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WITH the closing year of 1881 it is our duty, no less than our pleasure, our privilege, no less than our happiness, to tender to all our many warm friends and patrons in all lands our grateful thanks for unchanged kindness and sympathetic support. It is always gratifying to realize and remember that we leave an old year with more friends than we commenced it; and the *Freemason* rejoices to think, that, at the close of another period of twelve months, it has not only not lost but gained alike the marked approval of the public, and the steady and sterling encouragement of a large and increasing circle of honest and devoted subscribers. In the future, as in the past, it trusts that it will continue to merit the confidence of all who peruse week by week its carefully arranged columns of Masonic information, archæology, reviews, lodge life, and the social gatherings of the Craft; and that as it never degenerates into the organ of a party, or panders to personality, each succeeding year may see it grow in the esteem of its contemporaries, the approval of its friends, and the loyal adhesion of its Order, as a trustworthy chronicle of passing events, and a faithful depository of Masonic sentiments. To all efforts which tend to advance the cause of our great Charities, or further the study of Masonic archæology, it will ever give its humble support, so that in the new year, as in the old year and the years that are gone, it may well reflect in its hebdomadal utterances, the thoroughly tolerant, gentlemanly, enlightened, beneficent principles of English nay, and of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

THE "hearty good wishes" for the new year of Publisher and Editor are offered to their large and continually increasing clientelle. As 1881 is crumbling beneath our feet, amid scenes of storm and shipwreck, and gloom and anxiety, national troubles and dreadful crimes, it seems to be their bounden duty to offer to all who are interested in the progress and welfare of the *Freemason*, their most sincere acknowledgments for past kindnesses, their most earnest aspirations for their health and happiness and welfare in 1882. With the closing number of a dying year, they beg therefore, to repeat to all for whom they write and publish the *Freemason*, in each succeeding week of the yearly Calendar of Time, their heartfelt solicitude that all their good friends and warm supporters everywhere at home and abroad, wherever they are, and wherever they roam, may enjoy "A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND LIVE TO HAVE MANY RETURNS OF THE SAME."

NOTHING perhaps is so remarkable in this sublunary life of ours, strange and contradictory as it often seems to us, as the onward passage of Time. All else changes, all else yields to other influences, tumultuous interference, or silent decay, but Time never actually changes; Time never dies. It passes on hourly, gaining new life even from each departing twelve months; and until its "record" is accomplished, in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., it will ever be the same to man,—a marvel and a mystery, a temptation and a trial, a puzzle and a paradox. We are led into such thoughts by the close of another twelve months and the needful work of another customary "summary." 1881 is passing away, and when these lines meet the eyes of our readers a new year will soon dawn upon them and theirs. What it will bring them or us, who can say, or even venture to seek to predict? In the laughing mood of the happy poet, we are led almost perforce to say,—

"Will it find us grown thinner or fatter?
Or fonder of wrong or of right?
Or married? Or buried?
No matter! Good night to the Old Year, Good Night!"

THE year 1881 has, indeed, been an eventful time to the world in which we live. It has witnessed much of turmoil and trouble, wars and rumours of wars in distant parts. Europe has, however, been happily free from that "dire scourge." From the busy scene of public life many great personages and regrettable public characters have passed away, leaving large voids and touching regrets. Crimes and disasters of various kinds have shocked and saddened the minds of us all, and, perhaps, no one year has closed, in our memories, amid more of mourning, more of sorrow, more of untold and abnormal lamentations. Indeed, many of us must look forward to 1882 in a spirit of hope and trust for "better days" and a happier outcome. Masonically speaking, 1881 has not been productive of any one event of a startling importance to the Craft at large. Our great Order has, rather,

moved on calmly, quietly, majestically, loyally, at any rate in Great Britain and English speaking lands, upholding its unchanging principles, developing its true mission,—as will be seen by our subjoined chronicle of its yearly march and consistent progress.

JANUARY

opened most appropriately with the New Year's Entertainment of the inmates at the Asylum at Croydon. That most excellent Institution, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, deserves the hearty support of all members of the Craft, and we hope its Anniversary Festival in February next, under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Lloyd, will be a great success. Freemasonry is never better employed than in aiding or solacing the aged and infirm Mason, and causing the "widow's heart to sing for joy." Several testimonials were presented in January to worthy Masons. Among them we may note one of singular appropriateness and heartiness, and most well-merited, to our old and valued and faithful Bro. John Fawcett, so long Prov. G.M. of Durham, on his retirement from an office he had held so long with honour to himself and credit to the Craft. Few brethren have done more good and true work for Freemasonry. We can also record another, a public one, to our esteemed and worthy Bro. Magnus Ohren; and a third to Bro. M. C. Peck, after fourteen years' faithful service as Prov. G.S. for North and East Yorkshire. The Testimonial Fund to our lamented friend, the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, was started in January; and Bro. the Marquess of Hamilton was installed Prov. G.M. of Londonderry and Donegal. The annual ball at Liverpool, on behalf of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, took place also in this month, and was most successful. The consecration of the Lord Wentworth Lodge, No. 1879, took place at Alnwick; and that of the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, was carried out in London. This distinguished lodge is, we believe, intended to reflect the name of a certain distinguished Grand Officer among us. All we can say is, may *its* prosperity go on increasing, and may *his* shadow never grow less. The consecration of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1642, was effected at Notting-hill. It is in connection with a young lodge, but distinguished by its good Masonic work and zeal for the Charities. The consecration of the Mark lodge, No. 268, at Southport, called the Lathom Lodge, also took place. In this month the Board of Benevolence voted £520.

FEBRUARY.

The Supreme Grand Chapter met for business, and four new chapters were granted. The annual banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, took place. Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. for Norfolk, Francis Knollys, Private Secretary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, were admitted into the Order of Rose Croix, 18°, at Golden-square. The Masonic Festival of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow, in aid of the Prov. Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, was celebrated. The anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution came off, Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. for W. Yorkshire in the chair, and with an unprecedentedly large number of Stewards, when Bro. Terry's exertions were rewarded by the noble amount of over £14,000. The consecration of the United Service Lodge, No. 1873, at Kingston, Jamaica, and of St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 1887, at Wellingford, took place. The Lodge of Benevolence voted £815.

MARCH

witnessed the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, which possessed no feature of paramount importance,—merely nominal business was transacted. Our Royal Grand Master was unanimously re-elected amid marked signs of loyal applause, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer amid universal applause. The warrants for eleven new lodges were announced. Several lodges were consecrated this month, notably the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, at Kidderminster; Chine Lodge, No. 1884, at Shanklin; and the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, at Carshalton. We also observe that the Humphrey Cheetham Chapter, No. 645, was consecrated this month, as well as the St. Austell Mark Lodge, No. 275, at St. Austell. The consecration of a Masonic Hall at Mary Hill, N.B., by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, also took place. Bro. Bevan was installed D.G.M. of Westland, New Zealand. The Board of Benevolence voted £1435.

APRIL,

saw a good deal of Masonic work achieved under different forms. Bro. Major Tudor Trevor was installed as Prov. Grand Master for Staffordshire, and the foundation-stone of the Industry Masonic Hall, at Gateshead, was laid by Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M. Lodge of Industry, No. 48. The consecration of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, together with the installation of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., as Grand Superintendent, also took place. The annual soirée of the Great City Lodge came round with much éclat. The Quarterly Courts of the Girls' and Boys' School were held, when, in the former, fifteen girls were elected out of a list of

twenty-eight candidates, and twenty boys were elected out of a list of seventy-six candidates in the latter. The voting was unprecedentedly heavy, and the "outlook" for future elections becomes serious indeed. The corner-stone of the new Parish Church of Egremont was laid in this month by Bro. Jonas Lindow Burns-Lindow. A most successful banquet in honour of R.W. Bro. R. W. H. Giddy was given in the Masonic Hall, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, by the united lodges, Prince Alfred, 956, Natalia Lodge, 1668, and the Skelmersdale Lodge, 1729. The Grand Festival took place when Lord March and Bro. Justice Cave were appointed Grand Wardens, our old friend, Bro. Ambrose Hall Grand Chaplain, and among the other new Grand Officers we noticed Bros. Levander, Sampson Peirce, George Lambert, Scott, and others. The gathering was a great success, and reflected much credit on the Board of Grand Stewards. The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Jarrow by Bro. George Spain. The sixty-fourth Anniversary Festival of the Stability Lodge of Instruction was held under the presidency of the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., where earnest testimony was borne to the eminent services of "Old Mug," as a "Preceptor" in the Craft. The following lodges and chapters were consecrated in April: The Lumley Lodge, No. 1893, Skegness; Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, at East Dulwich; the Breadalbane Lodge, No. 657 (S.C.), at Abergeldy; also St. Matthew Chapter, 1447, at Barton-on-Humber; and Loyalty Chapter, 879, at St. Helen's, in Liverpool. The Lodge of Benevolence voted £535.

