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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda paper for Wednesday, March 2nd:—

1. The regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.
2. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st December, 1880, will be read and put for confirmation.
3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

The widow of a brother of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, London .....	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. James' Lodge, No. 705, Southwark.....	50 0 0
A brother of the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham .....	75 0 0
A brother of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London.....	75 0 0
A brother of the Silent Temple Lodge, No. 126, Burnley, Lancashire .....	100 0 0
A brother of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde, Isle of Wight .....	75 0 0
A brother of the British Lodge, No. 736, Mauritius .....	50 0 0
A brother of the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Monmouthshire .....	150 0 0
A brother of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, Camberwell .....	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Merit, No. 934, Whitehead, Lancashire .....	50 0 0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.  
To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that:—  
1st. The Lodge No. 871 (Royal Oak), having laid before the Board a formal complaint against Bro. Robert Harman, Immediate Past Master, for retaining in his possession the minute and other books belonging to the lodge, and refusing to hand them over to the Worshipful Master, the Board proceeded to deal with the complaint, and caused Bro. Harman, and also the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the lodge in question, to appear before them.

2nd. The matter having been fully gone into and the parties heard, the Board unanimously resolved, and ordered, as follows:—

1st. That the lodge books, improperly retained by Bro. Robert Harman, I.P.M., after his vacation from the chair of the Lodge No. 871, be handed to the Worshipful Master of the lodge forthwith.

2nd. That the conduct of Bro. Robert Harman, in thus improperly retaining the books of the lodge, is, in the opinion of the Board, a Masonic offence proved to their satisfaction, and that he will be, therefore, suspended from all his Masonic functions until the further order of the Board.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,  
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
15th February, 1881.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5977 6s. 8d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

7. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1880.

## 8. PROPOSED MOTIONS:—

1. Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

That inasmuch as the recommendation by the Lodge of Benevolence to Grand Lodge, that a grant of £100 should be made to Bro. Hugh R. Edwards, came to an end by his death, the Lodge of Benevolence be empowered, to the extent of that sum, to repay any expenses incurred for his benefit during his life or in relation to his death.

2. By Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., No. 944, Bombay, now of No. 41, Bath, and late of No. 1511, Hornsea.

That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embarrassed by the unmasonic litigation which ensued in defiance of the principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Antient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his lodge, No. 1511, of an offending brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a special case to direct the grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes to Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., &c., in aid of his costs in defending the action "Bro. Voigt versus Bros. Carr, Laking, and Trevor," tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which costs Bro. Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s. 11d., and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby.

## NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- Lodge 1887, St. Hilda, Wallingford, Berks.  
" 1888, St. John's, Featherstone, Wellington, N.Z.  
" 1889, St. Andrew's, Bedford, South Africa, E. Div.  
" 1890, Broad Arrow, St. George's, Bermuda.  
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Kensington.  
" 1892, The Wallington, Carshalton, Surrey.  
" 1893, The Lumley, Skegness, Lincolnshire.  
" 1894, The Herschel, Slough, Buckinghamshire.  
" 1895, The Thames, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.  
" 1896, The Audley, Newport, Shropshire.  
" 1897, The Citadel, Harrow, Middlesex.

## MASONIC HISTORY—II.

By ROBERT FREKE GOULD.

Continued from page 67, No. 623.

In the second (English) edition of Bro. Findel's work, at p. 137, the following appears:

"His [Desaguliers'] love of mechanics, and the prominent part which that science plays in Operative Masonry, no doubt induced him to become a member of the Fraternity. He soon, however, found that the brethren could teach him nothing. On the other hand, the spirit of toleration which he found prevailing . . . inspired him with the idea of reconstructing the Society on a basis which should unite together in harmony those who were divided by religious and political schisms," &c., &c.

The paragraph just given is contained in a foot note, and appended thereto, between brackets, are the words "See 'Masonic Eclectic,' Vol. I., No. 4."

Bro. D. M. Lyon, in his "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," at p. 150, gives the same extract word for word.

On referring to the "New England Freemason" for August, 1874, (sent me by Past G.M. Nickerson, Mass.), at p. 370, under the title "Historical and Bibliographical Memoranda," by Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, Past Grand Master of Maine, I find

"The Masonic Eclectic."—A monthly magazine edited by John W. Simons and Robert Macoy, and published in New York. Three volumes were issued, and then it was discontinued" [1867].

Now, in what I am about to say, I carefully guard myself from being supposed in any way to reflect upon the ability and learning of Bros. Simons and Macoy. Both these brethren are well known as ripe Masonic scholars. Bro. Simons was Grand Master of New York in 1860, and is now the Masonic editor of the *New York Dispatch*. His annual report on "Foreign Correspondence," is one of the very best of those retrospects of Freemasonry, with which all readers of American Grand Lodge "proceedings" are familiar. Bro. Macoy is a Masonic author of repute, and at present holds the position of Grand Recorder of the Knights Templar of New York.

But can any excuse be suggested for the adoption by Bros. Findel and Lyon of the startling assertions in the "Masonic Eclectic?" These distinguished historians appear, indeed, to have worked in this instance, on the lines marked out by John Aubrey, who (in his "Perambulation of the County of Surrey") says:

"And I now set things down tumultuously, as if tumbled out of a sack, as they come to my hand!"

Each of these eminent Masonic writers—in an historical work—incorporates with a narrative of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, a highly imaginative magazine article; dealing with and summarily deciding one of the most important points in English Masonic history. As a suggestion, speculation, or theory, the "reconstruction of the Society" by Desaguliers may, perhaps, be soberly

entertained, but as the *statement of a fact*, and unsupported by a *scintilla* of evidence, its appearance in such "Masonic Classics," as Findel's "History of Freemasonry," and Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," is calculated, to say the least, to seriously weaken the authority of those standard works.

It seems to me in the highest degree improbable that either Payne or Desaguliers took part in the creation of the Grand Lodge of England.

Anthony Sayer, the "premier Grand Master," was clearly an "Operative," in the ordinary, if not in the "Masonic," sense of that term, and having regard to the ascendancy which the "Speculatives" or gentlemen speedily established over the "Operatives" or working men, from the earliest known period of the former class being heard of in *Grand Lodge Masonry*, I believe that if Payne or Desaguliers had been present at the "Goose and Gridiron" ale-house, on St. John's Day, 1717—or if they had participated in the movement which culminated in the meeting of that date—one or other of them would have been elected Grand Master.

Of the proceedings of this meeting, a very meagre record endures. A "hearsay" account, appears for the first time in Anderson's Constitutions of 1738, twenty-one years subsequent to the great event then described. Our confidence, moreover, in the accuracy of this narrative, sustains a rude shock, if we venture on a comparison with the previous statements of Anderson in his earlier Constitutions of 1723. Jacob Lamball, *carpenter*,\* the Senior Grand Warden of 1717, was a regular attendant at Grand Lodge until 1742, and must have approved, if he did not communicate, the details of the "revival;" otherwise I should experience much difficulty in yielding credence to Dr. Anderson's description of this occurrence.

Payne, I think, must have joined the Fraternity during 1717-18, and Desaguliers in the following year. The latter, to my mind, could hardly have been a member at the period of the former's election as Grand Master. I do not think that then, or at any other time, he overshadowed Payne in Masonic circles, otherwise he would have been continued as Grand Master in 1720, instead of having to give way to his predecessor of 1718. It is, however, almost certain, that had Desaguliers been a member of the Society at the date of Payne's first Grand Mastership (1718), the learned natural philosopher would have been elected a Grand Warden.

Anderson, I imagine, must have joined in 1721. It is unlikely that he became a Freemason very long before receiving his mandate to digest the old Gothic Constitutions (29th September, 1721). I ground this impression chiefly upon the gross ignorance of Masonic history (1717-23), displayed in his first Book of Constitutions (1723), though his tardy preferment to the office of Grand Warden—1723—also weighs with me in forming an opinion. His later work (1738) it is true, has been rightly termed "The Basis of Masonic History," but whilst thankful for the additional facts which that publication discloses, the Critical Student (if such a being exists), cannot but lament, that such a mass of contradictions and discrepancies, should be presented by a collation of the *two* Constitution-books for which Anderson was responsible.

It has been the custom of Masonic historians, to dub Payne a "learned Antiquarian;" indeed, in this habit, to quote Bro. Hughan—"We have copied the one from the other, with any amount of credulity and assurance." His name, however, is not to be found amongst those of the fellows or members of the "Society of Antiquaries;" an association called into existence contemporaneously with the Grand Lodge of England (1717). From his non-membership of this Society, it may, perhaps, be inferred that his archaeological tastes were strictly of a "Masonic" character.

The recorded proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, date from 1723. In the first volume of these records, the names of the members of the four old or original lodges are given. Amongst those of Nos. 1 (Antiquity), 2 (defunct), 3 (Fortitude and O.C.), appear no brethren of note—Anthony Sayer excepted—who is shown on the roll of No. 3. The members of No. 4 (Somerset House) were very numerous in 1723, and still more so in 1725. In the list of the former year appear the names of the Dukes of Richmond and Queensborough; Marquis Des Marches; Earl Deloraine; Lords Paisley, Waldegrave, and Carmichael; Counts La Lippe and Watzdorf; Baron Dis Kaw; Sir Richard Manningham, Sir Adolphus Oughton, Sir Robert Rich, and Sir Thomas Prendergast; many "Honourables;" seven Colonels; a Major and Captain. According to Anderson's narrative of 1738, this was the lodge, then held at the Rummer and Grapes, *Channel-row, Westminster*, which in 1717 joined with original Nos. 1, 2, and 3, in establishing the Grand Lodge of England. The process of its conversion from a lodge of working men (1717), into an association comprising *all* the "notables" of the society (1723), is one of the many puzzles of the period of transition (1717-23). † It is possible that Payne and Desaguliers were the first "Speculative" members, and upon this point I will presently offer some remarks, but for the moment,

\* It is well to be accurate, even in trifles; and as all subsequent writers have copied wrongly from Anderson, I draw attention to the corrections at the end of the 1738 Constitutions. Bro. Findel, and others, will there see that the *carpenter*, and not the *captain*, was placed as the Senior of the Grand Wardens in the year 1717.

† As no date of Constitution was assigned to this lodge in the Engraved List of 1729, though its *seniors*, Nos. 1 and 2, were placed at 1691 and 1712 respectively, it seems probable that the traditions of the lodge died out along with its operative element.

putting conjecture on one side, it is at all events quite certain, that all three of the brethren the traditional founders of the Grand Lodge, were members of original No. 4. Of their respective shares in the "reconstruction of the Society," we can only judge by the evidence that has come down to us. Desaguliers as the most illustrious of the *trio*, has received the chief credit of this operation, but I think unfairly. A few extracts from the Constitution book of 1738 will make this clearer:—

"24 June 1718—Bro. Sayer having gather'd the votes after dinner, proclaim'd aloud our Bro. George Payne Esq. Grand Master of Masons, who being duly invested . . . recommended the strict observance of the Quarterly Communication, and desir'd any brethren to bring to the Grand Lodge, any old *Writings* and *Records*, concerning *Masons* and *Masonry*; in order to shew the usages of Antient Times: And this year several old copies of the *Gothic* Constitutions were produced and collated.

"1719—Bro. Payne having gather'd the votes . . . proclaim'd . . . our Reverend Brother John Theophilus Desaguliers . . . Grand Master . . . who forthwith reviv'd the old regular and peculiar Toasts or Healths of the Freemasons.

"29 September 1721—His Grace's Worship (Duke of Montagu) and the lodge finding fault with all the copies of the old *Gothic* Constitutions, order'd Bro. James Anderson A.M., to digest the same in a new and better method."

It is well known that during his second Grand Master-ship Payne compiled the thirty-nine *Old Regulations*, also that Anderson carefully digested the "*Gothic* Constitutions." Having regard to these facts, and upon the evidence submitted above, it is fairly inferential that whilst Payne and Anderson were studious and active Freemasons, Desaguliers on the contrary, joined the Society by way of relaxation from the sufficiently heavy labours which devolved upon him as curator of the Royal Society. The series of *experiments* with which Dr. Desaguliers was honourably associated, were conducted by him as a philosopher, and not as a Freemason. If our laws and customs, our charges and ceremonials, were altered and reconstructed between 1717 and 1723, it is extremely unlikely that the official and professorial duties of Dr. Desaguliers at the Royal Society, left him the time, if indeed he cherished the inclination, for active co-operation with the real constructors of our present Freemasonry.

As to Payne and Desaguliers being the earliest of the "Speculatives" who joined No. 4—the fact of the former having died at his house in New Palace-yard, Westminster, on February 23rd, 1757, may, perhaps, warrant the supposition (in the absence of direct proof that he resided there in 1717-18) that he joined the old lodge at the Rummer and Grapes, in Channel-row, Westminster, because its meetings were held in the vicinity of his dwelling. According to a scarce pamphlet, cited by Mr. Weld, in his *History of the Royal Society* (Vol. I., p. 424), entitled, "A List of the Royal Society of London, with the places of abode of most of its members, &c., London, 1718," the then address of Desaguliers is given as Channel-row, Westminster. Here then we have the fact, that in 1718 Desaguliers was resident in the identical locality where, in the previous year and until its removal to the "Horn" Tavern (also in Westminster), the lodge of his selection held its meetings. This circumstance, together with his promotion of conviviality at the Communications of Grand Lodge, suggest a very simple reason for his becoming a Freemason, viz., the propinquity of a lodge and his love of good fellowship. I apprehend that the "love of mechanics" had nothing whatever to do with it. Desaguliers, in all probability, joined the "Club of Masons" at the "Rummer and Grapes," as he would have joined any other club, meeting at the tavern where, following the custom of those days, he may have spent his evenings. With the exception of "an elegant oration on the subject of Masonry," delivered in Grand Lodge in June, 1721, his fame as a member of our Society rests upon two acts—the introduction of after-dinner toasts (1719), and the appointment of Grand Stewards (1728). Bro. Findel says of the oration: "It is greatly to be regretted that this important lecture is unknown." I am unable to agree with him. It is, of course, quite possible that Masonic orations may please some hearers, but I am aware of none that are calculated to afford either pleasure or instruction to readers. Unless the "oration" of 1721, was very far superior to the preface or dedication which Desaguliers wrote for the Constitutions of 1723, the recovery of the missing "discourse," would neither add to our knowledge, or justify our including its author within the category of learned Freemasons.

Although not bearing directly on this enquiry, it may not be uninteresting if I here call attention to the fact, that the *elite* of the Masonic Fraternity during the lifetime of Wren, and for fifty years subsequent to his decease, left entirely unnoticed the lodge [now Antiquity] of which for so many years that great architect is said to have been a member. The "candlesticks," and other valuable presents, which are still fondly cherished by the brethren of "Old Antiquity" as *souvenirs* of Sir Christopher's membership, appear, nevertheless, to have been remarkably well taken care of during this obscure period of the lodge's history; so well, indeed, that their existence and preservation were unknown outside the well-tyled portals of original No. 1, until some years after 1774, at which date Preston was elected to its chair, when he suddenly awoke to a sense of the dignity of the senior English lodge, and gradually became aware of the importance of its traditions. \*

Even Desaguliers, elected a F.R.S. in 1714, four years before Wren was superseded in the office of Surveyor-General by Benson, and nine years prior to Sir Christopher's decease (1723), though the *legendary* and the *historical* Grand Masters must have constantly met at the Royal Society, appears to have had no suspicion of Wren having belonged to the lodge at the "Globe and Gridiron," or, indeed, of his being a Freemason at all, since we may fairly assume that unless this secret [including the affair of the "candlesticks"], had been kept with a fidelity *unique* in the annals of the Craft, the illustrious "Speculatives" of No. 4 would have followed in Wren's wake as members of No. 1, and the fact of his membership of the Society would have been noticed in the Constitutions of 1723.

This article having run to a greater length than I had intended, I will very briefly record my opinion, that during the six years, 1717-23, the system of Masonry formulated in the Constitutions of 1723, was doubtless arranged.

\* Compare successive editions of *Illustrations of Masonry* appearing after 1774. The inference is irresistible, that Preston was either the most credulous or the most imaginative of Masonic historians.

As Bro. Hughan has well put it, "We have no other means of judging what Masonry *was*, than by studying what *is* left of its aged documents." The Sloane MS. and the passage in "Long Livers" have been cited as supplying evidence, from which we may infer that more ceremonies than *one*, were in vogue before the epoch of *Grand Lodge* Masonry (1717). With great respect for the brethren who put forward this view, I fail to discern a particle of historical evidence which can be urged in its support. The contention was very roughly handled by Bro. W. P. Buchan in 1875, and it will be sufficient to refer the interested reader to Vol. II. of the *Freemasons' Chronicle*. † Bro. Buchan's withdrawal from further participation in Masonic inquiry I much regret, and I throw out a suggestion, which I believe will be endorsed by many other students, that by publishing in a collected form his varied contributions to the journals of the Craft, he would promote what I am sure he has much at heart, viz., a more accurate study of Masonic history.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ST. HILDA LODGE, No. 1837, WALLINGFORD.

For a long time past it has been thought desirable that a Freemasons' Lodge should be established at Wallingford, but there have been difficulties in the way of carrying out this project. Lately, however, those difficulties have been overcome, the result being largely due to the exertions of Bro. Shanks, a zealous and distinguished Freemason, who has lately come to live in the neighbourhood of Wallingford. The consecration of the new lodge took place on Monday, the 14th inst. The brethren assembled at the Town Hall at half-past one. There was a very poor attendance, a very insufficient notice of the event of the day having been given. The weather was very bad, and this fact prevented some from attending. The brethren walked in procession to church, where afternoon service was held and the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks. He took for his text "What mean ye by these stones?" (Joshua 4th, 6 v.) In an eloquent sermon the preacher contrasted the buildings of olden times with those of the present day. He attributed the superiority of the workmanship in ancient buildings—such as the cathedrals and parish churches—to the piety and the conscientious spirit which animated the ancient brethren. They worked not merely for wages, but for God. In the present day, the preacher said, work was "scamped" because people did not take an honest pride in their work, but thought chiefly of getting rich and taking their pleasure. Freemasonry, he said, was valuable because it impressed upon every man that he had a great work to do and that he must do it carefully and well. It was also useful in teaching humility and showing every man that he had a certain place allotted to him and must work in subordination to the wishes of those who were set over him. In the course of his sermon an appeal was made in aid of the funds of the Wallingford Cottage Hospital. A collection for the hospital was made at the close of the sermon.

After service the brethren walked in procession to the new lodge at the George Hotel. The room was suitably fitted up. It is a good sized room. The Provincial Grand Lodge was formed, Bro. Brownrigg acting as Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. R. T. Bent as Senior Warden, and Bro. Arthur Welch as Junior Warden. The lodge having been opened in due form the reading of the charter of the new lodge and other ceremonies were gone through. The ceremony of consecrating the new lodge, the St. Hilda, No. 1837, was performed by Bro. Brownrigg. He also installed the Master designate, Bro. Shanks, as W.M., and the latter invested the Wardens, Bros. Barrett, S.W., and E. Horne, J.W. Amongst the brethren who were present in the lodge were the following: V.W. Bro. Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. (Berks and Bucks); R. Bradley, P.G.S., acting as D.P.G.M.; the Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap., acting as G.S.W.; P.M. A. Welch, P.G. Registrar, acting as G.J.W.; P.G. Or. W. H. Willis, acting as G.P.; W. Ferguson, 1101, W.M.; C. W. Cox, 1564, I.P.M.; Rev. Whitaker, 331; Charles Luker, V.W. Hors, 1770, I.P.M.; W. C. Sell, V.W. Horse, 1770, Sec.; J. T. Dodd, Union, 414; B. Hunn, Loyalty, 1533; F. Marsh, Loyalty, 1533; P.G.T. M. Hemmings, Grey Friars, 1101. The following members and founders of the St. Hilda Lodge were present: Bros. Major Shanks, P.M., P.P.G.W. Devon, W.M.; H. A. Clarke, I.P.M.; A. C. Barrett, S.W.; Edward Horne, J.W.; J. S. Fisher, Hon. Sec., St. Hilda Lodge; H. Trollope, and F. Weedon.

