chaplain in 1868, and as Dep. Prov. G. Master of East Anglia from 1883 to 1894. In the Order of the Temple he was P.E.P. of the Cotteswold Preceptory of St. Augustine, No. 72, Cheltenham, and was appointed Great Prelate of Sovereign Great Priory in 1883. In addition, he was a Past Grand High Prelate of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter (Rose Croix), No. 1, under the Supreme Council 33°, A. and A. Rite. But, above all, by his death our Charitable Institutions have lost one of their staunchest and most generous friends and supporters. He was a Patron of all three, and the number of Stewardships he had served in their behalf approached very closely to 40. In 1889, when Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M. Suffolk, who had promised to preside at the 101st Festival of the Girls' School, found himself unable at the last moment to fulfil his engagement, Bro. Martyn went to the rescue and discharged the duty of President with his accustomed kindness and ability. But the important place he filled in Masonry in its several branches will know him no more, and all who had the privilege of his friendship or acquaintance, who were associated with him in lodge and chapter, and who had taken part with him in helping to promote the interests of our Institutions will mourn for him with as great sincerity as for one of their own kith and kin. Our reverend brother, now deceased, was one of the best and brightest and kindest Masons of his day, and it will be long ere the void caused by his death in the hearts of his family and friends will be filled.

BRO. C. J. AXFORD, P.M.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of our esteemed Bro. C. J. Axford, P.M. After a severe illness, he died at his residence, "Eskdale," Rydal-road, Streatham, on the 30th ult. The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery on the 3rd instant. Bro. Axford was a P.M. of the following



lodges: Brixton Lodge, No. 1949; Henry Levander, No. 2048; P.M. and founder of the Alleyn Lodge, No. 2647; and P.M. of the Panmure Mark Lodge; also of the Prince of Wales and other Ark Mariner Lodges; a P.Z. of the Hiram Chapter, No. 2416; and a brother generally respected, and whose loss will be felt by all who knew him.

## WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

Bro. William Ryland, F.S.A., of Rye Lodge, Nether Edge, Sheffield, managing director of Ryland's Electro-Plating Company, Limited, Eyre-street, Sheffield, who died on the 11th October last, aged 57 years, left personal estate valued at £44,259 14s., the gross value of his estate being £58,370 14s. 3d. He disposed of his property by his will of the 13th July, 1900, as follows: To his wife, Mrs. Clara Ryland, the use and enjoyment of Rye Lodge and its furniture, an annuity during her widowhood of £1200, and one-fourth of the income from the proceeds of sale of his pictures, which are to be offered for public sale first at Sheffield, then at Manchester, then at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and lastly at Birmingham, and those which remain unsold are to be offered as a gift to the Birmingham Corporation for the Art Gallery, but unless the Corporation accepts all of the unsold pictures they are to become the property of Mrs. Ryland. He bequeathed to the Sheffield Blind Institution, £500; to his nieces, Martha and Sarah Jane Burniston, life annuities of £52 each; to George Holdaway, a legacy of £200; to David Hunton Porrett, solicitor, £100; to Hannah Batley, a life annuity of £26, and after her death to Elizabeth Edwards, a legacy of £400. Mr. Ryland's drawings for the Life of Shakespeare and his lecture on Shakespeare are bequeathed to the trustees of the Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon, upon the express condition that they are to bear the inscription, "The William Ryland of Sheffield Bequest," and he left the ultimate residue of his estate, subject to Mrs. Ryland's life interest, as to one-tenth, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, one-tenth to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, two-fifths to the Port of Hull Society Orphan Fund, and two-fifths to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for four lifeboats, to be named the "William Ryland," "Clara Ryland," "Martha Ryland," and "Lady Jane," respectively.

The will of Bro. Charles Henry Driver, F.R.I.B.A., A.I.C.E., of 17, Victoria-street, Westminster, has been proved by Mrs. Caroline Driver, the widow, the value of the estate being £1601 3s. 3d.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH DIMSDALE, M.P., entered upon his 53rd year on Thursday.

BRO. SIR HOMEWOOD CRAWFORD has been elected on the council of the executive committee of the London Municipal Society.

BRO. DR. W. H. CUMMINGS has been elected one of the chairmen of the conference to be held next year in London by the Incorporated Society of Musicians.

BRO. THE ARCHDEACON OF LONDON will preside at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday, the 2nd prox., at the annual dinner of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association.

THE LINOTYPE COMPANY, of which Bro. Sheriff Lawrence is the Chairman, has declared a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the preferred ordinary shares for the past quarter.

