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A YEAR'S RETROSPECT.

TITH the present number, which completes our Twentieth Volume, we reach the close of the year 1884, and a brief space may profitably be devoted to a comparison of the position now occupied by the Craft with what it was at the corresponding period of 1883. The events which have transpired in the interval are for year which is now closing may be said to have been one of sound substantial progress, unredeemed, it may be, by any circumstances of an unusually brilliant character, but at the same time undisturbed by any internal discords or any attacks from without which would be likely to cause pain or anxiety to the loyal Mason. Be it our present task to show that these statements are not exaggerated, and that so far as there is any difference perceptible in the fortunes of the Craft now as compared with the close of the year 1883, that difference is clearly to our advantage.

If we carry back our recollection to last Christmas we may haply remember that prominent among the brighter anticipations we had formed for the then approaching new year was that of witnessing H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, presiding as chairman at the Eighty-sixth Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. His Royal Highness had previously rendered the same service for our two other Institutions, though, in the case of the and but for the untoward circumstances just alluded to, would have advocated the claims of the Institution for old anticipation of last Christmas was never realised. Nor does the sorrow caused by the failure of this one expectation convey an adequate idea of the loss sustained through of our Charities, and one to whom, in the efflux of time, range of possibility. occupied similar positions to his late Royal Highness have died during the year—Col. Lloyd-Philipps Prov. G.M. of South Wales (Western Division), and the Marquis of Londonderry Prov. G.M. of Durham. Both of these had was unable to effect anything to our detriment, still less

done good suit and service to the Craft, the former having held his office since 1873, and the latter since 1880. Both were Craftsmen of long standing and great experience, and both had signalised their regard for our Institutions by presiding, the one at the Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund in 1882, and the other at that of the Boys' School in 1881. Again, this time last year we had in our midst such bright particular stars as Bros. John Havers, the most part of an ordinary character; that is to say, P.G.J.W., Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, P.G. Treasurer, nothing has happened that was calculated to unduly elate and H. C. Levander, P.G. Deacon, all active participators or depress the friends and supporters of the Royal Art, in our doings, and all in appearance likely to continue as except perhaps in this one fact, that the number of distin- such for some years longer. But their accustomed places guished brethren who have passed away is exceptionally in Grand and private Lodges and Chapters are vacant, and large. There has been a steady, if not a remarkable, we have entirely lost the services of John Havers, increase in the numerical strength of the various sections presumed to be the greatest authority of our time on Conof Freemasonry, while already existing Lodges and stitutional Masonry, of John Creaton, the able and busy Chapters appear to have confirmed their position, if indeed they have not succeeded in extending it. In fact, the man of rare linguistic and scientific attainments, the ripe scholar, but unostentations withal, who never seemed so contented as when playing his part in one or other branches of his beloved Masonry. Among the lesser lights who have gone must be mentioned Bro. Sir Michael Costa P.G.J.W. and P.G.O., the Rev. A. R. Ward P.G. Chaplain, Captain Platt P.G.J.W., W. Hickman P.G.A.D.C. D.P.G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, H. S. Alpass P.G. Standard Bearer and Provincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashire, and D. M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary of Mark Grand Lodge, with John Southwood P.M. P.Z., Joseph Skeaf, James Milledge, E. B. Grabham, J. N. Goepel, George Buckland and others, all well known in the spheres in which they severally moved, and all respected members of good standing in the Craft.

The principal result thus far of the wholesale denunciations of Freemasonry contained in the Encyclical issued in April last by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. has been the publication of numerous pamphlets and other ephemeral Benevolent Fund, the unfavourable state of his health literature of a similar character. As regards Masons had compelled him at the very last moment to abandon his themselves they have for the most part been contented promise. Had his life been spared, therefore, we should with formulating protests more or less temperate have heard him advocating the claims of our Boys' School, and dignified against this unprovoked assault on their fair as erewhile he had advocated those of the Girls' School, fame. Thus, at the meeting of our Grand Lodge in June, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, who occupied the throne, in a speech, which was as remarkable for the men and women. But death intervened, and the bright firmness of its tone as it was for the moderation of its language, moved a resolution expressive of the regret felt by Grand Lodge at the wholesale attack made in the Encyclical on a body such as the Freemasons of this country, were the sudden death of the Queen's youngest son. So far as known to be, and which exhibits so much respect for religion, his heath and strength permitted, Prince Leopold had so much loyalty for the established institutions of the country, taken an active part in everything connected with Free- and so sincere a love for the precepts and practices of masonry. He was a kind and considerate ruler, a promising morality. It is needless to say the resolution was passed student of our abstruse mysteries, an ardent supporter without a single dissenting voice. As for the feeling outside the Lodges, it is probable that brethren have been we had for some time past been looking forward as the amused rather than annoyed by so violent an outburst of probable occupant of a still higher and more influential | Pontifical spleen. There was a time, perhaps, when a position in the Craft. But the kindly ruler has left us papal fulmination against Freemasonry might have been never to return, and what might have been is beyond the received with certain misgivings as to the effects it would Nor is Prince Leopold's death produce on the Craft. But that day has long since gone the only loss which Masonry has sustained during the past by, and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry pursues the even tenour twelve months. Two other distinguished brethren, who of its way under these most terrible assaults from the papacy without concerning itself for a single moment about the

satisfied with the effects of his denunciations.

more immediate concerns of the Craft, and in considering these we shall find that, in England at all events, its position compared with what it was last year has been appreciably strengthened. There are now some fifty more Lodges on the roll, and the bulk of these are distributed among the Provinces and in the Districts abroad, very many of them, indeed, having been set up in localities hitherto unoccupied. There has likewise been a somewhat similar progress in Arch and Mark Masonry, the latter in particular having strengthened itself by the erection of three new Provinces, while in the case of the former, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., is Provincial G. Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons in Gloucestershire as well as Prov. G. Master of Craft Masonry. The offices of Prov. Grand Master and Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire are both vacant by the resignation of Sir H. Edwards, while Companion J. Neal York is Prov. G. Supt. of Cambridgeshire in place of the late Comp. Deighton. As regards the other Masonic degrees, there has been some slight but steady progress made in all of them, new bodies having been constituted from time to time during the twelvemonth. The most noteworthy change perhaps is the withdrawal of the Great Priory of Canada from Convent General, and its erection into a separate and independent jurisdiction by itself. Canada had previously been independent in everything but the name, and even had it been otherwise no detriment to Masonic Templary would have been the consequence. So, too, with the independent G. Lodge of South Australia, which has been established by the almost unanimous concurrence of the Lodges holding under the Mother Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively. There must be a diminution in the number of our Lodges, but the strength of Masonry in the Colony remains unimpaired, if indeed it has not shown by the constitution of additional Lodges a marked increase of its original strength. The dispute between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Mark Grand Lodge of England is still in progress, while the correspondence which was read at the Grand Lodge in the early part of the present month makes it clear that the sphere of this contention is on the eve of being enlarged so as to include the Craft Grand Lodges of the two jurisdictions. Thus, no matter to what branch of Masonry we turn our attention, we find unmistakable evidences of general prosperity, which, but for the personal losses we have specified, would have been without allo

Our next duty will be to offer some remarks on our Institutions. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at the usual date in February. The chair was taken by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, in the unavoidable absence through illness of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, who had kindly undertaken that important duty, and in the course of the evening a list of subscriptions was announced which in the result amounted to £14,665. The consequence of this handsome total being realised was that the Male Annuitants were increased in the following May from 165 to 170, and the Female Annuitants from 167 to 182. In May, Lord Brooke M.P., P.G.M. of Essex, presided at the Festival of the Girls School. The chairman's Province supported him loyally, and Bro. Hedges had the satisfaction of announcing the total of Subscriptions as being £13,037. It should be stated that, on the prize day held in connection with this Festival, the prizes were distributed by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who expressed herself delighted with the manner in which the School was conducted. In June was held the Festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., Lord Mayor of London, and Grand Junior Warden of England, occupied the chair, and the total announced by Bro. Binckes was £14,061, or as it ultimately proved, over £14,100. Thus the three Festivals for 1884 yielded only a little short of £42,000, which even compared with the more astounding success of the previous year, must be set down as a most brilliant achievement. As regards the Preparatory School at Wood Green, the ground has been purchased, and the new buildings are well on their way towards completion, so that we may look forward for some time to come to there being more moderate lists of candidates for admission.

In bringing this survey to a close we shall take the

likely is it that the Pope of 1884 will have reason to be this week we complete the Tenth Year of our existence, and we flatter ourselves that during that period we have It is time, however, that we gave our attention to the done our best, and with a fair amount of success, to fulfil the purposes with which we started. Our chief labour has been directed towards promoting the welfare of the Institutions, and we are presumptuous enough to believe that our efforts have not been employed in vain. We have likewise done what else we could to further the interests of the Craft generally, and if only there were more enthusiasm among the brothren on behalf of their. representative organs, the measure of our satisfaction would be greater. However, what we have done, we have done, and it remains for us to express a hope that the year on which we are about to enter may prove as prosperous as that to which we are bidding farewell. To our readers and the Craft everywhere we present our Hearty Good Wishes for the New Year.

FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA, 1730-1808.

By Bro. Wm. James Hughan.