After the proceedings in the lodge had terminated the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a dinner had been provided. It was not a strictly Masonic banquet, other persons besides Masons being present. Bro. Shanks, W.M., presided, and most of the brethren who attended the lodge, and whose names are given above, were present at the banquet. There were also present at the dinner the Mayor, Mr. H. Hawkins, Mr. W. Frampton, Rev. W. Sayer Milward, Rev. Dr. Sheppard, Rev. Whitaker, Mr. S. Payne, J.P., Mr. Councillor Wilder, and Mr. J. W. Champion.

The W.M. said that the first toast in all Masonic meetings was that in which they expressed their loyalty. Freemasons were eminently loyal. They were pleased to find that many members of the Royal family were members of the Craft. The Queen might be said to have a body guard of a hundred thousand Freemasons. The Queen is a daughter of a Freemason, and she is the mother of several members of the mystic tie. The toast of "The Queen" was very heartily received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Grand Master of England." Since the Prince of Wales had been Grand Master Freemasonry had made great strides, not because it was fashionable, but because the Prince of Wales had set such a good example. The Prince of Wales was a thorough-going Mason. It was most pleasing to hear him perform some of their ceremonies. He felt an especial interest in the Order, and he (the W.M.) had heard the Prince say that he never felt such great pleasure as he experienced when he found himself surrounded by his Masonic brethren. To the duties of his office as Grand Master the Prince paid the most scrupulous attention. (Cheers.) He gave "The Health of the Grand Master, and of the Officers, Past and Present, of the Grand Lodge."

Bro. BENT, P.G. Chap., said that he was present at the installation of the G. Master in the Albert Hall. He was

† P.P. 53, 70, 86, 101, 116, 132, 151, and 198.

acting as Grand Chaplain at that time. He recollected also when the Prince of Wales was first made a Mason. He (Bro. Bent) was residing in Sweden at the time, and it was in Sweden that the Prince first saw Masonic light. He (Bro. Bent) had been a member of the Order for thirty years. He was, while in Sweden, English Chaplain in the second city of that kingdom. In Sweden Freemasonry had made such way that he could always find, if he wished to do so, some lodge that was being held. When the Prince of Wales was invested by the King of Sweden his Royal Highness went through the ceremony splendidly. The King treated him with no partiality. (Laughter.) In Sweden there are ten Degrees in Masonry, and the Prince had passed through all of them. He (Bro. Bent) had taken nine of the ten Degrees. He had the pleasure of responding to "The Officers of Grand Lodge" on one occasion when it was proposed by the King. Bro. Bent went on to say that he was now residing at Windsor, and he was the Master designate of a new lodge, the Herschell, at Slough. It would shortly be consecrated, and he hoped that some of the brethren present would attend when the new lodge was consecrated. (Cheers.)

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Dep. Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks." The W.M. expressed his regret at the absence of the two chief officers of the province, and especially regretted that Bro. Brownrigg's absence was caused by a domestic affliction.

Bro. R. BRADLEY returned thanks, and advised the members of the new lodge to try not so much to get a large number of new members as to be sure and institute none but men of the right stamp. Bro. Bradley concluded by proposing in complimentary terms "The Health of the W.M. of the St. Hilda Lodge."

The W.M. returned thanks. Bro. BRADLEY proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. H. A. Clarke." He said that, although the lodge had only just been formed, it was necessary that some one should act as Immediate Past Master, and no one was better qualified to do so than Bro. Clarke.

Bro. CLARKE said that twenty years ago he had attempted to form a lodge in Wallingford, but the difficulty was to obtain a suitable room. This difficulty they were unable at that time to surmount, but he was glad that they had been able to form a lodge.

Bro. WEEDON proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. A. Welch.

Bro. WELCH expressed his regret at the very small attendance of brethren. He believed that there would have been a much better attendance if the brethren had had adequate notice that such a meeting was about to take place. He had not heard of it until Saturday afternoon, although he lived in the centre of civilisation and Masonic light—the town of Reading. (Laughter.)

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Officers of St. Hilda Lodge."

Bro. BARRETT, S.W., responded, and said that he had been obliged to go to Abingdon in order to attend to his Masonic duties, and he was very glad that a lodge had been established at Wallingford.

Bro. HORNE, J.W., proposed "The Health of the Clergy," and said that he was glad that so many of them were Masons.

Bro. the Rev. — WHITAKER said that in Masonic societies the health of the clergy was always well received, but the same could not be said of all societies. Sometimes the clergy were looked upon as interlopers. But it was not so at Masonic meetings. There they were all true brethren; they all bowed in reverence to one great God, and they worked together for one great object. The clergy should always be ready to assist Freemasons, and true Masons were ready to assist the clergy. He was sure that between the one and the other there was the hearty grip of good fellowship which would never be dissevered.

The Rev. SAYER MILWARD then proposed "The Health of the Mayor and Corporation."

The MAYOR responded in an able speech, and said that he did not know much of Freemasonry, but he had not heard anything of it that was not good. He knew that Freemasons established schools for the education of children, and that provision was made for receiving aged and impoverished members of the Order. Freemasonry was very ancient, and he was quite sure that it would not have existed so long if there had not been some good in it. Wallingford was a very ancient borough. He had recently had occasion to examine the ancient seals of the borough, and he found that in the year 1118 all of the sixteen members of the Corporation attached their seals to a document. He found that in 1423 they had a copy of the present seal of the Corporation. It seemed to him strange that in such an ancient borough it was not until St. Valentine's Day (laughter), 1881, that Masonic light should dawn upon them. The Mayor concluded by thanking them for making a collection in aid of the Cottage Hospital.

Capt. TROLLOPE, in an amusing speech, proposed "The Ladies," and Mr. FISHER suitably responded. One or two other toasts were proposed, and the proceedings were brought to a close about seven o'clock.

#### WESTBOURNE LODGE BALL.

The second annual ball in connection with this successful lodge was held at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Monday, the 14th inst. The programme, which was exceedingly well arranged, consisted of twenty-five dances, all of which were entered into with great spirit. At the supper table, the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Welford, presided, who gave in due course the toasts usually proposed at Masonic balls. The company afterwards repaired to the ball room, where dancing was again commenced, and continued with unflagging spirit until an early hour. All the arrangements of the ball were well carried out, and apparently gave general satisfaction, and every credit is due to the indefatigable Honorary Secretary, Bro. S. R. Walker, and the rest of the Stewards for so satisfactory and pleasing a result. The bon-bons at the supper table are worthy of special mention. Instead of their containing the old style of head-dress, the ladies were delighted to find paper "fac similes" of Craft and Royal Arch aprons and sashes, which, perhaps, it is needless to remark, immediately adorned the fair sex.

The company present included Bro. John and Mrs. Welford, Bro. and Mrs. R. Welford, Bro. W. Hallett and Master Hallett, Bro. and Mrs. Knight, Bro. F. Ridley and

Miss F. Norris, Bro. Earton and Mrs. Welford, Bro. and Mrs. Drew, Bro. and Mrs. Wiggins, Bro. S. R. Walker and Miss Walker, Bro. and Mrs. Curtis, Bro. Gurr, Mrs. Brooke, Mr. Arnold, Miss Gard, Mr. Durrans, Miss Weast, Bro. Arthur Roberts (Drury Lane Theatre), Bro. R. Reeder, and Bro. Kelly (*Freemason*).

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE BALL.

The fifth annual select private Masonic ball of this popular Went-end lodge was held on Thursday week, the 17th inst., at the Town Hall, Kensington, upon which occasion a large and fashionable company were present. Notwithstanding the fact that the previous ball had been held as recently as November last, the one now under notice was well attended and pre-eminently successful. As already announced in the *Freemason*, the whole of the proceeds accruing from the sale of tickets will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The list of the Stewards, on whom the success of the ball depended, included the names of Bros. Samuel Smout, sen., W.M. of the lodge; George Penn, P.M., Hon. Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Hon. Sec.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; E. M. Lander, P.M.; C. E. Woodward, P.M.; R. H. Pearson, P.M.; S. Smout, jun., J. Woodmason, W. W. Buckland, C. B. Broad, F. J. Broad, and J. Linscott.

By permission of Col. Cecil Ives, the string band of the Royal Horse Guards were present and played under the able direction of Bro. Charles Godfrey. Mr. Sheridan Lings proved an efficient M.C., Bro. George English giving good services as Asst. M.C. The thanks of the lodge are due to Bros. Woodmason, French, and Adkins for the generous and courteous manner in which they acted as Door Stewards.

The company present included Bro. S. Smout, sen., and Mrs. and Miss Smout, Bro. George Penn and Mrs. and Miss Penn, Bro. W. J. Murlis and Mrs. and Miss Murlis, Bro. and Mrs. S. H. Parkhouse, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Oliver, Bro. and Mrs. Woodward, Bro. E. C. Cave, family, and friends, Bro. and Mrs. Rogers, Bro. and Mrs. Webster, Bro. and Mrs. S. Smout, jun., Bro. and Mrs. Mesrowze, Bro. Bosworth and son, Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey, Mr. and the Misses Gazzana, Mr. and Mrs. Kersley, Mr. and Mrs. Cave, Bro. E. M. Lander, Bro. G. C. Harding and sister, Bro. Empson, Mrs. Empson, and family, Bro. R. C. Green and family, Bro. J. D. Adkins, Mrs. Adkins, and family, Bro. J. Bartle and family, Bro. Elborn and daughter, Bro. Cooper and family, Bro. Walter and family, Bro. Keen and family, Bro. Sampson and family, Bro. Overseer Butler, family, and friends, Bros. Heath, Rogers, J. French, W. O. Wadham, G. Wilkinson, Dr. F. E. Pocock, J. Bartle, R. King, C. Manchester, J. Empson, W. R. Hatton, C. D. Cowland, Mr. and Mrs. Foakes, Mr. H. Isaacs and family, Mr. Townsend and family, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Swadwick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, Mr. Howard, Mr. Pargeter, and Bro. F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

BURDETT-COUTTS LODGE BALL.

The annual ball in connection with the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, was held, under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, on Monday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, the company numbering upwards of 100. The ball was opened by the President, Bro. Dr. J. G. Defriez, W.M., and among the company were Bros. Crutch, Treas.; Self, S.W.; W. H. Smith, Miss Temple, Miss Annie Temple, Bro. and Mrs. R. L. Sturtevant, Bro. and Mrs. Chitson, Bro. and Mrs. Albert Jones, Bro. and Mrs. Hammond, Bro. Morgan and Miss Baxter, Bro. and Mrs. Stewart, Bros. R. Brittain, Richard Conder, Mrs. King and daughter, Mr. King and Miss Cooper, Mr. and Miss Loveday, Mr. and Miss Perrin, Mr. and Miss Francis, Mr. Francis, jun., Mr. and Mrs. Christian, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. McGrath, Mr. and the Misses Miller, Mr. and the three Misses Crutch, Mr. Wilson and party, Mr. and Mrs. Wooding, Mr. Percival, Mr. T. Cox, and Bro. F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

Dancing commenced about nine o'clock to a well arranged programme, the first part being as follows: 1. Polka—"Bonne Bouche." 2. Quadrille—"Chilperic." 3. Waltz—"La Berceuse." 4. Caledonians—"Argyle." 5. Redowa—"Sentimentale." 6. Lancers—"Tambour Major." 7. Waltz—"Dolores." 8. Parisian Quadrille—"Olivette." 9. Highland Schottische—Selected Airs. 10. Caledonians—"Borderers." 11. Waltz—"Souviens Toi." 12. Lancers—"Pirates of Penzance."

About twelve o'clock the company adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a choice collation awaited them, provided and served in Bro. Rand's well known superior manner, and to which ample justice was done. After Grace, the President, Bro. Dr. Defriez, proposed the few customary toasts, remarking that as he knew all present were very anxious to return to the ball-room, he would be brief in his remarks. As loyal subjects, he would call upon the company to drink to "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, their R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The toast having been heartily received, the Vice-Chairman, Bro. R. L. Sturtevant, proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the President," the company receiving his remarks with the greatest enthusiasm, and singing in a very hearty manner "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Bro. Defriez, having expressed his surprise at, and his thanks for, the very cordial manner in which the toast had been received, proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which was duly acknowledged by Bro. Morgan. The Secretary, Bro. Sturtevant, having, in an amusing manner, reminded the company that the ball room was below, and the band awaiting their return, dancing was resumed, and continued until the small hours, when all separated, delighted with the music and the entire proceedings. Bro. Wm. Perrin was an excellent M.C.

The second part of the programme consisted of the following dances: 13. Waltz—"Toujours ou Jamois." 14. "Burdett-Coutts Quadrille."—1. 2nd Caledonians; 2. 3rd Lancers. 3. 5th Quadrille. 4. 5th Lancers. 5. Waltz Cotillon. 15. Redowa—"Blue Bell." 16. Lancers—"Carmen." 17. Waltz—"Baden Baden." 18. Quadrille—"Cloches de Corneville." 19. Polka—"Tout a la Joie." 20. Caledonians—"Tullochgorum." 21. Schottische—"Happy Moments." 22. Lancers—"Madame Favart." 23. Waltz—"Les Sirens." 24. Galop—"Just Once More."

A FAREWELL GATHERING.

Among the many calls that have recently taken place upon our gallant soldiers to go to the Cape to assist in quelling the rebellion of the Boers in the Transvaal, none has been more regretted than that of Assistant Commissary D. Deeves, of the Ordnance Branch of the Army Service Corps, stationed at Woolwich, and who is at the present time W.M. of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536. A telegram from the War Office, followed by an official letter, warned our esteemed and worthy brother that he must hold himself in readiness at once to proceed to the Transvaal. No sooner was this known to the Masons of Woolwich and the district than a farewell meeting was decided upon.

On Saturday evening, the 19th inst., the spare room at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Plumstead, saw a gathering of the "tribes," such as proved indubitably the esteem and affection in which our excellent Bro. Deeves is held by his brother Masons in this district. Bro. Deeves, as W.M. of the lodge, filled the chair, faced by Bro. Wilding, S.W., and supported by Bros. Holleyman, J.W.; Shaw, P.M.; Picken, P.M.; and later on Bro. Weston, P.M., was present. A letter from Bro. Penfold, P.M. of the Pattison Lodge, was read, regretting his unavoidable absence.

In eloquent language, Bro. SHAW proposed "God speed to Bro. Deeves, and a safe return to his native land." He promised him that when that happy day arrived there would be such a welcome home for him as would repay him for all his toils in fighting the battles of his country.

Bros. PICKEN, C. JOLLY, WILDING, HOLLEYMAN, CLEAL, and DURNELL also added their good wishes; the toast of Bro. Deeves' health being drunk most enthusiastically and with musical honours.

In reply, Bro. DEEVES deeply regretted leaving Woolwich and his lodge, but bowed to the call of duty. He had been offered the opportunity of exchanging; but, "no, never should it be said that a British soldier shirked the call of duty when danger was in the front." (Loud cheers.)

Bro. WESTON subsequently spoke, and wished Bro. Deeves the same compliments; and after a few songs the company broke up with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

Bro. Deeves leaves Woolwich with the best wishes of all who know and can appreciate the sterling qualities of a good man, a good Mason, and a gallant soldier, and we heartily wish him "God speed and a safe return."

FREEMASONRY AND THE BOERS.

It is a happy thing for the venerable Craft in England that its members are strictly precluded as Freemasons from taking part in any struggle, either political or religious. Had it not been for this wise regulation the Freemasonry of England would not at present stand in the strong and unassailable position which it proudly and undeniably occupies. On the Continent of Europe, unfortunately, the prudent line of conduct adopted by the Grand Lodge of England has not been followed, and the Grand Lodges there, or "Grand Orients" as they are frequently called, have mixed themselves up with party politics and religious questions in a manner which has had a most prejudicial effect upon their success, and that of their subordinate lodges. It is principally on this account that Continental Freemasonry has found itself for the past century and a half from time to time at loggerheads with Churches and Governments. Hence it has been regarded with suspicion and distrust, and its votaries have sometimes suffered cruel persecution at the hands of the Roman Church, in most cases quite undeservedly. In England it is the proud boast of the Order that its portals are open to all but Atheists, that its basis rests on the Volume of the Sacred Law, and that Universal Beneficence and Charity are its watchwords. As was truly said a few weeks ago by the Dean of York, himself an honoured member of the Craft, Freemasonry offers a common platform on which men of all shades of opinion and from all ranks of society can meet in harmonious converse, and they are these its peculiar features which give it its chief value as being a powerful medium for softening the acerbities of life, and maintaining the mighty principles of the Universal Brotherhood of God and the Common Brotherhood of Man.

We have been led into these remarks by noticing the announcement in the Continental telegrams that "the Grand Orient Masonic Lodge at the Hague, at which the Grand Master, Prince Frederick, presides, has resolved to send an address to the Grand Orient of England in favour of the Transvaal independence. We need hardly say it is quite impossible that the Grand Lodge of England can take any such step as that suggested in the telegram. Such an act would be a direct infringement of one of its cardinal doctrines, and would be condemned by every member of the Order. No class of Her Majesty's subjects are more loyal than those who so frequently toast their Sovereign under the title of "The Daughter of a Mason and the Mother of Masons," nor is it possible for any set of men to prize true freedom, or to deplore the horrors of war more than those who themselves are known as Freemasons, and whose lodges are dedicated to Peace and Harmony; but to interfere in any way whatever with any political question, or to range themselves on either side in a matter of international religious or political dispute, would be entirely contrary to the first principles on which the English Craft is founded. English Freemasonry will, we trust, always be found labouring for the welfare of mankind by the practice of that most excellent gift of Charity, leaving the jealousies of politicians and the quarrels of religionists to be settled outside its portals.—*Yorkshire Gazette*.

The Commission of Artists has limited the pictures in the next Salon to 2500, and every work deposited between the 10th and 20th of March will undergo the ordeal of a jury of admission, the exemption of medallists being abolished.

We understand that a third volume of the letters of Charles Dickens is being prepared by Miss Dickens and Miss Hogarth, and will probably be published early in the autumn. It will contain an interesting literary correspondence between Dickens and Lord Lytton, besides many letters from the former to Sir A. H. Layard.

Old Matured Wines and Spirits.—J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 3, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—[ADVT.]

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

At the Quarterly Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 4th of November, 1880, the Grand Secretary tabled the documents in connection with complaints against the action of the office bearers of Lodge The Gael, Glasgow, No. 609, and other brethren, for having issued and recommended the following "petition," viz.:

"Glasgow, 10th August, 1880."

"The petition of the Masonic Lodge 'The Gael,' No. 609, Glasgow, sheweth that, owing to the dulness of trade for a number of years, and few candidates coming forward for initiation to the Craft, this particular lodge, founded for the express purpose of rendering the mysteries of initiation, &c., in the native Gaelic tongue, has suffered severely, and having a great deal of expenses connected therewith, have fallen into debt. For the purpose of liquidating the same, the R.W.M., office bearers, and members have resolved to lay their case before the brethren, hoping, from the well-known charity of the Order, they will be enabled to clear off the debt, and place themselves on as stable a footing as the sister lodges, so that the lodge will be enabled to keep up the original intention of the founders, i.e., promote the ceremonies in their native language.

"Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the R.W.M., D. Cowan, 5, Oswald-street, Glasgow.

"D. COWAN, R.W.M.  
DUNCAN SHARP, D.M.  
A. SINCLAIR, S.M.  
DUNCAN MACGREGOR, Sec.  
ROSS T. MUNRO, Treas.

"We have much pleasure in recommending the above petition—"

"THOMAS M. CAMPBELL, P.M. 418, Prox. M. 489,\*  
J. HEALY FASH, I.P.M. 332, Prox. M. 546.  
WM. PASCOE, R.W.M. St. Clair, 362."

GRAND SECRETARY stated that in addition to the letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Wiltshire, animadverting on the impropriety of a Scotch lodge sending a "begging circular" to lodges out of its own country, another had been received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary of Glasgow. There had also been received, at a date subsequent to the remit being made to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, a printed circular from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, in which the Grand Master recommends to all lodges within his jurisdiction to favourably consider the said petition, and directs "that such sums as may be deemed proper to contribute to the relief of The Gael Lodge be transmitted to the Grand Secretary's office." Grand Secretary stated that, in acknowledging receipt of the circular from Nebraska, he had written in the following terms: "I beg to assure the Grand Master and brethren of Nebraska that the 'begging letter' in question was issued by 'The Gael' without the consent or knowledge of any Masonic authority in Scotland, and that the step is by Grand Committee held to be derogatory and highly prejudicial to the Craft. The matter is being inquired into, and will shortly be adjudicated upon by Grand Lodge. I beg respectfully to ask that your recommendation of said petition be withdrawn. I can safely say that, when made public, the good intentions and fraternal courtesy of the Most Worshipful Bro. Tulleys, in connection with this business, will be warmly appreciated by the Scottish Craft."

The following report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, under remit of date 30th September last, was read: "The Provincial Grand Secretary having read a copy of the letter issued by Lodge The Gael, No. 609, also letters sent to the Grand Secretary from the Grand Secretary of England and from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Wiltshire, and having heard Bro. Cowan's statement in defence, find that on Bro. Cowan taking over the Mastership of the Lodge The Gael, in the early part of this year, he knew that the lodge was in debt to the extent of £50, but that he expected with perseverance this might be overcome—that matters had gone from bad to worse, and that the present liabilities were about £100—that Bro. Cowan had called a meeting of the lodge to see what was to be done in the matter, when it was unanimously resolved to issue letters to lodges and brethren (as per copy of letter read), asking assistance. Bro. Cowan stated he was advised to have the letter got up on his business paper, but seeing the error of this he regretted having done so, and now apologises. The Provincial Grand Lodge forward their report with an expression of strong disapproval of the conduct of the office-bearers of the Lodge Gael, No. 609, and the other signatories to the letter of the said lodge as to the issuing of said letter, which was done without the knowledge or sanction of the Provincial Grand Lodge—and they consider that a stop should be put to lodges or brethren issuing begging letters or circulars, which is excessively derogatory to the Order."

In answer to a question, GRAND SECRETARY stated that The Gael was chartered in August, 1877, that it had registered twenty-eight intrants, and that ten shillings was the amount of its debt to Grand Lodge. [This debt has since been paid.]

After consideration, it was unanimously resolved—(1) That the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow City Province and the action of Grand Secretary be approved and confirmed; (2) That the Provincial Grand Lodge be thanked for its diligence in the matter. And (3) That a vote of censure be recorded, expressive of Grand Committee's reprehension of the course which had been adopted by the office-bearers and members of the Lodge The Gael in issuing, and of the conduct of those brethren who had attached their signatures as recommending the before-mentioned petition, not only to Scotch-holding lodges, but to lodges outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to Grand Lodges of other Constitutions."

Grand Secretary was instructed to direct the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow to call before it and admonish the office-bearers of the Lodge The Gael, and the other brethren included in the Grand Committee's vote of censure of date 25th November last.

\* This lodge is not on the roll of Grand Lodge.

### MASONIC FESTIVAL AT GLASGOW.

On Friday, the 18th inst., a grand Masonic festival, under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, was held in the City Hall, Glasgow, in aid of the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. The hall was crowded, and the chair was occupied by Bro. William Pearce, R.W.P.G.M., who was supported on the platform by Bros. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, P.G. Chap.; H. F. McLean of Carnworth, R.W.P.G.M. Upper Ward of Lanarkshire; W. J. Easton, D.P.G.M. Glasgow; J. D. Duncan, S.P.G.M. Glasgow; J. M. Oliver, P.G.J.W. Glasgow; Ex-Bailie Caldwell, S.P.G.M. Renfrewshire East; G. Fisher, P.M. Paisley, 129; J. Morgan, P.G. Treasurer; W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Secretary; G. Sinclair, P.G. Treasurer Benevolent Fund; and others. Letters of apology for absence were intimated from Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Bros. Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., Prov. G.M. Renfrewshire East; R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., Prov. G.M. Ayrshire; C. Dalrymple, M.P., Prov. G.M. Buteshire; A. Orr Ewing, M.P., D.P.G.M. Dumbartonshire; A. Smollett, P.G.M. Dumbartonshire; Sheriff Clark, Provost Forrest, Hamilton, P.G.M. Upper Ward of Lanarkshire; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; and others.

The Chairman, after tea, delivered an address, and in the course of his remarks expressed his gratification at meeting such a large assemblage of Masons on the first occasion he had an opportunity of presiding at a festival of the kind. They had two objects in view in meeting together—the one was to show to one another the good feeling and the friendship that existed amongst their body, and the other was to aid their Benevolent Fund, which had done so much good of late in this district. In referring to the Benevolent Fund, he might tell them they had at present over £1200 in hand, and that they relieved from 60 to 70 persons every year. It would be very gratifying to all Masons to know that if at any time—although he hoped it would not be the case—they were in distress, they had simply to apply to the Secretary of the Benevolent Fund to get immediate relief. (Applause.) Their one great object was to increase this fund, and assist one another whenever they could do so. (Applause.) Masonry, he might tell them, dated back, they assumed, from the time that Solomon built the Temple. The workmen there were the first great architects of the world, and from them descended the men who afterwards built other temples and places of worship as the world became more civilised. When in the early Christian days in this country the people began to think about Christianity, they found it necessary to build temples as in the days of King Solomon. But the people were not acquainted with the arts that were required in the building of temples and cathedrals, and a great number of foreigners had to come from Rome and other parts of Europe in order to assist them. With them they brought the arts connected with Masonry, and, forming a large body, had signs of their own. They would not admit anybody into their association unless they were true and moral men. (Applause.) These men kept up their Craft down almost to the present day, and the operative Masons gradually became merged into what was now known as speculative Masonry, which took its present form nearly two centuries ago, and, as far as they knew—and they had every evidence of it—was the same as existed in the time of King Solomon. (Applause.) Like their predecessors, they allowed no one amongst them who was not a true, good, and moral man, and he could assure the ladies that while their husbands were at their lodges they were doing some good. (Applause.) They had not always social gatherings, and when they had work to do, he could assure them they did it well. (Applause.)

An excellent concert of vocal music was given by Miss Kate Hamilton and Bros. Leon Clarence and Joe Edmonds, while Mr. Luther Hall played selections on the organ, and Bro. David Williams presided at the pianoforte. Readings and dramatic sketches were given by Miss Eloise Juno and Miss Mabel Tracey; and the evening's entertainment was brought to a close with an assembly, at which Bro. T. C. Burton discharged the duties of Master of Ceremonies, and the music was supplied by a quadrille band, under the direction of Bro. Sam Tute.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present: Bros. E. Letchworth, Thomas Massa, James Peters, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Griffiths Smith, Arthur E. Gladwell, John A. Rucker, W. Bailey, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the minutes of the House Committee were read for information.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, for Bro. Nunn, moved that £100 a year be added to the salary of Bro. Hedges, Secretary, from 1st January. Bro. Letchworth drew attention to the fact that since Bro. Hedges had become Secretary the Institution had greatly benefited by his services.

Bro. W. BAILEY seconded the motion, and, as a member of the Audit Committee, testified to the accurate way in which the accounts were kept.

Bro. ARTHUR E. GLADWELL supported the motion, which he believed would meet with general approval. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman was authorised and requested to sign cheques for accounts.

Two petitions were received and the candidates placed on the list for the October election. A petition deferred at last meeting was received and the candidate also placed on the list.

Bro. THOMAS MASSA gave three notices of motion for the Quarterly Court.

The Committee then adjourned.

The Masonic Pocket Book, the second edition of which is just published by Mr. George Kenning, 193, Fleet-street, is one of the neatest, most convenient, and attractive pocket books we have met with, full of information compressed in small compass. We commended the pocket book when first published, and we are not surprised that a second edition should be required.—*The Era*.

### REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

#### Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).**—At the monthly meeting of this very ancient lodge, after some necessary and routine business, Bro. E. A. Pontifex was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., P.M. and Chaplain of the lodge. Owing to the crowded state of Freemasons' Tavern on account of the anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the lodge, under a special dispensation, adjourned to the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields for the customary banquet. After a most pleasant evening, which was enhanced by a goodly attendance of members and visitors, by the "creature comforts" of an excellent dinner, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. W. Gosden, the social circle separated at an early hour, happy to meet, sorry to part, and wishful to meet again. During the banquet, Bro. Col. Creaton, G.T., and Treas. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, announced the result of the Anniversary Festival held at Freemasons' Tavern, which was hailed with much applause.

**WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).**—A most successful meeting of this lodge was held at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Thursday week last, the 17th inst., upon which occasion upwards of 100 brethren were present. Lodge was opened shortly before five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. John Welford, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Walter Hallett, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Hitchcock, J.W.; H. Stacey, P.M. Treas.; S. R. Walker, Secretary; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G. Purs.; J. C. Reed, P.M.; E. Collins, P.M.; James Long, P.M.; B. Goodwin, P.M.; T. W. Allen, P.M.; E. Arrowsmith, S.D.; B. Kershaw, J.D.; E. Hart, Organist; M. C. Joy, I.G.; C. R. Wickens, Steward; C. Thomas, Tyler; John S. Murdoch, R. Reeder, W. Drew, C. J. Biorn, Arthur Roberts (Drury Lane), A. Arrowsmith, F. Ridley, W. Unwin, E. G. Easton, W. G. Easton, John T. Woodstock, P.M., and many others. The visitors included Bros. W. Side, W.M. 1507; John Williams, W.M. 1701; James J. Unite, 144; R. N. Field, P.M. 902; F. W. Goddard, F.M. 1549; B. A. Groves, 172; E. V. New, P.M. 173; S. Drewell, P.M. 177; F. Wetherill, 186; C. H. Abrams, 511; James J. Hall, 834; Thomas Cook, 959; S. T. Williams, 1261; Thos. Headon, 1305; R. H. Johnson, 1348; John Roberts, 1507; A. Stead, 1622; and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the lodge meeting in November last and the emergency on the previous evening were read and duly confirmed. The Auditor's report, which was most satisfactory, showed, after contributing liberally to the Girls' and Old People's Institutions, the handsome balance in hand of upwards of £127. There is also a Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge, which now amounts, including £159 New 3 per Cent. Stock, to £223 10s. 11d. The report having been received and adopted, the principal business of the evening was proceeded with, viz., the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., Past Grand Pursuivant of England, having assumed the chair, Bro. Walter Hallett was presented, and having assented to the ancient charges, read in an impressive manner by the Secretary, Bro. S. R. Walker, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Hallett was placed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, the ceremony and the various addresses being rendered in a masterly manner by Bro. Cottebrune.

The following brethren were appointed to office, and duly invested: Bros. W. Hitchcock, S.W.; E. Arrowsmith, J.W.; S. R. Walker, Sec.; B. Kershaw, S.D.; W. C. Joy, J.D.; W. C. Wickens, I.G.; J. A. Murdoch, D. of C.; W. Drew, W.S.; C. J. Biorn, Asst. W.S.; W. Hart, Org.; and C. Thomas, Tyler.

The Treasurership of the lodge remains open at present, as no brother was elected to that office. Bro. E. Arrowsmith then brought forward the motion that stood in his name—"That the fee for initiation be raised to fifteen guineas," which, on being put to the lodge, was carried unanimously. A similar result did not attend the motion of Bro. Drew's—"That the subscription fee be raised from two to three guineas," for, on being put to the lodge, it was declared lost.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, after a brief interval, sat down to an elegant banquet, the quality and serving of which reflected the highest praise upon Bro. R. Reeder, the courteous manager of the hotel. Bro. Walter Hallett presided, and at the conclusion of dinner proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. That of "The Queen and the Craft" was followed by the National Anthem, and "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." by "God bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast—"The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past"—was coupled with the name of Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., who briefly replied. The I.P.M., Bro. Welford, then gave, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the W.M.," who, in reply, thanked the brethren for having placed him in so distinguished a position, which had always been the height of his ambition to reach. He trusted, with the support of his officers, to have a most successful year of office. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, with which was attached the name of Bro. Side, W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, who duly responded. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. presented Bro. Welford, I.P.M., with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. Previously to Bro. Welford's reply, Bro. R. N. Field, P.M. 902, ably recited the "Glove and the Lion," translated by Leigh Hunt. Bro. Welford having neatly acknowledged the toast and present, proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," to which replies were made by Bros. Arrowsmith, Drew, and Biorn. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place under the most favourable auspices on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Club House, Kennington Oval, when there were present Bros. Köhler, W.M.; Speedy, S.W., W.M. elect; Webb, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Marston, S.D.; Stokes,

J.D.; Stranger, I.G.; Boulton, D.C.; Köch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Reeves, P.M.; and Drysdale, P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Pike, P.M. 85; Salter, 861; Gillingham, 1707; and Shaw, 1471.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Walls, the ceremony of installing Bro. Speedy into the chair of K.S. was proceeded with. The Installing Officer appointed Bros. Everitt, as S.W.; Drysdale, as J.W.; Stuart, as D.C.; and Higgins, as I.G., to assist him in the ceremony. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Webb, S.W.; Marston, J.W.; Mann, Treas.; Stuart, Sec.; Stokes, S.D.; Stranger, J.D.; Boulton, I.G.; Stephenson, D.C.; Goodenough, A.W.S.; Longstaffe, Tyler (by deputy).

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary preliminary toasts received full justice. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very flattering terms by the I.P.M. Bro. Speedy, in his reply, trusted that he should be able to perform his important duties to the satisfaction of them all. He could not hope to equal the efforts of some of the brethren who had preceded him in the chair of the Kennington Lodge, but he would do his best. "The Installing Officer" was cordially received, and Bro. Walls having replied to the toast, "The Health of the Visitors" followed. This pledge having been warmly received, Bros. Shaw, Pike, Gillingham, Salter, and others suitably acknowledged the compliment. "The Past Masters" came next. After dilating upon the respective merits of those important officers, the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him. Bro. Köhler having responded, the other Past Masters, in reply to numerous calls, also expressed their thanks. The toast of "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a conclusion, which were throughout eminently successful.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. W. Side, W.M.; C. J. Scales, I.P.M.; J. Willing, jun., P.M.; W. M. Scales, P.M. 1732; S. W.; H. Stiles, W.M. elect 1732, J.W.; George Clark, W.M. 1777, S.D.; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1777, P.G.S.W. Middx., J.D.; G. Edwards, D.C.; Praney, W.S.; Knight, A.W.S.; J. Daley, Tyler; Tombs, Fraser, Van Camps, Perks, and others, the only visitor being Bro. E. Storr, I.G. 167.

After the opening of the lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. C. T. Jaggars, pass Bros. Mills, Blyth, Aspinall, Martin, and Jones, and to initiate Messrs. Robert Beeton and Ellis Cleave. The whole of the work was very well performed. After the completion of the business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Some excellent songs by Bros. Storr, Fraser, and Beeton, and a recitation by Bro. Perks, enlivened the proceedings. The attendance of members was not so numerous as usual in this large lodge.

**ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).**—The February meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Grosvenor Hall, Piccadilly, Bro. S. Jones, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. G. Fisher, S.W.; E. Powell, J.W.; C. Taylor, S.D.; H. J. Johnson, P.M. of Creaton Lodge, J.D.; A. Beckham, Sec.; J. Isaacs, Treas.; W. Vincent, I.P.M.; D. McLeod, P.M.; J. C. Flately, P.M.; T. L. Coulton, P.M.; J. Weir, P.M.; J. Peacock, P.M.; J. Williams, W.M. of Creaton Lodge; J. Cantle, P.M., Sec. of Creaton Lodge.

The lodge was opened at 5.15, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. then proceeded to raise Bros. Wright and Grist. Bros. Lewis, Sands, and Hales were passed to the Second Degree, and the lodge was closed in due form. The W.M. then invited the brethren, their wives, and friends to a soirée in the large hall. The musical and dancing arrangements were carried out in a very able manner by Bros. Taylor and Burnham, who were ably assisted by Bros. Cantle, P.M., H. Schartan, Egerton, Lowe, R. H. Roberts, and Miss Bessie Spear. The band was under the direction of Bro. Seaton, and the refreshments were supplied in the most efficient manner by the manager of the Grosvenor Club. The company, nearly 200 in number, separated at a late hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. F. H. Clegow, due to a severe cold, the I.P.M., Bro. John Douglass, took the chair, supported by Bros. James Willing, P.M., as I.P.M., Treas.; J. L. Jones, S.W.; Hyland, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; Deller, J.D.; Holt, I.G.; J. W. Smith, D.C.; Sillis, W.S.; Johnson, A.W.S.; J. C. Smith, Org.; and Koester, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; Case, P.M.; J. Cherry, 19; Holt, 874; E. Storr, I.G. 167. Bros. Dovey, Captain Cole, Wilkes, 2; Hare, Ellis, Wall, Wauthier, Perugia, Greenfield, Jagels, Hoare, and many others were present.

The lodge having been regularly opened, the W.M. impressively raised Bros. La Hay, and Pitkin. The three brethren, W. Slater, J. Cohen, and J. Michell, were passed to the Degree of F.C., after which a ballot was taken for five gentlemen, which being in their favour, Messrs. J. W. Fulton, J. Bryan, and C. Veit, were properly introduced, and regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. After some routine business Bro. P.M. Willing announced to the brethren that either the W.M. or he would represent the lodge at the Boys' Festival.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren—sixty-seven—adjourned to the banquet. Owing to domestic bereavement Bro. J. Douglass was compelled to leave, and the W.M.'s chair was occupied by Bro. J. Willing, P.M., founder, who in proposing "The Health of the Visitors" expressed the regret of the brethren at the absence of their W.M., and more particularly at the cause of his absence. Bro. Willing wished to impress upon the brethren the desirability of all earnest brethren, especially the officers, joining the Royal Arch. The brethren had in Bro. Ferguson, their distinguished visitor, one now occupying the chair of two chapters in London, who would be only too happy to receive any brethren amongst the ranks. In Bro. Storr they had an invaluable and indefatigable Secretary of the lodge of instruction used by the officers and many of the brethren. These brethren associated

with Bro. Stiles their Secretary, and the W.M. assured the brethren they would always find a cordial welcome, combined with most excellent teaching. The visitors having eloquently responded, "The Health of the Initiates" was given. The W.M. said they had paid every attention to the ceremony, and had raised the number of brethren in the lodge on that evening to over one hundred. (Cheers.) The lodge had only commenced the third year of existence and it was highly gratifying to the founders to witness its success. He trusted it would continue as happy and numerous for many years to come. They certainly had an immense improvement where they now met over what they had to put up with before, and a deep debt of gratitude was due to Bro. Best, the proprietor, for the splendid suite of rooms placed at the disposal of the lodge, as well as the liberal catering for their creature comforts. The initiates suitably replied, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close about eleven o'clock. Bro. Stiles and several other brethren sang some capital songs.

**FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Viaduct Hotel, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.W.; M. Samuels, J.W.; C. Jacques, I.P.M.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M., Sec.; Strungell, J.D.; W. Williams, I.G.; T. Simpson, D.C.; Wildash, A.D.C.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., Vice-Patron of the Masonic Institutions, &c.; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. G. Everett, P.M. 177, 1381; and Dr. Thompson. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. T. Young and F. E. Longley, and it proving to be unanimous, both gentlemen were duly initiated into Craft mysteries. A motion to reduce the joining fee was after some discussion negatived. Several communications from absent brethren having been read, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. in very flattering terms. The W.M. having responded, then gave "The Initiates." Bros. Young and Longley in reply expressed the pleasure it had afforded them in being inducted into the mysteries of the Craft. The language of that ritual and the ceremony had greatly impressed them, and they hoped that the members of the Farringdon Lodge would never regret having admitted them. "The Visitors" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. said he felt gratified in being in a position to extend the hospitality of the lodge to two such worthy Masons as Bros. Everett and Dr. Thompson, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them. Bro. Everett in response said that he was pleased in having the opportunity of visiting the lodge. He had been invited several times before, but circumstances had prevented him from availing himself of that pleasure. From what he had seen that evening he believed that the lodge was a very good one, and it showed every indication of being very successful. The members were fortunate in being able to meet in an establishment so admirably adapted for Masonic gatherings of reasonable limits. In conclusion he thanked them very much for the reception they had given him personally that evening. Dr. Thompson also responded in similar terms. "The Officers" came next in order. In giving this toast the W.M. said, that as that was probably the last time he should have the pleasure of presiding at the banquet table, he wished to return his thanks to the officers generally, for the attention they had given to their duties during his year of office. This toast having been coupled with the name of Bro. Ramsey, the Treasurer, that brother made a very good speech in response. The brethren shortly afterwards separated. The success of the proceedings was enhanced by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. Hart, Pether, Samuels, and Jacques.

**THE UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, and perhaps was one of the most enthusiastic and enjoyable meetings that has yet occurred in this excellent and prosperous lodge. The lodge was opened soon after 4 p.m. by Bro. W. Weston, P.M., and P.M. 1536, and P.C. Swd.B. Kent, in the unavoidable absence of the W.W., Bro. Capt. J. T. Ritchie, R.A., P.M., and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Shaw, S.W., and P.M. 1536, was proceeded with. The Installing Officer was Bro. Weston, and under his direction Bro. Shaw was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in the various Degrees. Bro. Shaw then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Captain Ritchie, I.P.M.; the Rev. C. Solbé, Chap. to the forces, S.W.; Capt. A. E. Turner, R.H.A., J.W.; Quarter-master J. Sculley, R.H.A., Treas.; A. G. Saunders, R.E., R.A., Sec.; W. A. Watkins, R.A., S.D.; W. Wishart, R.A., J.D.; G. Mason, R.A., I.G.; H. Harding, Org.; F. P. Reynoldson, R.A., D.C.; C. D. Capon, W.S.; J. Lackland, Tyler. The following Past Masters, members of the lodge, and visitors were present: Past Masters W. Rickey, Quarter-master R.A., and C. Hamerton, Major H. J. Wortham, R.A.; T. W. Kirkbride, Lieut. R.A.; Wilson, Quarter-master R.A.; G. Goode, Riding Master, R.A.; E. Aldridge, Lieut. R.A.; W. Holleyman, R.A.; E. Hambley, W. Moulds, Sec.; W. Osborne, R.A.; E. Turner, R.A.; the Rev. H. W. Turner, 1347; C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; J. J. Donally, Quarter-master Ordnance Branch A.S.C.; Vickary, P.M., and W.M. 1622; Hilton, J.D. 1475; A. Randall, 913; Flagg, 913; H. De Grey, 706; Phillips, 1341; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The charges were eloquently delivered by Bro. Weston. A reduction was made in the fees of country members. A vote of thanks was then unanimously accorded to Bro. Weston for his admirable rendering of the installation ceremony, for which that brother returned thanks. As Bro. Ritchie had been in the chair previously, a jewel was not presented to him upon this as on the former occasion, but a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him, and ordered to be inserted upon the minutes of the lodge.

Having done justice to the superb banquet prepared by Bro. Nicholls, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were loyally and heartily responded to. Bro. Capt. Ritchie then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and in the course of a lengthy and eloquent address, said he felt himself just then in a very new and

in fact novel position, seeing that the course of events had placed him in the position of proposing the health of one who that day had been placed in the chair of K.S., and seeing that the W.M., whose health he had to propose, would fill it so much better than he had done. It was a novel position for a W.M. in leaving the chair to make such an expression, but he did so because he felt that in Bro. Shaw they had a W.M. who was not only capable of doing his duty, but doing it well, and that was a character that he was afraid he could not claim for himself. He did not often own his weakness, but he could not help it on this occasion. (Cheers and laughter.) In presenting Bro. Shaw to them that night, he not only presented him as their W.M., but in the character of a true and good Mason—a Mason par excellence, pure and simple; pure in heart, pure in word, and pure in deed. (Applause.) He was, in his whole life, like the immortal Bayard, *sans peur, sans reproche*. He said this of Bro. Shaw, not only from what he had seen and heard of him in his capacity as W.M. of another lodge, where he was honoured and respected by every brother of it, but because he knew personally his innate good and sterling qualities and integrity in every walk of life, and he felt it an honour to the Ubique Lodge to have such a good Mason and man installed into its chair that day. (Applause.) It was a great thing to say so much of a man in that world of theirs; but when they found such a man and such a brother, "A King of Men," as Carlyle would call him, he felt that it was but a simple duty to give honour to where honour was due. (Cheers.) He asked them then to drink the toast, a real Ubique toast, with a hundred gun, aye or two hundred gun fire. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. Bro. Shaw, in response, said he was utterly at a loss to find words enough to thank Bro. Captain Ritchie and the brethren for his and their great kindness. He was sure that they would feel with him that this was in truth a red-letter day in his life. There could be no greater honour, that he could conceive, than to be elected Master of such a lodge as the Ubique, but to know that the very kind, and he might almost say flattering, expressions of regard used by Bro. Ritchie, and so cordially received by the brethren, made him feel that his efforts for the good of Freemasonry, and the Ubique Lodge in particular, had not been, humble as they were, in "vain." (Cheers.) He asked them to believe that nothing that he could do to further the interests of the lodge should be forgotten or neglected, for he felt that where so much was expected, much must be done, and he would, with the assistance of the G.A.O.T.U., make himself worthy of the great trust reposed in him. When he looked round that lodge and saw so many good and excellent Masons, he felt how great was the responsibility placed upon him, for no man could come to the work of a W.M. with a light heart, however conscious he might be of his own ability. It was a serious position, and demanded zeal and earnest work, and, with God's help, he would so work that at the conclusion of his year of office, they might say with a whole heart "the confidence we reposed in Bro. Shaw has not been betrayed, but that he has left it better, if possible, and more prosperous than he found it." (Great cheering.) The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of, and belonging to, the Lodge, Bros. Weston, Ritchie, W. Richey, and Hamerton." Bro. Ritchie said he felt as if he had retired from business; the throne and sceptre had passed away from him, and his occupation had gone indeed. He was a very young man, but a very old Mason, and now that he was relieved of the purple, and had to retire from the command of so many able men, and good Masons, he could only thank them for the many kindnesses that he had received from them during the period of his reign. He felt proud of being a Past Master of so prosperous a lodge, for they were both increasing in numbers, and in funds, and that gave him, as he felt sure it did them, an immense amount of satisfaction. He was proud of his position as the first Past Master of the lodge, and trusted it would still continue in the upward course it had taken among the lodges in the Metropolis for many years to come. (Applause.) The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," and in giving it the W.M. spoke of the excellent service done by Bro. Weston in carrying out the duties of Installing Officer, more especially as he had been called suddenly to do that duty in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. Weston, in reply, said it had been his good fortune to instal the first Master of the lodge, and now he had again that duty to do, and felt a pleasure in so doing. They were all aware that when a lodge was consecrated it was necessary that there should be a Past Master belonging to it, and that position was his, although he had never passed through the chair. He thanked them cordially for the toast. The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Hayes, Coupland, Turner, and Flagg, who severally responded. An especial toast was proposed to "The Health of Major Wortham," on the occasion of his being about to proceed to India, and the brethren heartily wished him "God speed." Bro. Wortham responded in a very feeling manner. In reply to the toast of "The Officers," Bro. Solbé, S.W., responded. Bro. T. Hollyman, who occupied the chair of J.W. pro tem., thanked the W.M., and brethren, on behalf of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, for their kind invitation, because it proved that the strong connecting link which bound that lodge, and the Ubique, was not likely to be soon or easily broken, and he felt sure the brethren of both lodges would always be proud and happy to do all the good they could for each other. He trusted Bro. Shaw would have as good and prosperous a year of office in the Ubique as he had had in the United Military Lodge, and that the future of the Ubique would be a glorious one, and as the proud motto of the Royal Artillery, a corps second to none in Her Majesty's service, was the same as the lodge, so might the lodge become in Masonry, as the regiment was in arms, an honour, and a credit, to its members. (Cheers.) The Tyler's toast then concluded the proceedings.

**YARMOUTH.—Lodge of Friendship, (No. 100).**—A meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, on Thursday afternoon, the 17th inst., for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Suffield, honoured the lodge with his presence. There was a full gathering of members and visitors, the latter including Bros. H. Harvey-George, 1631; H. W. H. Elwes, 1452; T. Beeching, 305; G. P. Crane, 1631; J. A. Fisk, 1631; D. G. Gaul, 1801; H. A. Sherville, 1500; R. C. Hammant, 313; G. B. Mickleburgh, 266; D. W. Bellamy, 1631; and others.

The presiding W.M., Bro. D. R. Fowler, having duly opened the lodge a Board of Past Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Etheridge, was installed with the usual ceremonies, Bro. Oswald Diver, P.M., carrying out this duty in the most impressive manner. The new W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. D. R. Fowler, I.P.M.; Henry Stembridge, S.W.; W. J. B. Johnson, J.W.; Rev. James Wickham, Chap.; O. Diver, P.M., Treas.; J. Bond, P.M., Sec.; Henry Owles, S.D.; A. D. Bennet, J.D.; Thomas Tunbridge, Org.; C. J. Bullen, I.G.; James Holt, Tyler. Among the other brethren present were Bros. L. Spence, P.M.; M. Weston, A.T. Mann, J. E. Teasdel, J. A. Wade, T. Elliot, E. Bostock, J. F. Southey, A. Lark, C. B. Hammond, W. J. Hopkins, T. Southey, R. H. Tunbridge, F. W. Rolfe, J. W. Bennett, A. Mitchell, J. E. Balls, W. Sayer, W. S. Wigg, H. H. Smith, W. Cattermole, E. Howes, P.M.; E. J. Bonfellow, P.M.; R. Martins, P.M.; and R. W. Hubbard, P.M.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren repaired to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet, to which between fifty and sixty brethren sat down, was provided by Bro. J. Franklin, P.M. The Worshipful Master occupied the chair, supported by the R.W.P.G. Master, Lord Suffield, the P.G. Secretary, Bro. H. G. Barwell, the Installing Master, the Past Masters, and others. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of the Organist (Bro. T. Tunbridge) were excellent. Bro. Tunbridge was ably assisted by Bros. Rolfe, Green, Elliott, Calver, R. Tunbridge, Harvey-George and Offord. Bro. Green's song "A Golden Dream," and Bro. Elliott's violin solo (selection from "Il Trovatore") being particularly admired.

**BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).**—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 14th inst., at 8 p.m. Bro. Rev. H. E. Sanderson, W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. T. Johnson, I.P.M.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M., &c., as S.W.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M., as J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Ingle, S.D.; Bernard, I.G.; and Bigwood, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. read a letter from Bro. Fuller, who was admitted as a joining member at the previous meeting, expressive of great regret at being compelled to withdraw from the lodge, owing to a new bye-law passed in his mother lodge, No. 53, forbidding its members to belong to any other lodge in Bath. This led to considerable discussion, in which was manifested a strong feeling of disapprobation on what appeared to be a very arbitrary measure. Bro. Byne was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who performed the ceremony for the first time. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., acted as S.D., and Bro. Ingle as J.D., the former explaining the symbolism of the working tools and giving the the charge. A communication from the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, was read soliciting co-operation in a petition to the Prov. G.M. for the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge to be held in Bath. Bro. Dr. Hopkins stated that a similar request had been forwarded to his lodge, the Royal Cumberland, No. 41, which had not been complied with, on the ground that the year 1883 would be preferable, when it might be desirable for the province to celebrate an important anniversary of No. 41, the oldest lodge in it, namely the hundred and fiftieth year of its warrant. On the proposition of the acting J.W., a resolution was passed negativing the proposal received from the Sussex Lodge. Bro. H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M. and P.P.G.D.C., gave the Lecture on the first Tracing Board, which for want of time had been omitted when the candidate was initiated. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at 10 o'clock.

**SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).**—The installation of Bro. Payne, P.M., as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 17th inst., the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Hickman, who himself, twenty years ago, was installed for the first time as Master of the same lodge. The following were subsequently invested as officers: Bros. Alex. Paris, S.W.; Henry Lashmore, J.W.; Furber, P.M., Treas.; E. T. Howell, P.M., Sec.; J. D. Barford, P.M., S.D.; E. T. Gayton, J.D.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M., D.C.; Rev. H. J. Mason, Chap.; Rev. S. Scott, I.G.; Biggs, Tyler; and Vane, Assistant Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge business a cordial expression of thanks was tendered to the D.P.G.M. for so ably performing the ceremony of installation, which was suitably acknowledged. Later on a number of brethren and visitors sat down to a superb banquet provided by Bro. Dartnall in his best style. In the course of the evening the usual loyal, Masonic, and other toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Murray, W.M. of the Lodge of Economy, Winchester, responded for "The Visiting Brethren." "The Health of the D.P.G.M." was drunk with great cordiality in connection with that of "The P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was prevented by the pressure of public duties from being present; and that of "The Newly-Elected W.M." was pledged with enthusiastic heartiness. Bro. Payne made a suitable response, alluding to the noble objects of the Masonic Order, and expressing an earnest hope that under his guidance the Southampton Lodge would successfully continue to exemplify and extend them.

**WIMBORNE.—St. Cuthberga Lodge (No. 622).**—The installation of Bro. Wyke Smith as Worshipful Master of this lodge took place on Monday, the 7th inst., and was followed by the usual banquet, to which some forty brethren sat down. The following, which seems like a posthumous relic of the late Thomas Ingoldsby, has been lately discovered, and seems to cast some light upon the difficult question why St. Cuthberga is the patron saint of Lodge 622:—

A LEGEND OF ST. CUTHBERGA.

Cuthberga was an ancient saint,  
A most religious spinster,  
She built a church in Dorsetshire  
And called it Wimborne Minster.  
The bishops in those bye-gone days  
Were sometimes harum-scarum,  
So she took care to keep it safe  
From future bishops Sarum.



It owes its existence mainly to the exertions of the late Bro. George Kelly King, its first W.M., who however, to the deep regret of the members, died within six months of his installation, leaving the office to be temporarily filled by his Senior Warden, Bro. James Curtis, an old Past Master of the Royal York Lodge (315), Brighton, and who was subsequently, in February, 1880, duly installed W.M. The lodge was opened at the Sussex Hotel, on Wednesday, at three o'clock, by Bro. James Curtis, W.M., and Prov. G. Stwd., assisted by his officers, and shortly afterwards, Bro. J. M. Kidd, as Grand Director of Ceremonies, announced the arrival of Bro. the Right W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. M.P., Prov. G.M., attended by his officers, including Bro. J. H. Scott, D.G.M., Bros. G. W. King, S.W., V. P. Freeman, G.S., and others.

The Grand Lodge officers, having been received with accustomed honours, the ordinary business of the lodge was proceeded with, including the voting of five guineas to the Freemasons' School for Boys, and two guineas towards a fund being raised for placing a monument over the remains of the late Bro. G. Kelly King. The installation of Bro. Walter Fitch, P.G.D. of Berks and Bucks, who had been unanimously chosen as W.M., was then proceeded with, Bro. James Curtis performing the ceremony most impressively, the closing addresses being delivered by Bro. Eberall, P.M. 315, the Grand Secretary, and the D.G.M. The newly installed W.M. invested Bro. Curtis as his I.P.M., and presented him, on behalf of the lodge, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. He then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Broadbridge, S.W.; Mussen, J.W.; J. Fitch, Sec.; T. Sinnock, S.D.; Rawlinson, J.D.; L. Hawken, Steward.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to partake of a most elegant banquet, served with their accustomed excellency by Bros. Sayers and Marks, of the Western-road, Brighton. The newly installed W.M. presided, supported by Sir W. Burrell and his officers, and by, in addition to those already named, Bros. J. T. Whatford, Sandeman, P.M., C. P. Smith, P.M., T. Packham, W.M. Royal York, Dr. Hauxwell, W.M. Royal Brunswick, Dayson, Pratt, Dumsday, Norman, Hollonds, Gould, G. S. Godfree, S.W. Allingworth Lodge, G. Pike, Richie Cutfield, J. C. Buckwell, H. W. G. Abell, G. Fenner, and others. The room was tastefully decorated with an abundance of flags, kindly lent by Bro. Hugh Saunders and Mr. Chimmaid, of Keymer, and the after dinner proceedings were enlivened by some sweet music, charmingly rendered by Bros. Broadbridge, Dayson, Rawlinson, and others. A most enjoyable evening was passed by all present.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).**—A numerously attended meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday last, the 21st inst., for the purpose of rehearsing the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Walter Martin, I.G. of the South-west Park Lodge, No. 879, presided as W.M., and was assisted by Bros. Milbourn, D.C. of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, as S.W.; Shaw, W.M. 834, as J.W.; Hutchings, W.M. 147, S.W. 1531, S.W. 1531, S.N. 548, as S.D.; Coen, 169, as J.D.; Bro. Taylor, 1531, as I.G.; Davidson, P.M. 209, as I.P.M.; Griffin, P.M. and P.Z. 933, P.Z. 79, W.M. 1531, Preceptor and Treasurer of the lodge, and Gibson, 1531, Hon. Sec.

The members of the lodge mustered strongly, and were supported by brethren from every metropolitan district. The W.M. commenced the business of the evening punctually at seven o'clock, the lodge being opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed in the First Degree. The Seven Sections of the Lecture in this Degree were then worked as follows: The First by Bro. Duffield, 879; the Second by the J.W.; the Third by the J.D.; the Fourth by the S.D.; the Fifth by Bro. Beavis, J.D. 879; the Sixth and Seventh by the S.W. The lodge having been resumed in the Second Degree, the Lecture thereto appertaining was rehearsed, the First Section by Bro. Gloster, P.M. 1531, S.D. 1326; the Second by the S.D.; the Third by Bro. Davidson, P.M.; the Fourth by Bro. Beavis; the Fifth by Bro. Davidson, P.M. The resumption of the lodge in the Third Degree was followed by the working of the three remaining Sections; the First by Bro. Tucl, W.S. 834, Sec. 1531; the Second by Bro. Griffin, P.M.; and the Third by Bro. Gibson. The lodge having been once more resumed in the First Degree, fourteen visiting brethren were elected joining members, and the proceedings of the evening were brought to a satisfactory termination by the unanimous adoption of votes of thanks to Bro. Martin for presiding, and to the brethren who had assisted him in working the Sections.

**PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).**—On Monday, the 21st inst., this lodge held a meeting at Bro. Stephenson's, Mitford Tavern, close to Hackney Downs Junction. Bro. James Robson presided as W.M., supported by Bros. W. H. Myers, P.M., Preceptor; Partridge, S.W.; Goddard, J.W.; Lewis, McDonald, Loring, C. Robson, Seymour-Clarke, Sec., and others.

Lodge being opened, and the minutes read, lodge was advanced, and Bro. C. Robson having answered the questions, was entrusted, and lodge being advanced to the Third Degree, the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. McDonald worked the Three Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being closed down to the First Degree, it was resolved that the chairs be placed at the disposal of the officers of the mother lodge on Monday next. Lodge was closed in due form.

**THE CHATHAM MURDER.**—The funeral of Lieutenant Percy L. C. Roper, Royal Engineers, who was found murdered in his quarters at Brompton Barracks, Chatham, on Friday, the 11th inst., took place with full military honours at Gillingham Cemetery, on Thursday week.

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**Royal Arch.**

**KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).**—A very successful meeting of the members of this new chapter was held on the 3rd inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. There were in attendance Comps. Mann, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx.; H. Higgins, J.; G. Everett, I.P.Z. and Treasurer; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Speedy, P.S.; Webb, 1st Assistant; Köhler, 2nd Assistant; Daly, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Stephenson, 1381, and it proving unanimous, he was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason; the ceremony, by permission of the M.E.Z., being performed by Comp. Everett in a manner that left little to be desired. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. Walls, M.E.Z.; Higgins, H.; Speedy, J.; Everett, Treas.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Webb, S.N.; Köhler, P.S.; Daly, Janitor. A jewel having been presented to the outgoing Principal, the chapter was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the long array of toasts were duly proposed and warmly received. "The Health of the Exalte" having been cordially proposed by the M.E.Z., Comp. Stephenson in response said that he had been greatly impressed by the working of Comp. Everett. The ceremony had created in him a greater impression than had that of the Craft, and in conclusion he hoped to be some day in the position of First Principal of the Kennington Chapter. The Janitor's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

**SUNDERLAND.—Strict Benevolence Chapter (No. 97).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Ex-Comp. Robert Hudson, P.Z., and P.D. of C., installed Comp. Robert Candlish, as Z., and Comp. Thos. Millican Watson, as H., as First and Second Principals, in a most impressive manner. The First Principal then invested the following officers: Comps. G. Porteous, as E.; John H. Leech, as N.; H. W. Emmerson, as P.S.; W. Liddell, P.Z., as Treasurer, per his proxy, Bro. G. Lord, P.Z.; and J. Thompson, Janitor. The P.S. then invested Comps. C. McNamara and John Sinclair, as his Assistants. Donations amounting to five guineas were voted to the local charities.

At the banquet, and after proceedings, the harmony was excellently contributed by Comps. Craven, Wake, Turnbull, Porteous, and T. M. Watson.

**MANCHESTER.—Affability Chapter (No. 317).** The members of this chapter held their bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, the 18th inst. The following were present: Comps. J. E. Lees, Z.; Norris, H.; J. H. Clark, J.; W. Nicholl, N.; J. J. Lambert, E.; Sidney Henson, Treas.; H. L. Rocca, P.S.; Jas. W. Almond, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Sly, Janitor; John Bladon, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; Towle, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; James Dawson, P.Z.; John Smethurst, P.Z.; W. J. Cunliffe; W. P. Groves, P.H.; J. W. Edwards, James Wilson, J. E. Steward, C. Oldham, John Hind Hugh, R. T. Bayley, Robert Tomlins, W. Sowter, Anderson, Mark Vickers, A. Frankenstein, W. M. Abbs, Thos. Summer, Daniel Donbavand, and R. R. Lisenden (Freemason). Visitors: Comps. J. R. England, 1045; J. B. Seel, 152; W. Parkinson, 152; D. A. Davis, H. 1094 and 625; and Charles McBride, 1387.

The chapter was opened shortly after five o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Walmsley, Affability Lodge, 317, and Bro. E. L. Littler, Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, to become companions of the chapter, and being unanimously elected, they were, in conjunction with Bro. John Ritson Hillkirk, of the Friendship Lodge, No. 44 (who had been elected at the previous meeting), duly exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree, by the M.E.Z., Comp. J. E. Lees, assisted by his officers.

When the exaltation ceremony was finished, the companions adjourned to tea, and at 7.35 they re-assembled in the lodge room. This being the night to instal officers for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, conducted by Ex. Comp. W. F. Towle, and assisted by Ex. Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.P.G.D. of C., and James Hall, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj. The M.E.Z. elect, Comp. W. P. Morris; Comps. J. Howarth Clark, H. elect; and Daniel Donbavand, J. elect, were duly installed into their respective offices, and afterwards saluted by the companions. The remaining officers were next invested as follows: Comps. J. J. Lambert, E. (second time), H. L. Rocca, N.; J. E. Steward, P.S.; Almond, 1st Asst. Soj.; Jas. Wilson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Sidney Henson, Treasurer; J. Sly, Janitor. The usual addresses concluded the ceremony of installation, and when "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the chapter was closed in the customary manner at 9.15.

**HAVANT.—Carnarvon Chapter (No. 804).**—The regular quarterly meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. After the election of a candidate for exaltation, it being the annual festival, the following companions were installed and invested viz: Comps. C. E. Street, 1st P.; F. Francis, 2nd P.; H. Martin Green, P.Z., 3rd P. pro tem.; J. Lintott, H. elect, being absent; W. Dart, S.E.; J. Harrison, P.Z., S.N., pro tem.; J. J. Field, absent through illness; J. A. Elverston, P.S., who postponed the appointment of his assistants; W. Blackmore Janitor. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring 1st P., M.E. Comp. J. N. Hillman, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, who being invested with the Treasurer's collar, was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel by the members of the chapter in token of their regard and esteem, and for his valuable services rendered to the chapter since its formation, eight years ago, he having been elected to the chair three times. The jewel bore an appropriate inscription, and in red letters on a shield on the ribbon was Portsmouth Chapter, 387, in commemoration of his year of office as 1st Principal of that chapter. Comp. Hillman having returned thanks, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet, where a pleasant evening was spent. In addition to the above there were present Comps. H. R. Trigg, P.Z.; J. Wicks, P.Z.; J. Purnell, P.H.; O. N. Wyatt, Z. Cyrus Chapter, 38; and W. H. R. Burrell, Lennox Chapter, 271.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).**—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on Monday the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Ex. Comps. Col. the Right Hon. Fred. Arthur Stanley, M.P., M.E.Z., Second Grand Principal for West Lancaster; Hy. Longman, H.; and Hall, as J. The muster roll having been called, and the minutes read and confirmed, the officers for the ensuing year were then duly balloted for, and unanimously elected as follows: Ex. Comps. Henry Longman, M.E.Z.; Duff, H.; Ellershaw, J.; Comps. R. Stanton, Scribe E.; G. Kelland, Scribe N.; Ex. Comp. E. Timpson, P.Z., Treas.; Comps. Wm. Longmire, P.S.; and A. K. Allinson, Janitor. Letters of condolence were ordered to be forwarded to the widows of Ex. Comp. J. D. Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and Comp. F. G. Dale, A.S. There being no other business, the chapter was closed in due form.

**BUXTON.—Phoenix of St. Ann Chapter (No. 1235).**—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Court House. The chapter was opened at 12.30 prompt by Comps. E. J. Sykes, Z.; J. H. Lawson, H.; and Philip Le Gros, J. There were also present Comps. the Rev. A. A. Bagshaw, P.Z., P.G.M.; R. R. Duke, P.Z., Treasurer, P.P.G.; E. C. Milligan, P.Z.; W. Boughen, S.E.; W. C. Moore, A. Oram, George Smedley, Peter Bramwell, and J. Whitehead. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 317, 1387, I.G. First Assistant Soj. East Lancashire; Fitz-Herbert Wright, Z.; A. Schofield, J.; H. Cupit, Okeover, S.E. 1324, and others.

After the minutes of the preceding chapter had been read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed the Principals, namely, Comps. J. H. Lawson, Z.; Philip Le Gros, H.; and W. Boughen, J.; and also invested the following officers: Comps. Smedley, S.E.; Bramwell, S.N.; W. C. Moore, P.S.; Abel Oram, First Assistant Soj.; R. R. Duke, Treas.; and A. Pyle, Janitor. Several brethren were proposed for exaltation, and other routine business transacted, when the chapter was duly closed at 1.45, and the companions adjourned to luncheon at the St. Ann's Hotel.

**CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).**—The last monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z. (Comp. Potts), through illness, the chapter was opened by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z.; J. G. Batty, H.; Robert Davies, J.; there were also present Comps. John West, P.Z.; John Dewhurst, S.E.; H. Marshall, S.N.; David Williams, P.S.; W. H. Milner, 1st Asst. S.; C. Heywood, 2nd Asst. S.; Alfred Love, Treasurer; J. J. Lambert, Charles McBryde, T. Summer, J. J. Clayton, H. Miller, W. Norbury, E. Brundritt, W. Butcher, and W. Chesshyre, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. H. Holt, Z. 268; W. P. Groves, Past H. 317; W. Dunville, J. 163.

After the minutes had been duly ratified, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. Crompton, P.M. Chorlton Lodge, 1387, and being favourably reported this worthy and esteemed brother was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, by the acting M.E.Z. The ceremony throughout was faultless, and on this occasion was rendered more than usually impressive by the introduction of appropriate canticles glorias and short anthems, which were sung by Comps. Miller, Dunville, Norbury, and Brundritt, the first named companion ably presiding at the harmonium. At the conclusion of the ceremony the chapter was closed in solemn form, and the companions adjourned to the social board, to enjoy each other's society in that fraternal manner which is so characteristic of this united and happy little band of Royal Arch Companions.

**Knights Templar.**

**TEMPLE CRESSING PRECEPTORY (No. 45).**—The regular meeting of this preceptory took place at its new quarters, the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 18th inst. It was announced at the meeting of Great Priory in December last that the Great Prior, the Earl of Lathom, had accorded permission to the preceptory to remove, and also had been pleased to unite the Provinces of Kent and Surrey, under the command of V.E. Sir Knight General Brownrigg, C.B. The preceptory met under the command of Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. Haldane, the E.P., and Marshal of Kent and Surrey. Among those present were V.E. Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. Burney, P.P. Essex; Sir Knights Farran, P.E.P.; Rogers-Harrison, P.E.P.; F. C. Compton, M.; and others.

The minutes having been duly confirmed, Sir Knight E. Macrory was unanimously elected E.P. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight Farran was also unanimously elected Treasurer for the same term. It was arranged that the next meeting should be held on the fourth Friday in April (the third falling on Good Friday), but that the regular meetings should take place on the third Fridays in February, April, October, and November. Sir Knight Rogers-Harrison proposed, and Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. Burney seconded, "That a Past Preceptor's jewel be presented to the E.P. on his quitting office, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his labours for the good of the preceptory." The proposition was carried unanimously.

**LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.**—The new buildings of the London Temperance Hospital in the Hampstead-road will be opened on Friday, the 4th of March, by the Lord Mayor, who, with the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, will attend in state. The buildings, when complete, will hold fifty in-patients.

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The vast accession to the ranks of the Order during the past few years, and the increasing interest manifested in its doings, has given the *Freemason* a position and influence which few journals can lay claim to, and the proprietor can assert with confidence that announcements appearing in its columns challenge the attention of a very large and influential body of readers.

Advertisements for the current week's issue are received up to six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

### To Correspondents.

Owing to pressure on our columns the following stands over:—  
De Tabley Lodge, No. 941.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"New York Dispatch," "Jewish Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Era," "Sunday Times," "Hull Packet," "Citizen," "The Sydney Freemason," "The New Zealand Freemason," "Referee," "Broad Arrow," "Canadian Craftsman," "Hebrew Leader," "Der Long Islaender," "Yarmouth Gazette," "Brighton Gazette," "Mystic Tie."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1881.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Tavern, under the distinguished presidency of Bro. SIR HENRY EDWARDS, Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire. There were no less than 390 Stewards, and the Great Hall was filled in every part. Bro. TERRY announced as the result of the exertions of this goodly and numerous band of Stewards—numerous, so far, beyond all precedent—that £14,262 4s. od. were returned (a striking proof of the unchanging liberality of the Craft) to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This is a most striking, and even startling, return, and reflects the greatest credit on collectors and donors.

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WE were much struck at the last meeting of the Board of Benevolence with the careful and exhaustive manner in which all the petitions for relief were treated by a most patient and discriminating Board. Some complain that the grants are too large; after some experience we wish to say that we do not think so, and that the theory that there is any sacredness in the accumulations of the Fund of Benevolence is a mistake altogether. If there be any use or benefit in a Fund of Benevolence, it is impossible to limit the amount of grants voted after careful scrutiny and thoughtful discussion.

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WE cannot understand why the Grand Lodge grant to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be charged to the Fund of Benevolence, and those for the Boys' and Girls' Schools to the Fund of General Purposes. We repeat what we said on a former occasion, that it would be both more business-like and satisfactory if all these payments were charged to the one Fund for General Purposes. Then we should see at a glance what was the whole amount granted by the Board of Benevolence for Masonic Charity, in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, year by year. The amount is, no doubt, comparatively insignificant, but uniformity of system is a great desideratum in all accounts. And as we know no valid reason for this difference, we trust that our suggestion will be well received by those in authority.

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WE have lately had brought before us forcibly the great, and we fear increasing, evil of itinerant Masons. We wish all lodges would set their faces steadfastly against Masonic mendicancy, but, unfortunately, so good hearted and impulsive are Freemasons in this respect, that they are only far too ready to give relief to such applicants. Hence much evil accrues to Masonry and society, in that unworthy objects are hardened in their unmasonic efforts, and often the really needful case does not receive the help it asks for, the consideration it merits. Both in America and Great Britain there seems to be a growing "caste" of professional beggars who live on Masonry, who do no work, and are utterly idle, worthless, ill-conducted members of society. We recommend all lodges carefully to scrutinize the papers and enquire into the often fictitious wants of those who "tramp" from lodge to lodge, asking for relief, and, in fact, depending on the warm-hearted charity of our bre-

thren, whom they wilfully deceive, often with fictitious "papers," oftener with unreal assertions of need and distress.

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WE were rejoiced to note that at a recent initiation in the Aldersgate Lodge the newly-initiated candidates received each a small copy of the "Book of Constitutions," as well as the lodge bye-laws. We do most sincerely recommend this most sensible proceeding to the attention of all our readers, that so, by degrees, this excellent and befitting habit may be introduced into all our lodges.

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IT is satisfactory to note that some Roman Catholic writers are at last opening their eyes to the grave injustice of the common Ultramontane attack on Freemasonry, especially in Great Britain and America. A Father DESCHAMPS has stated in a recent tract, extracts from which appear in the Philadelphia *Keystone*, and of which an account will appear in the March number of the "Masonic Magazine," which see, that both in Great Britain and America the Freemasons cannot fairly be accused of either irreligious or revolutionary principles. This is as it should be.

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WE shall publish next week a pamphlet by Bro. Major Bond relative to the Masonic Charities; pressure, owing to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution's Anniversary Festival, prevents its appearing until then.

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WE notice that by our recently published Grand Lodge accounts, from July 1st to August 10th, 1880, for the Fund of Benevolence, the receipts were £2202 6s. 11d., and the expenditure £2468 18s. od., leaving a balance due to the GRAND TREASURER of £266 11s. 1d. But as this balance includes a payment to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, (which, as we said before, we object to see here), of £200, the whole balance against the Fund for under six weeks is only £66 11s. 10d. For the Fund of General Purposes from July 1st to September 30th, three months, the receipts are, including preceding balance, £6124 11s. 11d., the expenditure £1280 10s. 7d., leaving a balance in favour of Grand Lodge on this account of 4844 1s. 4d. We cannot help making the remark, that we venture to think that these accounts might be brought a little closer up, but as before long we shall review the Balance Sheet for 1880, we shall be able to consider the whole question of our Grand Lodge accounts, carefully and clearly compiled as they are.

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WE call attention to a curious statement of facts elsewhere relative to the Lodge "The Gael," No. 609, S.C., and which is taken from page 5 of No. 20 of the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland." It seems that this lodge had sent a sort of begging letter around Scotland, and even into England. The lodge, it appears, had got into debt £100, though its highest number of members seems to have been "twenty-eight entrants." The lodge has accordingly been censured by the Grand Lodge Grand Committee, whose censure has been approved of, and is to be admonished by the Prov. Grand Lodge. It certainly does seem a "strong order."

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THE financial condition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, thanks mainly to the persevering zeal and able administration of Bro. D. M. LYON, Grand Secretary, which have been very properly acknowledged by a recent vote of the Grand Lodge, has been gradually improving. The quarter's accounts for the time ending January, 1881, were as follows: Income £1291 12s. 4d.; expenditure £723 6s., leaving a balance in favour of Grand Lodge of £568 6s. 4d. According to SIR M. SHAW STEWART's remarks, when Bro. D. M. LYON assumed office, in 1877, the Grand Lodge owed £10,500, in next May it would only owe £3,500. We wish Bro. D. M. LYON all success in his generous exertions and his effective arrangements.



FOR the year ending November 30th, 1880, the income and expenditure of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is as follows:—

INCOME.	
Entrants and Affiliations	£1019 4 6
Certificates	137 0 0
Diplomas	83e 14 6
Miscellaneous	133 10 0
Members' Tickets	257 5 0
Prov. Grand M. Commissions	42 0 0
New Charters	70 15 0
Rents	979 13 6
Interest	126 3 11
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3598 6 5</b>

Expenditure	£2285 6 7
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The funds and estates are estimated at £30,318 os. 10d. Its liabilities, (if we are correct, but the accounts are rather intricate), £16,704 12s. 2d. Of this a considerable portion belongs to the Fund of Benevolence. We wish we could say that we could look on the condition of the Fund of Benevolence as satisfactorily as the result. There is an "inter-dealing" with the general funds of Grand Lodge, which is neither desirable nor sound, and which we should like to see altered. Ostensibly, the Fund of Benevolence claims a capital of £5712; of this £2700 are Bonds on Grand Lodge property, and £2831 16s. 8d. a "floating balance due by Grand Lodge." It has voted for the twelve months £400 in round numbers. Its actual income from fees and capital is £667 14s. 7d.

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THOUGH it is neither the province nor the policy of the *Freemason* ever to discuss affairs of State, we think it right to express our regret at the proposal to discontinue the distinctive uniforms of the Highland regiments. The Highland regiments have always been among the "flower of the army," and have been distinguished no less by their great gallantry in the field than by their good conduct in quarters. Everything that keeps up "esprit de corps" in a regiment should be carefully upheld.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

W.M.—It has been ruled (1866) "That A. 4, p. 85, does not preclude the same person from being subsequently proposed in the same lodge, and if then approved from being initiated; the ballot has reference solely to the time when taken." Dr. Oliver's ruling ("Masonic Jurisprudence," p. 47) is, therefore, incorrect. The law, as quoted by Dr. Oliver, was altered in 1853. T. F.

Original Correspondence.