MAY.

In May the Grand Chapter met as usual, when warrants for ten new chapters were granted. The new Grand Officers were duly invested. Sir M. H. Beach was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The festival of the Royal Masonic Institution took place under the able presidency of Sir Michael Hickey Beach, M.P., when the sum of £11,400 was announced. A previous visit to the Girls' School by the Stewards, and a presentation of the prizes by the Chairman of the festival had manifested the wonderfully efficient state of the school, and had given an unalloyed satisfaction and pleasure; indeed, afforded most justifiable pride to all who were present. A presentation to our esteemed and hardworking Sampson Peirce took place, by the members of the Britannia Lodge. The annual election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place, when twenty-five men, and fifteen widows were elected out of thirty-seven candidates and sixty-one candidates respectively. The installation of Bro. R. D. Poulett Harris, as District Grand Master of Tasmania, took place in the Masonic Hall, Hobart Town. In this month the distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, by the Countess of Cowper, wife of the Lord Lieutenant, took place. We are glad to mention it, as our accounts of Irish Masonic doings is most meagre and unsatisfactory, through no fault of ours, we beg once for all to observe. During this month the consecration of Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, took place at Portsmouth, and which was most numerous attended by a distinguished circle of the Craft; and the Audley Lodge, No. 1896, at Newport, Mon. The Mediterranean Mark Lodge was also consecrated at Gibraltar. The Lodge of Benevolence voted £760.

JUNE.

In June the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place. There was not much important business. Fourteen new lodges were announced. The Grand Mark Lodge was also held in this month. Bro. T. W. Tew, D. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, laid the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall at Meltham. Lord Ebrington was installed as Grand Superintendent of Devonshire, before a large gathering of the companions. The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Auckland, New Zealand, by Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M. Auckland. The summer festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place at Croydon. The festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Brighton, by way of "change of venue," when, under the distinguished presidency of the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. G.M. for Durham, the sum of £11,600 was announced. The whole gathering appears to have been a complete success, and the visit to London-on-the-Sea, highly approved of. The Thames Lodge, No. 1895, was consecrated at Henley-on-Thames, while the Eastern Star Chapter was also consecrated at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. The sum of £960 was voted by the Lodge of Benevolence.

JULY.

In July Bro. W. H. Smyth, Prov. G.M. for Lincolnshire, and the Prov. Grand Officers, laid the foundation-stone of the Church of St. John the Divine, at Gainsborough. A handsome presentation took place to Bro. George Taylor in Worcestershire. The Festival of the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund took place at Crystal Palace, when £300 was collected. The presentation of plate, value 500 guineas, was made to Bro. Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. for Kent, to commemorate his Prov. Grand Mastership of twenty-one years. The unveiling of a monument, erected to the memory of the late Bro. C. Coote, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, took place at Kensal Green. The corner-stone of a Masonic Hall at Poole was laid, and a presentation of Grand Mark Lodge clothing, jewels, and illuminated address to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, was announced. The consecration of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, and of the United Brethren Lodge, at Malta, took place in this month; and the consecration of the Derwent Mark Lodge, No. 282, at Workington. The Lodge of Benevolence voted £735.

AUGUST.

In August Grand Chapter met, and warrants for six new chapters were granted. The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall at Antrim, by Bro. Sir C. Lanyon, D.P.G.M. for Antrim, took place. The

Quarterly Communication of the Scottish Grand Lodge also was held in due course. Sir Charles Brure Graves-Sawle, Bart., was installed as Prov. Grand Mark Master for Cornwall at Truro. The Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, was consecrated at Whitstable; the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, at Croydon; and the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, at Brixton, were also consecrated this month. The Lodge of Benevolence voted £500.

SEPTEMBER.

In September a presentation of a jewel to Bro. J. J. Delves, Preceptor, took place at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction. The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place, when twenty-five new lodges were announced. A grand reception was arranged at York to the Masonic members of the British Association, which was most unique and successful, and reflects no little credit on its proposers and promoters. A Masonic reception to King Kalakaua took place at Edinburgh; the Movable Grand Mark Lodge was held at Sheffield; and the installation of Bro. Sir Pryse-Pryse as Prov. Grand Mark Master of South Wales was completed. The consecration of the Herschell Lodge, No. 1894, was effected at Slough; of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 1914, at Kidsgrove; of the Thynne Chapter, No. 1478, at Warminster; and of the Hesketh Chapter, No. 1350, at Liverpool. The Lodge of Benevolence voted £365.

OCTOBER.

October witnessed the dedication of a Masonic Hall for the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, at Chacewater, by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. for Cornwall. The Frederick Lodge of Unity presented Bro. Magnus Ohren with his portrait. The Masonic Hall at Weston-super-Mare was dedicated by Bro. Else, D. Prov. G.M. The half-yearly election for the Girls' and Boys' Schools took place in this month, when in the former case fifteen were elected out of twenty-four candidates, and twelve elected out of a list of sixty-five. Never before was the voting so high, or the votes so many; and each election, unless some great change occurs, only increases the difficulty of success, and the severity of the struggle. The Britannia Chapter presented his portrait to Comp. Glaisher, F.R.S. The Masonic Hall at Shanklin was dedicated, as is his wont, most ably and effectively by our distinguished Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight. The Wickham Lodge, No. 1924, was consecrated at New Cross in this month and the Fitzroy Chapter, No. 569, at Finsbury. The consecration of the Driffeld Mark Lodge, No. 291, was also announced. Lodge of Benevolence voted £810.

NOVEMBER.

In November Grand Chapter was held, when five new chapters were announced. At the Grand Lodge of Scotland the Earl of Mar and Kellie was elected as Grand Master. A presentation of his portrait to Lord de Tabley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire, took place by the Cheshire brethren on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, amid many marks of esteem and affection, also the presentation of a portrait of our good old friend, Miss Jarwood, the excellent matron at the Girls' School, at the School. The portrait is most effectively painted by our esteemed brother and able artist, Bro. Stephen Fearce. The consecration of four chapters took place; Gilbert Greenall Chapter, No. 1250, at Warrington; the Cable Chapter, No. 1704, at the Cannon-street Hotel; the Temple Chapter, No. 558, at Folkestone; and the Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, at Newark-on-Trent. A Prov. Grand Mark Lodge for North and East Yorkshire was formed. The Lodge of Benevolence voted £1630.

DECEMBER.

In December was the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, when much important business was transacted. "Inter alia," the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales was unanimously refused; and Grand Lodge, on the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart, agreed to certain alterations in the laws of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and doubled its annual grant to that meritorious Charity, making it £1600 per annum. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was re-nominated as Grand Master amid loud applause, and Bro. Joshua Nunn was appointed Chairman of the Board of Benevolence, in the room of Bro. J. M. Clabon, whose resignation was received with deep regret. The annual festival of the Lodge of Improvement took place, the Lord Mayor in the chair. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was installed as Past Grand Master at the Mark Grand Lodge, by Lord Henniker. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was also installed First Principal of the Apollo Chapter, Oxford, at the Friends-in-Council Chapter, 33, Golden-square, before forty-seven Grand Officers, by M.E. Scribe, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as is his wont, most effectively and strikingly. Bro. J. M. Martin was installed as Provincial Grand Master for Dumbartonshire. The consecration of the Castle Chapter of Harmony, and Israel Chapter, Liverpool, were effected in this month. The Board of Benevolence voted £890.

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Thus it will be seen that, unmarked by great events and unaffected by startling occurrences, the normal life of English Masonry has proceeded in peace and prosperity, giving undoubted evidences of material well-being, and steady, though not adventitious, progress. If occasional signs of weakness may be noted by the keen and anxious observer, if there "crop up" every now and then "indicia" to the practised eye, that there are some disturbing under-currents accompanying the proud bark of Freemasonry, yet they are only such, after all, which are incidental to all earthly institutions, and may be controlled with care and removed by caution. There is, perhaps, too great a tendency, on the one hand, to exalt the mere respectability of Freemasonry; on the other, to make it a Benefit Society. There is perhaps, too little attention paid to the æsthetic influences and the literary interests of Masonry; and lodges and brethren are perhaps too often and too much accustomed to a mere routine of work and sociality. But "Rome was not built in a day," and we cannot amend and improve everything at once. The last quarter of a

century has seen a remarkable advance in lodge life and lodge literature; and we must be content with what we have gained, as "half a loaf is better than none," and look on hopefully and confidently to the future. Much complaint is made of a "rush" into Masonry. We think and believe that 1882 will not pass away without a considerable increase in our initiation fees, and this reform is one which we may all take part in, inasmuch as it is both real and practical, and will undoubtedly do good to Freemasonry in more ways than one.