NOBLE volume has just been completed by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of which the distinguished Craftsman Bro. C. E. Meyer is the Chairman. It is impossible, in a short article, to indicate all the various attractions which are to be found in the sumptuously gotten up book now before me, for they are so numerous that only the chief of them can be enumerated, and besides which The Keystone has already mentioned its special features. I am glad to note, however, that additional copies have been printed, beyond those required for subscribers, the volume being issued in cloth, for £1 (4.50 dols. for America) including postage.

The publication of the "Proceedings" was commenced in 1877, so that seven years have been occupied in the preparation and issue of the four parts which make up the volume, and it is fortunate that there was no undue haste in its issue, as one of the chief features is the Philadelphia St. John's Lodge Ledger, 1731-8, which was only made known to the Masonic world in February of this year, by

the Editor of The Keystone.

The introduction, by Bro. Meyer, covers the whole ground of the commencement and early history of the Masonic Craft in America, the illustrative documents being especially valuable, such as the copies of the several deputations to Daniel Coxe, as Prov. Grand Master of "New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania," of the 5th June 1730, and Henry Price, as Prov. Grand Master in New England, 30th April 1733. The former was certified by the Grand Sec. of England, but the latter is taken from the Proceed. ings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1871—the original, I believe, not being known or certified by any English authority. The probability seems to be that "St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia," was formed "in the fall of 1730," by authority from Bro. Coxe, Provincial Grand Master, before the Warrant was obtained from the Grand Lodge of England, though evidently the latter was granted as No. 79, but apparently never used. It is certainly remarkable to find that there were "several Lodges of Freemasons erected" in Pennsylvania in 1730 (according to the evidence of the Gazette printed by Benjamin Franklin), of which we have no account in this country; not that such a fact is unusual as respects Freemasonry in America, for it was almost the exception to send reports and due remittances to this country in the early part of last century. The Ledger* of "St. John's Lodge" has been brought to the light since the "Introduction" was written, and affords an extraordinary confirmation of the opinions expressed by Bros. MacCalla, Meyer, and others as to the early existence of Lodges in the "City of Brotherly Love." In fact, the contention of the racy Keystone is supported so thoroughly, that now it cannot be doubted but that there were Lodges in Philadelphia, so far as evidence goes, at least three years before they are met with elsewhere in America. Of course, one point remains to be settled, and that is their legality of origin, but at this advanced period such a query is much more easily started than settled. A Provincial Grand Lodge for Pennsylvania only, seems to

^{*} We have, by special favour of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania. opportunity of pointing out as regards ourselves that with one of the fac-similes issued by his authority (100 only in folio).

response to the wishes "of the several other Brethren" Young, Knight and Dr. Egle) will be most warmly residing in those parts.* How this was brought about we appreciated, and be welcomed wherever Freemasonry is cial Grand Master, and other men of the standing of composing the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania owe a lasting Benjamin Franklin took part therein, I quite think, with debt of gratitude to this Committee, for the thorough and Bro. MacCalla, that "their character guarantees the cha-able manner in which the work has been accomplished. racter of their Masonic proceedings," and the careful perusal of the weighty evidence supplied by Bro. Meyer strengthens such a belief. Besides which, this same Brother, Chief Justice Wm. Allen, was appointed Prov. Grand Master in 1749 by Lord Byron, Grand Master of England, so that the Province clearly was on good terms with the home anthorities, and if Chief Justice Allen had acted improperly in 1731, he would not have been so honoured by Lord Byron in 1749.

There may, of course, have been Lodges in New York and New Jersey by virtue of Coxe's deputation, but as to that there is no evidence whatever. Bro. Coxe was recognised as Provincial Grand Master by the Grand Lodge of England in its Books of Records and Constitutions, hence any Lodges he founded were legal ones, whether he transmitted the fees or not, for if the legality of Lodges in America be dependent upon the fees being paid at headquarters, so far as the last century is concerned, I fear there are few that can stand such a test. According to the evidence of the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, the "first money received from a Lodge in America was on the 8th of March 1754, Royal Exchange, Borough of Norfolk, Virginia;"† though, as we know, several were constituted years before then. The existence of the Ledger of 1731-8, and the fact of Coxe's appointment, appear to me to suggest regularity and respectability, whatever may be the difficulties attending inquiries as to their Masonic character at the present time.

There must have been very many Freemasons in America in 1734, to have induced Bro. Franklin to reprint the Constitutions of 1723 in that year. The volume however before me is brimful of other valuable matter which cannot fail to interest the Masonic student. The Table of Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania, 1730 to 1880 (a period of one hundred and fifty years), prepared by Bro. Meyer, is a most valuable compilation, and several of the notes are particularly interesting and curious. The oldest Lodge on the present Roll is No. 2, Philadelphia, granted by the "Atholl" Grand Lodge as No. 69, by Warrant dated 7th June 1758, the No. 1 being for a Provincial Grand Lodge Warrant of 15th June 1761 (lost in transit, and another granted of date 20th June 1764). The first mentioned was the premier "Atholl" Lodge granted for any part of the United States—the first for any part of America being for the Provincial Grand Lodge and two subordinate Lodges, in Nova Scotia.‡ There are 555 Lodges described in the list. I do not find any record, however, of No. 177 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, "St. John, Philadelphia," 1773 (circa), and erased in 1816, and I have failed to trace it in any way. The "Proceedings" printed extend from 1779 to 1808, and various documents are given from the year 1730, one being a subscription list for the first Masonic Hall in America, 13th March 1754. The extracts from the "Royal Arch Lodge," No. 3, Philadelphia, are inserted from 1767 to 1780, and the "Ahiman Rezon" of 1783 is carefully reprinted, the frontispiece being also reproduced, which is similar to the English edition of 1764.

The plates, which are all good, comprise portraits of Bros. Daniel Coxe, Provincial Grand Master, 1730, &c., Benjamin Franklin, Provincial Grand Master, 1734 and 1749, the Rev. William Smith, D.D., Grand Secretary; and John Thomson, Grand Master, 1861-2 (and late Grand Secretary). The fac-simile of letter from Bro. George Washington, which is in possession of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (of 27th December 1796), is a valuable relic indeed, and certainly is the unique attraction of the volume. I am quite certain that the completion of this extensive undertaking by Bro. Meyer, and his Brethren of

have been started in 1731 or thereabouts, doubtless in the Committee (Bros. Mucklé, Dr. Wyckoff, Reynolds, Young, Knight and Dr. Egle) will be most warmly do not know, but as Bro. William Allen was the Provin-studied and valued as it deserves to be. The members

-Keystone.

GOOD AND TRUE.

T has been said that Freemasonry is not a religious Institution. In a distinctive sense, as an organized body, this may be true; but when we study well and thoroughly the principles and lessons imparted within our sacred walls, we find that they embody the very essence of all religion. It was once said by an eminent divine that the essence of any religion, worthy the name is, "To be right and do right;" and I here affirm that the comprehensive whole of Freemasonry teaches its votaries "to be good and true men." A member of this grand old Order, who has been twenty-four hours within its precincts, and failed to see that this is the aeme of its teachings, must indeed be dull of comprehension.

The very first step, when properly understood, is one of the grandest and most impressive lessons ever presented to the mind of man. We are there taught that before we can reach the sublimity and perfection of Freemasonry, we must become, as it were, a little child, to be led by other hands and begin life anew-" to become a new creature." We must there, before we enter the gate of the sacred temple, leave behind us every habiliment that would hinder us in our upward course to the good man and the true. We are there to be divested of the vices and superfluities, thus far accumulated in life, and be received within the ranks, alone, for what good there is in us. This first lesson of Masonry—this first principle—is the first step in the Christian religion, the highest type of religion proclaimed throughout the intelligent world to-day. But the grandeur and the beauty of the manner in which we impart this lesson, must be apparent to every one, when we consider that religious sects and denominations embody the lesson in language, written or spoken, which always has been, and of necessity always must be, a source of various interpretations, while we clothe it in the sublime habiliments of symbolism, which stands a silent monument of truth to be read and comprehended by men of all

religions, by men everywhere, and by men in all ages.

The great London divine said, "The world never has been able to receive spiritual instruction, except through symbolical teaching." The Great Teacher, the founder of the Christian religion, taught in parables and symbols. So Masonry is a system of morals, or "religion," veiled in allegory and impressed in symbols. From the youngest Entered Apprentice to the Grand Master in the East, the Masonic traveller sees truth everywhere clothed in beauty, symmetry and grandeur, and by applying these to his every-day life, he is enabled to rise to that station, than which none can go higher, that of a "good man and true." The candidate, in passing through the labyrinths of initiation, has opened up to him a vast field of research and knowledge. His guide points out to him here the croppings of a mine, buried deep beneath the surface, containing an inexhaustible supply of precious truths awaiting development by the carnest, thoughtful philosopher; there a boundless, unexplored region of lakes, and ivers, and mountains, and forests, many portions of w have never yet been trod by the foot of man, offering a rich reward to the daring explorer. Yonder, a beautiful woodland, through which quietly flows the softly murmuring brook, in whose leafy bowers the feathery songster warbles forth his sweetest lay, and whose shady dells invite him to sweet repose. Research, and a desire to do good, should be the motive of every man who knocks at our door for admittance. But all good men are not Masons. and it is equally true that not all Masons are good men. Nor is the grandeur and excellency of Masonry any the less real in its purposes because some in its ranks have neglected its precepts, and trailed its banner in the dust. This should only increase the zeal of those who have the good of Masonry at heart, and cause them to be more vigilant at the outer gate of the temple. And here allow

^{*}See the Keystone, Oct. 11, 1884; also "Early History of St. John's Lodge," by Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, 1884; and the valuable volume, Grand Lodge Proceedings, &c., for 1730-1880.