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

NON-MEMBERSHIP IN ENGLISH MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
 In response to your appeal in to-day's *Freemason*, I venture to make a suggestion, and to point out two very opposite statements in Bro. Yarker's letter, published on the 12th inst., on the Ancient and Primitive Rite. The latter first. In paragraph 1, Bro. Yarker says: "We have nothing to do with Craft Masonry;" and, in paragraph 2, "Its constitution requires that all its neophytes must have had the Three Craft Degrees from some constitutional Grand Lodge." From the second statement it would appear that Craft Masonry is the foundation upon which the Ancient and Primitive Rite is built. A structure which, according to the first statement, "has nothing to do with" its foundation, must be a veritable castle in the air.  
 But the further statement, in paragraph 3, "I, and only now belong to the Ancient and Primitive Rite," which led to your leader, concerns us as Craft Masons much more. It seems altogether unfair that Craft Masonry should be used as a foundation, or, as it appears, only as a stepping stone to the Ancient and Primitive Rite, and then left to bear its burdens alone while, as you say, the seceders enjoy its fruits.  
 The suggestion I make is, that as the *Freemason* is published under the "direct sanction of the Grand Master of English (Craft) Masonry," every brother who sends matter for publication shall not only authenticate it by giving his name and address, as now required, but also prove himself a Craftsman by furnishing (not necessarily for publication) the name and number of the Craft Lodge to which he is a subscribing member.

I give these particulars below, and subscribe myself, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

T. J. BIRD,  
 Elliot Lodge, No. 1567.  
 February 19th.

[In all cases we require to know who the writer is, and his position in the Craft.—Ed. F.M.]

PANMURE LODGE, No. 715.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, but owing to the absence of the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Watts, through illness, that ceremony was not performed. A report will appear in our next.

MASONIC THRIFT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The reply of "H. M." to "An Anxious Senior," doubts my sincerity, questions my motives, and asserts that I libel the Craft. I must not render "railing for railing." I am not interested directly or indirectly in the question I raised. I have no wish to puff or push any interest, but I desired to ventilate an important question. Notwithstanding all "H. M." may assert, I beg with due respect to repeat that Masons as a rule are not thrifty. If they were they would fulfil a common duty—they would provide for their own, and have too much self respect to be dependent upon others. It is a fact, I believe, that £50,000 are raised annually for the benefit of the three Charities belonging to the Craft and its dependents. What is this vast benevolence but an overwhelming evidence of a "want of thrift?" Had each brother provided for his own or his wife's old age, £50,000 would have been raised as an outcome of charity and mercy to agencies not so well schooled nor enjoying such advantages as Masons have within their reach. As it is, £50,000 were raised in 1880 to supply personal deficiencies or misfortunes of Masons or their dependencies, and Grand Lodge gives £9000 per annum. I assert this money might still have been raised, not applied to the exigencies of the brethren, but been a fund for permeating the world with mercy and benevolence wherever required. Unfortunately the converse of this prevails, and I assert again that very many men enter our ranks in the heyday of health and prosperity, in the harvest of their powers, are generous, jovial, and reckless during the continuance of prosperity, and drop out when the inevitable day of reckoning comes, and the Craft or their lodge knows them no more. If "H. M." were to "poll" the seedy, broken-down men who haunt the arcades of the Royal Exchange, or stoop to a greater depth and degradation, he would find under a hide of pride, thicker than hippopotamus hide, many a generous soul who began well, meant well, thought every day a summer, knew no winter, was not thrifty, lost self-respect, and fell. I can assure "H. M." that I have no personal interests to serve. I am well assured in five offices that have no connection or sympathy with Masonry, but I did hope that the Secretary of an office named Masonic might induce me and others to support any agency which would encourage thrift by giving information concerning the office called *Masonic*.

I will not further weary you with any analysis of "H. M.'s" remarks as to the opportunities outside Masonry for benevolence, thrifty, or self-supporting purposes. As I do not trade upon Masonry, am only interested in the *Freemason*, I can only say as a Senior with last century sympathies, that the second paragraph of "H. M.'s" communication reminded me of Peter Pindar's pleasant satire of Dr. Johnson, that in common argument "He raised a club to crush a gnat." If "H. M." is as good as Dr. Johnson, he will do, and will excel in thrift as in courtesy. I remain, yours fraternally,

AN ANXIOUS SENIOR.

OUR INCREASING NUMBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in the Second Edition of the "Cosmo" that only one warrant for a lodge in London was granted during the year 1880, and from what I hear, most members of the Craft rejoice that there is now some check put upon the increase of lodges which was so rapid during the years 1877-8-9—one lodge in London in a year, and only about three in the adjacent provinces of Middlesex and Surrey; so that we may expect the Prov. G. Masters to be very particular indeed in giving consent for the formation of new lodges. One effect of so many new lodges has been the introduction into the Craft of many who should never have been admitted, but it seems initiates must be found, and the fees of the new lodges are low, so candidates are found for proposition and initiation. The remedy seems to be, now that the increase of lodges is controlled, to increase the fees. Another effect of the action of the Grand Lodge will be to induce the formation of Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Lodges.

Whatever may result in the future, let us all be very careful what kind of men we introduce into the Craft. The average social position of the members has declined during the last five years, and the appeals to the Board of Benevolence are more numerous than ever, and many of the petitioners, from their own statements, were never in a position to afford the necessary expenses of Masonry.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,  
 OBSERVER.

THE JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Feeling as I do, that too much publicity cannot be given to all details connected with anything in the nature of a public collection, I rely on your kindness to permit me to say a few words this week in connection with the above fund, concerning which I regret to hear some (if slight) misapprehension still prevails, judging from queries I receive.

1. The sums given are at once paid to a special account at the London and Westminster Bank, which account is opened in the joint names of two members of the Committee, and myself as its Chairman.
2. It is proposed to invest the fund in Consols in the maximum number of names permitted by the bank regulations, and that those names should be: 1. My own as, in a manner, representing the Craft; 2. Bro. Thomas Penn, as representing the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, by which lodge a very liberal donation has been voted; 3. Bro. Chas. A. Murton, of No. 7 (Royal York); and 4. Bro. R. R. Davis, of No. 256 (Lodge of Unions), these being Bro. Hervey's especial lodges.
3. The proceeds or dividends, as already stated, are to be paid to the highest unsuccessful candidates (regulated in number by the amount subscribed) at each annual election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in lasting memory of Bro. John Hervey.

And lastly, with your kind permission, the names of donors and amounts, actually paid, will appear in the first number of the *Freemason* published in March, and following months, so that all may know the exact position of the fund.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,  
 JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.B.G.P.  
 Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W., 23rd February.

Reviews.

BOOK CATALOGUES.

Mr. E. W. Stibbs, of No. 32, Museum-street, has just issued his No. 32, and a most interesting one it is. It contains some valuable selections from the libraries of Dr. Gaisford and Dr. J. A. Carlyle, the translator of Dante, and is especially rich in editions of, and commentaries on, Dante, including the celebrated one of Lord Vernon's Voyages and Travels, Greek and Latin Classics, 560 pamphlets printed in America, with numerous works relating to the "Sagas," and Scandinavian and Icelandic literature. We may also specially note "D'Herbelot's Bibliotheque Orientale," D'Harcourville's "Recherches," &c., specimens of early periodical literature, the "Observer," 1681, 1687, the best edition of "Guillim," Higgin's "Celtic Druids," "Ernesti's Homer," and many more. The collection in respect to Dante is very remarkable and deserves notice by all admirers of the great Italian poet. We recommend book collectors to send for the "Catalogue."

FRANCE AND TUNIS. F. Chifferiel and Co., 31, Cursitor-street, W.C.

This interesting "brochure" is, we understand, the production of a well-known and able brother of our Order, and deserves a careful and thoughtful perusal. It is impossible for us in the *Freemason* to review it fully, or to do justice to its many merits, inasmuch as were we to attempt to do so we should find ourselves on the "debatable ground of contemporary politics"—a region forbidden to Freemasons. We can only, therefore, thank the writer heartily for having sent us a copy, call the attention of our many readers to it, and express our hope that his professional, as well as his Masonic, labours may be equally meritorious, distinguished, and successful. Just now, as our readers may be aware, the important question treated of in the pamphlet is before the authorities both of France and England.

CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS, MINIATURES, AND DRAWINGS. No. 332. Bernard Quaritch, 15, Piccadilly.

Though we referred to this remarkable catalogue once before, we mention it again on account of the great interest attaching to Mr. Quaritch's collection of MSS., which, perhaps, is unprecedented in the history of "palaography." We have seen some of them and "handled" them, and, whether for condition, interest, or execution, we doubt if such a collection can easily again be found. We regret to hear that some of these MSS. are going to America—We say it selfishly, perhaps, as all art is truly and really cosmopolitan, and affects, improves, and teaches the various conditions of humanity—as we should have liked to have seen them in a national collection. We recommend book collectors to apply for the catalogue—if customers of Mr. Quaritch, always accessible, and if not to purchase it. It is well worth the money as a record of MSS. specialities, not often to be found in one collection. Mr. Quaritch has recently purchased a copy of the Gutenberg Mazarine Bible.

THE TOBACCO QUESTION.

Twenty-first thousand. S. W. Partridge and Co., 9, Paternoster-row.

This is a penny pamphlet which has been specially sent to us, and intended to prove that smoking "does not pay" for any one. We fear that all these well-meant "tirades" against "tobacco," &c., prove very little, and affect very few. In all such wholesale incriminations there is of necessity much of exaggeration. If the arguments of the writer of this little production are carried to their full extent, smoking under all circumstances is bad "per se." But that is not so, as travellers tell us, and, therefore, while we fully admit the nuisance often, the ill effects, and the "selfishness of smoking," we yet think that a moderate use of "tobacco" is both allowable and not unwholesome. Smoking is now an habit so engrained on the life of the English people that the attacks upon it rather harden smokers, and have no effect on non-smokers. They mostly "end in smoke."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ENGRAVED LISTS.

Bro. Hughan published Pine's list of 1729 in the *Freemason* some years since, and amongst his explanatory remarks occurs the following: "The learned Mason, Bro. Albert Pike, has a copy likewise of 1725, though not quite the same edition (as that in the library of Grand Lodge), a fac simile of which this uncrowned king of the "Hautes Grades" presented to me."

In the *Freemason* of 15th January (at p. 22) reference is again made by Bro. Hughan to Bro. Pike's list, a lithograph fac simile of which he (Bro. Hughan) has just presented to No. 41. Perhaps Bro. Dr. Hopkins will kindly inform me in what respect Bro. Pike's list of 1725 differs from my reproduction of the Grand Lodge impression of the same year, shown in "Four Old Lodges," at p. 3.

I take the opportunity of stating that amongst the fortunate possessors of "Engraved Lists" must be included the I.P.M. of No. 41 (Bro. Hopkins), who owns an edition of 1764. Whenever I can trace any "waif" of this unique series, I shall duly publish the fact in this column, and I may, perhaps, inquire of Bro. "Masonic Student" whether he has not one or two other "lists" besides the impression for 1762. Possibly, also, Bro. Hughan may know who secured the specimens of the "series" dispersed at Spencer's great sale.

R. F. GOULD.

A good deal has been said lately about Ashmole, the astrologer's meeting, an Hermetic Society, and a so-called revival in 1686. I have for some time been looking carefully into this very subject, and so far can find no trace of Ashmole's connection with the Rosicrucians. Ashmole was a "Freemason," and not a member of the Masons' Company, and he also used to frequent the Astrologers' feast. In Robert Gell's sermon before the "learned Society of Astrologers, August 1st, 1649," in the Church of St. Mary, Alder Mary, London, called "Stella Nova," (a new starre, &c.), a very eloquent sermon, by the way, I find neither in it, nor the preface, any allusion to a Rosicrucian, or even Hermetic, Society. This is three years after that Ashmole was initiated at Warrington. The preface is addressed to

"The Learned Societies of Artists or Students in Astrology." He terms the assembly "you, the learned Society of Artists," and declares that "your anniversary meeting is for the common good and benefit of mankind, the nourishing and strengthening of true mutual Christian love, the avowing of the Great God, whose name is love, in His works of nature and government of the world by stars and angels." It is a very able, purely astrological, sermon, and I can find no trace of any mystical teaching, or even the slightest allusion to an Hermetic Society. Neither can I discover any more traces of the same in a little work entitled, "Fasciculus Chemicus; or, Chemical Collections. The ingress, progress, and egress of the Secret Hermetic Science, &c. Printed by J. Fletcher and Rich. Mynde, at the sign of St. Paul, in Little Britain, 1650." This work is said to be "made English" by James Hasolle, Esq. Qui est, Mercuriophilus Anglicus.

James Hasolle is the anagram for Elias Ashmole, and substituting "j" for "i" the letters correspond. The dedication is to "all ingeniously elaborate students in the most Divine mysteries of Hermetic learning." The work itself is said to be written by Arthur Dee, son of John Dee, and is properly alchemical. There is no trace of Rosicrucianism, though Anthony A. Wood says that it is "farc'd with Rosycrucian language." Ashmole also wrote "Theatrum Chemicum Britannicum," 1652, and "The Way to Bliss," 1658. These are both of them Hermetic works. I am very anxious, therefore, to find out when and how Elias Ashmole ever alluded to the Rosicrucians as connected with Freemasonry or to Freemasonry, otherwise than in his diary or in the life of Ashmole in the "Biographia Britannica," where allusion is made to a "parchment roll," no doubt of the old Guild Legend or Constitutions. A good deal is involved in this apparently trifling "point," and, therefore, we cannot be too careful in our statements, too correct in our references.  
MASONIC STUDENT.

#### THE REVIVORS AND RITUALISTS OF 1717.

It is quite clear that the suggestion I made as to where these names might be found is untenable, and rests simply on a "reference" which I had not investigated. Bro. Gould, who has read the early minutes of Grand Lodge, dating from 1723, assures me, that he can find none of these names, except Desaguliers, and Anderson, of course.

I see that in 1731 a John King was Grand Steward. But what of Goffon, Calvert, Lumley, Madden, Deshoyer, and Vraden, assuming John King to be the same as the Bro. King mentioned next to Goffon? What, too, of Thomas Grinsell of No. 3? Can no trace be found of any of these names in any old lodge minutes, or are we to assume that Oliver copied from Dermott, and that Dermott's statement is a myth.

In my researches I have often felt that one would give a good deal for any Masonic minutes of 1717, and between 1717 and 1721-23.

MASONIC STUDENT.

#### ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE, NO. 4.

Can any one tell me to what date the minutes of this distinguished lodge go back, and if any access could be gained to its records?

MASONIC STUDENT.

### Mark Masonry.

**MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).**—This lodge held its first meeting for the present year on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, when a large number of members and visitors attended. Lodge was opened at three o'clock in the afternoon by the W.M., Bro. F. H. Cozens, P.G. Organist, and the following officers, viz.: Bro. W. P. Collins, P.P.G.D., S.W.; N. J. F. Basnett, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; George Yaxley, P.G. Stwd., M.O.; W. C. Hale, P.G.S.B., S.O.; J. K. Pitt, P.P.A.D.C., J.O.; V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.S.O., P.M., Treas.; W. Bro. William Worrell, P.G. Org., P.M., Sec.; V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M., D.C.; W. Bro. Johnston, R.M.; Theodore De Leliva, G. Stwd. S.D.; and T. W. Symons, J.D. Amongst other members present were the V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W. and G. Mark Secretary; W. Bros. R. Berridge, G.D.C.; and Alfred Williams, P.G.S.D., Past Masters; R. P. Spice, P.G. Stwd.; and Bros. Mildred, Bale, Nettleship, and others. The visitors were the V.W. Bros. Frederic Davison, Deputy Grand Mark Master for Middx. and Surrey; D. A. Dewar, Asst. G. Mark Secretary; and Bro. W. H. Gerningham, W.M. of the Tenterden Mark Lodge.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, ballot was taken for two candidates named on summons, and Bro. Francois Ducher, of the Rothesay Craft Lodge, No. 1687, being in attendance, was introduced and advanced to the Honourable Degree with full musical ceremony, the whole work connected with which was most impressively rendered. The Deputy Grand Master was pleased to express his favourable opinion in regard to the entire ceremony, and endorsed the minute book to that effect. A Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the lodge, which in some particulars require emendation, and there being no further business, the lodge was duly closed.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, the provision and service of which by Bros. Ritter and Clifford left nothing to be desired. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., that of "The Queen" being most unexpectedly, but most appropriately, accompanied at the exact moment by the "National Anthem," played by the full band of the London Rifle Brigade, then being "dismissed," after parade, in the Courtyard of the Guildhall. For "Grand Mark Lodge," the Deputy Grand Master for the province, the V.W. Bro. Davison, responded, and again expressed his gratification with the admirable working he had witnessed in lodge, and his earnest hope that in the future its members would aim at a continuation of that meritorious endeavour, which had so fully established the prestige of the Macdonald as one of the best exponents of the ritual of the Degree. The W.M., in reply to the toast in his honour, which was proposed by Bro. Meggy, renewed his former promises to maintain the dignity of his position, and to promote the prosperity of the lodge and harmony amongst its members. By unanimous request, the W.M. at once gave a practical

evidence of his great ability to promote "harmony" in a musical sense, by indulging the brethren with one of his ever tuneful and amusing songs, the reception of which compelled him still longer to leave the presidential chair in the occupation of Bro. Meggy, whilst he complied with the general requirement for another "just in the usual way." For "The Past Masters," Bro. Stevens made a brief response, which was followed by a "Yankee Electoral Address" from Bro. Gerningham, whose clever recital for some time "kept the table in a roar." At a later period of the evening the worthy brother again assisted digestion, by reciting another mirth convulsing narrative, and his earnest efforts to delight his audience were unmistakably appreciated. The reception of "The Advance" having been cordially given, Bro. Bucher, whose foreign accent somewhat increased the effect of his words, made a forcible speech, in the course of which he said that his impressions with regard to Masonry may be different from those of others, but he could not but believe that Freemasonry, which good and true men had for three thousand years been helping to build up, as an edifice that hereafter will be the temple of humanity, had a potent mission, which mission will be accomplished; and the time will surely come, not, almost certainly, in our period, when that edifice which we in our turn are helping to complete will become universal, and embrace humanity as one nation, one people, one creed. To this glorious end he believed the work of the Order he had just entered was equally devoted as that of other branches of Freemasonry, whilst he felt bound to admit that the ceremony of his advancement had impressed him beyond any other he had gone through. The remarks of the worthy brother were listened to with profound attention. For the visitors the Assistant Grand Mark Secretary, the V.W. Bro. Dewar, replied, endorsing the flattering expressions of former speakers. "The Masonic Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund" called up the V.W. Bros. Binckes, Meggy, and J. Spice, who severally replied, Bro. Binckes in the course of his remarks referring to the frequent opportunities which were afforded him to dilate on the cause of charity, particularly in connection with the useful institutions of Freemasonry. He acknowledged the sympathetic aid by means of which those of the household of faith, not so fortunate as ourselves, were not forgotten through the social organisation of the Order, and felt assured that not one of us who may have contributed towards the assistance of those in need ever yet felt the worse off for so doing. Bro. Meggy gave a brief resume of the progress of the Mark Benevolent Fund from the time, not many years ago, when but five Stewards could be obtained to represent lodges at the festivals, to the present, when as many as thirty-two worthy members of the Mark Degree afforded their valuable assistance. He congratulated the Macdonald Lodge on the fact that it had sent Stewards on all occasions but two during the existence of the fund. Bro. Spice in an equally able manner testified to the good done by all the Charities of the Order, and concluded a telling speech with the remark that the Stewards, whether in the past or the present, might well be looked upon as each corner-stones of that Temple of which Bro. Binckes had so eloquently spoken. The remaining toasts, "Treasurer and Secretary" "Officers of the Lodge" and Tyler's were then given, and the brethren separated, each and all delighted with the happy reunion. We must not omit to mention that in addition to the admirable songs and recitations of the W.M. and Bro. Gerningham respectively, Bros. Symons, Meggy, and Ducher contributed materially to the musical entertainment of the evening.