It is interesting to note, as far as we are concerned in England, how wonderfully our work of charity goes on, in which remarkable we venture to think, without self-praise, we set a good example to all other jurisdictions. Indeed, if some jurisdictions would seek to do what we are doing in the simple and sound cause of Masonic charity, and leave politics and perversities alone, it would be better for them, for Freemasonry, and for the world. It is interesting to keep before us the following summary of Grand Lodge grants through the Board of Benevolence in 1881, making in all the goodly sum of £9953: January, £520; February, £813; March, £1435; April, £535; May, £760; June, £960; July, £735; August, £500; September, £365; October, £810; November, £1630; and December, £890. And then we must remember we have no account of the charity votes of Provincial Grand Lodges and of private lodges. The "tottle" of English Masonic Charity is therefore very large indeed.

In Scotland Freemasonry is progressing well and happily, thanks to the able efforts and skilful labours of Bro. D. M. Lyon, who has succeeded by indomitable energy in extricating that distinguished body from a sad financial "embroglio." We wish Scottish Masons and Scottish Masonry all success and prosperity.

In Ireland we have little to report, much to our regret, as we said before, though, curiously enough, we often see reports of Irish Grand Lodge proceedings in Ultramontane and extreme journals. The attitude of the Irish brethren in the recent struggle for order and law, as against rebellion and Nihilism, is worthy of all praise.

In America our great Order seems majestically marching onwards, and sweeping all detractors and maligners before it. We wish it every happiness. Its one great weakness, seems at present irremovable, its want of a central authority to define the law of Masonry accurately and definitively. Each state Grand Lodge is a "law to itself," and the decisions of the numerous Grand Masters are as often conflicting as they are curious. But we tender heartily warm congratulations to our American brethren, knowing their "thorough" work in and for Freemasonry.

In Canada a curious question has arisen between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, with respect to some English lodges, still hailing from our Grand Lodge. A little moderation will, we venture to think, eventually settle the matter pleasantly for all, and that is worth, Masonically speaking, a good many angry resolutions and a good many severe speeches.

On the Continent of Europe Freemasonry seems in a very critical position. It is doubtful in some jurisdictions whether true Craft Masonry is to be found, and altogether there is a spirit of unsettledness and change afloat, which threatens to sap old foundations, and disturb venerable and valuable Landmarks.

The general aspect of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry is, on the whole, however, healthy and hopeful. True, that rancour has not ceased, nor is mendacity still, nor can we hope that the opposition and hatred of irreconcilable foes are done away with. But Freemasonry is "moving on," and it is not too much to say that the world, once hostile, or scoffing, incredulous, or unjust, now watches Freemasonry with interest, admires its principles, and applauds its efforts.

So let us take heart, and keeping close together, like the Theban Phalanx, neither fearing unreasoning foes, nor heeding untrustworthy friends,—let us seek still, in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., to demonstrate in 1882, as in 1881, the loyal and benevolent "outcome" of all true and real Freemasonry.

Death, which has been very busy amid our ranks in the world around us, neither sparing the palace of kings or the cottages of the poor, has, alas! fallen heavily on our Masonic Fraternity, and taken from us many whom we could ill spare, many whom we could sorely afford to lose. They have left us and gone from us, and their "place on earth and in the lodge knows them no more," but we have not forgotten them. No; we still as tenderly recall their pleasant presence and their warm hearts, their Masonic work and their humanitarian worth, and for us our "Masonic Diptychs" are a very "sacred roll."

Among the esteemed brethren whose loss we deeply deplore, we may remember here Bros. Thos. Price, P.M. 186; Chas. J. W. Davis, Asst. G.D. of C. Middlesex; J. S. Woolley, D. D. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. England; S. W. Iron, P.M. 902; George Little, Q.C., Vice Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster; Hudson Lester, P.M. 1011; Geo. Jaffa, P.M. 1579; Sir R. C. Musgrave, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; Henry Leslie, Manoah Rhodes, P.J.G.W. West Yorks; Jas. Prickett, 540; R. Webster, 1570; W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Sec. Glasgow; John McKelvie, P.G.J.W. Cumberland, Chas. Venables, G. Org. Berks and Bucks; John Coutts, P.G.P.; W. H. Roberts, Richard Roberts, P.M. 1473; Samuel James Scarnett Carman; J. S. Gissing, P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk; J. Broadbent, W.M. 994; J. E. Middleton, P.G.S.; Edward Fearon, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Cumberland and Westmorland; W. T. Collard Mautrie, P.M., P.Z. 11; C. Coote, P.G. Org. Middx.; Macrae Moir, A. G. Mackay, R. H. Thomas, Thomas Meggy, W. J. Meymott, P.M. 14; W. Bristow, P.G. Sec. Worcestershire; Ex-Sheriff Woolloton, Hugh Saunders, P.M. 315; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S.B. West

Lancashire; Jas. Iredale, P.D.G.M. Cumberland; George Lyall P.P.G. J.D. Surrey; Richard Boggett, P.P.G.S.B. North and East Yorks; H. J. Adams, Thomas Thomas, P.G. Tyler Hertfordshire; R. W. Lowry, J. Crossley, senior, A. O. Steed, Thos. Bates, J. W. Lightbound, John Hemery, P.P.J.W. Kent; T. B. Myers, W. Cottrell, Dr. Henry, Bro. Day, of Dewsbury, and others.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Joshua Nunn, Arthur E. Gladwell, John A. Rucker, H. A. Dubois, J. H. Matthews, Charles Brown, Donald M. Dewar, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, E. Letchworth, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren adopted a recommendation of the House Committee to grant £5 to one of the girls, Kate Helps, who was not able to return to the School.

The brethren also adopted a report of the House Committee with reference to an account of a former architect of the Institution, that it having been included in a former account which had been settled and acknowledged by him, it be not paid.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques to the amount of £119 2s. 10d.

The CHAIRMAN informed the brethren that the Institution was well able now to invest another £1000, and leave sufficient on the current account to carry on the Institution. He would therefore move "That £1000 be invested on account of the Sustentation Fund."

The motion was seconded and carried.

Thirteen candidates were placed on the list for next April election, which, with eight unsuccessful at last October election and seven candidates since placed on the list, made a list of twenty-eight candidates for April. Twenty-one vacancies in the School for that election were declared.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE TEMPLAR HISTORY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

The Grand Commandery of the State of New York has placed in the hands of Robert Macoy, the Grand Recorder, an important trust, and the State G. Body expects the Recorder to discharge his duty. The origin and history of the Templar organization can be revealed; no other one is so capable as Sir Robert, and his efforts must not cease until he can exclaim "Eureka!" The members of this Order in New York who have given this subject any attention hold the moral conviction that New York and not Pennsylvania is the older in its Templar birthright. Sir Macoy must overslaugh Sir McCreigh; he can do it, and his energies must not flag until victory perches on his pennant. We transfer the following fugitive piece from his storehouse, showing *prima facie* evidence of the prestige of New York. But it is not enough—forward!

"Nearly one hundred years ago, there appeared in the streets of New York, a company of men uniformed as Templars, who acted as an escort to lodges of Freemasons. This form of procession and the numbers in it, must at least have required fifty Knights Templar to do the duty which was assigned and they performed, in said escort duty.

"The public journals of that day described that the procession was headed by a platoon of Templars, while the flanks were guarded by right and left lines, and the rear closed also by platoons; hence, if there were but six men in each platoon, with twenty on each side of the lines, the number would go over fifty, to which must be added the officers. Therefore it is safe to say that the above number were in the procession. By what name the body was marshalled under, or who were their officers, the journals fail to say.

"We have not been able to ascertain up to the present writing from what source these Templars emanated, or how often they met, or where they met. We have examined the resources of our libraries for light upon the matter, also the city directories of the time, and have signally failed to identify their beginning or what time they ended, if, indeed, they had an ending. It is possible that this body may have had their origin in a Blue Lodge, as it appears that lodges of Freemasons conferred the higher Degrees upon members of the Fraternity. If this was the fact, then it is easily understood why no particular name other than the 'Old Encampment' does appear as attached to them.

"Another question occurs to us in connection with the subject, which perhaps will remain unanswered, because there is no way of solving it. That is, the style and character of the order conferred, and whether more than one was given to the members to constitute them Templars?

"We were in hope that ere this some earnest knight would have opened the door to more light upon the precise relation to the Templar Body to the Orders in this State—if any existed—as it is very important at this juncture of the confraternity that all facts bearing upon the history of chivalry in this jurisdiction should be made plain.

