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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ABOUT the beginning of the new year it becomes our duty to bring under the notice of our readers the strong claims to their support of one of our three Masonic Charities, to wit, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Masons. Ordinarily, perhaps, there is little to be said in its behalf that is new. Every Craftsman knows full well the nature and extent of the benefits it is intended to confer, and who and what manner of persons they are who are entitled to become the recipients of those benefits. As a rule, therefore, a short yet earnest reminder that the Annual Festival is close at hand is sufficient. This year, however, there are several reasons why we should exceed the limits of an ordinary notice. In the first place, the chair will be taken by the new Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold. It will, indeed, be his first public appearance in London since his appointment to that office. It may reasonably be expected, therefore, that the Craft generally will exhibit their sense of the Prince's kindness by freely and enthusiastically supporting him. It is not the easiest task in the world to preside on such an occasion. Many an older and more experienced man has before now excused himself from undertaking so serious a responsibility. Our brethren, therefore, must make this particular Festival a more than usually memorable one in the annals of Masonic Charity. But this is only one out of several reasons. We have been congratulating ourselves for some time on the successes which have attended the Festivals of our different Charities. We have noted with a great deal of pleasure the large increase that has appeared annually in the total amount subscribed. Last year, indeed, was the most successful of all, and an aggregate sum but very little short of £40,000 was passed into the coffers of our three Charities. We have every reason to be satisfied with so laudable an evidence of the zeal and assiduity of the officials of the different Institutions, and the Stewards who assisted them to such purpose. It is also a satisfaction to know that the Craft is so enthusiastic in its devotion to that Charity, which holds so conspicuous a place among the fundamental principles of our Society. But the satisfaction we have just recorded is far from being as complete as we should like it to be. Our Institutions are very far from being able to meet the great and increasing demands upon their resources, and the support that is accorded to them is far from being as general as it should be throughout the Craft. Those who have taken the trouble to ponder over the analyses we have made from time to time of the different subscription lists, must have noticed with some degree of surprise, perhaps, how often certain of our Lodges—how seldom others—figure in them. We are sensible that this is far from being a perfectly satisfactory test of the value that is generally attached to the claims of Charity. Many lodges, as well as many members, do all their good as secretly as possible. Still we are all so proud of the institutions which are indebted for their existence and support to the Fraternity of Masons, that it seems more than passing strange the support they meet with should not be universal throughout the Order. As years go on we shall doubtless find that all who are Masons in more than name contribute directly to the funds of our Boys' or Girls' School or to the Benevolent. Meanwhile, it is well that our readers should not labour under the impression that these Charities are as well

furnished with means of support as they should be. We have it, on almost the highest possible authority in our Craft, that no one of our Charities will ever appeal in vain for the needful funds in order to enable it to fulfil the purpose for which it was founded. We are inclined to regard this utterance as evidence of a wise prescience in the eminent brother who made it. No one knows better than he how necessary it is that even greater sums should be raised annually, so that our Charities may keep pace with the demands that are made upon them. Therefore his perfectly justifiable trust in the readiness of the Craft to be at all times up and doing its devoirs manfully must be taken as ominous of good in the year we have just entered upon. Let us return, however, to the strong record of facts and figures, and learn in the case of the Benevolent Institution the very important lesson they teach.

As our readers are aware the number of male annuitants who enjoy the benefits of this Charity is one hundred and thirty. There are one hundred and thirteen widows, three of whom were taken on last summer in accordance with a law of the Institution, which provides that octogenarians who have failed twice at the ballot shall be taken on without further trial. Therefore, leaving these out of the reckoning, as being only a chance addition to the strength of the establishment, we find there are just two hundred and forty annuitants, male and female together, while there are, besides, twelve widows, each of whom receives the half of her late husband's annuity. Last year, again, the annuities payable to these worthy brethren and widows of brethren were increased in amount by £4, and thus by a stroke of the pen an addition was made to the normal expenditure of the Institution of £970. Thus the total amount which must be provided annually, merely in order to keep faith with the public, is a little over £8,700. If to these be added the pensions of the three chance annuitants (octogenarians), and the twelve widows who receive the moieties of their late husbands' respective benefices, we find the whole sum payable in annuities is slightly in excess of £9,000, all which must be provided annually by the Craft, even though the benefits of the Institution should never be extended beyond their present limits. Thus far, we have a picture of what is being done by this Charity, or to state it more specifically, of what, with the largest amount of contributions that has ever been reached, it is capable of doing. If we now turn to consider the number of vacancies to be filled next May, and the number of approved candidates already on the lists, we find that as regards the male establishment, eight vacancies have been announced, while the number of candidates is thirty-six. On the female establishment there are three of the former, and thirty-five of the latter. Thus, at the next election in May, there will, taking the two funds together, be, so far as we know at present, just seventy-one candidates for eleven vacancies, that is, a ratio of six and a half of the one to one of the other. From this it will be manifest to our readers that the Benevolent Institution is very, very far from being equal to the demands made upon its resources. As the numerical strength of the Craft increases, so shall we find there are more claimants on the different Charities. Our first care is to provide for meeting all our existing engagements, our next that the number of beneficiaries shall be increased from time to time as the demand upon us becomes heavier. If things are managed well, and the Craft generally is responsive to the call of duty, it should be in our power to announce an addition next spring to the number both of male and female annuitants. It will be a sad thing indeed, if it should be found im-

possible to provide for more, and to know that sixty old people (taking the men and women together), many of whom it may be said are tottering on the verge of the grave, must be left out in the cold for another twelve months. Be it remembered, there is no autumnal election in the case of this Charity, and a person who fails to obtain a sufficiency of votes this spring will have to wait till next for another opportunity of trying. An addition not greatly exceeding £2000, to the amount of subscriptions reached last February, will enable the Governing Body to place all the present applicants on the fund. Is it too much to hope that this comparatively small sum may be realised on the 12th instant? It would, indeed be a most excellent way of showing to Prince Leopold that his first appearance as President at one of our Charity Festivals is fully and universally appreciated.

But we are far from having exhausted our tale of reasons why something special must be done at the approaching Anniversary. As our readers are aware, the accounts of the Benevolent Institution are set forth under two funds—the Male and Female respectively. In the Male fund account, after all needful provision had been made for the year's expenditure, there was remaining at the end of last year the very munificent balance of £170 to carry forward. This is but little more than enough to provide for four additional annuitants on the assumption that as much is forthcoming for the expenses of this year as was contributed last. On the other hand, the Female fund has actually a *balance on the wrong side of the account*, to the extent of £288, which is exactly the amount payable to nine annuitants. Thus, after all the efforts of the past year—and we have pointed out how successful they were—the accounts of the Male show only a trifling balance in hand, while those of the Female fund show a deficit but little short of three hundred pounds.

It remains for us to recapitulate the reasons why the Festival of Monday week deserves to be a great success. The newly-appointed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire will preside. The Charity is already committed to the very large annual expenditure, in the shape of annuities alone, of £9,000. The number of candidates is vastly in excess of the number of vacancies. Last, but not least, the Male Fund has only a small balance in hand, and there is a deficit on the Female Fund. We trust we are not over-sanguine, and that when the eventful day comes, our excellent Bro. Terry will find that his 260 Stewards—and there is still time for this number to be increased—have obtained not only enough for the existing requirements of the R.M.B.I., but likewise enough to allow of all the candidates being placed on the Fund at the election in May next.

THE WORK OF A SINGLE LODGE.

WE have more than once noted that Manchester Lodges have latterly not played a very conspicuous part at the Anniversary Festivals of our several Charitable Institutions. We have recently been favoured with a Manchester Lodge Balance Sheet for the year 1876, and we confess, with feelings of the greatest pleasure, that their deeds of charity are far in excess of the average of our Lodges. It is evident then that the bare contribution of a Lodge, or its absence from a List is no criterion as to the charitable work it accomplishes. This may, perhaps, be a model case. Let us hope, however, that it is only one out of a considerable number who vie with each other in the amount of service they may be able to render to our different institutions.

The Lodge in question is Integrity, No. 163, and its statement of accounts is eminently satisfactory. It entered upon the year 1876 with a balance in hand of a few shillings over £275, namely, cash in Bank £171, in Treasurer's hands £4 8s, and twenty Masonic Hall Shares, value £5 each, £100. Its fees of all kinds and subscriptions represented close on £340, while minor receipts exceeded £7, showing a total on the Dr. side of £622 3s 10d. In the way of expenditure we find that the St. John's Festival cost £28 13s; the Stewards' account for teas and refreshment cost together £106 13s 2d; rent £40 1s; sundry expenses, such as stationery, postage, tyler, collars, &c. £44 6d; and Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Fees together £37 18s, or a total of £-57 11s 2d. The expenditure on Benevolent Account is represented by no

less a sum than £216 3s, of which £100 represents a donation to the "East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund;" fifty guineas the amount presented to the Masonic Boys' School; and fifty guineas to the Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan Schools. £2 15s was given to a lady, and two guineas each to the Boys', Girls', and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and East Lancashire Benevolent Fund. Thus, the whole outlay reached £473 14s 2d, leaving a balance of £148 9s 8d, consisting of cash in bank £36 3s 11d, Do. in Treasurer's hands £12 3s 9d, and twenty Masonic Shares £100: total £625 3s 10d. This, our readers will readily enough admit, is an admirable balance sheet for last year. When, however, we come to examine the rest of the statement we have received we find the good done by the Integrity is far more considerable. Up to the present time the Lodge has contributed 160 guineas to the General Fund of the Boys' School, and eighty guineas to the Building Fund. For the former it is entitled to forty-two votes annually in perpetuity, for the latter to thirty-two votes. Thus the sum it has contributed to this Charity amounts in all to £252, and the votes to which it is entitled are seventy-four, together with four more for the annual subscription of two guineas. These votes are thus distributed. The W.M. is a Vice President, and has forty votes, the I.P.M. twenty-four votes, the Senior Warden ten votes, and the Treasurer ten votes. The donations to the Girls' amount to £189, and the equivalent is represented by thirty-three votes in perpetuity. Of these the W.M. has twenty-three votes, and the I.P.M. ten, while four others are due for the annual subscription of two guineas. Towards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Lodge has also liberally contributed. Its donations to date to the Male Fund amount to £100, giving twenty votes annually in perpetuity, of which the W.M. as a Vice-President has ten, and the S.W. as ditto, likewise ten. Four additional votes result from the annual subscription of two guineas. Towards the Female Fund the Lodge has also subscribed £100, carrying the same number of votes, namely, twenty, which are divided equally between the W.M. and the J.W., each of whom receives, as a Vice-President, ten votes, the annual subscription of two guineas giving four other votes. The local Masonic Institution, that is, "The East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution" has received to date donations to the amount of £100, for which the Lodge receives, as a patron, one hundred votes at every election. Over and above this the Lodge has contributed fifty-five guineas to the Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan Institution, for which it is entitled to eleven votes annually for a period of twenty years from date of the different subscriptions. Thus Integrity has given in the aggregate to our three Masonic Charities, and the Local Charity the sum of £741, for which it is entitled 247 votes, or, with the sixteen additional for annual subscriptions, 263; while with its contribution to the local Non-Masonic Institution its disbursements in the way of Charity have thus far been only five and twenty shillings short of £800, exclusive of the usual disbursements of a like nature to individuals.

Here, then, we have a Manchester Lodge which disbursed in Charity last year a sum representing close upon fifty per cent. of its total expenditure. Creature comforts in the interests of good fellowship are not forgotten. We do not, indeed, think the work of the Lodge would be done so well if they were. But the fourth degree is not studied to the exclusion of the true principles of our Craft. We are not of those who consider that one man who gives £5 is like charitable than he who gives £100. On the contrary, if the former sum is more truly in accordance with the donor's means than the latter, we think it a far worthier example to follow. In this case not far short of half the annual income of the Lodge has been disbursed, for one year at all events, in charity, and we consider it so brilliant an example of what may be done that we have taken upon ourselves to write these few lines, in the hope that other Lodges may follow in the footsteps of this Manchester Lodge.

Having, as we said at the outset, noted particularly that the Manchester Lodges made but a very indifferent figure in the last three or four subscription lists at our Anniversary Festivals, we drew attention in somewhat marked terms to the conspicuousness of their absence. Now that we have had an opportunity of analysing the year's account of one of these Lodges, and find it has so strenuously obeyed the call of duty in this particular matter of charity, we feel

we are only observing the common rules of justice in drawing the attention of our readers to the particulars we have noted above. We can only add, in conclusion, that we trust Integrity may go on prospering, and may be able to practise our chief Masonic virtue as freely in the future as in the past.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 7th day of February next, at 7 o'clock in the evening, *punctually*.

Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation will be read for confirmation.