[†] See Bro. Brennan's "General History of Freemasonry" &c., 1883. pp 359-464.

[‡]Letter to Bro. Jacob Norton, 31st August 1870.

me to answer the objection so often urged against Masonry, that mean men are found within its ranks. The fact we dare not deny; but is it an objection at all? Glance over the history of even Christianity itself. What an appalling record of bigotry and intolerance, and persecution-of rack and wheel, and fagot-of suspicion, imprisonment, and murder-of greed and luxury, and sensuality-of ruined homes and families destroyed, and years on years of bloody warfare waged with malignant and devilish cruelty in the name of the Prince of Peace. Suffer all these unquestionable facts of history to come home to your mind and conscience, and then because here and there one of our members has proven unworthy of the trust imposed in him, because now and then some brother, after, you know not what tremendous struggle with temptation, has fallen from his high estate; for this I say reprove the Order if you dare.

Older even than Christianity itself, in its visible form at least, Masonry has never been intolerant of other sects, or societies, or orders—never broken any sensitive forms upon the wheel, or crisped and roasted delicate flesh with fagot and stake—never as a class of men rioted in gluttony and brutal lust--never dispersed a family, or organised a war on any pretext. All along the ages, its path has been marked by loyalty to truth and honour and justice; by moderate councils, and unbroken faith, and mutual good will; by unpretentious and unheralded deeds of charity and mercy, and loving-kindness, which do honour to the whole human family. But they will tell us, the iniquities and abuses, the wars and torturings, whereof I have spoken, are not the product of Christianity itself—they were the sins and crimes of individuals for which Christianity is in no wise responsible. Granted. But "by the same measure that ye mete it shall be measured unto you." "Do ye unto others as you would that others should do unto you."

Yet Masonry is not a reformatory institution, notwithstanding the fact that our obligations when once assumed cannot be lightly laid aside. It is not a foundling hospital to gather up the outcasts of society, to make men of them. There is nothing truer than that men are known by the company they keep; therefore Masonry will be known and measured in every locality by the character of those who are admitted to membership, and not by its intrinsic worth or value. There is no principle more clearly taught in Masonry, than that men should be Masons at heart, before they are permitted to pass the threshold of our sacred precincts.

The reports of our investigating committees too often read something like this: "We have investigated the character of the applicant, and find nothing that would prevent him becoming a Freemason," which simply means that he has nothing prominent about him at all, but is a kind of an easy, good-for-nothing member of society, with not a single point in his character to call forth opposition from any one. Of all the useless men in society, the most worthless is he of whom it is said, "He hasn't an enemy in the world." Such men will be worthless drones in any society, much less should they be admitted into that Order whose prominent members have made it the wonder of all ages. In this life of warfare there are two opposing lines -the good and the evil, and no man can take a prominent position in the one without creating for himself enemies in the other; neither does any man come well recommended, until he has taken a stand in society that will prove to the Fraternity that he is a champion for the good and the true. It is a truism which must be universally admitted, that the interests of the Order imperatively demand the highest traits of character in every one who voluntarily assumes to wear its charitable mantle. We admit there are some who clothe themselves in its raiment the better to accomplish their selfish ends. The fair temple of Masonry has no room for such men, and they have but a faint conception of the objects and purposes of the institution, who thus seek to debase it to their own level. I repeat, that there is no place in the sacred temple for selfish schemes. They belong with the idlers and vagabonds who infest life's highways, and who make night hideous with the robber's cry that the world owes them a living. The Order owes to the one what the world owes to the other. We want only men who will lift high the banner of Freemasonry, with its creed written thereon in clear and lofty language, which needs no argument to illustrate its principles, and no eloquence to enforce its obligations.—Voice of Masonry.

SECRECY.

THE bitterest enemy of Freemasonry never presents as a reason for its overthrow any evils it has done, but always its secrecy. I use the word "always" in a general sense, and not as an absolute qualification. The latest indictment made against it, one fresh in your minds, is based not on the evils, but on the good it has done—yes, it has been a powerful agency in the promotion of education, and no institution has done more to promote liberty and free men from the trammels of ignorance and of civil and ecclesiastical tyranny than Freemasonry.

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"Its secrecy!" In this an argument against it? It is true that Masonry does its work in secret, but we have never concealed our principles or designs. Masonry upholds and supports everything that is calculated to promote the happiness and best interests of mankind, and also requires us to recognize that we are under obligations of duty to God, our neighbour and ourselves. member of a family would not repel impertinent curiosity, should it attempt to penetrate the secrets of the family What man of respectability would allow a stranger to listen to his private conversation with his wife and children about domestic affairs. We, too, have our family circle, our domestic affairs, and we, too, repel impertinent curiosity as to such. There is no man but has some secret hid away in the depths of his heart, and notwithstanding the claim that a woman cannot keep a secret, I do not believe there is one of you before me who has not her secret held and kept as secure and inviolate in your breast as even in that of a man.

Every conscience and every church, every society, every organisation, every party—political, religious or otherwise, even that time-honoured and revered one, the head of which has so recently promulgated the indictment before alluded to—has its secrets upon which the sun is not allowed to shine for other eyes.

As our Brother, Scotland's bonny bard, says in reference to this feature of Masonry, whatever we may freely tell a bosom crony,

"But still keep something to yoursel' Ye scarcely tell to ony."

The great tenets of a Freemason's profession are brotherly love, relief and truth; these we publish to the world. Our family secrets belong to ourselves, and do not directly or indirectly concern any one else.

The secrets of Masonry, so far as its obligations, its unwritten rituals and its tiled doors are concerned, are but the outward defences thrown around our Institution, and are necessary to preserve it from the approach of the impostor, the unworthy and its other foes, and every Mason should be proficient therein, and have a thorough knowledge of these defences. As one has said, "They are but the casket that contains the precious jewel, the hull that contains the kernel, the shell that preserves the egg." The destruction of the one is the exposure to ruin of the other.

There is another part of Masonry, aside from its outward defences, in which secrecy enters. It is its Charities, and it were better if in the Church and society generally the injunction, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth," were as carefully heeded. The brother in distress, or those having claims upon us through him, can come to us for aid without having the whole world know of it. Masonic charity is not of the "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" kind.

And, my sister, is there nothing for you in Masonry? Mother, wife, widow, sister and daughter, is there not something in Masonry for you? Aye, there is; and if the cry of distress from one of you reach the ear of a true Mason, let that right arm wither if it be not raised for your relief, for your defence, for your succour.

In the two particulars referred to secrecy enters into Freemasonry, and how can it be urged as an element of danger? It is its defence and crown, its protection and glory, and I am willing to stand by it to the end, proud of my connection with the grand old Fraternity, and ready to grasp by the hand a brother, be he what he may, only that he recognizes the Great Architect of the Universe his dependence upon the Supreme Being, and the principles of the true brotherhood of man.—

G.M. W. A. Brodie.

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OLD MASONS AND YOUNG.

ME Fraternity of Freemasons is composed of Brethren of all ages, as well as of all professions, ranks and stations. A man is never too young to be made a Mason, and never too old to take delight in its ceremonies, its principles, and its companionship. It is even permissible for a Grand Master, in the exercise of one of his peculiar prerogatives, to make a "youth under age" a Mason; but this is an authority which is rarely exercised, because the need for its exercise does not often exist. Youths under age like the immortal Washington are few, and as a consequence those classed with him by the exercise of this prerogative are proportionately few. No man of mature age has any right to be made a Mason, and hence in every instance in which the honour is conferred it is of favour, not of right; and if this be true, much less has a youth under age any claim upon the Masonic Fraternity. In the matter of the reception of initiates, the Lodge is the most absolute of republics, if we may be allowed the expression, every member having a vote, and any member being all powerful to cause the rejection of any applicant. The purpose of this regulation is to ensure harmony, as far as possible, by admitting no unworthy or distracting elements. It is taken for granted that no Brother will out of mere malice exclude any applicant, and as to this his conscience is made his judge. The right to exclude is absolute, and may not be abridged, criticised, or denied.

In the majority of Lodges the pleasing sight is witnessed of old and young Freemasons sitting side by side. Probably the larger number of active Craftsmen are those who are in the prime of life, whom we should describe as middle-aged. They are well qualified in every respect for the performance of all Masonic duties. They are both wise as teachers and skilful as labourers. They can fill any place or station in the Lodge on call. They are at once the brains and the hands of the Lodge. Fortunate and prosperous is that Masonic body which continuously retains this class of Brethren in active membership. They are neither old nor young, neither inexperienced nor forgetful of their long experience, neither giddy-headed nor pig-headed. They do not know too much to learn nor too little to teach. They know just enough. As the wise man said, Give me neither riches nor poverty, so we say in this connection, Give us neither youth nor old age.