### Notes of the Day.

**ISANDLANA.**—The *Times of Natal* contains an account, obtained from native sources by Mr. Osborn, the British Resident in Zululand, of the memorable disaster at Isandlana. Several new facts of great interest are mentioned, notably the discovery on the battle-field of Lord Chelmsford's written orders to Colonel Pulleine. The description of the stand made by "the last man" is full of pathos. "He struggled on and on, retreating higher and higher up the hill, till he reached a small cave or recess in the rocks, into which he crept, and with his gun kept off the enemies. The ground in front of the little cave (which was pointed out to me) falls steeply down, and the Zulus, taking advantage of the rocks and stones scattered about, endeavoured, two or three at a time, to approach and shoot him. The soldier, however, was very cool and wary, and invariably shot every Zulu as he appeared; he did not blaze away hurriedly, but loaded quietly, took deliberate aim, and 'killed a man with every shot,' till at last the Zulus, being now very tired, a number of men, good shots, were brought up with guns, who fired simultaneously at this unfortunate man and so killed him. This lasted far in the afternoon, 'and the shadows were long on the hills' (probably about 5 p.m.) before this man, who, my informant said, was the last to die, met his fate."

**PALMER'S "INDEX TO THE TIMES."**—Mr. Samuel Palmer has now carried back his Index to the contents of our columns for nearly twenty years. The latest instalment of this work, which has just appeared, covers the three last months of the year 1862, embracing an important and interesting portion of the civil war in America, the blockade of Charleston, the siege of Fredericksburg, the President's proclamation against slavery, &c. It contains the usual number of gales, storms, accidents, murders, divorces, suicides, bankruptcies, and so forth; it records Captain Speke's expedition to Eastern Africa, the resignation of his Church preferment by the late Mr. F. D. Maurice, the death of Sir Benjamin Brodie, the resolution of the Metropolitan Board of Works to form a new street between the East and West Ends, the arrival of a gorilla at Liverpool, and the inauguration of the Hartley Institute at Southampton by Lord Palmerston. It should be added that the *Index to the Times* is published at Park-house, Broadway, South Hackney.—*Times*.

A curious Matrimonial Agency flourishes in Paris, which not only arranges marriages, but undertakes to make all the necessary visits for the contracting parties. Amongst its staff are a number of "highly correct gentlemen," who are got-up with beard, whiskers, or moustache, to represent as closely as possible the intending bridegroom, and these pay visits, leave cards, and transact all the needful social business of the wedding.

### Notes on Art, &c.

The *Athenaeum* says that it may be interesting to some people to know that when the late Mr. Gould finished his "Century of Birds from the Himalaya Mountains," he carried the MS. from publisher to publisher, and could not find any one bold enough to undertake it. He resolved after this to have no connection with the Row, and although, when his fame was made, he had many offers from the trade, he persisted in being his own publisher, collected his subscribers himself, and personally superintended all the details of his splendid folios.

The particulars given by the *Record* of the changes effected in the Authorised Version by the Revision Committee were, it appears, if not inaccurate, at least premature. The *Bookseller* calls attention to some of the curious problems of copyright law which will arise from the publication of the revised version.

The *Istoria dell' Arte Cristiana* of the R. P. Raphaël Garucci is on the eve of completion. It extends to six volumes in folio, and contains a collection of the monuments of ecclesiastical art during the first eight centuries of the Christian era, including those of the Jews and of the heretical sects. It will be illustrated by five hundred copper plates.

Mr. Carlyle's Notes and Papers, including his "Reminiscences," are in the hands of Mr. J. A. Froude, and will probably be brought out in three instalments. The materials are exceeding voluminous, particularly the letters, and will have to be carefully sifted before publication. The "Reminiscences" will appear first, and include sketches of E. Irving and Lord Jeffrey.

"Household Words" will shortly be revived by Bro. Charles Dickens in a different form, though without interfering in any way with "All the Year Round," which will be continued as heretofore.

A fine painting by Velasquez has been placed in the Dresden Museum. The picture, which recalls the style of Rubens, and was probably painted for the Castle of Torre della Parada, represents a group of the chief personages of Philip IV.'s Court arrayed in mythological costume, the Queen appearing as Diana.

A century-and-a-half of existence was celebrated last month by the *Hamburgische Correspondent*, which was started in 1731, although it is believed to have existed in 1710 under another name. This journal published a jubilee number containing a photographic reproduction of the first number.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) has completed a water-colour sketch of Mr. William Lee, the hero of the novel "A Sailor's Sweetheart," lashed, as he represents himself, in the top of the water-logged brig in the South Pacific.

The earliest printed Bible known was sold on Tuesday week in London for £790. It contained the Old Testament only, and was printed at Metz by Gutenberg in 1452, being believed to be the first book ever printed by moveable types. It was bought by Mr. Quaritch.

The *Athenaeum* states that in the early part of the spring will be published the first of the Talleyrand manuscripts. This one is entitled "Talleyrand and Louis XVIII.," and consists of their correspondence during the Congress of Vienna, with Talleyrand's descriptions of the various persons there, including Wellington and Castlereagh. Mr. Bentley will publish in England and M. Eugène Plon in Paris.

A valuable contrivance for the transport of persons suffering from infectious diseases has been adopted in Paris. Special vehicles have been made of bamboo and varnished wood, which can be easily cleaned and disinfected by jets of steam and chemical materials.

Lord Beaconsfield's "Endymion" costs more in its native land than in any other country. The London edition is published at 3rs. 6d., whereas the authorised German translation sells for 18s., the Tauchnitz can be had for 3s. 4d., and the American version for 2s. With true Transatlantic energy this last edition was published within fifty-five hours of its arrival in America.

Mr. Furnivall has for the last three weeks been searching, with Mr. J. Chaloner Smith's help, the old inventories at Somerset House, in the hope of finding Shakespeare's among them. But at present the only one that has turned up at all relating to the poet's family is the inventory of Sir John Bernard, the surviving second husband of Shakespeare's granddaughter and last descendant, Elizabeth Hall, who first married Thomas Nash.

The paintings of C. Delacroix in the library of the Palais Bourbon are threatened with destruction owing to the cracking of the wall on which they exist. A commission of experts, architects, painters, and critics has been appointed to inquire into the matter, and, if possible, secure the pictures from further injuries.

According to the *Academy*, Mr. H. Buxton Forman, the editor of the standard edition of Shelley's Poetical and Prose Works, is compiling a Shelley biography, with a full account of the contents and specialities of every volume and tract included in it. As a supplement to her husband's work, Mrs. Forman has undertaken a Shelley Concordance, which will be a great gain to students of English as well as of Shelley.

According to the last number of the *Istoričeskí Věstník*, "Historical Messenger," there has been recently discovered in an old country house in the Government of Orlov, a collection of letters from Voltaire to Count Razoumovski and Teplov, Secretary to the Empress Catherine II. They have never been published, and let us hope will soon find an editor.

The current coin of the realm now in use throughout the United Kingdom amounts to some 1,230,000,000, of which 130,000,000 sterling consist of gold alone. The silver coins number some 300,000,000, according to the *City Press*, the largest amount being in shillings, about 125,540,160, while the sixpences amount to 82,125,220, and the half-crowns to 41,516,343. As to the bronze money, 6000 tons have been struck since the Royal Mint was first instituted.

**Masonic Tidings.**

Bro. John Graves, solicitor, of Peterborough, has been appointed Town Clerk of Salford at a salary of £1000.

Bro. F. B. Chatterton's annual benefit at the Lyceum Theatre on Thursday week attracted a very large audience. The receipts amounted to £500.

Mr. John Staples, Alderman of the City of London, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, on Monday last.

The Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, have raised their initiation fee to fifteen guineas.

Bro. J. L. Toole, as energetic as he is clever, appeared at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, on Wednesday morning in the "Upper Crust," and "Trying a Magistrate," returning in time to play at his own theatre, the "Folly," in the evening.

Bro. Barry Sullivan, the eminent tragedian, is, we regret to learn, so seriously indisposed, as to compel him to cancel all his engagements for the present.

A concert, under the direction of Bro. H. P. Matthews, will be given in the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Monday, in aid of the Vellum Binders and Machine Rulers' Pension Society.

Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Past G. Org., has arranged with Bro. Faulkner Leigh, G. Org. Herts, for his choir to produce two new works at his Orchestral Concerts in St. James's Hall, May 14th and 28th, viz., "Romeo et Juliette," by Berlioz, and "Orpheus," by Gluck.

Bro. James Bancroft presided at the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the North London Railway Company, at the offices in Euston-square, on Thursday week, when a dividend of 7½ per cent was declared.

Bro. George Kenning has been selected as Senior Warden of the Gold and Silver Wire Drawers' Company.

Bro. C. T. Matthew has been elected Chairman of the Finance and Parliamentary Committee (Markets).

Bro. H. J. Byron's version of "Michael Strogoff" will be produced next month at the Adelphi Theatre.

Owing to the recent death of Bro. J. W. Anson, the hon. secretary of the Dramatic, Equestrian, and Musical Sick Fund Association, the committee of that institution have decided that the anniversary usually held on Ash-Wednesday will not take place this year.

Bro. R. Johnson's annual private ball takes place on the 3rd proximo, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—At a meeting of the members of this lodge, held on Thursday week, a resolution was passed, changing the name from the "London Masonic Club" to that of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, under the charter of which lodge it now meets every Thursday evening, at six o'clock, at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

The Rev. J. Sturdee, M.A., was the initiate at the last meeting of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Bro. Ernest E. Smith, who performed the ceremony immediately after his installation, also invested Bro. Louis Beck, as I.P.M., in lieu of Bro. Eugene H. Thiellay, who was elected and invested Treasurer of the lodge.

Bro. James Willing's drama "Delilah" is to be revived at the Standard Theatre on Monday next.

**ALLANCE LODGE, No. 1827.**—The next meeting of this flourishing lodge takes place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Wednesday next.

Bro. David A. Davis, P.M., the only Jewish member of the Devonshire Lodge, No. 625, Glossop, has been presented with a handsome gold and diamond Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

Since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge warrants have been granted for eleven new lodges, the number of the last granted being 1897.

Bro. Aeneas John McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Reg., presided at the seventeenth session of the United Law Students' Society in Clement's-inn Hall, on Wednesday week.

Bros. ex-Sheriff Burt and Major Davies Sewell have received votes of condolence, unanimously voted at the last meeting of the Shipwrights' Company, on the death of Mrs. Sewell, daughter of Bro. Burt.

Bro. D. Deeves, W.M. of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, was entertained at a farewell dinner on Saturday evening last by the brethren of Woolwich. Bro. Deeves, who is an Assistant Commissary of the Ordnance Branch of the Army Service Corps, has had to leave Woolwich for the Transvaal.

Bro. Killian H. Van Rensselaer, a native of Albany, N.Y., but for nearly half a century a resident of Ohio, died at his residence in California, Hamilton County, Ohio, near Cincinnati, on Friday night, the 28th ult., at the age of eighty-two years. He was one of the oldest and most distinguished Scottish Rite Masons in the country, was Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of Thirty-third Degree, and Past Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., is not expected home from Madeira until towards the end of April. Our contemporaries were in error in stating he was expected to arrive at Southampton in a few days.

The Rev. Mr. Ross, of East Williams, Ontario, has forbidden Freemasons the Lord's Table in his church, on the ground that at Masonic funerals the name of the Saviour is not used in supplications to the Deity.

St. Andrew's Lodge, of Kamptee, India, lately gave an entertainment through its members for the benefit of the Roman Catholic Orphanage, and the sum of 285 rupees was handed over to the institution.

Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C., LL.D., is a candidate for the City Remembranceship.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Great Prior, has accorded permission to the Temple Crossing Preceptory, No. 45, to remove. The meetings in future will be held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the third Friday in February, April, October, and November, after April next. As Good Friday is on the third this year, the Preceptory will meet on the fourth.

Bro. George Sims, C.C., has been confined to his room during the past week through an attack of bronchial congestion, but we are glad to hear that he is nearly convalescent.

On Wednesday next the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, supported by Bro. H. B. Marshall, and others, will lay the foundation-stone of a new Wesleyan Chapel, in the Mile-end road, as a memorial to the late Sir F. Lycett.

Bro. J. M. Bell gave a lecture entitled "A Visit to the Oberammergau Passion Play" at Albion Hall, London-wall, on Thursday week, before the members of the Milton Conversational Class. The lecture was illustrated with photographs.

Bro. J. Whittaker Ellis, Alderman of the City of London, has contributed the sum of £10,000 to the building fund of the Birkbeck Institution.

**SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC HALL COMPANY.**—The first annual report of the Directors of this undertaking for the year ending 31st December, has been issued. The receipts during the year have amounted to £268 12s., and the expenditure to £141 4s. 11d. The Directors recommend payment of a dividend of 4 per cent. on the paid-up capital, which will leave a balance to be carried forward of £15 7s. 1d. Bros. Miles, Thomas, Weston, Robson, and Le Feuvre, retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election as Directors, and Bros. Cole and Cross are also eligible for re-election as Auditors.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., attended by his suite, left Charing Cross on Thursday evening, by special South Eastern train en route for Germany, whither, as already announced in this column, he proceeds in order to attend the marriage of Prince William of Prussia, and Princess Augusta Victoria.

Lord Methuen, R.W.G.M. Wiltshire, has succeeded Lord Sandhurst as Lord in Waiting to the Queen.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., arrived in town on Monday, and is staying at the Park Hotel, St. James's.

**LECHMERE LODGE, No. 1874.**—The consecration of this lodge took place on Wednesday at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

Bro. Thomas Kingston, P.M. 862, is, we regret to learn, confined to the house owing to severe illness.

Comp. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., M.E.G.Z., presided at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berks and Bucks at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Thursday week, the 17th inst.

Bro. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W.G.M. Norfolk, was present at the meeting of the Friendship Lodge, No. 100, held at the Assembly Rooms, Yarmouth, on Thursday week.

Bro. P. de Keyser has had conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of the Belgians, the distinction of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., presided at the annual dinner in connection with Mr. W. C. Garth's foxhounds at the Town Hall, Wokingham, on Tuesday night. The town was appropriately decorated on the occasion of the Royal visit.

**THE ANNUAL LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL.**—The final meeting of the committee entrusted with the arrangements of the annual Masonic ball held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 11th ultimo took place on Friday week, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182, vice-chairman. Bro. H. A. Tobias, I.P.M. 1502 (the honorary secretary), submitted his report, from which it appeared that about £40 had been realised from the ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Votes of thanks were given with cordiality to the honorary secretary, the refreshment committee (of which Bro. John Houlding, P.M. 823, was the chairman), the treasurer (Bro. A. C. Wylie, W.M. 1264), and the executive committee.

**THE WEST YORKSHIRE BRETHREN AND THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.**—Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Bro. Tew, and several of the West Yorkshire brethren who were in town for the festival of the Benevolent Institution on Wednesday, on Thursday paid a visit to the Boys' School at Wood Green, and the Girls' School at Battersea-rise. They were conducted over those Institutions by the Secretaries, and the head master of one and the head mistress of the other, and after a careful inspection of the arrangements of those schools, expressed themselves highly satisfied with what they had seen.

Bro. Sir Charles Lowther, Bart., of Swillington House, Leeds, at his Candlemas rent audit, recently held, has again made a return of 10 per cent. to all his farm tenants.

Bro. Louis Hirsch was on Wednesday evening last installed a second time W.M. of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, at the Grosvenor Hotel. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Masonic Hall, Wyndford-street, Mary-hill, Glasgow, was consecrated on Wednesday last by Bro. W. Pearce, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Glasgow, in the presence of a large assembly of brethren.

Bro. Robert Macey, of New York (U.S.A.), is the oldest Grand Red Cross Recorder in America, having been elected without intermission for thirty years.

The oldest lodge on the American continent is the Albion Lodge, formerly No. 17 (now No. 0), Quebec, inaugurated A.D. 1721.

**General Tidings.**

Lord Rosebery has accepted an invitation to preside at the dinner of the Palmerston Club, Oxford University, on the 12th proximo.

The death is announced of the Hon. Grantley Berkeley, who represented West Gloucestershire for nearly twenty years, and was heir presumptive to the earldom of Berkeley, which event took place last Wednesday at Poole.

The French Society of Agriculturists passed a resolution last Wednesday in favour of having in future but one general customs tariff, and doing away altogether with treaties of commerce.

The *Gazette* announces the elevation of Lord Odo Russell to the peerage under the title of Baron Amptill, of Amptill, in the county of Bedford.

On Wednesday a public meeting was held to consider the best means of providing a park for Paddington. Lord George Hamilton, who presided, said that £300,000 would be required, and he thought some rich people in the district would willingly aid in raising this sum. Resolutions were passed in accordance with the object of the meeting.

On Wednesday the anniversary festival of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society was held at Willis's Rooms, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, when subscriptions to the amount of £4366 were announced.

One of the large mains of Portsmouth Waterworks has burst, leaving a considerable portion of the town without water.

At the ordinary meeting of the Society of Arts on the 9th of March, Mr. Edward Whymper will give an account of his recent ascents of Chimborazo and Catopaxi.

An experimental trial of the electric light is to be made in lighting some of the principal streets of Norwich. Several large firms in the city are also about to adopt the new system at their establishments.

Intelligence from Panama to the 15th inst., announces that M. de Lesseps' engineers have established five surveying camps, and that the entire party is now at work.

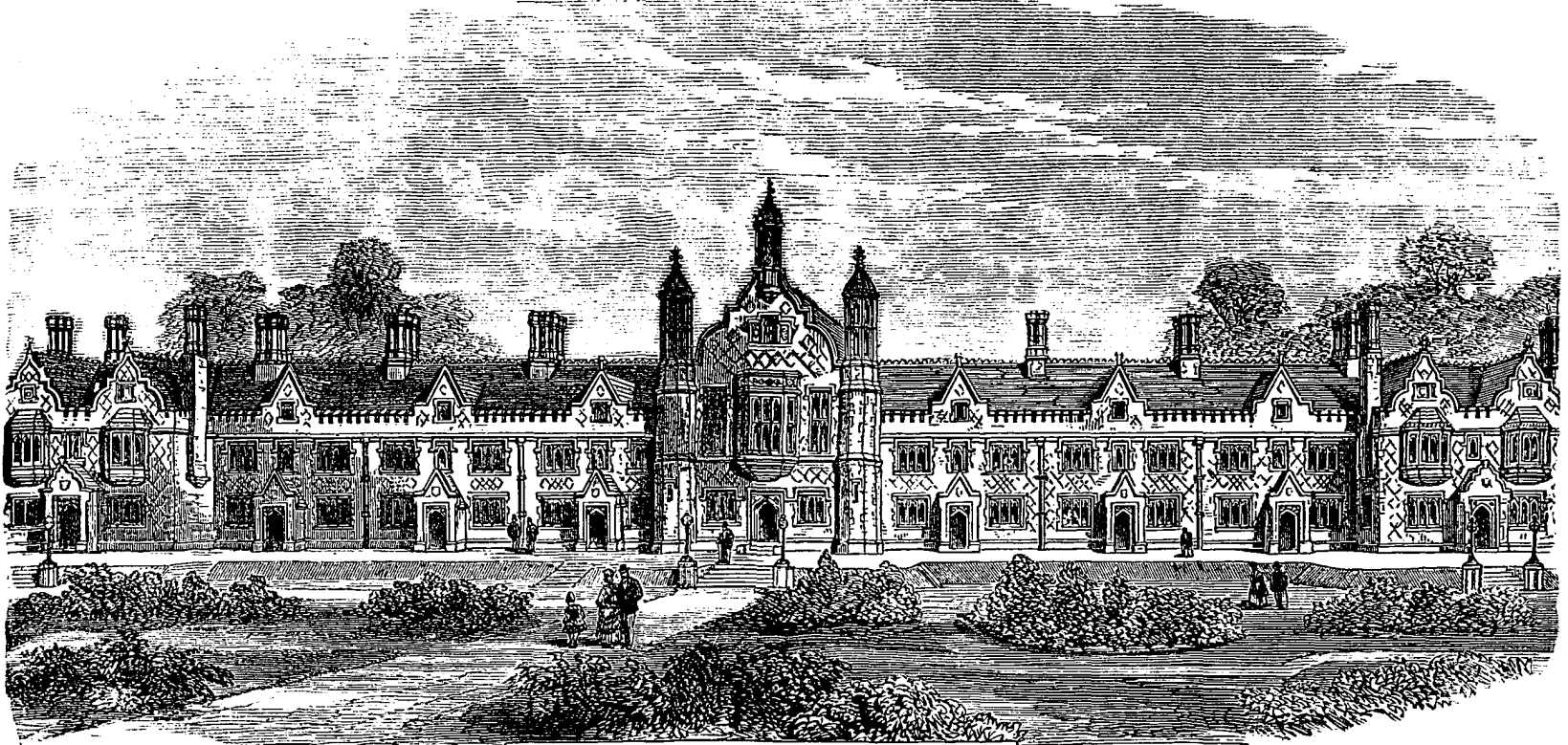
**THE FISHERY ON THE EAST COAST.**—The question of the depredations committed by foreign fishermen upon the property of the British fishing interest is about to be brought under the notice of the House of Commons by Colonel Barne, M.P. for East Suffolk. At a consultative meeting at Lowestoft it was unanimously agreed that a convention between Great Britain, Holland, Belgium, and France would settle the question.