After which the following Report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to Report that they have examined the Accounts from the 18th October 1876 to the 16th January 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

| | £ | s | d | | £ | s | d |
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| Balance Grand Chapter | 475 | 11 | 1 | Purchase of £300 Con- | | | |
| „ Unappropriated | | | | sols at 94½ and Com- | | | |
| Account - | 177 | 12 | 11 | mission - | 283 | 10 | 0 |
| Subsequent Receipts - | 392 | 8 | 3 | Disbursements during | | | |
| | | | | the Quarter - | 175 | 8 | 4 |
| | | | | Balance - | 414 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | „ in Unappropriated | | | |
| | | | | Account - | 172 | 7 | 11 |
| | £1045 | 12 | 3 | | £1045 | 12 | 3 |

which Balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Roger Alfred Grundy as Z., James Dick Calder as H., John Hall as J., and six others for a Chapter, to be attached to the Devonshire Lodge, No. 625, Glossop, to be called "The Devonshire Chapter," and to meet at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop, in the County of Derbyshire.

2nd. From Companions Jones Giffard Nash as Z., Vero W. Taylor as H., John Bagot Scriven as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Stortford Lodge, No. 409, Bishop Stortford, to be called "The Stortford Chapter," and to meet at the Chequers Hotel, Bishop Stortford, in the County of Hertfordshire.

3rd. From Companions Arthur Robert Marten as Z., Felix Sumner Knyvett as H., William Smithett as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, London, to be called "The Chapter of Felicity," and to meet at the London Masonic Club, No. 101 Queen Victoria-street, in the City of London.

4th. From Companions John Daniel Massey as Z., George Wilson as H., George Robert Green as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, London, to be called "The Phoenix Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

5th. From Companions John Londen as Z., Ezekiel Nathan as H., Henry Smith Fish as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, No. 942, Port Chalmers, Otago, to be called "The Joyce Chapter," and to meet at Port Chalmers, Otago, New Zealand.

6th. From Companions The Right Honourable Lord Viscount Holmesdale M.P. as Z., James Smith Eastes as H., The Reverend Thomas Robinson as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford, to be called "The Invicta Chapter," and to meet at the Corn Exchange, Ashford, in the County of Kent.

The prayers of these Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that they be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,
President.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. GEO. SMITH.

On the 31st ult., the brethren of the Lodges and Chapters meeting at Anderton's Hotel, attended the first meeting of the Committee appointed for the purpose of raising a fund to be presented to Bro. George Smith, on the completion of his 23rd year of service. The brethren present were J. Willing W.M. 177, P.M. and Treasurer 1507, A. Barfield P.M. and Treasurer 511, W. Palmer S.E. Domestic Chapter, and S.W. 177, J. Bascall J.W. 177, &c., G. Wilson P.Z. Domestic Chapter, T. Hines 72, G. Clark 177, H. A. Lovett 179, J. Willis 177, W. Stewart Sec. 14, H. Massey P.M., J. L. Jones 177, H. J. Leah J.W. 193, G. Read P.M. and Sec. 511, J. Williams W.M. 1507, and Sec. 177. It was resolved the above-named brethren be the Committee (with power to add to their number) for making arrangements for the proposed testimonial. Bro. J. Willing was appointed Chairman, also Treasurer *pro tem*, Bro. A. Barfield Vice-Chairman, Bros. G. Read and T. Williams Secretaries. Letters regretting non-attendance, and giving promises of support, were read from the following brethren, whose names were added to the Committee:—Bros. G. Everett P.M. 177, J. Painter P.M. 179, J. W. Hobbs W.M. 179, J. C. Dwaber W.M. 1589 and P.M. 55, E. B. Grabham 19. Circulars and subscription lists will be sent to each Lodge and Chapter meeting at Anderton's, asking the W.M. or M.E.Z. to favour the Committee by calling the attention of the brethren to the Testimonial Fund. Other preliminary business having been considered, a vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and the meeting was adjourned till Wednesday, the 28th February, at 7 o'clock, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Obituary.

Our esteemed Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P. P.M. 27, &c. has sustained a severe loss by the death of his wife, which sad event took place on the 27th ult. The deceased lady will be sorely missed by her sorrowing husband and family.

It is with deep regret we announce the death, on Wednesday, after a brief illness, extending over nine days only, of Bro. William Lane, Collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Lane was only in his thirtieth year. His friends, therefore, must, in the ordinary course of things, have looked forward to his being able to perform very many years of good sterling work. It has happened otherwise, however, and Bro. Lane has died in the prime of his early manhood, leaving a widow and one young child to mourn his loss. Bro. Lane was initiated into Freemasonry on the 23rd January 1871, in the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28. In 1875 he served the office of W.M., and on quitting the chair was presented with a P.M.'s jewel in token of the great value his lodge placed upon his services. In July 1873 he was exalted, in Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. Bro. Lane was chosen to the office of Collector in December 1873, and ever since had most efficiently discharged his duties. Let us hope that the G.A.O.T.U. will vouchsafe his widow strength to bear up under this affliction.

We have received tidings of the death of Bro. Louis Lewis, which took place at his residence, King-street, at Kingston, Jamaica, on 7th December. Bro. Lewis held the position for many years of Assistant Inspector of Invoices of H.M. Customs, at Kingston, Jamaica. He held formerly the position of Collector of Taxes. By his death, in this community, the poor man has lost a friend; he was a father to the fatherless, and it made no difference of what religion or colour the applicant was. He held the proud position of Past Master, for forty years, of the Friendly Lodge in this city, and was able to see his two sons installed as Masters of that Lodge. His remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of brethren of the Friendly and other Lodges in the province. He died at the ripe age of 78 years. The Masonic fraternity have lost a good supporter of the rituals and regulations of the order. He was interred in the Jewish cemetery. He was a lover and strict observer of his religion.

We announce also the death of Bro. Marshall M. Harris, J.D. No. 1470, which took place on the 24th January. His funeral was attended by about twenty of his brethren. We extract the following from the *Dunstable Gazette*:—

"The deceased gentleman was a Freemason, a member of the Chiltern Lodge, 1470, and on the afternoon preceding the funeral the members who could be communicated with on such short notice were invited by the officers to assemble at the Town Hall, at 1.15, and accordingly there was a muster of as many gentlemen belonging to the Lodge as could, on a busy day, at so short a notice, be spared from their business engagements. Their carriages preceded the procession in the order following, and the brethren lined the porch of the mortuary chapel by the time the body was ready to be borne therein:—

"In the first carriage were Mr. J. Stevenson, Mr. M. Rest, Mr. Crew, and Mr. Latham.

"In the second carriage were Capt. Teale, Mr. Beart, Mr. Ballans, and Mr. Rowland Cutler.

"In the third carriage were Mr. Otway, Mr. Sinkwell, Mr. Randall, and Mr. T. W. Haselgrove.

"The officiating clergy were the Rev. F. Hose M.A., the rector, and the Rev. C. B. Harris M.A., the uncle of the deceased. The coffin, of plain black, with handsome white furniture, covered with a pall, on which was laid a wreath and a cross of *immortelles*, was met at the entrance by the Rev. C. B. Harris, who read the introductory sentences of the services with marked solemnity. Inside the building, the mourners having taken their places in the very limited accommodation provided for them, the Rev. F. Hose continued the service; which being ended, the procession re-formed, and having taken up their positions round the open grave, the Rev. C. B. Harris concluded the service, and with the deepest emotion committed the body to the tomb, in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection at the last day.

"Immediately upon the conclusion of the religious ceremonial, which had been specially impressive,—

"Bro. F. Howell P.M. of the Chiltern Lodge, 1470, came forward, and standing at the head of the open grave, delivered—with much feeling—the following short Masonic address:—"My friends and brethren of the Chiltern Lodge,—The Gavel of the Supreme Ruler of this Universe has sounded, and summoned our dear departed

friend and brother to quit this sublunary abode and ascend to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Few and feeble are the words of testimony to his worth which around this open grave, and in the presence of his relatives and friends, I can speak. Those who are nearest and dearest to him know how affectionate he was as a son; I can declare how true and steadfast a friend he proved, and we all, brethren, know how faithful a brother he was. He lived respected, and he died regretted. He was one to whom the burdened heart might pour forth its sorrows; to whom the distressed might prefer their suit; his hand was ever guided by justice, and his heart expanded by benevolence. Sure I am, from his consistency of life, that he has laid up for himself a crown of joy and rejoicing which shall continue now that time, on earth, is with him no more. May the Great Architect of the Universe, having mercy on his soul, grant him rest and give him peace.

"Response—So mote it be."

Our mournful duties, this week, are not yet over; as we go to press we hear of the sudden death of Bro. Charles Gosden, long associated with the Freemasons' Tavern, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman street, and latterly of the Inns of Court Hotel. Bro. Gosden died early this (Friday) morning.

LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE first annual meeting of the patrons, life governors, and subscribers to the above Institution—the object of which is the formation of a Charity Fund amongst the Leeds Lodges for the education, partial maintenance and advancement in life of the orphans of deceased brethren, and of the children of brethren who have become incapacitated (by sickness or accident) from properly providing for their families—was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Monday, the 22nd January, at seven o'clock in the evening, when the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

President—Bro. Thomas Schofield P.M. 306.
Vice-Presidents—Bro. Henry Inchbold P.M. 289, and Bro. Townsend 1211.
Treasurer—Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. 304.
Secretary—Bro. C. Lowrey P.M. 304.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT—

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| Bro. Robert Craig P.M. 304 | Bro. C. G. Cooper P.M. 1042 |
| " J. D. Kay " 289 | " Alfred Britton " 1042 |
| " R. W. Moore " 1221 | " J. L. Oates " 304 |
| " J. Chadwick " 1311 | " James Dixon " 289 |
| " Wm. Fleming " 1211 | " J. Broughton 1211 |
| " Thos. Crossley " 1311 | " T. Stockdale 1311 |
| " G. F. Crowe " 1211 | " Jno. Bell 306 |
| " Samuel Stead " 1042 | |

Auditors { Bro. Wm. Warren 1211
" F. Dunsford 306

The following brethren were appointed trustees:—

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| Bro. Jno. C. Malcolm P.M. 306 | Bro. James Bedford P.M. 304 |
| " H. Inchbold " 289 | " Jno. Franks 1211 |
| " Thos. Schofield " 306 | |

This Institution is intended to supplement the work at present carried on by the noble institutions already established in or near London, by extending relief to those children who, by reason of their age or other circumstances, cannot by any possibility gain admittance into the larger institutions. It also purposes assisting in a similar manner the children of brethren who cannot—from the reduced circumstances of their parents—attain a proper education to fit them to take respectable positions in society.

Although the Institution is only just established, subscriptions exceeding £300 have been paid and promised, and the promoters are of opinion that they shall be able, for some years, at least, to carry on the work of the Institution by means of the annual subscriptions alone, thereby enabling them to capitalize the monies paid by patrons and life governors, or, at all events, without seriously drawing on that fund.

CHARLES LOWREY, Secretary.

Leeds, 26th January 1877.

The second concert of the St. Andrews City Amateur Musical Society took place at the Grapes Hotel, Jowin-street, under the direction of Brother F. T. Dawson, on Wednesday evening. There were about 130 present. Several gentlemen, although amateurs, rendered valuable service. Bro. Dawson played Auber's overture to "Gustave." A recitation was rendered by Mr. Gill. A humorous song was sung by Mr. Hamilton. Mr. North played a solo on the piano. Mr. A. C. Searle sang the song of "Sweethearts," and this was followed by a humorous selection by Mr. Weston. Mr. J. Airey sang sweetly. Mr. Eustace gave "The Message." Messrs. Hart, Foote, G. B. Dawson, A. L. Green, Hislop, G. Henry, Campbell, A. H. Lay, Dalby, &c., contributed some excellent songs, and Bro. Dawson was loudly applauded in the "Little Fat Gray Man."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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HUGHAN'S LIST OF LODGES, A.D. 1734.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me a brief space in your columns, in order to reply to Bro. Hughan's communication of last week.

1. If Bro. Hughan is prepared with evidence that No. 13 in Pine's List, held, in 1734, in the neighbourhood of Covent Garden, is one and the same with the Lodge at the Crown, in Cripplegate, to which a Warrant was granted in 1723, and which, in 1748, removed to Chatham, in Kent, then I accept his location of No. 20.

2. I am quite satisfied about Pine's No. 35. But in this and the former case, I offered only suggestions, not arguments, and I was at the pains of pointing out that these suggestions rested on a very unsubstantial basis.