"Our neighbours of Pennsylvania date the introduction of Templarism into that State in 1794. They give credit of said introduction to a body styled 'Encampment, No. 1, of Philadelphia,' and that the said encampment conferred the orders by virtue of a 'Blue Lodge' warrant. But our Pennsylvania friends in this statement seem to have fallen into an error so far as the date of 1794 is concerned, or the subsequent statement. If an encampment existed at Harrisburg, or in part of Pennsylvania, in 1793, then of course the date of 1794 is in error. However, we shall not split hairs upon the date, but assume that the earliest date is correct, which fact clearly admits that Templarism began in this city several years prior to that date.

"We hope that this subject—or rather the part which seems to be now of great importance to the order—will receive the attention of those who may be interested in making the history perfect."—*Hebrew Leader.*

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To Correspondents.

A QUERY.

A correspondent writes to enquire if there is a lodge of
instruction held at Brockley, or anywhere near there.

The following stand over till next week:—

Brunswick Lodge, Stoneham, No. 159.
Friendship Lodge, Devonport, No. 202.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemason" (Canada), "The Masonic Review,"
"The Hebrew Leader," "The Keystone," "Allen's
Indian Mail," "The Antiquarian Magazine," "The West
London Advertiser," "The Cape Times," "The Montreal
Herald," "The Gazette" (Montreal), "The Masonic
Herald," "The Masonic Record," "Die Bauhütte,"
"The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "History of the
World" (Illustrated), "Amateur Work," "The Revised
Version of the New Testament," "Annuaire du Supreme
Couseil Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepte," "Calvert's
Mechanics' Almanack," "Christmas Number of the
Theatre," "The Oracle," "The Jewish Chronicle,"
"The Hull Packet," "Original Designs of Headstones
and Crosses," by W. Borrowdale.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1881.

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.]

THE RITUAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With deference to Bro. Chadwick, I submit that
the Grand Registrar's ruling applies to the Oldham case.
In the absence of the W.M. there is no such thing as a
delegation of authority. The Book of Constitutions lays

down a certain rota of presidency when the W.M. is absent,
and it is the *prescriptive right* of the I.P.M., or in his ab-
sence, the senior P.M., and so on, to rule the lodge. If
that rota was adhered to in the Oldham Lodge, and it ap-
pears to me that it was, the presiding officer was *virtually*
the Worshipful Master for the time being, possessing all
his rights, privileges, and authority.

With reference to your correspondent "Oldham," who
writes a very thoughtful letter on the question, I would re-
mark that "ancient custom" in Masonry is about one of
the most undefinable and intangible things to base an argu-
ment upon. What is an ancient practice in one lodge
would be considered a novelty in another. I belong to a
lodge many years older than the oldest of the Oldham
lodges, and the practice which your correspondent deprecates
so strongly has been occasionally resorted to in this lodge,
and is traditionally accepted as being "in order."

I would also point out that I took a purely legal view of
the points in controversy, viz., as to Warden's competency
to perform ceremonies, and whether a W.M. is, or is not
bound to discharge the ceremonial duties of his office. The
law of the Craft, as expounded by the Grand Registrar;
says a Warden may perform ceremonies; and I again
repeat that there is nothing in our laws which binds a
W.M. even to open his lodge in the customary manner.
If he thinks well he may delegate even that duty to another.

I grant your correspondent that the whole scope of a
W.M.'s training in the subordinate offices of the lodge is
intended to qualify him for, and the injunctions of the in-
stallation ceremony especially, to forcibly impress upon
him the importance of fulfilling the ceremonial duties of
the chair, but what is proper and fitting for a W.M. to
do, and what he is legally bound to do, are two totally
different things. The framers of our Constitutions in
their wisdom, have not thought it advisable to make it
imperative that a Master shall be word-perfect in the
ceremonies as a necessary condition of his undertaking the
office. It would have been a deplorable thing had they
done so, for it would have excluded from important posi-
tions in the Craft, many excellent brethren, who in all other
respects, save that of ceremony-working, are ornaments to
the Craft and give lustre and dignity to our Order.

I do not at all under-rate ceremonial work. I rejoice, as
much as any one, to see a well-worked lodge, with every
officer fulfilling his proper duties. At the same time, I am
not one of those who think that the be-all and end-all of
Masonry is in working ceremonies. I have known very
excellent Masters of Lodges who have been but indifferent
"workers."

I do not think there is any danger of the practice of
Wardens performing ceremonies, or of W. Masters abro-
gating their ceremonial functions, ever becoming too
general. There is too much good sense and *esprit de*
corps in our lodges to prevent either the one thing or the
other, but the wisdom of the ancient brethren who framed
our laws, and of their modern representatives who inter-
pret those laws so as to make provision for exceptional
cases, will commend itself to all right-thinking Masons.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
CESTRIAN.

MASONIC LAW.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having discussed the following questions recently,
the opinions of your readers would be interesting:

1. That the resignation of a member of a lodge must be
accepted, although his subscriptions are in arrear.
2. That joining members can only be elected at regular
meetings, and not at emergency meetings.
3. That the Secretary of a lodge can also be a Deacon,
and that the I.P.M. can be Treasurer or Secretary.
4. That there is nothing in the Constitutions to prevent
brethren wearing "founders' jewels."

If there is anything wrong in the above, any corrections
will be much appreciated by
OBSERVER.

THE PROV. GRAND CHAPTER FOR DERBYSHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The present Provincial Grand Chaplain for the
Province of Derbyshire is the Rev. Thomas Orrell, vicar
of Formark, and officiating chaplain to Sir John Harpur
Crewe, Bart., and Chaplain of the Arboretum Lodge,
No. 731.

Yours fraternally, THOMAS DAY, Sec. 731.

Reviews.

AUTUMNAL LEAVES. By FRANCIS GEORGE HEATH,
Editor of the new edition of "Gilpin's Forest
Scenery," author of "The Fern World," "The Fern
Paradise," &c., with twelve coloured plates, produced
in facsimile, wood illustrations, engraved by Jas. D.
Cooper, from drawings by F. G. Short, and initial-
letter leaf designs by the author. London: Sampson
Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington, Crown-buildings,
188, Fleet-street. 1881.

During the past few years Mr. Heath has won consider-
able reputation as an enthusiastic and instructive writer on
ferns, woodland scenery, peasant life, &c., &c. His
style, if over-copious in detail, is fluent and graceful. His
love of the beauties of nature is manifest in every page,
while his description of the various flora that come under
his notice is evidently the result of close study and observa-
tion. His knowledge of the trees and plants that are
indigenous to our soil is only equalled by his ability to