THURSDAY was the anniversary of Bro. Earl Roberts's arrival at Cape Town to take up command in South Africa, his lordship landing from the Dunottar Castle on January 10th, 1900.

BRO. SIR HOMEWOOD CRAWFORD has been elected on the committee of management of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Old Kent-road and Margate, in succession to his father, the late Bro. John Crawford.

THE CORDVAINERS' COMPANY will entertain a number of distinguished members of the Royal Academy of Arts and the Royal Academy of Music at dinner at the hall on Wednesday, the 16th instant.

THE LORINERS' COMPANY.—Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar (the master) will preside at a dinner of the Loriners' Company on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, Bro. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs being the principal guests.

FITZGEORGE-AVENUE.—Bro. the Lord Mayor has consented to formally open on Wednesday, the 16th inst., Fitzgeorge-avenue, West Kensington, the new street designed by Mr. Delissa Joseph and constructed by Mr. Henry Lovatt.

BROS. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL AND SON have again given their commission (£348) on the year's sales of the *Methodist Times* to the Worn-out Ministers' Fund. Since 1885 the fund has benefited to the extent of £4500 from this source.

THE DUCHESS OF Saxe-Coburg and Gotha visited the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, at Clarence House, on Wednesday, and remained to luncheon. Her Imperial Highness has arranged to leave London to-day (Friday) for Osborne, on a visit to the Queen.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S *Gazette* contains the following official announcement: "Privy Council Office, Jan. 7, 1901.—This day Field-Marshal the Right Honourable Frederick Sleigh, Baron Roberts of Kandahar, K.P., G.C.B., was, in the presence of Mr. Secretary Brodrick, sworn Commander-in-Chief."

IN THE OPINION of Bro. Dr. W. H. Cummings, the most remarkable achievement of the 19th century in the realm of music has been the development of the Symphony by Beethoven. "The future," he adds, "will probably see a great improvement in music-drama, or opera, founded on the excellences, and avoiding the defects, of Wagner's methods."

END OF HIGHGATE ARCHWAY.—The last remaining portion of the old Highgate Archway is now being removed, and soon the road will be widened, and the more modern bridge will stand alone in its newness. The memorial-stone, dated October 31, 1812, has been taken away. The work of demolition is difficult, as the cemented stones of the arch are almost like solid rock.

BRO. LORD WANTAGE has issued a letter describing what has been done by the Red Cross Society in South Africa, particularly with regard to the Princess of Wales Hospital ship and the Princess Christain Hospital train. The former had covered a distance of 40,000 miles in voyages, and 725 patients had been treated in the wards, while the train had proved itself of immense advantage to wounded soldiers in Natal and the interior of the Transvaal.

THE COSTERS of London now have an organ of their own, its inception being due to the Costermongers' Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. The editor is Mr. H. W. Blake, president of the Federation, and journal, which is termed the "Coster," will appear on the first Saturday in each month. The first number, which contains a clever doggerel poem, "Costers Organize," by Mr. Fred Summers, the well-known coster of Farringdon-road, gives excellent promise for the future.

BRO. LORD ROBERTS has sent to Major-General Trotter, commanding the Home District, a notification of his personal approval of all the arrangements in connection with his reception on the 3rd instant. In announcing this the Major-General observes that the Commander-in-Chief's approval "is largely due to the soldierlike bearing of the troops generally, and to the assistance accorded to him on the occasion by all ranks; and he takes this opportunity of thanking all those who took part in the proceedings."

THE REIGN OF THE QUEEN.—"I think I would say," writes Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, "that the development of freedom and order in the reign of Queen Victoria is the incident in the past century which should be most fruitful for future good. Her 63 years of wise constitutional government present an example to the whole world to which there is no parallel. The memory of a truly good woman at the head of what has become possibly the greatest nation in the world should be an ideal for the new century which will be as fresh at its close as at its beginning."

NEW CENTURY ADVICE.—Bro. the Archdeacon of London has written a letter to the *Evening News* giving advice to be followed this century. As a nation, he says, this is the time when we should take the opportunity of looking into our faults. "As to our aspect as Christians, there can be no doubt at all," he adds, "that our religious disunions are a deplorable weakness. They will probably continue. The Roman Catholic Church can offer no terms but submission; the traditions of Independents, Baptists, Methodists, and the rest represent an *esprit de corps* which is not likely to evaporate. The reformed Catholicism of the English Church is regarded by half the nation as true to history and to reason. But all these differences may be held with mutual respect, toleration, and charity. Love is the fulfilling of the law, and the Church which shows most of it will be the wisest friend to the new century."