3. The Strong Man Lodge. Let us hope the mystery may be cleared up sooner or later.

4. I must point out to Bro. Hughan that my argument, as appended to his letter in your issue of the 20th ult., is wholly independent of the note I quoted from Oliver's edition of the *Illustrations of Masonry*, so far as the authorship of the note is concerned. I have but one edition of the work, and my time has been too occupied to allow of my comparing it with any of its predecessors. I was wrong in making no allowance for the oversights of editors, and accepted the insertion of the words "(in 1820)" after "is still extant," as indicative of the date when the note was written, and by whom. But without, perhaps, remarking it at the time, Bro. Hughan's statement that "Bro. Preston himself" inserted the note, "in the 1788 edition," materially strengthens my argument, that it was old No. 3 which received a new Warrant in 1722-3, appears in Pine's List as No. 11, in the 1738 as No. 10, and is now—though, of course, shorn of all its time immemorial privileges—in existence as No. 18. We agree that old No. 2, as numbered in Pine's, died between 1734 and 1738. Preston's note, inserted, as Bro. Hughan says, in his 1788 edition, says, that Old Time Immemorial, No. 2, "has been extinct above fifty years, by the death of its members." This then exactly corresponds with the time when No. 2 of Pine's became extinct. Exactly fifty years from 1788 bring us to 1738, and "above fifty years" fairly meets the case, coinciding, as it does, with the death of Pine's, No. 2, between 1734 and 1738. Under these circumstances, I do not see that I am wrong in maintaining the following position, taking as the basis of my statement Preston's note, Pine's, Rawlinson's, and the 1738 Lists, and Bro. Hughan's latest observations. The old No. 2 of 1717 is Pine's No. 2 of 1734, and died some time between the latter year and 1738. Preston writes in 1788, that old No. 2 "has been extinct above fifty years," which agrees essentially as to time with the extinction of Pine's No. 2, and bears out what I have said, that no trace whatever now remains of the *second* in numerical order of the four old Lodges of 1717. Old No. 3, writes Preston, obtained a new Constitution, though it "wanted it not," in 1722-3, met at the Queen's Head, Knaves' Acre, and is No. 10 in the 1738 List. This No. 10 agrees as to location and date of Warrant with No. 11 of Pine's in 1744. Bro. Hughan accepts this as the result of the demise, in the interim, of No. 2. He also suggests that this No. 10 is our *present* No. 18. Putting all these together, I say, Old Time Immemorial No. 3, of its own free will, surrendered its ancient privileges in 1722-3, obtaining a new Warrant of Constitution, which it wanted not, and meeting at the Queen's Head, in Knaves' Acre. We find this, or at least a Lodge answering in all essential particulars to this, included in Pine's and Rawlinson's Lists as No. 11. Preston says, distinctly, it is the No. 10 of 1738, and, if Bro. Hughan's suggestion is right, it is now our No. 18. I recur, then, to my former statement that the old Lodges, Nos. 1, 3 and 4, of 1717, will be found in the present Nos. 2, 4 and 18; No. 1 of the former being No. 2 of the latter, No. 4 of the former No. 4 of the latter, and No. 3 of the former (but shorn of its old privileges) No. 18 of the latter.

I highly appreciate Bro. Hughan's complimentary remark in the concluding paragraph of his letter of last week. I wish, for his sake, I had better materials at hand to guide me, for then I feel I should be in a better position to second his laudable efforts to promote the more certain knowledge of Masonic History. In the present fraternal argument, I have, I think, been able to supplement my own scanty materials in the way of lists, &c., by employing one or two of his statements.

Fraternally yours,

OUR REVIEWER.

ART IN HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—All who have any acquaintance with the interiors of our London hospitals must have been struck by the excessive dreariness of most of the wards. It is time that this should be remedied. A little energy on the part of a few philanthropists and artists, aided by subscriptions from the general public, would suffice to accomplish this improvement. I advocate the brightening of the wards, and the cheering of their inmates, by the addition of suitable pictures, plate, bronzes, carvings, bric-à-brac, old armour, china, sculpture,

ornamental clocks, fancy glass, tasteful glazed tiles, and other art decorations of all sorts.

To promote this object I will give a hundred guineas, provided that a thousand other donors each subscribes an equal or larger sum before the 1st of May 1877. A responsible committee being formed, I believe that Messrs Robarts, Lubbock, and Co. will act as bankers to this fund. Soon I hope that some public place will be granted as a provisional storehouse of and exhibition for art contributions, previous to their distribution to the hospitals of London. *Intending donors, contributors and subscribers are invited to communicate with*

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REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781-1815. Part VII. Published by authority of the Grand Lodge. Granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, June 1874. New York: Masonic and Miscellaneous Publishers, No. 2 Bleecker-street; D. Sickels and Co., Managers. 1876.

THIS Part carries us nearly to the end of the year 1807, and as in the case of previous parts, we propose to lay before our readers a summary of the most salient features. In the first recorded minute we find Bro. Jacob Norton re-elected Grand Master, but this is almost the only minute worth mentioning, except that sundry petitions for the erection of new Lodges, are presented and dealt with on their merits, one to hold a Lodge at Sag Harbour, on Suffolk Coasts, being granted, while three others were referred to the Grand Officers. On the 5th of September 1804, there was no Grand Lodge held, the attendance of members being insufficient to form a quorum. On the 5th December further petitions were presented. It is also recorded that Ontario Lodge, No. 23, remitted the sum of Thirty Dollars, in full discharge of its dues to the 5th of November, and praying the acceptance of a yearly payment of eight dollars in lieu of the dues annually payable by the Lodge. The thirty dollars are accepted as a discharge of former dues, but the Grand Lodge expresses its opinion that it "cannot with propriety or constitutionally compound for an equivalent for the future annual dues" of the Lodge. A resolution is also minuted, "authorizing the Grand Master to appoint Inspectors in such districts of this State as he should think proper, to visit the several Lodges in such districts, to promote uniformity in this mode of working, to collect their dues, &c." After some consideration this important resolution was referred to a Special Committee, who were directed to report on the subject at the next meeting. No immediate action, however, was taken, and it is not till the meeting held on 4th December 1805, that we find the subject again referred to, and a motion recorded that the original Committee be discharged, and a new one, consisting of the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and the Grand Secretary, appointed in his stead. On the 19th February 1806, the new Committee reported a Law on the subject, the nature of which is not stated, but which, we are told, "was read by paragraphs, amended, and passed, and ordered to be entered in a book to be provided by the Grand Secretary for such purpose. At this meeting it was further resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of drafting a circular address to the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, 'explaining and enforcing the principles and duties of Masonry, which should accompany the notification to them, of the law just mentioned, and the appointment of Grand Visitors under it.' This Committee, as afterwards appointed, consisted of the Senior Grand Warden, Past Master Sanford, and the Grand Secretary. But to return to the regular sequence of the proceedings, from which we have digressed, for the purpose of following up this subject. At the Grand Lodge held on 6th March 1805, amongst the petitions for new Lodges, was one by Bro. General "Roy" and others, for a new French Lodge, to be known by the style and title of Lodge "La Sincérité." This petition was at once granted, and subsequently Bro. "Roy" was introduced into Grand Lodge, and delivered an address in French, to which a Committee was appointed for the purpose of preparing a suitable reply. A squabble in Union Lodge, City of Albany, was referred to a Select Committee, and it was further resolved that Committees be appointed, (a) to inquire and report upon a suitable place of meeting for Grand Lodge after the 1st of May following, and (b) to examine into the books and accounts belonging respectively to the departments of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, "and to report a statement of the same, and of the funds belonging to Grand Lodge." On the 5th June of the same year occurs the re-election of Bro. Jacob Norton as Grand Master, and the election of the other Grand Officers; and when propositions to the effect that certain amounts should be accepted in full discharge of all dues by Otsego and Rensselaer Lodges had been agreed to, we read that "a communication from the Grand Lodge of England was read and ordered to be filed." It is also announced that certain differences existing between certain members of Union Lodge, Albany, had been amicably adjusted. Subsequently a resolution is unanimously passed "that the Grand Secretary do hereafter apply to his private use the salary and emoluments attached to his office." At a Grand Lodge of Emergency, held on 13th June, communications from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, and Kentucky were read and referred to the Grand Secretary, with directions to return suitable answers to each. A motion for a procession on St. John's Day was negatived. Directions, however, were issued to the Grand Treasurer "to purchase for the Grand Lodge a Bible, and also

as many candlesticks and snuffers as he should think necessary for the use of the Lodge. Bro. Daniel D. Tompkins having resigned his office of Grand Secretary, it was announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. Wells as his successor, and Bro. Wells accordingly attended and fulfilled the duties of his new office on this occasion. On the 4th September an application for relief was made on behalf of the widow of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Abrams, and a payment of 250 dollars out of the funds of Grand Lodge was unanimously ordered to be made to her. We also read that on this occasion, "A communication from the Grand Lodge of England, dated March 6th 1805, was read and filed, and the Grand Secretary directed to answer the same." There is also read a communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to which the Grand Secretary is directed to return a suitable answer. It was then resolved that the Grand Secretary give notice to the Grand Tyler, to the effect that he will be expected to explain at the next meeting certain irregularities of conduct with which he was charged. Accordingly, at the next meeting, on 4th December 1805, the Grand Secretary reported that the Grand Tyler "had given assurance that the Grand Lodge should have no occasion to complain of him in future," and this assurance was deemed satisfactory. We note, further, among the minutes of this meeting, that Past Master Richard Lewis, having represented that he had been refused admission into the Adelphi Lodge at one of its regular meetings, and prayed that some order be made thereon, the representation is referred for report to a Committee of five. Two communications from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, notifying sundry expulsions, were read and filed, and ordered to be answered, an order being likewise issued to the Grand Secretary that he notify the said expulsions to the different Lodges in the State of New York. A petition from Hiram Lodge, No. 27, to the effect that its Warrant of Constitution had been lost, and praying for a new one, having been submitted, it was resolved that a dispensation should be issued for twelve months, and then if the warrant were not found, that a new warrant should be issued as prayed. At the Grand Lodge, on 19th February 1806, a complaint made by certain members of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, against the present Worshipful Master was referred to a Committee, of nine, "with full power to examine such persons and papers as they should think necessary, and report to the Grand Lodge the facts which should be disclosed on such examinations." We also note that a motion made by the Senior Grand Warden was carried, by which it was settled that "no person be admitted into the Grand Lodge after one hour from its opening." Reports to the effect that certain new Lodges had been duly installed having been read and ordered to be filed, Grand Lodge was closed. On the 5th March the Committee appointed to examine the accounts and papers of the late Grand Secretary, and also into the funds of Grand Lodge, delivered their report, which was approved, and as in such report it was stated that so much of it as referred to the Grand Lodge funds was imperfect, owing to the Grand Master's absence at Albany, it was further resolved that the Committee do perfect the same with the Grand Master, and report again. It was also resolved that the said Committee "invest so much of the funds of this Grand Lodge as to them shall seem proper, in such stock as they shall think will be most to the advantage of the Grand Lodge." Several petitions for new warrants were then submitted and dealt with, after which we find that "Union Lodge of the City of Albany having surrendered their Colonial Warrant, and prayed for a new one, by the name of Mount Vernon Lodge, of like rank with the old one, which was promised to them by the Most Worshipful Master and Junior Grand Warden, gratis, it was ordered to issue accordingly. In a foot note the editor draws attention to a memorandum on the same subject in the minutes of the 3rd of December 1806, and on reference to the latter, we find that another petition to the same effect was submitted and granted. On the 4th of June of this year, Bro. the Hon. De Witt Clinton was elected Grand Master, after which, and the election of other Grand Officers, it was unanimously resolved that a jewel or medal be presented to Past Grand Master Jacob Norton, in testimony of the high sense entertained of his past services and usefulness to the Fraternity. A Committee was then appointed to give effect to these resolutions. A Committee was likewise chosen to make the necessary arrangements for the installation of the new Grand Master, and this ceremony was duly performed at a Grand Lodge of Emergency held on the 19th of the same month, the Installing Officer appointed under the dispensation of the Past Grand Master being Bro. Hoffman. The latter having afterwards installed the other newly-elected Grand Officers, Grand Master Clinton delivered a very elegant address, "replete with Masonic instruction." It was subsequently resolved that a Committee wait on Grand Master Clinton, for the purpose of requesting from him a copy of his address with a view to its publication. A motion for a procession on St. John's Day was then negatived, but a petition from a number of brethren "confined within the limits of the prison of this city, praying for a special dispensation to open and hold a Lodge within the said limits, for the celebration of the ensuing festival," was granted. In the course of these meetings of Grand Lodge we find likewise minutes of the proceedings of Grand Stewards' Lodge, but as the matters recorded are chiefly of a financial character, we have not referred to them specially. We note, however, that from the Grand Secretary's account, presented on the 27th of August 1806, it appears that after payment of sums together amounting to 481.90 dollars, a balance remained of 247.75 dollars, the amount of dues received by the Grand Secretary from June 4th to August 27th, both dates inclusive, being 729.65 dollars. On the 3rd of September communications from the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Tennessee were read and referred to a Committee. Subsequently, a communication from the Grand Lodge of England was read and ordered to be answered, and a list of the expulsions therein contained was ordered to be made out, and transmitted to the different Lodges in the State. Certain charges against the Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 6, and one of the Wardens of Mount Moriah Lodge, were referred to a Committee of seven, and sundry petitions for new Lodges granted or refused,