appreciate the picturesque. Though he quotes freely
from the works of authors who have depicted in glowing
colours the beauties of English scenery, he has made him-
self personally acquainted with the country he describes,
and may be accepted, therefore, as a thoroughly trust-
worthy guide by those who may be desirous of traversing
the same districts. There is probably no part of England
that offers greater or more varied attractions than the New
Forest. Like the rest of our country, it has suffered con-
siderably through the introduction of what are known as
modern improvements; "iron roads and screeching
engines have invaded its solitudes; 'proud oaks,' and
'seas of birch,' and many a 'hazel copse' have gone for-
ever; and south of the railway a wide extent of
enclosures now fills the spaces once occupied by oak and
birch and holly." "But though," as Mr. Heath very justly
remarks, "we do not expect that unbroken forest should
extend from Brockenhurst and Ringwood southwards to
the sea; nor that the wolf and wild boar should, as
of old, roam over its woods," still "many noble oaks
and many a grand old beech that, though contemporaries
of the Conqueror, might, and should have been
preserved intact—trees, whose very antiquity and hoar-
iness, so to speak, should have protected them—have been
recklessly, ruthlessly destroyed." This is no more than
we could have expected from the spirit of the age we live in.
In the abstract, no doubt, sylvan beauty still retains many of
its old attractions, but these are nothing to the Utilitarian, in
whose eyes a thing of beauty is worthy no more than the
profit that can be made out of it. However, if the New
Forest has been shorn of much of its ancient splendour,
there yet exist, as our author suggests, "remnants of
loveliness precious to the teeming population of our busy
island, and all the more to be loved and prized because
they are the finest of the remains of sylvan England, and
are justly admired for their beauty, their antiquity, and
their utility; that is to say, as objects of beauty." It is
not our intention to follow Mr. Heath throughout his autumn
ramble round the New Forest. The period for his trip was
well chosen. As he notes in his chapter, entitled "The
Blooming of Autumn," "The beauty of colour in
autumnal leaves is made up, so to speak, of many
more elements than is the beauty of the same
leaves in spring or summer." And again, "It is
the varieties of hue and colour on the same leaf
that give the striking character to autumnal foliage,
so apparent when it is closely examined." Therefore, if
we accompanied him during his entire journey, we should
deprive intending readers of this book of much of the plea-
sure they may hope to derive from studying it. His starting
point was Brockenhurst, and after walking to Boldre and
exploring the Brockenhurst lanes, he made the circuit of
the forest by way of Burley, Ringwood, Fordingbridge,
Bramshay, Stoney Cross, and Lyndhurst, and thence back
to Brockenhurst. Every bit of the scenery he traversed
is admirably delineated, the story in its entirety
forming a series of beautiful word pictures in
all respects worthy of what, in one passage—al-
ready quoted, he speaks of as "the finest of the
remains of sylvan England." One short extract, we
think, will justify this opinion, and we give it with the
greater pleasure, that it will serve to illustrate generally
the author's ability as a descriptive writer. He is passing
through the "little hamlet of Batramsey" on his way to
Lymington, and catches sight of what he calls "a pretty
little bit of charming English scenery," which he thus de-
picts: "To get a view of it we must look over the quickset
hedge on our left—a hedge of thickly-matted twigs of haw-
thorn, whose stems are grey and gold with encompassing
lichen-green foliage, with purple-brown edges and vermilion
berries. In our line of vision we see a meadow, cornfield
stubble, and wood and uplands descending into a quiet-
wooded hollow. On the meadows cattle are quietly brows-
ing, their red, white, and brown markings prettily contrast-
ing with the spreading green turf of the meadows. The
cornfields, shorn now of their crops, are made picturesque
by the presence of irregularly-scattered wheat stacks. Red-
brick, blue-tiled cottages, with whitened fronts, stand here
and there half hidden by screening trees, whilst above the
humble dwellings the blue smoke of the hearth-fires curls up
against the white clouds which overspread the sky. In
the foreground, 'pecking' on the meadow near which
we stand, are some fowls gathered in a small
group, and in the height evidently of great enjoyment.
Cottage gardens and fruit-trees complete the rural and pas-
toral features of the scene. But there is still left a feature
of woodland scenery, for the background of our picture is
formed by clustered forest trees, which cover the distant
uplands and rise against the horizon." Some possibly may
suggest that Mr. Heath is somewhat too minute in his de-
tails, and that the effect would have been heightened if the
terms of the description had been more general; but even
they will not deny it is a charming picture—such as
only a genuine love of nature could have drawn—"of a
pretty little bit of charming English scenery." The work
is in two parts, the first of which is occupied with a sketch
of his ramble round the New Forest; and the second more
particularly justifies the title of the whole, namely, "Au-
tumnal Leaves." It is in this latter that Mr. Heath
describes the variations and varieties of hue and colour
which are perceptible in the leaves of different trees and
shrubs in the season of Autumn. The text is here illustrated
by a series of twelve coloured plates, which, as we are told on
the title page, "have been produced in facsimile from
leaves collected and arranged by the author." These,
apart from their ornamental character, will be found very
useful in elucidating the description given by him, just as
the wood illustrations of New Forest scenery "engraved
(from drawings by Frederick G. Short) by James D. Cooper,
of which there are four full page and fourteen vignette,
cannot fail to enhance the reader's interest in part 1. In
fine, the "Autumnal Leaves" is admirably written and
as admirably illustrated, and like all the volumes which
have the name of "Francis George Heath" on the title
page, is as attractive in appearance and finish as its con-
tents are readable and instructive.

**THE CARDIFF FREE LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND
SCIENCE AND ART SCHOOLS.** (Nineteenth
Annual Report, 1880-81). Cardiff: Printed by Daniel
Owen, and Co., St. Mary-street, 1881.

Without entering into the details, which are of local
interest, we may say at once that Cardiff is to be congrat-
ulated on the steady progress which has attended its free
library, &c., and the very gratifying results that have
followed its establishment. Financially, too, the library has

proved a great success, there being a large balance for the year, and a still larger balance to the credit of the committee after a careful comparison between the assets and liabilities.

THE JEWS OF EUROPE. By I. VON DÖLLINGER. Translated from the German by Dr. David Asher, Ph. D., and Reprinted from the *Jewish Chronicle*, London: Asher L. Myers, office of the *Jewish Chronicle*, 2, Finsbury-square, E.C. 1881.

This is an address delivered by its reverent and venerable author at the meeting of the Academy of Sciences at Munich, on the 25th July, 1881, by its President, Dr. Döllinger. It is replete with interest, giving, as it does, a concise, yet exhaustive, sketch of the past and present condition of the Jews in the different states of Europe.

THE LATE GRAND SECRETARY OF NEW YORK.

The Masonic editor of the *New York Dispatch* gives the following account of the Masonic career of the late Bro. J. M. Austin:—

“Our first acquaintance with R.W. Bro. Austin was at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1853, when he was elected Grand Secretary to succeed the late Bro. James W. Powell, and we have assisted at every subsequent re-election.

“Bro. Austin was born at Salem, Washington county, in this state, in 1813. In his twenty-sixth year he received collegiate honours in Schenectady, and some four years later his diploma as doctor of medicine at Albany, when he at once entered upon the practice of his honourable profession at Waterford and Lansingburg.

“Made a Mason in Phoenix Lodge, No. 58, at Lansingburg, he passed through its various offices and became its Master. Subsequently he united with others in the formation of Clinton Lodge, No. 140, at Waterford, and was its first Master. In 1853 he removed to New York city, where he affiliated with Mariner's Lodge, No. 67, and continued therein until the revival of Howard Lodge, No. 35, with which he became associated, and of which he died a member, the Degrees of Capitular Masonry having been conferred upon him in 1849 in Phoenix Chapter, No. 133, at Lansingburg. Upon his removal to this city he joined Phoenix, No. 2, and subsequently Orient, No. 138, of which he was High Priest for two years. In 1862 he joined Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, in which death has just severed his membership. In 1859, having already served as Deputy, he was elected Grand High Priest of our Grand Chapter. At the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter held in St. Louis in 1868, he was elected its presiding officer, and served the term with great distinction; his address at the end of the official period ranking with any paper ever before or since presented to that august body.

“He received the Cryptic Degrees in Adelpic Council, No. 7, and the knightly orders in Morton Commandery, both of this city, but never held office in either.

“In 1856 he received the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, up to and including the 32°, and ten years later was advanced to the 33°, and enrolled as an honorary member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction.

“He was one of the founders of the association of Masonic Veterans, and served three years as President thereof with great acceptability.

“But, after all, his fame will rest upon his great ability and faithful services as Grand Secretary. While as such, and as Secretary of the Hall and Asylum Fund, more than two million of dollars passed through his hands; every cent was promptly accounted for, and as now he rests no one can point to a single act unworthy his fame as a zealous Mason and an honest, upright gentleman. In his domestic relations he was most happy, and the bereaved ones, while feeling the poignant grief of parting with husband and father, may, when time has assuaged their early sorrow, take courage in the reflection that he had nearly reached the allotted space of human life, that he had borne his honours with the meekness that belongs to true worth, that his name is indelibly stamped upon the records of Freemasonry, and that, not alone among his immediate associates, but to the uttermost ends of the earth, among the Craftsmen, there will be sorrow for his departure, and his memory will be cherished as one who, having faithfully wrought his appointed task, entered with sublime faith upon the well-earned rest.

“Having maintained official as well as social relations with him for a quarter of a century, we can know the man apart from his office, and we can say that the pages of his life, as one by one they are examined, are his best eulogy, and that his most fitting epitaph will be found in the long record of his services and devotion to Masonry.

“And now, while his cares are forgotten, the last stage of life's fitful journey ended—he sleeps the sleep that knows no earthly awakening, we offer to the dear ones to whom his life was devoted, the assurance of our most tender sympathy, looking forward to a reunion beyond the sorrows of this transitory life, commending to the brethren, wherever dispersed, the example of his long and useful career, for

“This is true glory and renown, when God,
Looking on the earth with approbation, marks
The just man, and divulges him through heav'n
To all his angels, who, with true applause,
Recount his praise.”

“On Wednesday the religious services of the Episcopal Church, of which the doctor had long been a communicant, were held at his late residence, in the presence of the family and immediate relatives and friends, after which the remains were conveyed to the Grand Lodge Hall, in the Temple, where but a few months since he was for the twenty-seventh time elected Grand Secretary.

“On the arrival of the casket at the door of the Temple it was received by the pall bearers, and escorted to the Grand Lodge room. The Masonic veterans, with their President, George H. Fish, and Vice-President, Theophilus Pratt—some fifty in all—next entered and occupied the seats reserved for them.