Young men, however, have an important place, and exert a moulding influence in Masonry. They are the rising men in our Lodges. They receive the majority of the appointments for the subordinate places, and therein usually manifest their ability to rise higher. A Lodge without young men would be an anomaly. The young become middle aged and old, but the old can never become young. If a man be made a Mason at eighty-four years of age (as was Voltaire), he cannot expect to live long to benefit either himself or the Craft. Voltaire died three months after his initiation. On the other hand, if a man be made a Mason when about twenty-one years of age, he becomes after no long period a trained and skilful brother, and is a life-long honour to the Fraternity. Take the cases of Washington and Franklin, both of whom entered the Craft in early life, and soon familiarised themselves with its learning and ritual, and afterwards throughout their long and eventful careers never forgot the Fraternity that brought them to Masonic light, never ceased to hold in honour its offices, many of which they filled with the largest credit to themselves, and to the end of their days spoke in the loftiest terms of Freemasonry as a science, a cosmopolitan brotherhood, and an active charity.

It needs not to be said that there are old men in Freemasonry, for is not the most familiar Masonic fact we meet with the death of the "oldest Mason," some patriarch in the Craft, who acquired all its honours, filled all its stations, taught all its lessons, fulfilled all its duties? Do you ask for a sample old Mason? We point you to Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, in England, who at Margate has just celebrated, with the felicitations of the Craft, the one hundredth anniversary of his birthday; and to Brother Christopher C. Graham, in America, who at Louisville, Kentucky, has been permitted by the Great Architect of the Universe to attain a similar longevity. Every old Freemason, tried and true, is entitled to our warmest congratutype of Freemasonry itself, which has seen dynasties rise cock's offer was made had been fulfilled.

and fall, generations born and die, monetary crises come and go, while he and it remain not quite solitary and alone, but the few among the many, mile-stones in life which indicate the distance of the remote past from the present, landmarks which tower up to mark a presence which ensures the nobility and prosperity of the now, by repro-

ducing and continuing that of the aforetime.

We like to see a Lodge uniting the wisdom of seniors with the energy of juniors. It is most gratifying to see white hairs, gray hairs and hairs unturned, mantling the heads of brethren sitting together in unity in a Masonic Lodge. It angurs well for the Craft. It not only ensures its present well-being, but betokens its continued activity and stability. It gives all the elements of strength. Brethren, do not despise any representative of true Masonic character. We may not all typify Wisdom, but we may, perhaps, Strength or Beauty. The young Mason ordinarily is a type of Beauty, the Middle-aged of Strength, the aged of Wisdom. All have their place in the Masonic structure -not a perfect ashlar in which can be removed without marring the symmetry and perfection of the whole.

–Keystone.

PAST MASTERS.

THE time approaching when, in our respective lodges, we shall be called to select our office bearers for the coming year, suggests a thought or two regarding the degree of Past Master. In New York it is the law that no one can be lawfully installed as Master unless he has previously been elected, installed, and have served one year as Warden, and that previously to his installation he shall have received the degree of Past Master.

This having been and still being the rule, we have never thought of looking into its right or necessity, but later reading has caused us to inquire as to its right or expediency, and our present conclusion is, that we have been

labouring under a mistake.

Thus it must be admitted that a lodge of Master Masons has no right to confer any degree above or beyond the Third; consequently, the Fourth Degree, or that of Past Master, is beyond its province or power, and the same will apply to the Grand Lodge, which, being composed of the representatives of its subordinates, cannot, of right, have any power beyond that of superintending their labours in the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and, consequently, cannot rightfully authorise a degree which is apart from their regular and well known curriculum.

From this we deduce that there is no known authority for the degree of Past Master, and that its continuance is in violation of all the rules governing the principles of

Masonry, as we have it.

Those who only look superficially at questions presented may shrug their shoulders, and even smile, but it will puzzle them to furnish any good reason or authority why a Lodge having elected a properly qualified brother—that is, one who has previously been elected and served as Warden-should not sit under his gavel without the necessity of any further degree, especially one about which the Lodge, as a body, does not and cannot know anything, and relatively why the Grand Lodge should not only authorise, but demand, that a degree not within its system should be conferred for any purpose whatever.

Previous to the year 1860 we have the best of reasons for knowing that at least one-half of the Masters in this State were installed without taking the degree of Past Master, served their terms, and became actual Past Masters, in blissful ignorance that there was any spot upon their

Of course, while the law remains as it is, we must respect it; but when we come to a revision, we trust this appendage will be modified, or, better still, entirely abrogated .-New York Despatch.

Brother Lord Loigh Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire presided on Saturday last at a meeting of the General Committee for the restoration of St. Michael's Church, It was announced that, as subscriptions Coventry. lations and sincerest fraternal regard. He is not only a towards the object of the fund had been promised to the Nestor in the world, but also in Freemasoury. He is a extent of over £20,000, the conditions on which Mr. Wood-

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIRAND BROTHER,—No one who reads the letter of your correspondent "AUDAX," will have the slightest difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that his description of himself is perfectly accurate. His "perception" has become remarkably "dim-" if indeed it were ever otherwise-and his "powers of reasoning"—assuming him ever to have been blessed with any—are unaffectedly "dull." However, I did not write my former letter for the benefit of stupid people, of whom "AUDAX" avows himself to be one. Had I done so, I should have committed myself to the well-nigh hopeless task of explaining to them at frequent intervals during a long term of years that there is nothing incongruous in allowing that a man may be a thoroughly good fellow, and yet a most unsuitable candidate for a post of honour; or in asserting that the fact of his having rendered services such as thousands of his equals in rank have likewise rendered; is no justification for his being preferred to them. Had "AUDAX" not been so extremely dull of comprehension he would have known this without any need of being prompted by others.

I thank "AUDAX" for his account of Bro. Willing's services, as quoted from the Freemason. But he might have saved himself the trouble of quoting it—at least as far as I am concerned. It was from that I derived my knowledge of Bro. Willing's performances in Masonry, and it was on that I based my argument as to his complete unworthiness as a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer.

It is only one of the class of people to which "Audax" tells us

he belongs who would have had the hardihood to twist my acceptance of other people's statements about Bro. Willing's services into "fulsome flattery" of that brother.

I have no intention of embarking on a war of words with "AUDAX." He is an expert in abusive personality; I am not.

I remain faithfully and fraternally yours,

"SYMBOL R."

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -Having opened your columns to a discussion on the merits of candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer, I hope you will allow me a portion of your space to express what I feel on the subject; but in the first case I must say I cannot congratulate the writer of the letter signed "Symbol x" which appeared in your issue of the 13th instant, either on his good taste or, as it seems to me, his knowledge of the subject. It is of course to be regretted that in all such matters as this no reference to a candidate or the office is possible without making the matter at once of a personal character. I may desire to argue for or against the present system of appointing the Grand Treasurer, but I find it impossible to say anything to the point without its being applicable either to one who has held the office, or one who seeks it, and therefore I find myself called upon to mention this or that brother by name, for I think when one runs so near the mark it is best to hit the mark itself. Having explained why I mention names, in opposition to my actual desire to keep individuals out of the discussion, I will first give you my ideas as to Bro. Willing's position. Now, I look upon Bro. Willing in two capacities—firstly, as an individual Mason, and in that respect only equal to his fellows; and secondly, as the chosen representative of a band of "individual Masons," and thereby raised to an eminence above all who choose to recognise him as their superior. "Symbol x" says he "is a very worthy member of the rank and lile of Freemasonry," but "above and beyond this has not the slighest shadow of a shade of claim to be placed on an eminence above his brother members of the same standing in Grand Lodge.' Your correspondent, Sir, must be ignorant of the ordinary routine of election by the voice of the people. To say that a man has no right to be placed on an eminence when it is only by right that he can be placed there is an absurdity. How can any one—let who may be chosen as Grand Treasurer—get the position except by right. Does "Symbol x" want us to believe that the majority who must elect a man do not know their own minds, or is it the old story of the fox who voted "brushes" a nuisance? Is it that the minority are opposed to Bro. Willing, but know that he is sure to get the post unless they can create ill-feeling-by the way, ill-feeling would, in my opinion, do more good for the particular candidate in question than it would do him harm, as many who would absent themselves, looking upon his return as all but certain, would then attend and swell the majority.

There is no use denying the fact our Freemasonry of to-day is divided into two classes, and it is next to high treason for an ordinary member of Blue Masonry to aspire to the Purple, unless it be to the office of Grand Pursnivant, which for some reason or other appears to be outside the upper section, although there can be no question that by the teachings of the Craft it is equal to the best of them. Now I imagine that "Symbol a" is none other than one of the-may I say dog in the manger class-of the upper section. No doubt, now that the duties of Grand Treasurer are merely nominal ones, he would consider himself insulted if he were named for the post, and yet he objects to receive one of the rank and file-aye, and in this case a widely respected one-into his class or section of the Order. It will indeed be a difficult matter to find men above annuitant. He was appointed Warden in 1868.

their fellows if respect and esteem is to be left out of consideration. I fancy Bro. Willing has enough of these latter to secure his election, and if he succeeds on those bases alone, I shall consider he is justly entitled to the office of Treasurer. It is an elective one, and he who gets the most support must, for the time being, be looked upon as the best fitted for it.

I am, &c.