among the former being one submitted to brethren praying to hold a Lodge in Sharon, Franklin county, State of Ohio, to be called the Anrora Lodge. At the Grand Stewards' Lodge on 26th November, application was made on behalf of two brethren hailing from Connecticut, who were desirous of returning to their native state, but who, owing to sickness, were destitute of funds. The application was referred to a committee of three brethren, with power to draw on the Grand Treasurer for such amount as they should deem fit. On the 3rd December, compositions by certain Lodges for the payment of their dues having been accepted, and several petitions granted for warrants to hold certain new Lodges, a motion was made to the effect that "no Lodges in this city shall, after six months from this time, be entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge, in any case whatever, if such Lodge shall not, within six months immediately preceding, have paid its dues to this Grand Lodge; and that no Lodge out of the said city, after eighteen months from this time, shall be entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge, in any case whatever, if such Lodge shall not within eighteen months immediately preceding have paid up its dues to this Grand Lodge." A very unusual entry occurs in the minutes of the Grand Lodge of 4th March 1817. The W.M. of Trinity Lodge, No. 10, stated that a candidate had been proposed for initiation in the Lodge over which he presided, "who had only one eye," and he expressed a wish to know the sense of Grand Lodge as "to whether it would be proper to make such a person a Mason." After some remarks the matter was referred to a Committee of seven, and their report, delivered at a Grand Lodge of Emergency, on the 10th June following, was to the effect that "the loss was such a defect as ought to preclude him from initiation into our mysteries." This report was agreed to. Among the petitions for new Lodges presented on the 4th March, was one from a number of brethren in Havana for permission to erect a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the New York Grand Lodge, to be called "Le Temple de Bienfaisance." The petition was referred to the Grand Officers. At the meeting held on 3rd June, no less than thirty-nine Lodges were either actually represented, or represented by their proxies. On this occasion, Bro. Clinton was re-elected Grand Master, and the rest of the officers having been elected, the further business was adjourned, and the Lodge closed. At a Grand Lodge of Emergency on the 10th of the same month, after the transaction of certain business, it was again proposed to have a procession on St. John's Day, to which an amendment was moved, to the effect that a Masonic celebration be held on the occasion. Both propositions were negatived. Notice was also given by a Past Master, that at the next regular meeting, he would propose that "the fee to be paid for a warrant should be raised from twenty-five to fifty dollars." At the meeting on the 2nd September, among the petitions was one from some brethren in New Orleans, for the erection of a new Lodge, to be called the Louisiana. The petition had accidentally been mislaid by the brother to whom it had been entrusted, but the prayer was granted nevertheless. On this occasion we find that a letter was read from Bro. Isaiah Thomas, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, to the effect that he had been ordered to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of New York to the inconvenience arising to some of the Lodges in the Massachusetts jurisdiction from the initiation fees being less in the New York Lodges, and requesting that the Grand Lodge of the latter would adopt measures for the promotion of union and harmony between the two Grand Lodges. The letter was referred to the Grand Officers. A notice of the proceedings of Grand Stewards' Lodge on the 25th November brings this part of the history to a close.

MEETINGS HELD, &c.

Apollo University Lodge, No. 357.—At Oxford, on Tuesday, 30th January.

Ivor Hael Chapter Rose Croix.—At Newport, Mon., on Wednesday, 31st January. Ill. Bro. Captain A. T. Perkins 32° M.W.S. Several candidates perfected. Election of M.W. Sov. for this year.

Morganwg Chapter Rose Croix.—At Masonic Hall, Swansea, on Thursday, 1st February. Several candidates perfected. Election of M.W. Sov. and Treasurer for ensuing year. Ex. Bro. W. H. Tucker as M.W.S.

The Gwent Preceptory, No. 115.—At Newport, Mon., on Tuesday, 30th January. Sir Knight L. A. Homfray E.P. Installation of candidates and of Sir Knight Wm. Williams as E.P. for the year, and appointment of officers. Priory of Malta opened afterwards, for candidates.

Studholme Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 197.—On Thursday, 1st February, at 33 Golden-square, W. R.W. Lieut-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B. as W.M. Several candidates advanced to Mark Masters. Confirmation of bye-laws.

Antient York Chapter of Redemption Rose Croix.—At Masonic Hall, Hull, on Thursday, 1st February. Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds 30° M.W.S. Several candidates perfected. M.W. Sov. installed and officers appointed for the ensuing year.

Canterbury Chapter Rose Croix.—E. Bro. the Rev. Dr. John Robbins M.W.S.—Will be held on Tuesday, 6th February, at 5 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, for perfection of candidates, and to receive the report of the committee appointed to frame the bye-laws.

Liverpool Chapter Rose Croix.—Ex-Bro. Samuel Spratly M.D. M.W. Sov.—Will be held on Wednesday, 7th February, at 4 p.m., in the Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool, to perfect candidates, and elect the M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year.

The Studholme Chapter Rose Croix.—Ill. Bro. Lieut-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B. 32° M.W. Sov.—Will be held on Wednesday, 7th February, at 4.30 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, 33

Golden-square, W., to perfect candidates, to instal Ill. Bro. Colonel C. W. Randolph 30° as M.W.S., and to appoint officers and elect a treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Friends in Council Royal Arch Chapter, 1383.—Will be held on Thursday, 15th February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. Comp. Dr. R. Hamilton Z.

We have been requested by Bro. Charles Blain to announce to those of our readers who assisted him in the disposal of tickets for the Concert at the Bow and Bromley Institute, on the 14th of December last, that the ballot for one Life Governorship and one Life Subscribership will take place at Bro. Seaton's, Fenchurch Street Tavern, on Monday evening next, at 7 o'clock precisely.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, which meets at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal-green, on the 25th inst., when Bro. Hewlett will, for the first time, preside.

The meetings of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will in futuro be held on Thursday evenings, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, at 6.30 p.m.

Old Warrants.

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No. 54.

No. 261, "Ancients;" No. 329 at the "Union of 1813," No. 229 from A.D. 1832, and No. 194 from A.D. 1863 to the present time.

GRAND MASTER ANTRIM.

JAS. AGAR S.G.W. JA. PERRY D.G.M. WATKIN LEWIS J.G.W.
To all whom it may concern.

WE, THE GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred and twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz. :—

The Right Worshipful and most puissant Prince Randal William, Marquis, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, one of His Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, & in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS. The Right Worshipful James Perry Esq. Deputy Grand Master. The Right Worshipful James Agar Esq. Senior Grand Warden. And the Right Worshipful Sir Watkin Lewis Knt. Junior Grand Warden No. 261 (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster), DO HEREBY AUTHORISE and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz. : The Worshipful Joseph Martin, one of our Master Masons. The Worshipful Abraham Martin, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Benjamin Friedeburg, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at Mr. Edward White's, the sign of Duke William on Horseback, in Quakers'-street, in the parish of Christ Church, Spital Fields, in the county of Middlesex, or elsewhere within the city and liberties of London and Westminster, on all seasonable Times and Lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved brethren, Joseph Martin, Abraham Martin and Benjamin Friedeburg (with the consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse and install their successors, &c. &c. &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our GRAND LODGE in London, this thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred and ninety.

JOHN McCORMICK,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol 6, Letter F.

The present title, No., &c. are, The St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, Cannon-street, London.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
1411—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
622—St. Guthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashburn, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1300—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David, Masonic Hall, Parade, Brixham.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
923—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1498—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1238—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
293—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
615—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-lo-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

THURSDAY—continued.

1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
33—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
548—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1093—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royal's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.

FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
768—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranchlagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1250—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1293—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
34—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1087—Beaudestert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1239—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

103—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
1103—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.
K.T. Sukmanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

FRIDAY.

453—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 303—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—120—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.
TUESDAY—R. A. 67—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street.
WEDNESDAY—R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—116—Royal Arch, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 403—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 512—Thorn-tree, School Room, Thornliebank, at 7.
SATURDAY—23—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch, at 7.
" 305—St. John's, Victoria Hall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown, at 7.
" 459—St. John's, Wilson Hall, Busby, at 6.

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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THIS INSTITUTION will take place on Monday, the 12th February 1877, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, upon which occasion

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., &c.

R.W. Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire,

has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this auspicious occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, Secretary.

* * H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been pleased to alter the day of the Festival from Wednesday the 14th February (being Ash Wednesday) to Monday the 12th.

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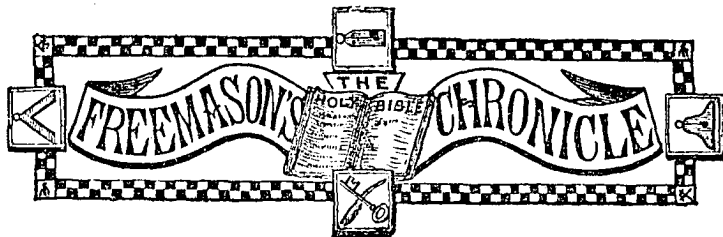
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen is still at Osborne, with the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold—the Duke of Connaught also having been on a visit to Her Majesty—where, doubtless, she will remain till within a few days of the opening of Parliament. On Saturday last Her Majesty's eldest grandchild, Prince William of Prussia, son of the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany and the Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland, attained the age of eighteen; and, in accordance with the law of Prussia, became of age. In honour of this event, the Queen has conferred upon the young Prince the order of the Garter. She has likewise made her son, Prince Leopold, a Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India. It is announced that Her Majesty will not hold an official Court this season. On the 2nd of March, however, she will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, for the reception of the Corps Diplomatique, and another on the 14th of the same month. Two more will be held after Easter, of which due notice will be given. On the 18th and 26th instant His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will hold *levées* on behalf of Her Majesty at St. James's Palace. Presentations at these will be considered equivalent to presentations to the Queen. On Monday the Prince returned to Sandringham from

London. It is probable that after a short stay there, he and the Princess will leave for London for the season.

Thursday next, the fourth Session of the present Parliament, will be opened by the Queen in person. Under these circumstances, Ministers have been holding Cabinet Councils very frequently, with a view, no doubt, to give the finishing touches to their programme for the year. No doubt, too, the close of the Conference and the new phase upon which the Eastern Question has entered has commanded their attention. It is, at least, a satisfaction to know that in a short time we shall be in possession of authoritative news of the stirring events which have been occurring since the prorogation in August last. For these reasons, too, we regret that any statesman or politician who has not been expressly called upon to speak in public should have gone out of his way to discuss questions the full knowledge of which is not yet before the public.

The Mansion House Fund, for the relief of the sufferers by the recent floods, had already reached the very respectable total of £8,500 on Friday last, when the Executive Committee met together for the dispatch of business. A number of sums were voted for the relief of sufferers in different parts of the country. A further meeting was fixed for Wednesday. It seems, however, as though there were further inundations in store for us. There was a terrific gale on Tuesday morning all over the country, and considerable damage both to life and property was the result. In the Metropolis, one or two very serious accidents occurred. One in Lambeth was caused by the fall of a scaffold, and another in the Gray's-Inn-road, by the fall of some chimneys. On Wednesday there was another overflow of the Thames, the tide in the afternoon rising some three feet above Trinity high water-mark. Fortunately, great precautions had been taken, so that the loss of property will not be so great as it might have been. At Richmond the river overflowed its banks, and some twenty or thirty acres of the old Deer Park are under water. In the station too, which, during the floods in the early part of the year, was inundated to the extent of some feet, there were quite six inches of water. A considerable amount of property has been destroyed at Margate. Philpott's Baths are nearly washed away, and all along the Marine Parade the roadway has been broken by the violence of the sea, while many houses in the High Street have also suffered. We hear a similar story from different parts of Essex, from Sittingbourne, from Warwickshire, and, indeed, throughout the country generally.

It seems that the Cattle Plague has again visited London, owing, we presume, to the importation of cattle from parts of Germany, where it is known there has been another outbreak more or less severe. In consequence, the Lords of the Council have issued orders forbidding the importation of beasts, &c., from certain countries, and against the movement of cattle from the Metropolis. We sincerely hope we are not going to have such another visitation as overtook us in 1865. Equally anxious are we that the butchers will not make this a reason for raising the price of meat, which is dear enough in all conscience already.

The action for libel brought by Mr. Metcalf and wife against Mr. Horace Wigan terminated on Wednesday, in a verdict for the plaintiffs, the jury awarding damages to the extent of £70. The libel complained of was uttered by Mr. Wigan, and imputed professional incompetency to Mrs. Metcalf, or, as she is known in dramatic circles, Miss Beaclerc. This, of course, was a very serious imputation, but the defendant justified it on the ground that it was true, his other line of defence being that the communication in which it was made was a privileged one. The evidence adduced by the plaintiffs was overwhelmingly in favour of Miss Beaclerc's ability. So, at least, the jury appear to have thought, from the verdict they delivered and the damages they awarded. While on legal matters we may mention, that "Dr. Slade's" appeal against his conviction last year, for obtaining money under false pretences, has been sustained, and the conviction is, therefore, quashed. It appears, however, that fresh summonses have been taken out, with a view to trying the case a second time. It should also be mentioned that Mr. Cobbett appeared on Wednesday, in the Court of Appeal, to appeal against a recent judgment of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Judicature, in an action he brought against Justice Field, to recover a penalty of £500 for refusing to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus, Mr. Cobbett's application, however, was dismissed by the Court with costs.