A quaint relic of early steam navigation is now owned by the Chicago Historical Society—the original working plan from which was constructed the first vessel which crossed the Atlantic entirely propelled by steam. This was the Royal William, built at Quebec in 1831, which made the passage in twenty-five days, and was subsequently bought by the Spanish Government, who converted it into the first steam man-of-war.

On Wednesday Viscount Sherbrooke distributed prizes to the students of the Nottingham School of Art, and in subsequently addressing them, he said he had heard considerable complaints with regard to the severe competition to which this country was subjected, and there were many who thought something ought to be done to make trade easier in the future. In his humble judgment all this was erroneous. If they did not like competition, there was nothing easier than to go where they would not have it. He would urge them not to waste their time in trying to get rid of competition, but to employ their time in making their own occupations and businesses as efficient as possible, leaving it to others to do as well as they could for themselves.

**ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.**—On Tuesday week a crowded meeting in support of the objects of the St. John Ambulance Association was held in the Long Parlour of the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor, M.P., presided, and there were present, among others, the Earl of Glasgow, Viscount Templeton, Sir Bartle Frere, Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., General Sir Henry Daubeney, Sir Edward Perrott, Major Duncan, Dr. Farquharson, M.P., Dr. Hardwicke, Mr. E. Howley Palmer, Major Malet, Mr. Edwin Freshfield, and General Lowry. The association was founded in 1877 by the Chapter of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England to disseminate general information as to the preliminary treatment of the sick and injured among all classes of society. Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Major Duncan, and Mr. Furley, the chairman of the City district, having described the work of the society, it was resolved on the motion of Lord Glasgow, seconded by Mr. E. Howley Palmer, late Governor of the Bank of England, "That this meeting having heard the statements of the executive officers respecting the origin and progress of the St. John Ambulance Association, desires to express its opinion that, notwithstanding somewhat limited resources, the movement has, by the almost unprecedented success attending its efforts for the prevention and alleviation of human suffering, shown itself fully deserving of national support and confidence." The next resolution, which was moved by General Sir Henry Daubeney, and seconded by Major Malet, requested all employers of labour and officials connected with literary and other institutions to communicate with the association at St. John's-gate, with a view to the formation of classes (either male or female) for instruction in the first treatment of the sick and wounded, some knowledge of which was so essential for those employed in docks, warehouses, and workshops, where accidents were of frequent occurrence. This was adopted unanimously, as was also a third, proposed by Mr. Edwin Freshfield, commending the movement to the favourable consideration of the great City companies and to bankers, merchants, employers, and others in the metropolis, in order to put the financial position of the association on a less precarious basis. The meeting was further addressed by General Lowry, Dr. Farquharson, M.P., Dr. Hardwicke (Coroner for Middlesex), Mr. James Payn, and others, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, proposed by General Lord Templeton.





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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., R.W. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, presided. He was supported on his right by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire, and on his left by Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire. There were also present at the right and left of the Chairman: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Chas. Greenwood, G. Swd. B., G. Sec. Surrey; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; J. Duff Filer, P.G. Swd. B.; J. G. Chancellor, P.G.S.; W. H. Gill, P.P.G.W. W. Yorks; George Lambert, P.P.G.W. Herts; W. H. Brittain, P.P.G.W. W. Yorks; Dr. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M. Jersey; R. J. Critchley, P.P.G.W. W. Yorks; Thomas Hill, P.P.G.W. W. Yorks; W. H. B. Tomlinson, P.P.G.R. W. Yorks; John Hirst, P.P.G.W. W. Yorks; Benj. Watson, Vice-Patron; John Wordsworth, P.G. Stewd., P.P.G.W. W. Yorks.; Isaac Booth, P. Prov. G.W. W. Yorks; O. H. Colven, G. Steward; Henry G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Henry Bulley, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; R. Percy Middlemist, Honorary Surgeon; and Col. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia. About 600 brethren were present, and more than 200 ladies.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the first toast, that of "The Queen," said: Her Majesty is the daughter of a Mason, the niece of a Grand Master and the mother of our Royal Grand Master, and the Patroness of our Order. It would be, I think, unbecoming in me to do more than express our admiration of her noble character and her many virtues. Long may she continue to reign over a loyal and loving people, of whom not the least loyal are the Freemasons of England.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." He said: The Prince of Wales, as many of you who are now present remember, was installed in the Albert Hall in 1875, and never did a more glorious gathering take place. There were at least 10,000 Masons present, every one of them bearing due allegiance to their most noble and most distinguished patron, the Prince of Wales; and from that time to the present the popularity of H.R.H. has been increasing, day by day, in a ratio we can scarcely calculate. Where can he go without meeting with a glorious reception? Nowhere in England, nowhere in the United Kingdom, nowhere in India, nowhere wherever he may go. We are, indeed, most fortunate in having at our head such a popular and such a distinguished Mason, and I am happy to say that it is not only that we are indebted to him for favours already received, but we are also indebted to his three brothers, who are all Provincial Grand Masters in England. We are fortunate in having had for years, I may say for centuries, members of the Royal Family at our head. If I entered upon the number I don't know when I should cease; but at all

events we have had royal dukes from one reign to another, which every other society in the world I may say have been jealous of because they could not get the honour. I have now to propose to you the health of a Mason who I have already told you is the most popular man in the world, and the rest of the Royal Family. It would be preposterous and taking a very great liberty to say one word beyond this; you all remember what our old bard has written, and whose words will apply to the Prince of Wales—

"To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,  
To add fresh perfume to the violet,  
Is wasteful and ridiculous excess."

The CHAIRMAN: I am asked to couple the next two toasts together—"The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master; The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." The Earl of Carnarvon is not only well-known to you all, occupying as he does the high position in Masonry, but as a statesman and highly-gifted nobleman. We all regret his absence abroad on account of delicate health, and earnestly hope that he may be speedily restored to health, and enabled to again preside over our deliberations in Grand Lodge. The Earl of Lathom, our Deputy Grand Master, without exception is, perhaps, the most industrious Freemason in England, and whom Lord Beaconsfield has honoured in giving him a step in nobility. The name of Skelmersdale was a household word amongst Masons. Let those persons who do not know him, if such exist, go to West Lancashire for his character, where he is at home.

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN in reply said: I have to acknowledge the toast which has been so happily proposed by the Chairman—"The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present." With regard to Lord Carnarvon I am sure I need not detain you, as you are anxious to hear the announcement of the lists and then join the ladies. I am sure we all most heartily wish, with the Chairman, to see Lord Carnarvon again in this country restored to health. With regard to Lord Lathom, all of us in London know him well; many of us have the privilege of his acquaintance, and we all know how popular he is. With regard to the present Grand Officers, they all try to do their duty, and I believe they do it to your satisfaction, as the Past Grand Officers have done before them.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," said: My lords, ladies, and brethren: This chair has been occupied by many worthy Masons, but never did one take it with a higher sense of the honour, or a higher sense of the responsibility attached to the position. I am satisfied that it is no part of my duty this evening to plead for this Benevolent Institution. I am rather in the position of one to return thanks for most indefatigable labours with noble results; I am, like yourselves, most anxious to hear from Bro. Terry the outcome of the

Stewards' labours. I may now mention that this Institution was first suggested by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., in 1842. At that time 13 male annuitants received £290; now 150 male annuitants receive £6,000, or £40 each. In 1849 the widows' fund was founded under the late Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., when five widows received £75; now 155 widows receive £4,960 in incomes of £32 each. Since the establishment of this Institution 531 brethren have received these annuities, and 304 widows have had their closing years cheered from this source. Roundly stated, the permanent income is £2,610, and the expenditure £13,000, leaving a deficiency each year of £10,400. There are now 99 applicants and only 20 vacancies. There is an asylum at Croydon affording a home for 33 annuitants, who have each two rooms, and are provided with medical attendance free, and coals during the winter. It needs no words from me to commend the toast entrusted to me, and I give you "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." I call upon Bro. Terry to read the Stewards' list.

Bro. JAMES TERRY then read the following list of subscriptions:—

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Table listing members and their contributions for various lodges in Somersetshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, and Yorkshire, followed by a Provincial List Summary for all provinces.

Lieut.-Col. STARRIE, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," said: Freemasons are accustomed to act on certain lines and principles. We give honour to whom honour is due, custom to whom custom, and charity to all. It is to me a most gratifying thing to find that I am here to acknowledge and to have heard the great deeds of a neighbouring province to my own so ably presided over by our president. I am glad to have next to me a most worthy magnate of a most illustrious province. To you London brethren we look up as if you were the head of our kingdom; and our grand and illustrious kingdom, extending over the world, depends upon you for its Masonic procedure. We in the provinces look to you for the dictates of ruling the assemblages over which we have control. Our most worthy friend on my left, who is one of the worthies of Yorkshire, is an illustrious man. He is the white rose of Yorkshire; I am the red rose of Lancashire. But, brethren, we are assembled under the rose of England, whose fragrance of Masonry extends its perfume over the whole world. That perfume is charity, deeply rooted in brotherly love. It is engrafted on friendship, its branches extend all over the world; and I hope, as my friend has shown you to-day, West Yorkshire has performed the duty of the white rose, which will never fade in England, and that the red rose of England may never blush for her. The CHAIRMAN, in responding, said: I cannot adequately acknowledge the very kind and too flattering manner in which you have received the toast of my health. Let me assure my gallant, eloquent, and generous friend and neighbour, Col. Starkie, how highly I appreciate the kind expressions he has given utterance to. Would that I deserved all that he has said of me. When invited to take the chair at this festival, I felt

great diffidence, fearing perhaps this noble Institution might suffer in my hands; on the contrary, I have indeed reason to be proud of the response to Bro. James Terry's appeal. I will not attempt to say more than how deeply grateful I feel to my London brethren for their share in this munificent contribution. You will, I am sure, forgive me if I add one word of thanks to my dear brethren of West Yorkshire, who have not only subscribed largely but have done me the honour of coming to London to be present and support me this evening. My best, my warmest thanks are due to the noble band of Stewards—no fewer than 390—the very largest number enrolled at any festival. And let me not forget our excellent and untiring friend the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, to whom I especially am deeply indebted for his courteous assistance, and to whom all of us are indebted for the admirable manner in which he has discharged his onerous duties. With reference to the contribution of West Yorkshire, I may perhaps be permitted to state that although the amount announced is not the largest ever sent up by a province, I may be permitted to say that we give every year something, and that the aggregate for the past seven previous years amounts to £13,000 for the three Masonic Institutions.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., proposed "The Sister Institutions." In doing so he said: Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master in the chair and brethren, there is an old saying that "we cannot have too much of a good thing," and I hope on the present occasion that is the case. In regard to all Masonic charities we certainly cannot have too much of a good thing. We have listened with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to the very magnificent amount of the lists to-night, and we congratulate the Masonic Benevolent Institution on that result. But, brethren, this is only the first list of the year. We have two other festivals coming on, and I am sure you will all join with me in hoping that the other two Institutions will have as magnificent results as the Masonic Benevolent Institution. I will not detain you any longer, but will call upon you to drink "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

Bro. HEDGES, in reply, said: I am deeply sensible, Right Worshipful Sir, of the honour you have conferred upon me in associating my name with the toast of the "other charities," viz., the "Boys' and Girls' Schools," and in response allow me on their behalf to tender you my most sincere thanks for the hearty and cordial reception which has been accorded to it. But, Worshipful Sir, permit me, also, in this representative gathering of truly English Freemasons, to take this opportunity of acknowledging on behalf of the "Boys' and Girls' Schools" the generous support which has for so many years been extended to them, and at no time more liberally than in the year which has just passed, and I do so to-night, Sir Henry, with peculiar pleasure in the presence of so many brethren of your own province of West Yorkshire, to whose unbounded liberality the Charities owe so much. Before I sit down, Worshipful Sir, I cannot omit to congratulate most heartily the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Stewards, and Bro. Terry, on the glorious result of this festival, and I cannot but take it as of good augury for the two festivals which have yet to follow, viz., that of the "Girls" in May next, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire, and in June the "Boys," to be presided over by the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. G.M. Durham; and in asking for those two Institutions a continuance of the favour hitherto shown them, I am sure I am only asking that which will be readily granted. Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, in the name of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, I thank you.

Col. LAURIE, P.G.M. Nova Scotia, proposed "The Health of the Stewards." He said: When I was charged with the toast which has been placed in my hands, I was told it was confided to me because I was a stranger. Now, sir, I do not accept that. As a Mason I cannot feel myself a stranger amongst Masons. It is true that I am not at present a subscribing member under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. Sir, the toast that has been placed in my hands relates to a subject which does not exist in the jurisdiction over which I have had the honour to preside for many years, at least for some years; I will not use the word "many." We have no Stewards in our jurisdiction. I regret to say further we have no Masonic Benevolent Institution, or any anniversaries like this. We are but creatures of yesterday. We undertake, I will not call it Masonic obligations, or the word duties, but we charge ourselves with the support of those who from various causes fail in the race of life, till we can get them to the jurisdiction to which they belong. But you who are an old-established country, have matters very different. You have these Institutions, and I congratulate

you, sir, on the success that you have in maintaining them. I also congratulate the Stewards, who have been so ably supported by the Secretary, Bro. Terry. I was not aware what these Stewards had done till Bro. Terry read out the lists to-night. I congratulate the Grand Lodge of England on having such able and effective workers. I will not detain you longer, but I will propose "The Health of the Stewards."

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER replied, and

The CHAIRMAN next proposed the toast of "The Ladies," and the brethren then adjourned to Freemasons' Hall to the concert.

The following is the programme of music performed under the direction of Bro. C. E. Tinney, P.M. 1319:—In the Banqueting Hall.—Grace, "For these and all Thy mercies," solo—Madame M. Zimeri. National song and chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales," solo—Bro. Charles Abercrombie. Song, "Pack clouds away," Miss Bateman. Part song, "Take thy banner." Song, "The merry Zingara," Madame M. Zimeri. War song, "To Horse," Bro. Thos. Kempton. Glee, "Hart and hind." In the Temple.—Musical Sketches by Bro. G. S. Graham, P.G. Org. Middx. Part Song, "The Dawn of Day." Song, "Here's to the Year that's awa'," Madame Florence Winn. New song, "Love's Reply," Bro. Charles Abercrombie. Song, "When the Tide comes in," Miss Rose Dafforne. Duet, "A Venetian Boat Song," Miss Bateman and Miss Maud Longhurst. Glee, "The Happiest Land," Bros. Dutton, A. Thompson, C. Stevens, and C. E. Tinney. Song, "For ever and for ever," Madame M. Zimeri. Song, "Flow, thou regal purple stream," Bro. Thomas Kempton. Song, "Why are you wand'ring here, I pray?" Miss Maud Longhurst. Humorous part song, "Chinese march." Song, "Death of Nelson," Bro. Charles Abercrombie. Song, "Caller Herrin," Madame Florence Winn. Song, "Punchinello," Bro. C. E. Tinney. Trio, "Night," Miss Bateman, Miss R. Dafforne, and Miss Longhurst. Part song, "A Franklyn's dogge." Part song, "Good night." Bro. C. Stevens and Bro. C. E. Tinney presided at the pianoforte,

The dinner was admirably supplied by Bro. Best, who with Bro. Dawkins, his manager, personally watched over the comforts of the brethren.

Bro. James Hayho was toastmaster.

### Mentoranda.

THE POLICE ALARM SYSTEM IN AMERICA.—In view of the frequent burglaries in London, it may be of interest to describe the new system that has just been experimentally tried in Chicago, and with such success that it is being adopted throughout the whole city. The public alarm-houses are built of wood, just large enough to admit one man. They are placed upon the side walk, as near to street corners as possible, and securely fastened either to the corner-stones of buildings or to telegraph posts. The keys of these houses are uniform, and are furnished to respectable citizens on applications at the station, a record being kept of all key-holders. A mechanical alarm to register the location of the complaint is enclosed in a small box attached to the side of the house, which box also encloses a telephone for the use of the police officer on that beat, placing him in immediate communication with the superintendent at the station. The citizen who possesses a key can, by pulling down a lever that protrudes through a slit outside the box, procure the attendance of three policemen and a horse and wagon in from one to four minutes after entering the alarm-house. The wagon carries a stretcher, blankets, handcuffs, &c., and can be used either as an ambulance or a conveyance for the prisoners. The alarm-houses are furnished with patent locks, which, after being opened, retain the key until a policeman arrives with a master key, which he inserts in the reverse side of the lock and releases the original. This precaution is taken to prevent false alarms and to keep the complainant at the alarm-house until the officers come to hear the complaint or apply the remedy. A large bell is hung over the alarm-house, so that in case of any serious crime the officer on duty can summon all the neighbouring officers, while the telephone is put into action at the central offices, giving to every man an account of the crime and of any suspected persons, which makes it an extremely difficult matter for the criminals to leave the city in time. In addition to these public alarm stations, there are private boxes combining police and fire calls, which can be placed in residences or offices at a cost of 30 dols. each. They are so small that they can be set in a wall behind a desk or counter, and a noiseless alarm can be given, so that the operations of the thief will be unpleasantly disturbed by the sudden entrance of the police ready at all points.

The Language of Gloves may now be added to those secret tongues which find speech in flowers, fans, and even the prosaic postage-stamp. "Yes" is said by dropping one glove, the *Parisian* tells us, "No" by rolling the gloves in the right hand. If you wish to express indifference partly unglve the left hand, if encouragement strike your left shoulder. "I should wish to be beside you" is implied by gently smoothing the gloves, the warning "you are observed" is signified by turning them round the fingers. To ask if you are loved glove the left hand except the thumb, and to declare "I love you" let both gloves fall. "I love you no longer" is pronounced by striking the gloves several times against the chin, "I hate you" by turning them inside out. As a sign of displeasure strike the back of your hand against the gloves, and if you are furious" take them away altogether.

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