“The Consistory and Supreme Council were represented by Ill. Bros. J. W. Simons, Charles Roome, Joseph D. Evans, Jesse B. Anthony, J. H. Hobart Ward, Wm. V. Alexander, Charles W. Torrey, Mark Williams, Charles H. Heyzer, and Wm. D. Garner; the Morton Commandery, No. 4, came next; the Grand Royal Arch Chap-

ter of the State next followed; Wesley B. Church, Samuel Godchaud, and Henry C. Banks, representatives of the Grand Chapters of North Carolina, Illinois, Georgia, Iowa, New Hampshire, and Texas; finally, the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

“The exercises were opened by Rev. Dr. Charles H. Hall, Grand Chaplain. The Lord's Prayer was then chanted by the ‘Consistory Quintette,’ consisting of Ill. Bros. A. T. Hills, tenor; George B. Eddy, Amos L. See, Henry Mitchell, and Isaac F. Gorham, aided by Bro. T. J. H. Daum, organist, and concluded by singing ‘Cease, ye Mourners.’ M.W. Bro. Taylor then read the funeral service prepared by us many years ago. The quintette then sang ‘Tranquil and Peaceful.’ R.W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence then delivered the following eulogium:

“Even the youngest member of this Grand Lodge must be painfully impressed with the fact that our Masonic fathers are fast passing away, and that ere long he whose death is the occasion for our coming together to-day must be followed by others of those beloved and venerable brethren to whom we have been accustomed to turn for counsel and for discretion. Although his epitaph will be more fittingly spoken by other lips and in another place, yet it is proper that we should now declare the worth of the departed, and testify to our affection for him who was our brother. Our solemn rites to-day commemorate no untimely dissolution. Not the sudden blighting of a youth filled with promise; not the striking down of a strong man in the meridian of life, do we mourn; but the peaceful entering into rest of one who lived for almost the full period allotted to man, and whose work on earth was accomplished.

“James M. Austin was not an ordinary man. During his thirty-seven years of Masonic activity, he invariably proved equal to the most exacting duties of the various exalted stations to which he was called. His Masonic history during the past quarter of a century is a part of the history of this Grand Lodge, which owes so much of its greatness and power to his wise counsel and untiring devotion. But his Masonic record may not be claimed by this Grand Lodge alone. Other Grand Bodies claim him as theirs also, and throughout the United States, indeed, wherever our brethren speaking the English tongue assemble, his services to our fraternity are known and held in high esteem. Words to describe his gentle and loving nature should be few. Entire fidelity to duty was perhaps his leading characteristic. Yet those features which most endeared him to us as individuals, were his warm and loving heart, his tender sympathies for the woes of others, and that sterling honesty which gave him always so keen a perception of the right, and which would have prevented his doing wrong to a fellow-creature, could a base impulse have found its way into his exalted nature. His days were passed in quiet, amid congenial occupations, and surrounded by loving brothers and friends. Years came and went, but he remained always the same, absorbed in employments which had but little in common with the swift bustle of every-day life, and which, therefore, had not the effect to harrow the disposition or render sordid the aims of him who pursued them. Few men of his years were less familiar with the ways of the world. Innocent of guile himself, he retained to the last a trusting confidence in his fellow-men, which sufficiently attested the purity of his own heart. His official station brought him into contact with thousands, yet so sincerely were his relations toward all his brethren, that it is probably true that at the time of his death he had not an enemy in all the world. Second only to the ties of kindred were the bonds that bound him to the fraternity which to-day mourns his loss—a fraternity whose future seemed in his early days fraught with so much uncertainty and danger, but which he lived to see placed in a position of permanent and enduring stability. Months ago it was apparent that his strength was waning, and long before the coming of the final illness it seemed to many of his friends that he believed the end to be near. He died as he had lived—a devout Christian, firmly believing in a glorious immortality, passing peacefully away, humbly content to accept the decree of the All Wise. His living presence is still too vividly before us to render possible an analysis of his character, were such proper at this time, and standing in the sacred presence of the dead, the utterance of his praises would sound, as it seems to me, most unmeaning. His great heart, which once throbbed responsive to every human sorrow, is pulseless. His familiar voice, once so wise in counsel, is stilled for ever, and his mortal remains now lie before us, shortly to be returned to our mother earth. To his sorrowing family and to us, his brethren, only less bereaved, there remain his beloved memory and his noble example. These we will cherish, honouring the one as a beseeems a memory so unsullied and accepting the other as a renewed incentive to the performance of those sacred duties which as a man and a Mason he fulfilled so well.

“As his passing away renews to us the oft-repeated lesson of mortality, may the contemplation of his upright life and tranquil death lead us also to prepare for the inevitable change, teaching us anew the frailness of our earthly natures, and helping us to realise as he realised—

“Our little systems have their day:
They have their day, and cease to be;
They are but broken lights of Thee,
But thou, O Lord, art more than they.”

“The quintette then sang ‘Peace be to the Memory of the Dead.’ A prayer by Dr. Hall and a solo, ‘Weep Not,’ by Bro. Hills, concluded the exercises.

“The immense audience was then permitted to look for the last time on the face of the dead, which ended, it was left in charge of W. Bros. Elijah Fisher, Chas. T. McClenachan, G. H. Fish, Bloomfield Usher, jun., and Philander Reed as a guard of honour, and the following morning the final interment took place at Woodlawn Cemetery, under charge of Howard Lodge, No. 35.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are cautious of their health, and most particular in their diets. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious to the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, un-mixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well-adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapacity of doing harm.—[ADVT.]

Red Cross of Constantine.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GENERAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

The annual assembly was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Present: Sir Kts. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M.L. Grand Sovereign, on the throne; J. L. Thomas, Grand Historiographer, as Grand Viceroy; J. G. Marsh, Past Grand Architect, as Grand Senior General; C. Hamerton, Grand Sub-Almoner, as Grand Junior General; Rev. P. M. Holden, Grand High Prelate; H. C. Levander, M.A., P.G.S.G., Grand Treasurer; W. R. Woodman, M.D., P.G.S.G., Grand Recorder; Thomas Cubitt, Grand High Imoner; H. A. Dubois, Grand Prefect; George Kenning, Grand Vice-Chancellor; C. F. Hogard, Grand Assistant Recorder; E. H. Thiellay, Grand Inspector of Regalia; J. T. Moss, Grand Assistant Marshall; Don. M. Dewar, Grand Vice-Chamberlain; T. C. Walls, Grand Herald; C. E. Peek, Intendant General, Cambridgeshire; S. Rosenthal, Thos. Massa, Geo. J. Robinson, H. H. Shirley, Thos. Kingston, W. E. Dawes, H. J. Lardner, C. W. Pridmore, George Mickley, John Gilbert, Grand Sentinel, and others.

The lines having been formed, the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, attended by the Grand Officers, entered the Grand Conclave, which was then opened in imperial form.

The minutes of the previous assembly of the General Grand Conclave, reprinted in the *Freemason*, were taken as read, and carried unanimously.

The GRAND RECORDER then read the following report of the Executive Committee of the Grand Council:

“The year that has passed has been uneventful, and we cannot point to anything relating to the Order which calls for especial comment. So many events were crowded into our last report that this one will necessarily appear somewhat uninteresting in its details. We have not a list of new conclaves to report, but we can speak of steady working, and a general consolidation of the Order. Old grievances have been redressed, and complaints carefully enquired into. Amongst the conclaves which have resumed their labours, we may mention St. Andrew's, No. 15, London; Concord, No. 8, Jersey; Med terranean, No. 11, Gibraltar; Gwent, No. 23, Pontypool; Naval and Military, No. 35, Portsmouth; St. George, No. 42, late of Bolton, now Wigan; County Palatine, No. 50, late of Manchester, now Wigan; Delta Crucis, No. 126, Auckland, New Zealand; Aubrey, No. 134, Weymouth; all these have resumed since our last report. The statutes of the Order have been carefully revised, and, with the exception of a few alterations, mostly of a technical character, our new edition will be much the same as at present. It is our painful duty to record the death of the Illustrious Sir Knight Dr. John Daniel Moore, Intendant General of the Division of North Lancashire, whose loss is greatly felt. He assisted at the revival of the Order, and has been a zealous worker ever since. The severance of America and Scotland, and the loss of so many of the most zealous members of the Order who have one by one left us to join the Grand Lodge above, naturally had the effect of retarding the extraordinary development, which the order underwent at its revival and which may be considered unprecedented in the annals of Free Masonry. We have, however, every reason to be satisfied with the solid progress we are making, and have since our last report issued—Red Cross certificates 117; K. H. S. certificates 57. We have one conclave in the United States of America, the Chicago, No. 81, Chicago Illinois, United States of America, which is duly recognised by the Grand Council of the United States of America as working under our jurisdiction. Two Intendants General have been appointed, namely, Thomas C. Bargeave Watkins, I.P. for Glamorganshire, vice W. Williams, resigned. C. Fitzgerald, Master for South Lancashire, vice the late Romaine Callendar. One Deputy Intendant General, namely, A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. for Malta and Tunis.