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY was invited to take part in the annual dinner to about 300 old soldiers of East Anglia, to be given by the *Norfolk Daily Standard* in Norwich on Tuesday, the 15th instant, but as he is unable to be present he has sent the following letter to Capt. Athill, one of the hon. secretaries of the fund: "I regret very much that I shall not be able this year to attend the dinner given annually in Norwich to the veterans of Norfolk. I have always taken, and will always continue to take, the deepest interest in those who fight our battles for us. I feel that those who stay at home and can afford to contribute in any way towards helping to make the old age of our retired soldiers and sailors happy should be only too glad to do so. No section of society deserve better of those who love England than the men who have fought for her on land or sea."

WHAT IS NOW KNOWN as the Marple Lodge only came into existence in the year 1809. There was, however, a lodge meeting in Stockport, originally founded in 1759, which for all practical purposes ceased to meet in 1795. Of this ancient lodge the Marple organisation of to-day is the lineal representative and true descendant. Much of the ancient furniture, many obsolete jewels, and a multitude of oddments which have no place in modern Freemasonry, together with the complete set of books, are among the most treasured possessions which the members of to-day have of evidence of the Masonic activity of their predecessors, 16 in number, who founded and furnished the "Lodge of Benevolence," No. 83, Athol Warrant, at the "Sign of ye Unicorn in ye Hillgate," Stockport, on New Year's Day, 1759. This lodge soon became the strongest numerically, as it was, unquestionably, the most influential in status, in the town and neighbourhood. The original lodge ceased to exist during the closing days of the 18th century. Permission to meet was obtained from the Grand Lodge of England some 14 years afterwards, and the revived lodge was opened at the "Stag's Head (now the Norfolk Arms), Marple Bridge, early in 1809. From that year to 1815 the lodge meetings were held at the Stag's Head, and from 1815 to 1845 at the Bull's Head, Marple. The removal to the Jolly Sailor took place during the summer of 1843, since which date all meetings have been held there, a period of about 56 years.—"Memories of Marple," by Joel Wainwright, Esq.

BRO. EARL ROBERTS has consented to become patron of the Naval and Military Exhibition at the Crystal Palace during the coming summer.

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BRO. J. LEWIS THOMAS, F.S.A., late Chief Surveyor, War Office, and Mrs. Lewis Thomas celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday at 26, Gloucester-street, Warwick-square, S.W.

BRO. SIR JOHN AIRD, M.P.—Sir John Aird, M.P., has left England for Egypt, his visit to that country being in connection with the undertaking upon which his firm, Messrs. J. Aird and Co., are engaged.

MEMBERS of the Court of Common Council and many others will be pleased to learn that Bro. Arthur B. Hudson, C.C., is making satisfactory progress towards recovery following the surgical operation he underwent a few days ago.

THE COUNCIL OF THE HOME AND COLONIAL TRAINING COLLEGE have purchased the buildings of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green. When the alterations are complete accommodation will be provided for 200 students.

BRO. LORD ROBERTS has informed Bro. the Lord Mayor that he will be happy to receive the address which the Corporation of the City of London have decided to present to him. It is expected that the ceremony will take place at the beginning or middle of next month.

BRO. LORD AND LADY BRASSEY gave a ball at Normanhurst on Tuesday evening, and entertained a large house party for the occasion. Among their guests were the Marquis and Marchioness Camden, Lady Magheramorne, Viscount Northland, the Hon. Eustace and Lady Evelyn Dawnay, the Hon. Beryl Dawnay, Miss G. Brassey, Captain Campbell, Captain Crawley, and Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Freeman-Thomas.

FORTHCOMING MASONIC CHARITY BALL AT BANGOR.—Arrangements have been made for the holding of a Masonic Charity ball, under distinguished patronage, at the George Hotel, Bangor, on Friday, the 18th instant. Bros. W. A. Foster and F. Bellis are acting as honorary secretaries of the movement. The whole of the proceeds are to be devoted to the Masonic Charities, and will be disposed of in equal parts by the St. David's, the Anglesey, and the Royal Leek Lodges.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has graciously consented to open in person a British Congress on Tuberculosis in the Queen's Hall, London, at three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, July 22nd, 1901, and it has been decided that the Congress shall be held from Monday, July 22nd, to Friday, July 26th. Every British colony and dependency is invited to participate by sending delegates, while the Governments of countries in Europe, Asia, and America are invited to send representative men of science and others, who will be the distinguished guests of the Congress.