A new unarmoured cruiser, named the Euryalus, has been added to the strength of Her Majesty's fleet. The launch took place at Chatham on Wednesday, the ceremony of christening the new corvette being performed by Mrs. Stewart, the wife of Rear-Admiral Stewart, Controller of the Navy, in the presence of Rear-Admiral Fellowes, Superintendent of the Dockyard, and a large number of visitors. The ship is 280 feet in length, her extreme breadth 45 feet, and depth in hold 15 feet seven inches, burden close on 3,700 tons. She is built of iron, cased in wood, and is intended to form one of that flying squadron on which, in the event of war, would depend the harrying of an enemy's commerce and the defence of our own. She is neither strong enough to resist the big guns of the day, nor will her intended armament be strong enough to penetrate the sides of armoured vessels. Her speed, however, will be very great. While on the subject of our defences, we may state that a further series of experiments with the 81-ton gun was begun on Thursday morning, the object being to test its efficacy with shell against a massive target representing the side of a ship of moderate thickness, the general belief being that a moderate thickness of armour will serve to resist common shell, as the projectile is shattered to pieces on impact. The distance will be 120 yards, the weight of the charge 370 lb. of pebble powder of 1½-inch cubes, and that of the shell 1700 lbs.

The fame which Commander Cameron has obtained through his journey across the Continent of Africa, is by no means confined to his own country. The gallant officer has recently paid a visit to Paris, and has there delivered a lecture, describing his enterprise. The audience assembled to hear him was immense, and they accorded him a most enthusiastic reception. He has also been awarded the gold medal of the Paris Geographical Society. An incident in connection with the lecture is worth recording. Commander Cameron spoke in French, and his accent is said to be very pronounced. Some rude persons were overheard laughing to themselves at our countryman's unfamiliarity with the true Parisian accent, when the whole assembly rose as one man, and vented their indignation in such an unmistakable manner that the rude people were silenced.

After a storm comes a calm, and this seems to hold good in the case of the Eastern question. The ambassadors, both ordinary and extraordinary, have taken their departure from Constantinople, but though some of the rumours which are abroad are not the most reassuring, we seem more likely to have peace than at any time during the last three months. What is more satisfactory still is, that negotiations have been commenced between Turkey and Servia for the restoration of peace. The terms said to be proposed by Turkey are by no means heavy, considering that she was so easy a victor in the late struggle, and even these, it is believed, will be modified rather than that the opportunity of securing herself in this direction should be lost by Turkey. Similar rumours prevail as regards Turkey and Montenegro, but there is a talk about the surrender of certain districts by the former to the latter. Perhaps Turkey may not so easily reconcile herself to this. As regards Russia, the reports are conflicting, as usual, but the general belief inclines towards the maintenance of peace between her and Turkey. Some say the Czar contemplates abdication, others that Russia will quietly withdraw from the advanced position she took up last November, and others affirm that she is about calling out more *corps d'armée* to strengthen her force at Kischeneff. However, we shall not have long to wait ere learning which, if any, of these rumours is correct.

On Thursday, 25th ult., after the business of the General Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, had been disposed of, the members of the Club, which was established in 1873, met, and, according to custom, dined together. These gatherings tend to cement friendships that have long existed, and are always looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation. Bro. Geo. Kenning was Chairman, by rotation, while Bro. John Boyd very ably occupied the Vice-Chair. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts were proposed, and the members proceeded to ballot for the brethren who had been proposed as candidates, and who were unanimously accepted. The formal business was then transacted; the accounts showed a balance in favour of the Club to the amount of 40 guineas. Five guineas was voted

to each of the four Past Presidents to enable them to become Life Subscribers of the Institution. The Chairman informed the brethren that Bro. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, would take the chair at the next meeting of the Club, and this announcement was received with feelings of great pleasure. The health of the President, Bro. Geo. Kenning, was proposed and responded to, as also was that of the acting V.P. Bro. John Boyd, who responded in his usual expressive manner. Bro. H. Dicketts P.G.S. proposed the health of Bro. R. W. Little, the worthy Secretary. All knew and respected him, and would testify their appreciation of the zeal manifested by him in connection with the Institution since he had been associated with it. He was sure every one present cordially wished him health, to continue among them, to carry out those duties he had so efficiently performed. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 replied for the Visitors. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Howe for his acceptable gift of a signature book, and cards with the names of the founders and members of the Club. Two brethren consented to become Stewards at the next Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. H. M. Levy proffered a silver watch, to be given to one of the girls as a prize at the next Examination. The members separated, with a pleasing recollection of having passed an agreeable evening.

The Musical Committee of the Board of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons met on Monday the 29th ult., Bro. J. M. Case G.D. in the chair; Bro. S. Rothenthal, C. J. Livett, C. Martin, and H. M. Levy, were also present. The selection of music was entrusted to Bro. T. Lawler jun. The general meeting of Stewards was then held, and was numerously attended. Bro. J. M. Case here also took the chair. Bro. Jas. Terry, Hon. Sec., read the report, which was carried. He then announced there were 259 Stewards. A vote of thanks was passed to the Board of General Purposes for the use of the Hall. The Reception Committee to receive H.R.H. Prince Leopold was appointed; it will consist of the President, Vice President, two Grand Stewards, and Bros. Martin, Curteis, Oughton, and H. M. Levy. Ballots for seats in the Hall were taken, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Case for presiding. Among those present were Bros. T. Foxall, J. Tanner, G. Ward Verry, C. Montrie, W. J. Ferguson, W. Murlis, M. Spiegel, Baldwin, J. Stevens, C. Godtschalk, Corke, J. Elliott, Watts, Scott, Rev. R. J. Simpson, L. C. Birley, Z. D. Berry, Rawley, Wallington, Faulkner, &c.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Masonic Hall, Bugle Street, Southampton, Friday, 26th ult., under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P. The usual business having been transacted, the following were invested as Provincial Officers for the ensuing year:—

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| " | J. Wallingford | ... | 903 | First Assist. |
| " | Dyson | ... | 130 | Second Assist. |
| " | M. E. Frost | ... | 487 | Treasurer. |
| E.C. | Dyer | ... | 359 | Registrar. |
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The Companions subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Mr. T. Dartnall, of the High Street.

In our report, last week, of the meeting of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, we stated that Bro. Wilhelm Ganz had been a member TEN years; we should have said TWENTY years, as Bro. Ganz joined the Salisbury in 1856, and has been a member ever since.

At the dinner and ball in aid of the Caledonian Society, held at Freemasons' Hall on the 25th ult., in commemoration of the Birthday of the poet Burns, the band was furnished and conducted by Bro. Louis, No. 1559, bandmaster of the London Scottish Rifles.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—At the last meeting of this Chapter, which took place on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, an unusual number of members assembled. By some curious coincidence several of the oldest member, having for divers reasons been absent for a considerable time, made their re-appearance on that occasion. Comps. W. Stephens acted as Z., Cox H., Berrie J., Leemann S.E., J. Constable S.N., Highe P.S., John Boyd as Preceptor. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Self acting as candidate. The first clause of the first section of the first Lecture was worked by Comp. Boyd, assisted by the companions. It is remarkable that this well-conducted and ably worked Chapter is not better supported. New Royal Arch Chapters are continually being consecrated, and scores are exalted to the degree. It might, therefore, be reasonably supposed that the number whose business it is to obtain the requisite knowledge to fit them for office should increase in a proportionate ratio. Such, however, is apparently not the case, judging from the comparatively scant attendance at one of the few Chapters of Instruction of which London can boast. Surely there can be but few who think it consistent with the honourable feeling which should actuate every true Mason to permit himself to pass the different grades of office without due preparation. And where can proficiency be obtained if not at the place set apart for the purposes of rehearsal and instruction? It is, therefore, surprising, and not easily accounted for, that this Chapter of Improvement is not more numerously patronised, more especially when we take into consideration that it is the only place where the explanatory Lectures, which form no mean aid to the student, are worked. There are always able Companions present, who gladly give their assistance, and who earnestly invite those who are desirous of being instructed to pay a visit to the Chapter, which meets every Tuesday throughout the year, at 6.30, and closes at 8.30.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, 1st February, at Bro. Hallow's, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Saunders W.M., Brand S.W., Franklin J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Saunders Secretary, W. G. Hallows S.D., Oldroyd J.D., F. Hallows I.G., Upward Organist; also Bros. Christian, Groom, Badkins, Delavanti, Appleby, Evenett, Rowley and Field. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the 2nd, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. Bro. Christian worked the 3rd section of the 1st lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Rowley and Appleby were unanimously elected joining members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Brand was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Monday, the 29th of January, at Bro. Gay's, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Present—Bros. R. G. Tolmie W.M., Killick S.W., Stock J.W., A. W. Fenner Secretary, Powell S.D., Pilbeam J.D., Millward I.G., Piercy acting Preceptor, Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Alford, Cook, Halford, Kidder, Mousley, Saul, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Mousley having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Mousley was passed. The W.M. worked the 1st section of the lecture, Bro. Piercy worked the 2nd section; the W.M. worked the 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Killick was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed by Bro. Killick (ex Secretary), and seconded by Bro. Halford, that Bro. A. W. Fenner be appointed Secretary. This was unanimously carried. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. At the next meeting, according to notice of motion, a proposition will be made to remove the Lodge, when the attendance of every member who can make it convenient is earnestly requested.

Howard Lodge of Brotherly Lodge, No. 56.—On Thursday, 25th, ult., at a meeting of this Lodge, Bro. G. T. Evershed P.M., late Mayor of Arundel, was presented with a very elegantly illuminated testimonial, signed by the members of the Lodge, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by every member; and also in commemoration of his having so efficiently and honourably discharged his duties as Mayor, thereby deserving the esteem of his fellow townsmen. The testimonial is of artistic design, illuminated on vellum, and reflects great credit on the artist, Mr. J. Leggatt, of Brighton.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street, 30th Jan. Present—Bros. Lees W.M., Maidwell S.W., Biddle J.W., Fraser S.D., Sayer J.D., Hogarth I.G., Hollands Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Ellis, Green, Sharp, Barter, Laroon, Botibol, Hullah, Brown, Daniel, Walker, Dart, Rich, Wharman, Bone. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ellis candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was ably worked by Bro. Green W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, to the great satisfaction of all present. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded, to be recorded on the minutes to that effect. Bro. Maidwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. It was proposed that Bro. Carruthers, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, should preside at the annual banquet, Bro. Rudderforth to be S.W. and Bro. Ellis J.W. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 69.—This Lodge held its quarterly meeting on Friday, 26th January, at St. Clair's Hall, Glasgow, Bro. T. M. Campbell presiding as F.N., Bros. J. McInnis J., and R. Brand S.; J. Fash S. and G. W. Wheeler acting as conductor of Pilots, and J. O. Park as G. There were petitions from four Comps., J. Duthie P.Z. 67, M. Robin, William Ferguson and J. Curran, all of 69. They were admitted on board, and duly instructed in their duties as Mark Mariners. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted in the re-appointment of the brethren then acting, along with J. Blackman as Treasurer, and D. Ramsey as Outer Guard.

A Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon was opened by the same Comps., in their respective offices, and the four candidates whose names are given above were admitted and duly elected Knights of the Sword and Knights of the East, and subsequently Knights of the East and West. The whole of the ceremonies were admirably wrought by Sir Knight T. M. Campbell, as President of the Council.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, 73.—Presentation to Comp. G. McDonald M.E.P.Z.—At the regular monthly meeting, held in St. Mark's Hall, on Wednesday, 31st January, Comp. G. W. Wheeler Z. presiding, assisted by Comps. J. Kennard H., W. Gunn J., G. McDonald P.Z., J. Balfour S.E., J. Bannerman Tr., Wm. Hay 1st S., J. Kay 2nd S., J. B. Hardie 3rd S., and Wm. Jameson Janitor. The auditors presented their report, showing a good balance in hand. The M.E.Z. said a very pleasant duty devolved on him, to present a handsome P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. George McDonald, one who had always, from the date of his exaltation, worked unceasingly for the prosperity of the Chapter, and, although now P.Z., he was at all times ready to fill the place of any officer who might chance to be absent; his constant attention and truly Masonic conduct, both in the chair of the Lodge and Chapter, had endeared him to all his brethren, and he (Comp. Wheeler) was glad to be their mouthpiece on this occasion, and in their name presented this mark of their esteem. Comp. G. McDonald said he was quite taken by surprise. He had no idea that the Companions had deemed him worthy of such a testimonial. The gift in itself was valuable, but he should prize it far above its intrinsic worth, as marking the esteem of those among whom he had been proud to work. He should prize it, and leave it to his son, when the Chapter would have to do without him; but while health and strength were spared him, he would always strive to be present, and do his duty as he had hitherto done. Comps. J. Tweed P.H. 73, and J. O. Park P.Z. 122, as old members of the Chapter, spoke highly of the services of the P.Z., as well as those of his successor. Thanks were also awarded to P.Z. J. Balfour S.E. for the great services he had rendered to the Chapter for many years past. The Chapter was duly closed.