ONE WHO WILL READILY ACCEPT THE RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-I have read your remarks, and also those of your correspondents as to indigent brethren, and to the unworthiness of some of them. We are, however, apt to forget that many may be worthy; also to forget our initiation service. I think it is better to succour some unworthy ones rather than risk missing one worthy. But there are doings that take place in Lodges, &c., I consider more to be deprecated than arging the claims of the poverty stricken or distressed. I refer to the practice of members who are in business touting and asking newly-initiated brethren for their orders for aprons, &c., or other regalia. There is too much of this done. The quiet insinuation that these men adopt when saying, "I usually supply the brethren," often misleads. Some make more profit in this manner than Masonry costs them annually. In my opinion the Tyler ought to have the first chance of supplying such necessaries.

Yours, &c.

P.M.

NAEBODY KENS YE.

Are ye doin' ought weel?—are ye thrivin', my man? Be thankfu' to Fortune for a' that she sen's ye: Ye'll hae plenty o' frien's aye to offer their han', When ye needna their countenance—a' body kens ye; A' body kens ye,

A' body kens ye, When ye needna their countenance—a' body kens ye!

But wait ye a wee, till the tide tak's a turn; An' awa wi' the ebb drifts the favours she sen's ye, Cauld friendship will then leave ye lanely to mourn When ye need a' their friendship, then naebody kens ye! Naebody kens ye! &c.

The crony who stuck like a burr to your side, An' vow'd wi' his heart's dearest bluid to befrien' ye, A five-guinea note, man, will part ye as wide As if oceans and deserts were lyin' between ye! Naebody kens ye, &c.

It's the siller that does 't, man! the siller! the siller!

It's the siller that breaks ye, an makes ye, and men's ye! When your pockets are torn, an' nae web i' the loom
Then tak' ye my word for 't, there's naebody kens ye!
Naebody kens ye, &c.

But thinkna I mean that a' mankiod are sae-It's the butterfly frien' that misfortune should fear aye; There are those worth the name—gude sen' there were mac! Wha the caulder the blast the closer draw near ye. Naebody kens ye, &c.

The frien's who can tell us, our fau'ts to our face, But aye fra our foes in our absence defen's us; Leeze me on sic hearts! o' life's pack he's the ace Wha scorns to disown us when naebody kens us!

Naebody kens us, naebody kens us, Poortith's a dry nurse frae folly whilk speans us-She deprives us of o' means, just to show us our fren's, Wha winna disown us when naebody kens us.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES NORRIS.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon has lost its most prominent resident, in the person of Bro. James Norris, for many years the Warden of the Asylum, and he will henceforth be missed by many of those who have looked forward to a chat with the worthy old brother as a part of the "routine" of a visit to the truly Masonic building in which he has long resided. Bro. Norris was born on the 21st January 1790, and initiated into Freemasonry in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, on the 10th March 1812, and continued a member till June 1816. In July 1848 he joined the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, and continued a member till December 1851, when he re-joined his mother Lodge, and remained a subscribing member till some time after May 1862, when he was elected an

DUTY TO THE LODGE.

In these days, when so many Masons are running after the plumed chapeau of the Knight Templar, the mystic letters of the Scotch Rite, or the numerals of the Memphis, it is pre-eminently necessary that members of Lodges should exert themselves to keep alive the interest of the Craft in their real Masonic homes. Too little attention is too often paid to the pure and beautiful symbolism of Ancient Craft or Symbolic Masonry. In some cases, the work is slovenly done; in others, there is a coldness about the ceremonial,—a formality, that leaves no impression, or if any, an unfavourable one, upon the mind of the candidate.

There is no language more beautiful, no ceremonial more sublime, no esoteric conception more pregnant with holy thought and divine precept, than that inculcated, taught, illustrated and symbolized in "the tragedy." The treacherous blow, the unswerving fidelity, the death and the resurrection, convey a lesson that can never be forgotten.

It is true it is not complete, but that is remedied by subsequent study in the Royal Arch and the higher degrees. Still, the student of our mysteries should not rush on to the neglect of his duties to the Lodge, Let him first master them, and when perfect, advance.

It is a glorious and profound study; that mysterious and awful scene depicted by the tradition at the building of the first temple. The Mason should realise it, to appreciate, and should note that within itself lies the secret of Freemasonry. At a first glance, it may appear a mere tale, a myth, to be placed among the other marvellous traditions of ancient mythology. It is, of course, the story of the Osiris of the Egyptian mysteries, and has been taught in a different language in all the weird and mystic ceremonials of the ancients. Still, the death of the builder stands forth as the casket that contains the marvellous gem that has, from time immemorial, held men together as brothers in thought, word and deed.

Let brethren, then, strive to build up their Lodges—make them truly Masonic homes for themselves and their visitors. Let them not forget that the first three degrees are the Masonry for which our fathers fought, suffered, and, in many instances, died a martyr's death. It is a glorious heritage, handed down to us by those who grew old "in God's service." Let us emulate them, and strive to become masters of our Royal Art.

Always recollect, brethren, that high degreeism is second to Symbolic Masonry; that parades, showy uniforms, handsome jewels, high sounding titles and mystic numbers, are nought, without a thorough groundwork, and that can only be obtained in the Lodge.

Bro. George Manners, C.C, ex Churchwarden of the Parish of Saint Dunstan's-in the-West, was last week presented with a testimonial, consisting of a handsome silver to and coffee service, with a beautifully illuminated address on vellum, in recognition of his great services to the parish, and especially in connection with the restoration and decoration of the parish church. The presentation—which was resolved upon in April last, at a meeting held under the presidency of the rector, the Rev. W. Martin—took place at Anderton's Hotel.

Brother Lord Londesborough, P.G.S.W., has been elected President of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society for 1885. Its show next year will be held at Selby.

Brother W. McDonald P.M. will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No 1445, at the Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., on Monday, the 29th instant.

At the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lany, Covent Garden, on Thursday, 8th January, the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed. A ballot will also be taken for a subscribership to one of the Royal Masonic Institutions. Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m.

Old Warrants (D).

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"Centenary," No. 76, Winchester.*

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, other Officers and Members of the Lodge of Economy, No. 90, Winchester, and all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge, that on the 29th day of May 1761 a Warrant of Constitu-

tion was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorizing and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Winehester, in the County of Hants, and which Lodge was then numbered 83 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge, and in consequence of the Union of the two Grand Lodges on the 27th December 1813 the said Lodge became

No. 111, and at the closing up of the numbers in 1832 it became and now stands on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England as No. 90, under the Title or Denomination of the

Lodge of Economy.

And Whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge are desirons now that One hundred years have expired since the constitution of the Lodge to be permitted to wear a distinguishing and commemorative Jewel, and have prayed the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for that purpose. And the Most Worshipful Grand Master having been pleased to accede to the request doth hereby Give and Grant to all and each of the actual subscribing Members of the said Lodge being Master Masons permission to wear in all Masonic Meetings suspended to the left Breast by a Sky-blue Ribbon not exceeding one inch and a half in breadth a Jewel or Medal of the pattern and device of the Drawing in the margin hereof as a Centenary Jewel. But such Jewel is to be worn only by those Brethren who are bond fide Sabscribing Members of the said Lodge, and so long only as they shall pay their Subscription thereto and be returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England.

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Scal.

LODGE DEVICE.

By Command of the Right Honorable

The EARL OF ZETLAND M.W. Grand Master.

WM. GRAY CLARKE, G.S.

* P.S.—No fee was paid at the time this Warrant was granted, but if paid now to the Grand Lodge it would be recognized in the Grand Lodge Calendar.

FRESH DIAMOND DISOWERIES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—The reported discovery of diamonds near Mittagong, some years ago, recently induced two men to try their luck in the creek where the stones were supposed to have been found, and they recently succeeded in unearthing, among ta number of gems, two diamonds of the first water, and a green sapphire, which the Government geologist has pronounced to be a rarity, and, but for a cloud, is one of the most valuable yet discovered. In addition, payable gold has been struck in patches. The discovery has created no little excitement throughout the district, and numbers of people have already visited the locality, which lies a few miles from Mittagong. A recent visitor there reports that a lot of land has already been taken up, and that further results respecting the prospects of the place are anxiously awaited. The men have had great difficulty in keeping back the water, which necessitated the construction of a dam and the entting of races for quite a quarter of a mile to carry off the overflow. So far the means used for washing are of the most primitive type, and as a big wash-up from some new ground is soon to be made, more modern and suitable appliances than the old sluice-box will probably be adopted, to ensure the success of the place as a diamond

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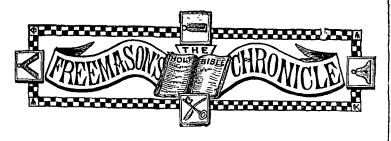
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PROVINCE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

VISIT OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER.

THEIR Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, after a visit of four days to the Earl and Countess of Dudley, passed through Worcester on Saturday, on their way to Sandringham, and the opportunity was taken advantage of by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, to present to the G. Master a specially bound copy of the catalogue of the Masonic Exhibition recently held at Worcester, which catalogue was edited by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. G. Taylor, and to which we have before referred in these columns, together with a beautifully illuminated address.