“(Signed) Wm. ROBT. WOODMAN, Grand Recorder.
December 5th, 1881.”

The report was put to the meeting, and duly confirmed. The Grand Treasurer presented his accounts duly audited, and showing a handsome balance to the credit of the Order. This gave general satisfaction, showing steady progress in the conclaves, and they were duly passed by the meeting. Sir Kt. WOODMAN, G. Recorder, proposed, and Sir Kt. CUBITT, G. High Almoner, seconded that the same amount as on the last occasion, namely, the sum of thirty guineas, be given to the three Masonic Charities in equal proportions. This was heartily and unanimously carried, and Sir Kt. W. E. Dawes was elected to represent the Red Cross Order as Steward at the next Girls' Festival.

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign appointed Sir Kt. Thos. Cubitt to fill the vacant post of Grand Junior General; Sir Kts. G. Toller and J. C. Parkinson retire with post rank.

To fill the three vacancies in Grand Council

- C. H. Rogars-Harrison.
- G. Powell,
- H. A. Dubois,

to be promoted thereto; and the Grand Sovereign appointed the next eight Senators in rotation, as follows:—

1. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall.
2. Rev. Cancn Hartford.
3. George Kenning.
4. Lieut.-Col. Jas. Peters.
5. C. F. Hogard.
6. Chas. Hamerton.
7. E. H. Thiellay.
8. Herbert Dicketts.

For the ten Senators to be elected by Grand Conclave a ballot was taken, fourteen having been nominated. Sir Knights Holden, Dubois, and Hogard were appointed Scrutineers, and the result was as follows:—

1. E. M. Dewar.
2. T. C. Walls.
3. W. E. Dawes.
4. G. A. Rooks.
5. Thos. Massa.
6. A. A. Pendlebury.
7. Cuthbert E. Peek.
8. A. R. Robinson.
9. G. P. Brockbank.
10. Bailey.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Hon. W. F. Orde-Powlett, Grand Viceroy, and J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., Grand Senior General. Both of these apologies were pronounced to be ample by the Grand Sovereign. There were also telegrams from Sir Knights Whythead and Cumberland, from York, and letters to the same purport, regretting absence, from Sir Knights Col-Creaton, Dr. Harrison, Reginald Young, J. W. Woodal (Scarborough), Rev. Dr. Brette, A. A. Pendlebury, A. R. Robinson (Portsmouth), G. P. Brockbank, and many others.

The Grand Conclave was then closed in imperial form, and the meeting adjourned.

The banquet was held in conjunction with that of the Premier, whose meeting on the same evening has already been reported in these pages.

The toast of the evening was on this, as on the last occasion, that of "The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the Order, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.," under whose sway the Red Cross and its appendant orders are now prospering and adorning their banners.

PRESENTATION TO THE CREW OF THE FREEMASONS' LIFE BOAT "ALBERT EDWARD," AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.

The gallant rescue made by the crew of this boat on the 23rd October last, when they saved the lives of sixteen Frenchmen, has been several times noticed, but we have now to record how a generous public have responded to a request made by friends of the crew. A subscription list was opened by Mr. Wm. Wrench Towse, at the Public Hall, Clacton; while at the same time, Mr. A. G. Kitching, of the Stock Exchange, and resident of Clacton, brought the brave actions of the crew before the members of that institution, the result being that a sum of £76 has been received at the Hall, and about £10 for a fund to be raised for future contingencies, and the Stock Exchange have sent £41 for the crew, and £40 for the Reserve Fund—so that in all a sum of over £160 has been subscribed. It having been decided to make the distribution of these amounts in as public a manner as possible, Lady Johnson was asked by Mr. Towse if she would kindly attend and distribute the rewards; to this her ladyship at once gave a ready and willing response, following that up with a liberal donation of £55, and an intimation that she would provide a purse for each man, with his initials worked on it. The day fixed was Boxing Day (Monday last), and it is needless, perhaps, to say that the crew have been looking forward with some pleasure for the arrival of this, to them, red letter day.

The Public Hall was gaily decorated with flags lent by kind friends, amongst these being the Fishmongers' Company (who, by the way, have most liberally subscribed £10 10s. for the crew, and £10 10s. for the local fund), Mr. Henry Page, Mr. Wallis, and others. The raised platform was arranged so that the visitors, many of whom came from a distance, could see the distribution, and also the display made of the 13 tankards, which had been purchased with a view that each man should have a memento that he could show to his friends. The tankards have the following inscription handsomely engraved thereon, besides the name of the receiver, viz. :—

"Presented to ——— by the subscribers to the fund raised in recognition of brave services rendered in the Clacton-on-Sea lifeboat, 1881."

The National Life Boat Institution, on the recommendation of the Inspector, Captain Nepean, R.N., having voted a silver medal to the coxswain, Legerton, and also having considered the great services rendered by the crew, have also presented them with thanks on vellum, advantage was taken by the Local Committee on this occasion for the public presentation to them of these rewards, and, as will be seen presently, it caused considerable gratification to all concerned.

Before proceeding to the Public Hall, Sir John and Lady Johnson paid a visit of inspection to the Lifeboat House, where they were received by Messrs. F. Mann, W. Wrench Towse, and J. Harman. The boat and its various appliances were exhibited to the visitors, who were much interested, and one of the new signal rockets was fired. The party then adjourned to the Public Hall, where a large and enthusiastic audience, numbering nearly 400, was awaiting them.

The members of the crew, who were attired in the lifeboat uniform, were provided with seats on the platform on the right of the Chairman.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the Hymn, "Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm doth bind the restless wave."

The accompaniment was executed by Miss Ada Just.

The CHAIRMAN said his duties were very light and very pleasant that afternoon, and he should trespass but a very few moments upon their time. He simply occupied the chair to-day on behalf of the Clacton Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, he being Chairman of that branch, and he was there in accordance with the wish of the Committee. He felt that before he asked Lady Johnson to make the presentation which would be made to the crew of the Lifeboat, it was only fair first to relate to them, in a few words, how this matter had been brought about. It had been customary with them since the branch had been established to meet the Lifeboat crew, together with their wives, upon Boxing Day, and spend a pleasant evening. The Lifeboat crew had been entertained, hitherto, on Boxing Day, and he sincerely trusted that the custom would continue. (Hear, hear.) As they grew in Clacton-on-Sea, they lived in hopes of gaining additional strength from time to time. (Hear, hear.) A short time ago a gentleman came into their midst, Mr. W. Wrench Towse. (Applause.) They knew the old adage, "A new broom sweeps clean"—(Laughter)—and some of them knew what a first love was, and what they would do under the influence of first love. Under these influences their worthy friend Mr. Towse had acted upon this occasion. For the first time, he (Mr. Towse) had seen their lifeboat bring a number of human beings to shore, after they had endured the perils of a rough sea; they were brought safely to land; that cheered his heart, and he did not want to stand idle. He wanted to know what he ought to be doing, and in the warmth of his heart he went to work, without acting in concert with the Committee. He said, when duty is to be done, don't let us stand for formalities. (Hear, hear.) No doubt there was a good deal to be said in

favour of that. Mr. Towse, however, went to work; he brought the influence of fresh names to bear, and he brought them fresh friends. (Hear, hear.) The result of Mr. Towse's exertions was, that he had been successful in raising a handsome subscription; he had brought the influence of a few fresh names to bear upon those already at work in Clacton. Amongst others, the Fishmongers' Company had sent a handsome donation, and other friends had followed in their footsteps. From every quarter, he was thankful to say that the services of the lifeboat had been acknowledged, and it was a great pleasure to have had their services acknowledged, and for the crew to stand there that day to receive their present of money. In addition to the money the men would receive a tankard, and the thanks of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution inscribed on vellum. In conclusion Mr. Harman asked Lady Johnson to present the testimonials. (Applause.)

Lady Johnson then gracefully performed the presentation, shaking each of the men by the hand and wishing them a happy new year.

The testimonial consisted of the silver medal of the Royal Institution, which was presented to the coxswain (Legerton) besides a purse of seven guineas, a tankard, and the thanks of the Society inscribed on vellum, and the following were the recipients: Robt. Legerton (cox.), Jas. Cross, Robt. Osborn, John Green, John Rouse, Maurice Nichols, Chas. Schofield, Wm. Schofield, John Austin, Benj. Addis, Thos. Hobbs, and Richard Stockman. Each recipient as he stepped forward was received with loud applause.