St. Mungo Encampment, Glasgow.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, 12 Trongate, and was opened in due form by Sir W. F. Shaw E.C., assisted by Sir Knights R. Bell P.E.C., J. O. Park C.G., G. W. Wheeler Prelate, D. Reid R., J. A. Ferguson T., John Kay M.D., Baker D.M., and Sir Knights H. J. Shields 33° P.E.C. Manhattan Commandery, R. Grange, J. Douglas, J. Hoy, Wm. Harding, P. Hopburn, J. D. Neif, and J. McDade. A petition was presented on behalf of Comp. Jas. Perston of 87, who was duly admitted as a Pilgrim and Esq., and afterwards, in company with Comp. Mechell Meyer, was duly dubbed and created a Knight of the Temple. Sir Knight H. J. Shields was asked to make the necessary arrangements for working the degree of Templar Priest at the next meeting. The Encampment was then closed in due form.

Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal.—The annual meeting of this ancient, flourishing, and well-worked Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramondgate, on Thursday, 25th January, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. F. C. Grayson, assisted by Bros. Nelson S.W., Bell as J.W., John Holme P.M. P.P.G.W., John Talbot P.M. P.P.G.W., Joseph Bintley P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, Titus Wilson P.M. P.P.G.S.B., John Bowes P.M. Prov. G.J.W., and so many other brethren that the room was crowded to inconvenience. The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to undertake the duties of installing master, which he did, and discharged his obligations in a manner that elicited the warmest approval of the brethren. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. J. Nelson, was presented, and after he had been installed in ample form, he appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. The installing master then called upon Bro. John Talbot to deliver the usual addresses. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bowes for his services. A sum of £5 was voted to Bro. McKay's list. Several candidates were then proposed, and other routine business transacted, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a dinner of a *récherché* character awaited them. The newly-installed W.M. presided; he was supported on the right and left by Bros. Bowes, Holme, Talbot, Bintley, W. Cartmel, G. Cartmel, John Bintley (London), Tattersall, F. C. Grayson, C. Gardner-Thompson, Medcalf, Cragg, Hunter, J. Otley Atkinson, &c. The Wardens occupied their usual positions. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts received due honour. Bro. Bowes responded for the Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland. Bro. John Holme P.M. P.P.G.W. proposed the W.M.'s health, and in doing so referred to the rapid progress he had made in the art since he (Bro. Holme) had the pleasure of initiating him. Bro. Bowes proposed "The Masonic Charities," and coupled Bro. McKay's name with the toast. On a collecting card being sent round the tables, it was returned to Bro. McKay, and he found his list augmented by above £5. Bro. Hogg, in responding for the older members of the Lodge, referred to

the time when they were indebted to the Carlisle brethren for their existence as a Lodge, and contrasted that state of things with the present time, when they had a large body of working members, and their number was constantly increasing. Some excellent songs were admirably rendered during the evening, by Bros. Gooding, Sissons, Nelson, Scales, John Bintley, and others, and the brethren separated before 10 o'clock. One pleasing, though melancholy feature of the day's proceedings, was the unveiling of a memorial portrait of the late Bro. Henry Rauthmel, who had been unexpectedly called to the Grand Lodge above, in the prime of life. Bro. Hogg was the artist, and his effort was one of unqualified success.

Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129.—The annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 25th January, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Stramondgate. The Chapter was opened by the Principals, after which the Companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. E. Companion John Bowes P.Z. &c., was then invited to instal the Principals elect—viz., Comps. John Holmes Z., Joseph Bintley H., and John Talbot J. The ceremony having been completed, the officers for the ensuing year were invested—viz., Comps. McKay E., Bell N., and Godfrey P.S. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Bowes, for his able services for years past, and particularly for those of the day. The Treasurer, Comp. Titus Wilson, reported that the finances of the Chapter were in a very satisfactory condition, whereupon Comp. McKay announced that he had undertaken the duty of Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and asked for £5 to be added to his list. This was readily granted. After the transaction of some routine business, the Chapter was closed, with the usual solemnities.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, 29th Jan., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Comps. E. P. Albert P.Z., in the absence of the M.E.Z., as Z., W. Littaur P.Z. H., L. Jacobs J., P. Dickinson S.E., L. Lazarus P.S., M. Myers 1st Asst., Davis 2nd Asst., P.Z.'s S. Pollitzer, S. Lazarus and J. Lazarus; also Comps. L. Auerhaan, Bockbinder, Davis, Mellish, Grove Ellis, A. Auerhaan, P. Moore, J. S. Lyon, N. Baum, M. Silver, Haines, Myers, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. R. G. Howell, No. 12, which was unanimously in his favour, he, with Bro. Snelling, who had been elected on a former occasion, being in attendance, both were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The working in every respect was excellently rendered. Two brethren were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, and the Chapter was closed until the last Monday in March. A sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver, was then partaken of, and at which all present expressed unqualified satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth, the Acting M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. He then gave that of the newly exalted Companions. From the attention they had paid to the ceremony, and the recommendations they brought, they merited respect from all. Comp. Snelling responded to the toast. The acting M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; although but few in number, they were distinguished in the Order. They were welcome, not only on this occasion, but also at any time they might honour the Chapter with a visit. Comps. Howe Z. elect 217, G. Bubb 180, and C. Hogard M.E.Z. 141, severally responded; they appreciated the excellent working, and the kind hospitality accorded them. Comp. J. Lazarus P.Z. then proposed the health of the acting Z., Comp. E. P. Albert. The Companions had seen how, at so short a notice, he had occupied the chair, and discharged the duties, to their satisfaction (cheers); also how admirably and genially he had presided. All hoped he would have health and long life to be among them. Companion Albert thanked them for the kind appreciation of his services; it was ten years since he had occupied the chair of Z. in that Chapter. He had to thank his two supporters for their kind assistance, and he was pleased to hear that his efforts had met with their approbation. He then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, who had discharged their duties to the satisfaction of all; he would call on an old and valued friend, Comp. S. N. Abrahams, P.Z. and Treasurer, to respond to the toast. Comp. Abrahams, in returning thanks, fully justified the pertinent remarks of the acting Z. The healths of the H. and J. was responded to by Comps. W. Littaur and A. L. Jacobs. The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of the Junior Officers, complimented Comp. Dickinson S.E., who had occupied that position for two years with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Chapter. Time and distance was no object to him, so long as the interests of the Chapter were at stake. The same remarks would apply to Comp. L. Lazarus P.S., whose excellent working was such that he was sure he would fill with credit any office entrusted to him in the Chapter; he was a pattern worthy of imitation. The Janitor's toast was then given, and the Companions separated. Comps. Dickinson and N. Baum contributed to the harmony.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At the weekly meeting, which was held on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., Bro. Bone presided, assisted by Bros. Abell S.W., Turner J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, John Constable P.M. Hon. Treasurer, Rudderforth as Secretary, Triggs S.D., Sayer J.D., Lay I.G., Christopher Tyler. The business of the evening consisted of the rehearsal of the third ceremony, Bro. Defriez acting as candidate, after which the second and third sections of the lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the Brethren. In moving a vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. Gottheil took the opportunity to observe that it was customary, he believed, in every Lodge of Instruction to pursue a similar course. It was a beneficial custom, as it tended to gratify the recipient, and stimulated others in their endeavours to excel. In all cases the

thanks of the meeting to a Brother who for the first time attempts the duties of the Chair are well deserved, even by one who is not precisely *au fait* in the work, because every one in that position is sure to try to do his very best. In this instance, however, the vote is pre-eminently well deserved, seeing that not only is it the first time Bro. Bone has occupied any chair previous to his following the various offices leading to it, but in his maiden effort he undertook the onerous duty of working the ceremony of the third degree. The brethren had witnessed the manner in which he had succeeded, and would agree to the proposition, that a vote of thanks to the W.M. be recorded on the Lodge Book for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening. This was seconded by Bro. Defriez, who expressed a desire to do so from the fact of his having acted as candidate. He wished to testify to the pleasure with which he had listened to the W.M., and the gratification it had afforded him to witness his excellent working. Bro. J. Constable, in supporting the motion, urged the brethren to emulate the example of the W.M., which would, he assured them, not only give satisfaction to themselves but bring credit to the Lodge. The vote was unanimously carried. Bro. Bone cordially thanked the brethren for their kindness. He was pleased to have given even a small measure of satisfaction, but hoped that when next permitted to occupy the position he would be able to do the work with greater efficiency. The election of officers was next proceeded with, when Bro. Abell, the S.W., was unanimously elected. According to the bye-laws, the ceremony of the first degree will be rehearsed on the next occasion, when it is hoped a large number of members and brethren will rally round our respected and aspiring brother.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Saturday, 27th January, at The Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, corner of Church-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Groner W.M., Read S.W., Brisker J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Bedwell S.D., Millward J.D., Powell I.G. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Hewlett and Stock acting as candidates. Several sections were worked. Bros. Hewlett 141, R. Clark 1613, R. Abbott 917, Taylor 811, and G. Schuldenfrei 188 were elected members. Bro. Read was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on Wednesday, 31st January, when, after the exaltation of Bros. Geo. Seller, J. T. Seller and W. H. Gainforth to the supreme degree, the annual election of officers was held, with the following result:—Comps. Thos. Smurthwaite Z., H. V. Palmer H., the Earl of Zetland J., Wm. Cowling P.Z. Treasurer, T. G. Turner S.E., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S.N., Ralph Davison P.Z. P.S., Jas. Redfare Janitor. There was a good attendance of members, and the proceedings were followed by an excellent supper, at which the M.E. Comp. J. Todd P.Z. presided.

Commercial Lodge, No. 360.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, 19th January, in its own hall, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, Bro. J. Munro R.W.M. in the chair, Bros. J. M. Oliver D.M., Wm. Findley S.W., G. W. Wheeler J.W., J. Smith Sec., G. Scott Tr., A. Patterson S.D., R. Brodie presiding at the harmonium, Harrison acting I.G., and Jas. Minnock Tyler. The Lodge was then raised to the 2nd degree, when Bro. J. M. Oliver, in a most able and efficient manner, passed Bros. Wm. Melville and W. G. Craven to the Fellow Craft degree. The Lodge is fortunate in having so many of its office bearers able and willing to work all the degrees.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, the Head Quarters of the Regiment, on Friday, 26th January. Bro. Frederic Graves W.M. presided, and all the officers were present. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and of a Lodge of Emergency, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Lieut. A. Durrant, P.M. of Lodge No. 1185, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Capt. Eglesse then took the chair, and installed Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner, and the addresses were listened to with earnest attention. The W.M. then preceded to appoint and invest his officers as follow:—Bros. R. G. Webster S.W., A. Everingham J.W., J. Sanderson S.D., F. J. Stohwasser J.D., Quarter-Master W. G. Brighton I.G., Capt. J. Eglesse Hon. Sec., and W. Jolliffe D.C.: Bro. Capt. Helsham was invested as Treasurer. The W.M. then stated that he had a very agreeable duty to perform, which was to present to the I.P.M., Bro. Graves, a jewel, unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, in recognition of the able and satisfactory manner in which he had fulfilled the arduous duties of his year of office; he had had more work to do than any preceding Master in that chair. Bro. Graves briefly thanked the brethren for their kindness; he should always regard the gift with feelings of pleasure, and as a memento of his happy year of office. The sum of £10 was then voted for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. P.M. Adams. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to their magnificent hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, where an excellent banquet was served by their Sutler. After the usual Loyal and Craft toasts had been proposed and responded to, Bro. Capt. Helsham (in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M.) proposed the health of the W.M. in a very eloquent speech. He felt sure that the brethren had elected one who, from his well known amiable qualities, would reflect credit on their choice, and, in conclusion, wished him a happy year of office, with plenty of work. The W.M. said he was quite taken aback by the flattering manner in which his health had been proposed; he felt that he did not merit all the kind things that had been said about