The Freemasons representing the Province of Worcester stationed on platforms creeted on the right and left of the entrance to the station. The brothren wore their regalia, and represented the undermentioned Lodges: Harmonic and Standard, Dudley; Semper Fidelis (Worcester) and the Worcester Lodge; Hope and Charity, Kidderminster; Vernon, Stourport; Stability, Stourbridge; St. Michael's, Tenbury; Perseverance, Halesowen; Royds, Malvern; Lechmere, Kidderminster; and Masefield, Moseley—Dr. Underhill being the representative of the last-named Lodge. The Royal visitors and their suite were welcomed with acclamation, the playing of "God bless the Prince of Wales" and a general salute from the military in attendance. His Royal Highness was received on entering the station by Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart.,

G. W. Grosvenor P.G.S.W., W. B. Williamson P.G.J.W., A. Brown P.G.T., G. Taylor P.G.S., R. P. Hill P.J.G.W., F. G. Russell P.J.G.W., W. Haynes P.G.O., T. Vale P.G.S.B., A. Carter P.G.D.C., Waldron P.G.A.D.C., and J. E. Stone P.G.J.D. with about 300 others. The address was in the following words:

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c. &c. &c.

Most Worshipful Grand Master,-We, the Provincial Grand Master, Wardens, and Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Brethren of the Craft in the Province of Worcestershire, desire most respectfully to express our feelings of loyalty and regard towards your Royal Highness, as well as to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and to bid both your Royal Highnesses a hearty welcome to the Province of Worcester. We are deeply sensible of the benefits derived by our ancient Craft during the period that your Royal Highness, as Worshipful Grand Master, has ruled over the Grand Lodge of England, and of the unceasing interest which your Royal Highness takes in the progress and prosperity of the Masonic Fraternity. We regard with the greatest pride and satisfaction the numerous instances in which your Royal Highness has connected the ceremonies and historical associations of the Craft with the erection of buildings and the foundation of institutions destined to the worship of the Most High, the relief of the sick and injured, and the study of the liberal arts and sciences. We trust that Masonry, based as it is upon religious truth, and upon the principles of loyalty and universal charity, may long continue to flourish within these realms, and that the brethren of the Craft may do their utmost to prove themselves worthy of their Ancient Order, and of the long line of Royal Patrons, of which your Royal Highness is so illustrious an example.

Signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire,

EDMUND A. H. LECHMERE, Provincial Grand Master. AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GODSON, Deputy Prov. Grand Master. GEORGE W. GROSVENOR, Prov. Senior Grand Warden. W. B. WILLIAMSON, Prov. Junior Grand Warden. HENRY WILSON, Prov. Grand Registrar. GEORGE TAYLOR, Prov. Grand Secretary.

20th December A.L. 5884, A.D. 1884.

His Royal Highness accepted both the catalogue and the address, and handed to Sir Edmund Lechmere the following reply:-

Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master and Brethren,-We have received with great pleasure your fraternal address of welcome to your county, and the Princess of Wales joins with me in thanking you most sincerely for the sentiments of loyalty and devotion to the Throne and the institutions of the country which it contains. As Grand Master of Freemasons of England it has always been my object to promote, as far as lies in my power, everything that can contribute to the prosperity and extension of our order, being convinced that its continued success is mainly due to the fact which you so justly notice, that it is founded on the principles of religion, of loyalty, and of universal and enlightened charity.

This concluded the business of the day as far as the Grand Master was associated with it, and His Royal Highness and the Princess shortly after left by train. The brethren re-assembled at the Great Western Hotel, when the Prince's reply to their address was read, amid applause. Sir Edmund Lechmere subsequently expressed his indebtedness to those brethren who had assisted him in the arrangements, referring particularly to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother G. Taylor.

Previous to the Masonic presentation, and immediately on the arrival of the Royal guests, the Mayor of Worcester advanced to the side of the carriage, and said: Will your Royal Highnesses graciously allow me, on behalf of the Corporation and of the citizens of Worcester, to tender you a most cordial and heartfelt welcome to the city? It affords me great pleasure to have the honour of approaching your Royal Highnesses, to present a respectful and loyal address, which will be read by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk then read the following address:

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c.

May it please your Royal Highness,-We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of Worcester in common council assembled beg to offer to your Royal Highness and your gracious consort a loyal welcome to the "faithful city." The aucient city of Worcester has been privileged to receive at intervals during the centuries not a few distinguished members of the Royal House of England, and the citizens will be proud to add the memory of your Royal High ess's brief visit to the mementoes of the residence in this neighbourhood of other revered members of your house and family. The intimate connection of this city with the cause of monarchical rule, especially during those historical periods when loyalty took the active forms of self-sacrifice and suffering, is commemorated in the Corporate legend, M.P., P.G.M., who was supported by, amongst others, Semper Fidelis, which tradition ascribes to the gratitude of a king; Messrs. Dixon Hartland, M.P., A. F. Godson D.P.G.M., and the citizens of to-day, mindful of their past, welcome the

opportunity of conveying through your Royal Highness to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen an expression of the abiding loyalty to Her Majesty's throne and person of her faithful subjects of Worcester. A city which has devoted itself for a long period of time to promote the progress of the cherished art of music has a special call to congratulate your Royal Highness upon the gratifying result of your laborious effort to establish an Imperial School of Music worthy of our country and of the royal zeal which called it into existence. The impetus which the genius of your late lamented father gave to the art industries of this country is nowhere illustrated more splendidly or remembered more gratefully than in the city whose manufacture of porcelain has attained a celebrity commensurate with the Pricce Consort's desire for the ascendency of English design and workmanship. We have seen with satisfaction that your Royal Highness-following your father's great conception of duty-has constantly identified yourself with every notable effort for the better education of our people, the promotion of our commerce, and the progress of the arts. As one of the old walled cities of England, Worcester has particular cause for gratitude to your Royal Highnesses for taking so profound and practical an interest in the amelioration of the conditions in which great numbers of our poorer fellow-subjects are housed. We look forward with anxious interest to the result of the exhaustive inquiries into this subject still being pursued by the Royal Commission, whose labours your Royal Highness has shared with characteristic devotion. We desire to offer a welcome of heartfelt sincerity to your Royal and gracious Princess, whose sweet, benignant grace and courtesy have won the fealty and love of our race in all lands; and we also crave the opportunity to congratulate your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales upon the approaching majority of your eldest son, His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, in whose future the future of England itself will, under God's providence, be so closely bound up. We trust with a loyal and dutiful trust that it may be permitted to us to receive your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales on some future occasion in this city of Royal memories in a manner more befitting our love and duty, and humbly pray that God may continue to support your Royal Highness in your earnest labours for England, and that your Royal house and family may ever be surrounded by His merciful protection and blessing. Given under the seal of the Mayor, Alderman, and Citizens of the city of Worcester this twentieth day of December 1884.

> J. SHARMAN WOOD, Mayor SAML. SOUTHALL, Town Clerk.

The address was illuminated on vellum, with illustrations on each page of the accompanying text. It was of folio size, and bound in royal blue morocco, inlaid with gold, silver, red and other colours, the Prince of Wales's plumes, the monogram "A. E. and A," and the city arms and motto being shown on the covers. The address was formally handed to the Prince by the Mayor, who received in return the subjoined written reply, which was subsequently read to the Corporation, in the Assembly Room, by the Town Clerk:-

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,-I can assure you that the Princess of Wales and I have received your address with unfeigned pleasure We desire to thank you most sincerely for it, and for your hearty welcome to your ancient and "faithful" city. Your sentiments of devotion to the Crown and of affectionate regard towards ourselves and the other members of the Royal Family satisfactorily prove to me that Worces'er has not departed from those grand traditions which have rendered her celebrated for her loyalty in past years. I rejoice, however, that in the more quiet times which we now enjoy you have been able to devote your attention to the cultivation of peaceful pursuits; to the encouragement of music, in which I take so strong and personal an interest, to the improvement in the manufacture of porcelain, and to the improvement in the dwelling places of the working classes. To this latter subject I have in common with my able and energetic colleagues on the Poych Commission decated much laborated and the latter on the Royal Commission devoted much labour and thought, and I can only pray that our united efforts may be crowned with success. We thank you for your kind congratulations on the approaching majority of our eldest son, whom we fervently trust may strive to follow in the steps of his lamented grandfather, both in his high conception of duty, and in his well-directed endeavours to ameliorate the cordition of his fellow creatures. We anticipate much pleasure from our visit to-day to your renowned Porcelain Works, and we earnestly trust that an opportunity may be afforded us at some future date of returning to your town and of being able to in. spect at greater leisure than is permitted us on the present occasion the many works of interest and importance your city contains.

AN ENGLISHMAN IN SYDNEY .- "There is nothing un-English in Sydney," says a recent visitor, "it seems to partake of all the best characteristics of an English city in summer-time; but what struck me most was the absence of the painful careworn expression which pervades an English crowd, especially in London, Manchester, or Liverpool. Again, I saw no beggars, unless in the shape of organgrinders and other itinerant musicians; in fact, none of the Whitechapel or Deansgate element, Saturday night in George-street reminding me more of an English holiday than anything else, so well-dressed and cheerful is the crowd. Talking of holidays, there never was such a holiday-loving people as the Sydney es. Not content with a dozen public holidays during the year, they get up harbour picnics and excursions on the slightest pretence, and what is more, appear to enjoy them thoroughly, but there is little or no drankenness. All this tells its own tale of industrial progress and prosperity."