MASONIC DINNER AT PORTSMOUTH.—The Masonic Century Dinner, which takes place at the Portsmouth Town Hall on the 15th inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M., promises to be a great success. A large number of applications for tickets have already been received, so that those who desire to take part should send in their names quickly to Bro. G. W. Edmonds at the Prudential Buildings, Landport. The gathering will be altogether of a social nature, and a good programme of vocal and instrumental music has been arranged.

SIR JOHN AIRD, BART.—The New Century has commenced well with the bestowal of a baronetcy upon the Member for Paddington. There are few busier or better men in the land than John Aird. Amongst the important public works he has carried out at home and abroad, his hustling of old Father Nile compelling him to evenly distribute his favours over thirsty Egypt, will, when completed, rank highest. But he always had a winning way with water, as is shown by the Staines reservoir and the new docks at Southampton. We ought to have Aird of this recognition before. But it's never too late to be a baronet.—*Punch*.

THE NEW CENTURY.—History will tell the tale of the changes which the 20th century marked in England (says Canon Scott Holland in the current number of *Goodwill*), and will record how it started from out of the resources which the dying century handed over to it, and from the courage and hope and patience of those who, freeing themselves from the dark shadows which the old century had cast over them, struck out resolutely to clear the path that led to the new day. Out of the past they had learned by bitter experience what might be cast aside and what might yet be won; and, strong in faith, and unstaggered by the deadness of their own impotence, they looked bravely to God to achieve what He had taught them to desire, and to bring in the better Time.

THE SIXTH LADIES' NIGHT of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Thursday, the 24th instant, and will receive the cordial support of the members of the Lion and Lamb Chapter. The proceedings will commence with a reception at 5.30 p.m., and will be followed by dancing at six, and supper at eight p.m.; carriages to be called for 11.30 p.m. Tickets, half a guinea each, to include supper (without wines), dance, and light refreshment during the evening, to be had of Bro. Thomas Stokes, W.M., "Channocks," 25, Woodhouse-grove, East Ham, and the Stewards and M.Cs., or Bro. James Smith, P.M., Hon. Secretary, 8, Bancroft-road, E.

"THE RICHARD EVE MEMORIAL."—In accordance with the resolution passed by the Quarterly Court of October, the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has given careful consideration to the proposal to perpetuate the memory of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., who for many years was a Trustee of the Institution and Chairman of the Board of Management. The Board has resolved to raise a fund for the erection of a stained glass window in the assembly or dining hall of the new schools at Bushey. The Board feels that the work done by Bro. Eve in connection with the Institution is so well known that many brethren and lodges will welcome the opportunity to contribute to the memorial, and at the same time add to the ornamentation of the new school buildings. About £170 has already been promised.

THE ARRANGEMENTS for the grand united service with which the Bournemouth Freemasons propose to celebrate the coming of the new century are now in a forward state. The service will, we hear, take place at St. Peter's, where a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. Basil Wilberforce, Archdeacon of Westminster. Brethren of all the local lodges will attend, and the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., will give his countenance and personal support, and preside at a special lodge of emergency—to be held in connection with the Lodge of Hengist—subsequent to the service. A candidate will be admitted to the mysteries of the Craft, and a grand Masonic banquet will be held in the evening. Wednesday, the 16th inst., has been fixed as the date for the ceremonies.

THE SHUTTLEWORTH MEMORIAL.—The fund being raised to establish a memorial of the late Bro. Professor Shuttleworth has already met with hearty support, but further aid is needed. In an appeal signed by the Bishop of Stepney, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar, the Rev. Prebendary Wace, and Mr. George W. E. Russell, M.P., the public are reminded that the object of the memorial is to make provision for the widow and children, who have been left with little means, owing to the sacrifices the late Professor made during his lifetime, and to the fact that his premature death precluded him from making adequate provision for his family. Contributions may be sent to Mr. R. Petheridge, hon. secretary, Chapter House, St. Paul's Cathedral; to Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar, treasurer, 68, Ludgate-hill; or to the London, City, and Midland Bank, Ludgate-hill.

### GOLDEN WEDDING.

On the 9th January, 1851, at the Cathedral of St. John, Antigua, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Ven. the Archdeacon and the Rev. R. Grant, James Lewis Thomas, Esq., H.M. Ordnance Office, to Eliza Anne, elder daughter of the late Hon. Henry Cecil Hodges, barrister-at-law.

### DEATH.

DAVIS-ALLEN.—On the 6th instant, at St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster, J. Davis-Allen, M.D., son-in-law of the Rev. S. A. Tipple, of Norwood, aged 49.