him. However, he begged to assure the brethren that he was not insensible to the honour that had been conferred upon him, or to the important duties attaching to his office. At the same time, if they would afford him their kind co-operation and assistance, he would endeavour to discharge his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the Lodge, so that, at the end of his year of office, he might show that he had deserved the confidence they had been pleased to place in him. The healths of Bros. H. P. Matthews, George Fulcher and John Pash (who had been initiated at a Lodge of Emergency) were then proposed by the W.M., who drew attention to the fact that the Lodge was essentially confined to members of the Regiment, and, therefore, they were always glad to see their comrades join that Lodge in preference to an outside one. He hoped they would become good and deserving Masons, and always regard their admission into the Craft as one of the happiest events of their lives. The "Initiates" song was then sung by Bro. Capt. Eglesse, and afterwards these brethren made suitable responses. In giving the health of the "Visitors," the W.M. said there were upwards of 30 present, most of them were well known in the Masonic world, and some of them held high positions in the Craft. They were always pleased to see visitors there, and they did their best to give them a hearty welcome; this he hoped all had so far experienced. In returning thanks, Bro. Major Charles Harding and Bro. Dr. Ramsay both expressed their thanks for the cordial welcome extended, both to them and the other visitors. In proposing the next toast, "The Past Masters," the W.M. said it was one that was always received with reverence and respect; they were regarded as the strength and stability of the Lodge. Bros. Honey and Griffiths Smith each said a few words in acknowledgment. The Treasurer and Hon. Secretary was then given, and in speaking of the able and zealous services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Capt. Eglesse, as Hon. Secretary, for so many years past, the W.M. congratulated the Lodge on having a brother whose whole heart and soul was in his work; one who was always ready to assist any rising member with the benefit of his Masonic knowledge. Bro. Capt. Helsham, having only recently been elected, had not yet entered on his duties, but they had a guarantee he would take the strictest care of their funds. Both these brethren assured the Lodge that their best energies should be devoted to their respective offices. The health of "the Officers" was responded to by Bros. R. S. Webster S.W., and W. Jolliffe D.C. The evening was made additionally pleasant by some capital singing by Bros. H. P. Matthews, F. H. Cozens, T. W. Simons, and A. Hubbard. There were present, amongst others, Bros. Dr. Ramsay P.M. 259, Major C. Harding P.M. 231, D. W. Pentecost P.M. 231, Lieut. A. Ritchie R.A., W. P. Brown 90, J. Spice, P. Vargues, Webster, Norris, Stannage, and Middlemist P.G.S.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge met on Friday, the 26th of January, at Bro. Kennard's, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Aug. Braun P.M. 766 W.M., J. Davison S.W., Parsons J.W., Rudderforth Preceptor, Gadden S.D., Hayes J.D., Tribbel I.G.; also Bros. Kennard, Shephard, Reddie, Evans and Murch. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. Braun, rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Coates acting as candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the second, and Bros. Coates and Evans answered the questions for raising. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. Rudderforth worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. He then asked the questions in the fourth section, in which Bro. Jas. Davison answered the whole in a most satisfactory manner. Bro. Davison was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the Lodge was then closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting of the above Lodge took place on Tuesday, 30th January, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Bro. Lovelock W.M., W. J. Smith S.W., Perry J.W., Barker S.D., Hewlett J.D., Saunders I.G., Worsley Secretary, and P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Brown 1607, Brown, Defriez, P.M.'s Ashburner, Wright, Bonner, &c. The Lodge was opened, with solemn prayer; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was then occupied by Bro. P.M. Wallington, who worked the installation ceremony, and invested the officers as above; Bro. P.M. Ashburner gave the remainder of the ceremony; both P.M.'s rendering their parts in a clear and impressive manner. The ceremony of initiation was then worked by the W.M. (Bro. Lovelock), Bro. R. Dallas acting as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked the 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. J. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. We hope Bro. Smith will have a good attendance, as the Preceptor justly remarked that it was always very pleasing to hear him do the ceremonies. Although a young member, Bro. Smith is always perfect. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. Lovelock for his able occupancy of the chair for the first time. Bros. Macklin and Wardell, of Lodge Eastern Star, No. 95, and Bro. Coombes, of Lodge Fortitude, No. 12, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned till Tuesday, 6th February, at 7.30 precisely.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1277.—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 26th January. Bros. Cleverley W.M., Lane S.W., Oldroyd J.W., Lupinsky S.D., Townsend J.D., A. W. Fenner I.G., Bolton Treasurer. Lodge was opened in due form, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simpson acting as candidate. Bro. Gross having, through unavoidable circumstances, resigned the Preceptorship of the Lodge, after some discussion it was resolved to accept the same, and the brethren expressed a hope that some brother would kindly offer his services as Preceptor, when, through the medium of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, their want became known to the

brethren at large. This being the first time of the W.M. occupying the chair, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for the creditable manner in which he had filled the same. Bro. Lane was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 26th January, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, and was well attended by the members and visitors. Bros. James Cutbush W.M., occupied the chair, J. Livingston S.W., R. F. Young J.W., J. Lowthin P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, G. Askew Hon. Sec., F. Paterson Organist, F. Venables S.D., C. Gray J.D., J. Euerby I.G., W. Brown S.W., P.M.'s Bros. Edwards, Carter, Terry; Bros. Purrott, Brittain, Whitehouse, Evans, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the Auditor's report was received and unanimously adopted. A board of installed masters was then formed, and Bro. John Livingston S.W., W.M. elect, was regularly installed into the chair, the ceremony being very efficiently performed by Bro. James Terry. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. R. F. Young S.W., F. Venables J.W., P.M. J. Lowthin P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, P.M. Askew Secretary, F. Paterson P.P.G.O. Organist, C. Gray S.D., J. Euerby J.D., C. Allen I.G., W. Brown D.C., and J. Purrott and J. Brittain Stewards. Bro. Goddard was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Cutbush, as a token of esteem and fraternal regard, and for the able manner he had managed the affairs of the Lodge during his year of office. This was very suitably acknowledged. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Fisher's well known admirable manner. Upon the table being cleared, the W.M. proposed the health of the "Queen and Craft" in few but fitting terms, which were received in the usual cordial manner. The national anthem was then sung. The W.M. gave the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, after which the Pro G. Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, whose healths were drank with enthusiasm. The Prov. G.M., Bro. Halsey, was the next toast on the list, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge past and present. The W.M., in giving this toast, said that it afforded him very great pleasure to see so many brethren round the table who held office in Provincial Grand Lodge; he was happy to find so many in his own Lodge who were honoured with the Purple. This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Dr. Iles, the Prov. Grand Secretary for Herts, who replied in most able terms. Other toasts followed, and received due acknowledgment. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Iles P.M. P.G. Sec., W. Gilbert P.G.J.W., Briggs 25, Foord 404, Hickman 228, Selby 157, Webster 1497, Kent 1497, Triggs 157, Hunt 194, Louttit 10, Campkin 403, Willson 403, Boatwright 403, L'Estrange 645, Baker 600, and Fred. Binckes P.G.S., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge met at its new quarters, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, E.C., on Thursday, the 1st instant, when there was a very good attendance of brethren, and a full evening's work. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Shaw, who then requested Bro. James Stevens to take his place, and carry out the business of the evening. This consisted of the rehearsal of the first ceremony, and the working of the whole of the sections of the first lecture. Amongst those present were—Bros. T. Poore Preceptor, Browne S.W., Payne J. W., Spiegel S.D., Goodman J.D., Gladwell I.G.; C. Taylor, Harper, Bain, Blissett, Saul, Frances, Blackie Secretary, Colmer Treasurer. Bro. Taylor officiated as candidate. The accommodating room secured by this Lodge gave great satisfaction, and will, certainly, materially increase the prosperity and popularity of the Lodge.

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at the Town Hall, Dunstable. Present—Bros. F. Howell W.M., T. W. Haselgrove S.W., Randall J.W., Saunders Secretary, Rev. C. Harris Chaplain, Otway S.D., Sinkwell J.D., Cutler Steward, M. Harris I.G., Day Tyler; and Bros. Crew, Beart, Ballans, Monk, Teale, Stevenson, Jones and others. Visitors—Bros. Grigg W.M. 228, Holmes, Patmore, Haselgrove, Inwards, &c. The Lodge having been opened, Bro. Jones was passed, and Bro. Howell W.M. then installed his successor, Bro. Thomas W. Haselgrove, in a very perfect manner, eliciting the thanks of the brethren. Having completed his second year of office, the out-going W.M. was voted an extra bar to his P.M.'s jewel, to record the esteem of the brethren for his courtesy, and to show their appreciation of the manner he had again conducted the business of the Lodge. The new W.M. then appointed his officers, viz.—Randall S.W., Otway J.W., Sinkwell S.D., M. Harris J.D., Cutler I.G., Rev. C. B. Harris Chaplain, Captain Teale Secretary, Cobley Treasurer, Russell D.C., Wood Steward, Day Tyler. The banquet was served by Bro. Saunders, at the Sugar Loaf Hotel, in his best style, and the usual toasts were duly given and responded to.

Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541.—We have on several previous occasions had to chronicle the successful gatherings of this highly prosperous suburban Lodge, but those agreeable re-unions have usually occurred between the spring and autumnal equinoxes, when the surroundings of the now deserted Palace at Muswell Hill have presented a scene of animation and enjoyment. Essentially, the Alexandra Palace is a "summer Lodge," but at the last regular meeting, held in October, there were no fewer than five candidates for Initiation, and a number of brethren awaiting advancement in the superior degrees. The W.M. therefore ordered an Emergency Lodge to be called on Saturday last, and it redounds highly to the credit of the members, and speaks volumes for their enthusiasm in the good

cause, when we record the fact that, despite the miserable weather, and the circumstance that the Palace was entirely closed to the public, the rooms wholly dismantled, the gas cut off, and a communication received from Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, that "no refreshment, except a glass of sherry and a biscuit, could be supplied," there were upwards of thirty brethren present to take part in the three hours work that succeeded. Most of the brethren came by the Great Northern Railway to Wood Green, and had to climb the steep acclivity in the teeth of a driving wind and rain. Arrived in the Palace, all seemed still and death-like, but the Lodge room (which is a splendid apartment in the South East Tower) had been temporarily carpeted, and a cheerful fire (the only one in the vast building) was as bright as it was welcome to the brethren. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Kelly King, Bro. J. Dyte occupied the post of Senior Warden, in the enforced absence of Bro. G. J. Palmer; Bro. E. M. Haigh being in his own chair, as Junior Warden. Bros. J. Lee and Daniel, the Deacons, were in their respective positions, and Bro. Chapman Inner Guard. There were also present Bro. J. R. Stacey, as acting Past Master, Bro. Snelling as acting Secretary, Bros. Lauchin, Matthews, Todd, Dennington, Gutch, Pandon, Rosenberg, Taylor, Stubbins, Sherrington, Cruft, and other brethren, as well as several visitors. The agenda was a heavy one, a Ballot being taken for no less than six candidates, all of whom were elected; there were three candidates for passing to the fellow craft degree, and four aspirants for the third degree, thus rendering it impossible to administer the obligation separately, for which the W.M. is a great stickler. Messrs. R. J. Ward, J. S. Rabenstein and R. F. Gladstone (a cousin of the ex-Premier) were first admitted, and subsequently Messrs. A. Lévé and E. W. Wheeler, after which the whole were entrusted, the ritual being impressively rendered by the W.M. Bro. Stacey, at the request of the W.M., then, in his usually correct manner, advanced Bros. Sherrington and Cruft to the second degree. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the W.M. having resumed the chair, raised Bros. Sidney Pandon, Rosenberg, and Taylor to the sublime degree of Master Masons, thus completing a very hard day's work, which was admirably performed by all concerned, and which may fairly be described as "the pursuit of Masonry under difficulties." The W.M., who had cause to feel highly flattered by so numerous an attendance under such exceptionally adverse circumstances, sent a telegram to town, ordering dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, which was partaken of by 20 of the brethren; while a smaller contingent of "locals," not disposed to re-visit London, dined in the neighbourhood of the Palace.

Bayard Lodge, No. 1615.—This Lodge met on Monday, 29th January, at 33 Golden-square, W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. Somerville Burney W.M. presiding. Bros. Capt. Leeson S.W., Alfred E. T. Watson J.W., Frank Richardson P.M. and Treasurer, Captain Portlock Dadson Secretary, Captain Compton S.D., Robert Tyers J.D., Major Wemyss I.G., James Keene P.M. and M.C., Francis C. Compton Organist; also Bros. Captain N. G. Phillips P.M. 1383, The Chevalier Habicht P.M., Captain T. Norris P.M., Major Skene, C. Malcolm Wood, Walter B. Lethbridge, Captain E. Cecil Johnson, Captain Murray Robertson, Herr Edward Sauerbrey, S. H. d'Avigdor, E. T. R. Tenison P.M., Lamont H. G. Young, F. Graham Bennett, C. P. Kempe, Major Wood, J. E. Mortimer, W. Bezly Thorne, Captain Andrews, Nicholas Herbert, F. Cave Maitland, the Rev. G. Sutton Flack, J. Y. W. Lloyd K.S.G., Edmund B. Bernard, and Arthur Spicer. Visitors—Bros. Kenneth R. Murchison 1383, J. C. Parkinson P.G. Deacon, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.M. 416, P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Chaplain Surrey, Captain Noel Sherson 257, W. H. Maitland 101 Ireland, Hugh H. Riach 357, W.M. 874, P. Prov. Grand Secretary Oxon, Stanley Robinson P.M. 14, and G. E. Wainwright P.M. 165. Six brethren were balloted for as joining members, and one proposed. Bro. Lamont Young was raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. Spicer, Bernard, and the Chevalier Lloyd, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the Rev. George Sutton Flack M.A., and Messrs. Nicholas P. L. Herbert, and F. C. Maitland, were initiated in the mysteries of Freemasonry.