STANDARD THEATRE.

VERY successful dramatic season at the Standard Theatre came to a brilliant close last Saturday night with a complimentary benefit to the Lessee, Bro. John Douglass. A gathering of professional friends had volunteered their services, and gave the multitude assembled within the house a rare intellectual treat. The evening commenced with "Still Waters run Deep," and those who could remember the Mildmay of Alfred Wigan, the Hawksley of Vining, the Mrs. Sternhold of dear Mrs. Stirling, might feel misgivings as to the result of a latter day interpretation, which misgivings, however, would soon have disappeared on Saturday. play went with smoothness and completeness, as though the artists were giving their hundredth rather than their first performance of the comedy together on these boards. Miss Amy Steinberg interpreted the difficult character of Mrs. Sternhold with incisive force; she gives an almost tragic intensity to the passion of the outraged woman, so that in her wrongs one forgets the domestic tyrant. To make Mrs. Sternhold touch the sympathy of an andience demands no little tact and power. Miss Steinberg held her audience quite under a spell. Mr. Arther Dacre's Mildmay was excellent, quite natural, dignified, and with an under current of latent power always indicated. Mr. Dacre has greatly improved of late; the mannerisms which at one time threatened, have been nearly or wholly overcome. Mr. Macklin's Capt. Hawksley was a thoroughly good and careful portrait, free from melodramatic grimace; an essentially honest Iago. The great scene of Lancashire versus London, in Hawksley's library, was splendidly played; every word and gesture marked with unerring touch in the gradual sapping of the Captain's defences, and his final surrender at discretion to the man whose ruin he has planued. The scene closed amid the most enthusiastic plaudits. Arthur Williams relieves the serious stress of the action by some excellent comedy touches as the detective Danbilk, and clever Mr. Sheppard was fine as the disinterested legal Nemesis Gimlet, who proposes a pair of handcuffs with genial apologies. Though the part has only half-a-dozen lines, it becomes a capital study from life. Carlotta Addison made a graceful and tender Mrs. Mildmay. Mr. Gurney a good Potter, not quite so dictatorial as the historical Potter. After the final act all the artists were enthusiastically recalled, and Miss Steinberg especially marked out for recognition. In the fourth Act of "Twixt Axe and Crown," an adaptation, by Tom Taylor, from the German, "Princes Elizabeth"—Miss Steinberg as the princess—gave the succeeding emotions of terror at her own ghastly imaginations, defiance of Bishop Gardner's insults, and love for Courteney with both power and refinement. Mr. Sass made a chivalric Courteney, speaking his lines clearly and with feeling, of the rest "non ragion di lor." The evening closed with "Nita's First," performed by the original company, and its rattling, mad fun lost nothing by its transferance hither. The big house in Bishopsgate was filled with laughter from pit to ceiling, rising in crescendo through the three Acts until the curtain fell at midnight, not to rise again until Christmas Eve brings the Lessee new triumphs with his great Pantomime.

The members of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, are desirous of extending a welcome to visitors on Thursday evening, 1st January 1885, when Bro. James Stevens will deliver his highly interesting lecture on the ritual of the first degree, at the Collegiate School, Worple Road, Wimbledon. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

Bro. Lord Plunket, who is just been elected to succeed Dr. R. Chenevix French in the Archiepiscopal see of Dublin, has, for some years past, held the office of a Grand Chaplain to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

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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 Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those hat are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

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198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Gross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
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MONDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, & Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough
Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)

45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)

180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)

212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).

548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptiord, at 8 (Instruction)

1435—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).

1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)

1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurstrd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In).

1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)

1508—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.).

1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.).

1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.).

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1624—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).

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1626—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester

148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington

264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester

149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington

264—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge

408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth

433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea

467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham

613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport

1110—Tyrian, Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke

1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hole, Malden.

R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

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TUESDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bidgs., Holborn, at7 (Inst). 65—Prospority, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at7. (Instruction). 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Constitution, at8. (Instruction). 177—Domatic, Sation, at8. (Instruction). 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction). 188—Jopa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction). 161—Yarborough, Green Dragon. Stepney (Instruction). 163—Yarborough, Green Dragon. Stepney (Instruction). 163—Yarborough, Green Dragon. Stepney (Instruction). 163—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction). 163—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pewnall-road, Dulston at, 8. (Instruction). 164—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction). 1640—Bould Holley, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction). 1640—Bould Holley, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction). 1640—Bould Holley, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction). 1640—Chamington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at8. (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at8. (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at8. (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at8. (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at8. (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at8. (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at8. (Instruction). 1640—Sir High Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool—Road, N., at 8. (Instruction). 1640—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at7.30 (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at8. (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at8. (Instruction). 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, Huntingdon. 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, Huntingdon. 1640—Chauer, Old White Hart, Borough Hig
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1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1630—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion. Brighton
1790—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.39. (Instruction)
173—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern. Leadonhall-streate, at 7.30 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst)
226—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belham, at 7 (Instruction)
1813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southeate-road, F. (Instruction)
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1828—Tinsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
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1828—Prosted Rock, Masonic Hall, Chutrch-street, Clitheroe
180—Power Hotel, Chester
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1601—Wanderers, Adam and Evo Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 [Inst.]
1582—Beaconsfield, Chenuers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 [Inst.]
1591—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobollo-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobollo-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1792—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. [Instruction]
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-stroet, Rogout-st., at 8. [Instruction]
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M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tayern, W.C., at 8. [Instruction]
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, Bridgo Inn, Bolton-stroet, Bury, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, Bridgo Inn, Bolton-stroet, Bury, Lancashire
123—Prince Edwin, Bridgo Inn, Bolton-stroet, Bury, Lancashire
123—Prince Edwin, Bridgo Inn, Bolton-stroet, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Union-stroet, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Loeds
330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Loeds
337—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Hall, Gower-stroet, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
607—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Angustine, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
973—Twenley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Esswick, near Manchester
1833—Tywnley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Esswick, near Manchester
1833—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1233—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1645—Colne valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire

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27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavorn, Loadonhalt-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavorn, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart. College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
231—St. Androw, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavorn, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
539—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
744—Bighgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
744—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Contts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 9. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavorn, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1390—Stockwell, Cock Tavorn, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1390—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avonue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1415—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
158—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1674—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst),
1744—Royal Savoy, Vorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1850—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1860—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1873—Royal Lancashire, Sw
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276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotol, Chelmsford
253—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
201—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
205—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
311—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
341—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radeliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester

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1083—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent. Globe Hotel, Tousham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horneastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Rootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Roso of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshiro
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Horts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
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1839—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Runcofn, Cheshire
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R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1235—Phomix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
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FRIDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30. Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruct.) 144—8t. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction) 7.507—United Pilerims, Surrey Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In) 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, (Instruction) 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction) 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction) 1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, Sk. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.) 1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, Sk. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.) 1284—Clarunyro, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction) 1842—E. Carunyro, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction) 1878—Ublique, 79 Ebuly Street, Pimilico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction) 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerloy 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich (Instruction) 1814—Prized Phase Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich (Instruction) 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerloy 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.) R.A. 1489—Ezra, 90 Ball's Pond-road, N.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction) 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Margate 1915—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester 1916—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Robert-le-street, Leeds 375—Lambton, London Hall, Robert-le-street, Leeds 376—Lambton, London Hall, Margate 1916—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Robert-le-street, Leeds 376—Lambton, London Hall, Margate 1916—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Robert-le-street, Leeds 376—Lambton, London Hall, Robert-le-street, Leeds 376—Lambton, London Hall, Robert-le-street, Leeds 376—Lambton, London Hall, Robert-le-street, Leeds 376—Lambton, Masonic Hall,
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E/ TURDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

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General Committat Goys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Ancher, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

SYKES LODGE, No. 1040.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Great Driffield, on Wodnesday, the 17th instant, there being an unusually large attendance of brethren. Present—Porritt P.P.G.J.W. W.M., Elgey P.M. as S.W., Bordass J.W., Wrigglesworth as S.D., W. Highmoor J.D., Jas. Scott Wilson P.M. Secretary, G. S. Highmoor D.C., Baines Chaplain, Watson I.G., House and Overend Stewards; also Bros. Stanley, Tate, Pulman Atkin, Sellers. Holgreaves P.M., Dunn P.M., Potts Tyler. Visitors—Winterbottom 734, Timmins 734, Kemp 734, Bryan 294, Marshall 294, Kemp 294, Sugden 294, Dunning. After the usual routine business, minutes were read and confirmed, and some correspondence considered. The brethren then adjourned to the Falcon Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Brother Atkin, who has only recently been initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. On this occasion the Officers enteriained their justly esteemed W.M., and Brother Elgey P.M. presided, while Brother Bordass occupied the vice chair. On the removal of the cloth, and after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Brother Elgey in a characteristic speech proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, bearing testimony to the great kindness and ability with which Brother Porritt had presided over the brethren during his year of office. His retentive memory and pleasant delivery were rare gifts, and enabled him to render the important parts of the ritual in such a manner that every visitor and brother could enjoy each part of the ceremony. Elected to fill the chair of K.S. by the unanimous vote of the brethren, Bro. Porritt had ruled and governed his Lodge by the unerring standard of impartiality and justice, in such a manner as to elicit the entire approval of the brethren; he had adjusted grievances, consolidated the finances of the Lodge, and rallied round him an enthusiastic staff of Officers. Whilst taking the greatest interest in the Lodge, he had never been unmindful of the great responsibilities of his office, and had laboured during his year to promote that kindly feeling amongst the brethren so essential to its welfare and success. The W.M. responded in feeling terms, and reviewed his membership of the Sykes Lodge. Ho thanked Brother Elgey for the kind words he had said concerning him, and the brethren and officers for the cordial manuer in which they had received the toast of his health. His connection with the brethren of the Craft had shown him an unlimited and unmitigated flow of friendship and pleasure, and he should never forget the kindness of the brethren towards him. His was a labour of love, and it was indeed highly gratifying to find himself in his present position. Other toasts followed, the evening being enlivened by numerous songs.

FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, when there was a good attendance of members, as well as visitors from other Lodges. The ceremony took place at two o'clock, and was performed by Brother T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.S.W., who placed in the chair Bro. James Walton, the S.W. of the Lodge during the previous year. Amongst those who were present at the ceremony and banquet were Bros. F. Smith P.M. (Ripon), and H. C. Pickers. gill (Ripon), who respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens during the ceremony; Bros. J. Blenkin 1611, H. Fairburn 1337, C. Palliser 1337, J. M. Meck 111, R. Bell 1416, H. Smith 1416, J. S. Walton 1337, W. Coltman 116, Rev. Canon Camidge 1416, T. J. Wilkinson 1416, G. Ayre 1116, W. Hall 1416, W. Brown 1611, J. Caller 1611, C. M. Hall 1417, W. Brown 1611, W. Lackenby 1611, C. Elsley 1416, and others. The W.M. appointed H. Longford J.W., Rev. Canon Camidge Chaplain, J. T. Hansell S.D., H. Longford J.W., Rev. Canon Camidge Chaplain, J. T. Hansell S.D., J. J. Eberle J.D., T. J. Wilkinson Treasurer, R. Hartley Secretary, F. R. Hansell D.C., Rev. E. Richardson Organist, W. W. Hall I.G., W. Coltman and C. Greensides Stewards, and J. S. Farmery Tyler. The Lodge elected Bro. G. Ayre to the office of Charity Representative. Brother Whytehead presented to the Lodge a Copy of Brother Hughan's latest work on the "English Rite of Freemasonry," and several other minor works, and received the thanks of the Lodge. Many letters of apology were read, and the Lodge was closed amidst "Hearty good wishes" from all quarters. An admirable banquet was prepared at the Fleece Hotel, notoriously one of the best houses in England for wines and cookery, and the brethren c j y l a very happy evening, interspersed with harmony.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held in Brixton Hall, on the 13th inst., the Worshipful Master Bro. Thos. Minstrell presiding. Since the last meeting of the brethren their Lodge room had undergone complete reconstruction, and of necessity therefore redecoration, and the proprietor has now a Masonic temple which is capable of meeting almost any requirements which the exigences of the Craft or Royal Arch Masonry require. The alterations it is needless to say met with the entire approbation of the brethren of the Gallery Lodge, and we believe also of the Brixton Lodge, who use the same room. Certainly the Companions of the newly consecrated Gallery Chapter had every reason to be satisfied with the accommodation thus provided them. Doubtless other Lodges and Chapters will find in Brixton Hall a very comfortable abiding place, particularly if the proprietor carries out his inclination to provide Chapter and Lodge furniture for the general use, charging of course a small rent for the additional facilities which he is somewhat inclined to provide. The attendance of brethren at the Gallery

installation meeting was unusually large, and we are assured that they witnessed with real Masonic gratification the perfect and admirable working of not only the retiring Master (Bro. Minstrell). who performed, after dispatch of the preliminary Lodge business and the election of three new members, the ceremony of passing, but of the Master it was his privilege to instal (Bro. W. M. Duckworth) who initiated one of the members for whom the ballot had been taken. Bro. Minstrell installed his successor in a most impressive manner, and the Lodge was, later in the evening, warmly congratulated in having such an able Past Master among its members. The Senior Warden's collar was held over for Bro. Pardon, who was unavoidably absent. The following brethren were invested:--Bros. Goldsmith J.W., H. Massey Treasurer, R. J. Albery Secretary, J. W. Duckwortz S.D., Griffiths J.D., Herbert Wright I.G., Perkins D. of C., Hancock and Jno. Moore Stewards, and Whitfoot Organist. In presenting Bro. Minstrell with a valuable Past Master's jewel (which by the way is a real work of art, being admirably expressive of the unique character of the Lodge, which is strictly restricted to journalists, the majority of whom are engaged in the Gallery of the House of Commons), the Worshipful Master referred to the able way in which the retiring Master had managed the affairs of his Lodge, and of the great indebtedness of the brethren to him for his services in the chair. The W.M. also handed to Bro. Minstrell a beautiful gold bracelet (which he said represented the voluntary subscriptions of the brethren) for Mrs. Minstrell, as a token of the esteem and high respect which the Lodge had for herself and the Immediate Past Master. Bro. Minstrell thanked the brethren most warmly for the many kindnesses he had experienced at their hands during the year, and last, not least, for the splendid manner in which they expressed their appreciation of the way in which he had discharged his duties as Master; he said the valuable gifts he had just received would ever serve to recal many happy memories and many pleasant hours spent in the Lodge as its head. The Lodge was closed in Masonic form, and the brethren and their guests retired to the banquetting room, where a repast suitable in every respect to such an important event had been provided, and to which about sixty brethren did ample justice. The new Master proved himself a most efficient chairman, and following as he said the excellent example set by the Immediate Past Master during his year of office, of short speeches, the proceedings, which included a considerable amount of vocal music, for the Lodge is exceedingly strong in brethren able to sing, passed off most satisfactorily.

ST. OSYTH'S PRIORY LODGE, No. 2063.

THE December meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, Clacton, on Friday evening, 19th inst. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the W.M. Bro. Sir J. H. Johnson could not be present. The chair was, however, ably filled by the S.W., Bro. W. J. Nunn, Bro. C. R. Young P.M. occupying the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. C. Hempson P.M. 1977 P.P.G.A.D.C. that of the J.W. The other brethren present included Bros. Foxcroft S.D., Hook J.D., Fred. J. Nunn Sec., Cattermole I.G., Baker Steward, Hart Tyler, Wrench Towse, Wallis, Womack, Allen, John Dean P.M., Demaid, West, Joice, and C. Allen, a visitor from No. 1056. Two brethren were Joice, and C. Allen, a visitor from No. 1056. Two brethren were advanced to a superior degree, and three were admitted into the Order. During the evening the acting W.M. decorated Bro. Fred. J. Nunn (Secretary) with a very handsome Founder's jewel, most kindly presented by Bro. Fred. Wallis. Bro. Nunn, in suitable terms, thanked Bro. Wallis for the valuable present. After Lodge duties, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, a capital repast being provided by the host, Bro. Wallis. The usual toasts were given, several brethren adding to the harmony by singing some capital songs, Bro. Foxoroft specially delighted the brethren by a very touching and thrilling recitation.

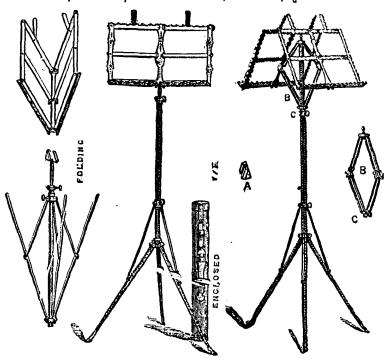
Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 12th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. F. Botley W.M., Thomas S.W., Turner J.W., Bailey S.D., Wing J.D., Andrews I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for 19th instant.

On 19th inst.—Bros. Thomas W.M., Bailey S.W., Wing J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary and Preceptor, Norton S.D., F. Botley J.D., Snee I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Turner, Tyler, &c. Visitor—Bro. Garner 1602. The work on this occasion comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Norton candidate. The same brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, and closed to first. Bros. Botley worked the first section of the first lecture. Bro. Garner, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton, 1602, was elected a member. Bro. Bailey was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was then adjourned until Friday, 9th January 1885.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 20th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: -Bros. John Davies W.M., Sharratt S.W., Brown J.W., Gardner (Treas.) S.D., Furze Sec., Dowling J.D., Pidcock I.G., Stranger Tyler; Bro. Ayling P.M. Preceptor; Bros. F. Botley, C. Botley, Coward, Hayes Strond, Williams, Sims, Smither, Hopkins, Meyer, Steers, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Three sections of the first lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. A. Williams candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Meyer answered the questions leading to the third. Two brethren were elected members; this makes over 100 who have joined this Lodge of Instruction since its foundation in May last. Bro. Sharratt S.W. was then elected to occapy the Chair of King Solomon at the next meeting, 3rd January. A Tyler was then elected. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed. Brethren are cordially invited to the next meeting; a musical entertainment will follow the business proceedings.

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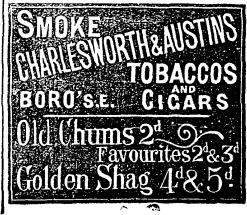
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