JAMAICA.

Bro. Edward J. Mandon has been elected Worshipful Master of the Friendly Lodge, Jamaica. Bro. W. R. Lee has been elected Worshipful Master of the Sussex Lodge, Jamaica.

Friendly Lodge, Kingston.—The Installation of Worshipful Master and Officers of this Lodge took place on 8th January 1877, when the following officers were duly installed:—Worshipful Edward J. Brandon W.M., Bros. S. S. Lawton S.W., E. De Pass J.W., S. Alexander Treasurer, S. Wolfe Secretary, M. Delgado S.D., E. Finzi J.D., S. Mordecai I.G., G. Magnus Tyler. The following Past Masters were present, and assisted in the ceremony—Worshipful A. De Cordova, M. Ross, G. C. H. Lewis "Friendly Lodge," Worshipful Kennedy Binki Dicis "Glenlyon Lodge," Worshipful Tait "Sussex Lodge," Worshipful O. Delgado jun. "Phoenix Lodge."

Glenlyon Lodge, Kingston.—The Installation of Officers of this Lodge took place on 13th December, when the following officers were duly installed:—Right Worshipful B. M. Dias W.M., Bros. J. Pollack S.W., Dr. Cotter J.W., S. Stuartmell Treasurer, J. Mitchell Secretary, Turner S.D., Smedmore J.D., Hoyes I.G., D. Carter Tyler. Several Past Masters were present, and assisted in the ceremony. Worshipful B. M. Dias has served this Lodge as Master three times, and has won the good will of the members.

Caledonian Lodge, Port Maria.—The Installation of Officers of this Lodge took place on 14th December, when the

following officers were duly installed:—Right Worshipful D. N. Berwick W.M., T. G. Mesquita I.P.M., A. Levy D.M., Bros. T. Dias S.W., H. Hore J.W., J. Nelson Treasurer, T. Facey Secretary, C. Austin S.D., T. De Pass J.D., J. Hinds I.G., N. Cathbert Tyler. Several Past Masters were present, and assisted in the ceremony. A banquet took place, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and were heartily responded to.

Friendly Holy Royal Arch Chapter.—At an ordinary Convocation of the above Chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall, on 27th November 1876. Present:—Most Excellent A. De Cordova Z., J. J. G. Lewis H., J. Ashmieu J. This being the night for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following were proposed and elected:—Most Excellent Companions J. J. G. Lewis Z., J. Ashmieu H., G. C. H. Lewis J., Edw. Brandon S.E., M. Ashmieu S.N., S. S. Lawton P.S., E. Wolfe Treasurer, G. Magnus Janitor.

NEW ZEALAND.

AFTER a weary and hopeless illness of many months' duration, Bro. John Millar, F.S.A., in his 69th year, died on Wednesday, 15th November, at Rook Villa, Nelson Haven (N.Z.). The deceased was a native of Ulster, Belfast, Ireland, and his long life, although somewhat troubled towards its close, was one of great practical utility. Educated as a civil engineer, Bro. Millar, by his talents and unwearied application to the details of his profession, established for himself at a comparatively early age a reputation. In 1848 he was entrusted with the construction of the whole of the sewerage and a great part of the general public works designed and carried out in Londonderry, under the City Improvement Act, and upon their successful completion in 1853 received a very flattering acknowledgment of his services, signed by the mayors of the city that had held office during the time the works were in progress. Induced by the splendid opening caused by the gold discoveries in Victoria, Bro. Millar came out to Melbourne in 1854, and almost immediately received a lucrative and important appointment in connection with the water supply of the city, and it was from his plans, and under his direct superintendence, that the River Plenty Tunnel was completed, pronounced by the *Argus* a work of much more difficult execution than the celebrated Croton Aqueduct in New York. While this work was in progress Bro. Millar was compelled to make a voyage to England, and upon his return was wrecked in the ill-fated Schomberg, lost upon the Australian coast on the night of the 25th December 1855. Upon this occasion the deceased was instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow-passengers. He kept order when it was most needful, was the first to volunteer to take one of the ship's boats to search for a landing-place on the rock-bound coast, and after an unsuccessful search at great personal risk prevented the boats being overcrowded, when the passengers were ultimately rescued by a passing vessel. For his exertions he was presented by the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society with the gold medal, a splendid memorial casket, and an illuminated address. The presentation was made by Sir Henry Barkly, at the Government offices, Melbourne, on November 26, 1858. In 1857, the late Bro. Millar was appointed Engineer-in-Chief to the Water Supply and Sewerage Commission of Geelong, and performed the work to the unqualified satisfaction of his employers, as proved by a letter written upon the completion of the improvements, and signed by the Commissioners and Civic authorities. He also filled situations that demanded the exercise of very great ability in Melbourne, Brighton, and Hotham, in all of which he seems to have given entire satisfaction. In 1863 he commenced his New Zealand career by accepting the appointment of City Engineer at Dunedin; but in this, as in his subsequent engagements with the authorities of Wanganui and Nelson, very serious differences seem to have arisen between employers and employed; and the reason for these unfortunate contentions may be found in the inability of the authorities to carry out in their entirety the elaborate but thoroughly efficient designs of their surveyor. He was the author of several valuable professional works, and many of the largest public buildings throughout Victoria owe their symmetry to the labour of his pencil.

"Men's evil manners live in brass; their virtues
We write in water."

And possibly in this respect the memory of our brother will share the common destiny. He had imperfections, no doubt, and enemies; but against these—more than balanced—are his many sterling qualities, and the large circle of firm friends, who will sincerely regret his loss.

"So may he rest; his faults lie gently on him."

The remains of the late brother were interred at Stoke, on the 17th. In compliance with the last wishes of the deceased, as expressed to Bro. W. M. Stanton, the funeral was conducted according to the Masonic custom, and the body was attended to its last resting-place by a great number of the members of the Southern Star Lodge. The funeral procession was met at the gate of the churchyard by his lordship the bishop, who read the service in the church and at the grave. The Masonic service was then read by the W.M. Bro. Moutray, and the bishop pronounced the benediction. During the long illness that preceded his decease, he had most persistently expressed a wish to be buried beside the late lamented Bro. the Rev. F. C. Simmons, and in this respect the wish was fulfilled to the letter, and the graves of the friends in life are only a few feet apart.

Deceased had been an officer of the Grand Lodge of Otago, and was also a Companion Royal Arch, and an ardent and thorough Freemason, his dying thoughts being given thereto, as clearly expressed after words had failed our brother.

From files of the *New Zealand Herald* to hand up to the

15th December, we take the following items of intelligence :—

On 28th Nov., Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker P.M., of Lodge Ara I.C., and one of the founders of Freemasonry in the colony, was affiliated in Lodge Sir Walter Scott, S.C., preparatory to his taking the position of Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution in the North Island of New Zealand, for which he has been nominated by all the Lodges interested and holding under the Scottish Constitution. The W.M. and officers of the Corinthian Lodge, E.C., and those of the Lodge of Light, I.C., together with a large number of visiting brethren attended, and the Freemason's Hall, in which the ceremony was held, was crowded to excess. The R.W.M., Bro. the Rev. James Hill, performed the impressive ceremony of affiliating the distinguished brother, after which the Lodge was called off, and re-assembled in half an hour to partake of an excellent banquet. The R.W.M. of the Lodge (the Rev. J. Hill) presided, and the guest of the evening was seated at the right of the R.W.M., and His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Macdonald) on his left.

At the monthly meeting of Lodge Sir Walter Scott, No. 533, S.C., held in the Freemasons' Hall, Grahamstown, on 21st November, the following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months :—Bros. T. L. Murray R.W.M., Rev. J. Hill R.W.P.M., A. Aitken W.D.M., G. Black P.M. W.G.M., W. Wilkinson W.S.W., J. Fotheringham W.J.W., W. Carrick Treasurer, R. Skeen Secretary, J. Emmerson S.D., H. Moore J.D., G. Kerr I.G., T. Rawden Tyler, Rev. J. Hill Chaplain and Lecturer, G. Pitkethley Bible Bearer, J. M. McLaren Architect, H. J. Weeks Organist and Director of Music, Charles Weston Jeweller, A. Brodie R.W.P.M. Director of Ceremonies, H. C. Gillespie and H. H. Wright Auditors, W. Laurie (President), W. Fisher, J. Forgie, George Wilson, J. G. Murray Stewards.

The following is from the *Newport Mercury*, Rhode Island, U.S. America :—

"The oldest Mason, so far as is known, is Francis Brinley Fogg, now residing in Memphis, Tenn. He was made in St. Paul's Lodge, No. 14, in 1817, and is one of the charter members of the present St. Paul's Lodge. Next comes S. Ayrault Robinson, now of Wakefield, who was made in St. John's Lodge in 1819; William S. Clarke, Providence, St. John's, 1822; Freeman Mayberry, Newport, St. John's, 1824. Captain George Howland, of this city, was made a Mason in Mount Vernon Lodge, Providence, in 1821."

There is now residing at Hayle, Cornwall, an older Mason than either of the above, in the person of Bro. Nicholas Donnithorne, who was born at Marazion, July 1789, and was initiated in the Royal Cornwall Militia Lodge, No. 618, now 330, "One and All," Bodmin, on the 6th April 1812. Bro. Donnithorne comes from a Masonic stock, his father having been a member of the Craft for many years, and who died in 1803.

Is there an older Mason in England?

PRESENTATION TO BRO. F. WALTERS, P.G.J.D. MIDDLESEX, P.M. 73., &c.

ON Saturday evening, 27th January, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, a few friends met, under the able presidency of Bro. John Baxter Langley, W.M. 1423, to do honour to Bro. F. Walters, who was invited to the dinner. Punctually at the time named, the dinner was commenced. After the removal of the cloth, the first toast, "The Queen," was given and responded to. Then followed the health of Bro. Frederick Walters, whose twenty-eight years of service in the cause of Freemasonry—and especially to the Masonic Charities—was fully dwelt upon, in an able speech, by the Chairman, who asked Bro. F. Walters to accept a handsome purse (the gift of Bro. G. Kenning), in which was a sum of £150; and, also, an elaborate silver inkstand, the cost of which brought the value of the testimonial to nearly £200. The monies were subscribed by several Lodges and Chapters to which Bro. Walters belongs; also, by many members of his various Lodges, &c. Bro. Walters thanked the brethren for the handsome testimonial they had presented him. He said that, during his Masonic career, he had had given him, by a relative (a brother Mason) three hundred guineas, and he might say he had received quite five hundred guineas in worth over his testimonials. He expressed his gratitude for the presents they were bestowing on him. The toasts of "The Chairman" (Bro. J. B. Langley), "The Secretary of the Fund" (Bro. J. W. Baldwin A.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1423, &c.), J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex, P.M. 169, were given and ably responded to. The final toast, "To our next merry meeting," brought a pleasant evening to a close. Bros. J. T. Moss, T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex P.M. 75, &c. (an old initiate of Bro. Walters), and E. H. Thiellay made excellent speeches in favour of Bro. Walters. There were also present :—Bros. E. W. Devereux S.D. 1423, B. Wright Asst. Sec. 1423, J. Johnson, J. Rainor 1423, H. Gloster, J. N. Watkins, A. Rollington 1326, G. J. Lee P.M. 1307, and some few others. The testimonial originated from the "Era" Lodge 1423, and was well carried out by them. Bro. Frederick Walters is a son and grandson of Masons; his father and grandfather were initiated in Ireland.

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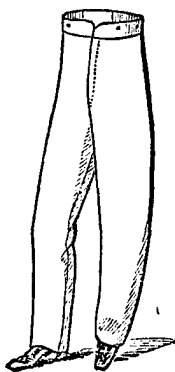
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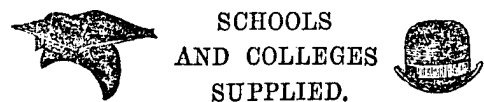
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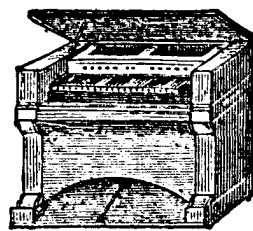
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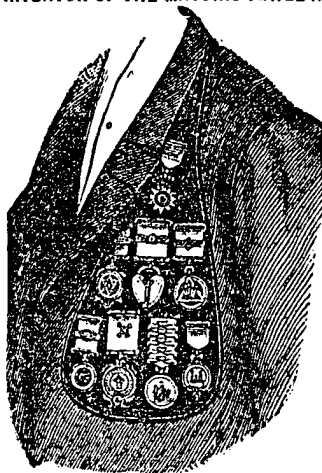


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