The CHAIRMAN said he had now a very pleasant piece of news to relate to them; it was this, that in accordance with the wishes of those who had contributed, a sum of money had been set aside to form a fund to provide for a contingency in connection with the lifeboat. The committee had been enabled to hand in a cheque of £50 towards the formation of a fund for the lifeboat. He could only say that their lifeboat had been established three years and the noble crew during that time had done a grand service. (Applause.) They were very pleased to be associated to such a gallant crew, they had done their duty, and during the time they had been established they had brought into shore a good number of Frenchmen, Norwegians, Italians, and men of many other nations. He hoped such kindred services as this would do a great deal towards cementing nations together and making them of one brotherhood.

Mr. HARMAN then read a letter from Mr. Kitching, who is a member of the Stock Exchange, expressing regret at his inability to be present.

Mr. W. W. TOWSE, in proposing a vote of thanks to Lady Johnson, said it had been a most pleasing duty for Lady Johnson to be present and give away the contributions of a generous public in recognition of the very brave services of their gallant crew. It was with much pleasure that he asked them one and all to return their thanks to Lady Johnson for the kind manner in which she had taken part in the proceedings. He was sure the lifeboat crew would recollect her kind services for the remainder of their lives. (Loud applause.)

Mr. F. MANN seconded the proposition. He said they were extremely obliged to Lady Johnson for her kindness in connection with the occasion.

The proposition was carried with applause, and hearty cheers were given for her ladyship.

Sir JOHN H. JOHNSON, in returning thanks on behalf of Lady Johnson, said his mind, like that of all others, was just at the present moment full of one thing, and that was admiration of the brave services performed by the brave men before them, and to that he must really speak and direct the few words which he had to say. He was inclined to think that every lady and gentleman, man, woman, or child present, if they were placed on a storm-washed shore or pier on a winter or autumn morning and saw the lifeboat come in, whether they had been successful or not in saving human life, their first impulse would be to put their hands in their pocket and hand over something to the men who were out on service of this kind. (Applause.) Not only would that not be desirable, if it were practicable, but he was quite sure that the men themselves would not desire such a thing. It was only on very special and marked occasions, such as this, that such a tribute should be given. They knew perfectly well that it was not the habit for distinctions to be given to soldiers merely because they went into battle and came safely out of it—a reward was not given to a soldier because he did not run away—he simply did his duty like a man; but special rewards were given for services carried out with some extraordinary amount of pluck and some extraordinary amount of energy. Forethought and care had got to be exercised, and it was these things that were marked to-day, and should be appreciated in the future. The Victoria Cross was not bestowed on a soldier for a foolhardy action, but it was bestowed because he had done something which there was some chance of his achieving. It was not given because a man threw away his life, because that was no good. If their lifeboat crew had not been careful they would have lost their own lives as well as drowning the Frenchmen. Besides courage, their action included seamanship, care, forethought, and the ability with which the service was conducted. In order to understand the nature of the service rendered, at the risk of repeating what they knew far better than he could tell them, let them follow their services from the beginning. At the outset a rocket is fired. Out came the men, from their warm beds. Really a great many of them would think that was a great thing to do—(laughter)—he should not care about that. (Renewed laughter.) Well, out come the men, and into the boat, and away they go. The first thing they find is that the vessel in distress is a long way out, and that without a steamer, and with the tide and an easterly wind against them, they will be unable to reach the ship. Are they daunted? They don't say "We shall have to give this up, we can't get near her. They go out into the Swin to look for a steamer to get a help down. They see a steamer, but she either did not see them or they would not take any notice, and passes on. Are they daunted? They see another steamer, the Consett, which he was happy to say belonged to some friends of his. (Applause.) The captain did not want to be told what to do, because these seamen—he did not know how they made one another hear—seemed to see at once what was wanted. They knew that the vessel in distress must be somewhere where the boat could not get to her. She passes a rope and tows them down to the vessel. The first thing the lifeboat does is to let go her anchor, in order to bring the lifeboat alongside the wrecked lugger. All faring safely and right

as yet, and they are just alongside the lugger, when a tremendous sea comes and sends the vessel further on to the sand. "No harm done yet," says the coxswain; "pay out more rope." What a good thing it was to have a little more rope to pay out, and to haul upon all occasions. (Applause.) They pay out their cable, and are just alongside again, when another tremendous wave pushes the vessel further on the sand. We have got to the end of our rope and can't pay out! What, are we to go home and leave the Frenchmen to drown? No. (Applause.) We would rather run the risk of being left on the sand. Then they slipped their cable. That, to him, was the most ticklish part of the whole concern, because they were at the mercy of the sea, and were once dashed on to the wreck. If they had come down with two or three ugly bumps like that one they would have gone to pieces. However, they got alongside, and the crew were brought to land. It was a noble service grandly performed under God's providence. (Applause.) Now as regards the testimonials. He should recommend the men to prize them very highly. He could only say for himself that he would rather have one of those tankards, and the honour of having performed such a service, than have the same tankard in solid gold. Those men could be proud of this action until the last day of their lives, and Clacton should be proud of the men belonging to this place. As to returning thanks for his wife having presented the testimonials that day, he looked upon it as an honour given from them in having asked her to do so. This recognition of her services was a great honour to her, she felt it very highly, and had felt great pleasure in carrying out their wishes; and he thanked them most heartily for the way in which they had received her. It only remained for him to propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman who had presided with so much amiability, cordiality, and kindness. (Applause.)

Mr. J. MANN seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN, in acknowledgment of the compliment, said he was extremely obliged to them, and he had much pleasure in presiding. He hoped the time might be far distant when they should meet on a similar occasion to this, but he still trusted that under God's blessing the lifeboat would be the means of bringing many shipwrecked men to shore. (Applause.) Before the meeting closed, he said that Robert Legerton, whose heart was full, wished to say a few words.

ROBERT LEGERTON, who was received with applause, said he should like to thank all who had been interested in their affair. It was with much gratitude that they were present that day to receive their awards, and they were especially thankful to Lady Johnson for having presented them. It was not so much the money and other things that they thought about, they thought more about the honour and the work in which they were engaged. (Applause.) They thought more of that than of the presents, the latter of which, of course, they were still very thankful for. He believed that if they had been ten minutes later at the wreck they would have been too late, for as soon as they got the crew off, the vessel, which was on the top of the sand, altered her position and began to go to pieces. They could not have got to the ship unless they parted with their cable, as he thought that was the best thing to do, because he knew the Institution had got plenty of cables and anchors on shore. (Applause.) It was a fortunate thing for the Frenchmen that their vessel was only three months old; if it had been an old ship they would have been too late, because she had been on the Sunk sand, had knocked off that and then ran on to the Gunfleet, where they found her. In conclusion, he wished to propose a vote of thanks to the Lifeboat Institution and to the Local Committee.

The proposition was seconded by JAMES CROSS, the second coxswain, and carried.

The National Anthem was then sung, and cheers having been given for Sir John and Lady Johnson and the lifeboat crew, the proceedings terminated.

In the evening the crew and their wives were entertained to dinner in the dining-room of the Royal Hotel, which had been decorated for the occasion with flowers supplied by the London Flower Girls' Brigade.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 21st inst. The business commenced at five o'clock when the W.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles opened the lodge assisted by Bros. H. Stiles, S.W.; G. Clark, J.W.; W. Side, I.P.M.; G. J. Seales, P.M.; H. Lovegrove, S.D.; G. Edwards, J.D.; and other officers, with a considerable number of brethren and the following visitors: Bros. Carey, 672; Scdt, 199; Smith, 1744; J. Bowyer Clark, 1777; and Richardson. Bros. Hawthorn, Jay, Bryce, Rogers and Repon were raised; Bros. Saunders and Dormer were passed; and Messrs. R. B. Briggs and Sturmer were initiated. The various ceremonies were very effectively rendered.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. A. Rosenthal, W.M.; C. E. Barnett, J.W.; J. A. Archer, S.D.; T. Turquard Tillan, I.G.; Joseph D. Langton, S.W.; Joseph Langton, Treas.; J. Westrope, Steward; G. W. Rowe, Tyler; Haines, Clay Sudlow, Royle, Davies, Bartholomew, Garland, and Godwin. Visitors: Bros. W. L. Rosenthal, P.G.C. Stafford; Fitz George, 795; Edward Terry, P.M. 1310; Fredk. Foss, W.M. 26; and J. H. Casson, P.M. 1706, P.P.G.O. Derby.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. proceeded to invest Bro. R. Clay Sudlow as Secretary of the lodge. Bro. Gilbert Bartholomew was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. A ballot was taken for Bro. George Godwin, of the Temple Lodge, 873, as a joining member, and was declared by the W.M. as unanimous in his favour.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., Bro. A. Rosenthal. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured; that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. Edward Terry in a very humorous speech, and by each of the other visitors present. A

splendid recitation was given by Bro. Fillan, and this, together with some clever and amusing songs by Bro. Terry, made up a most successful and enjoyable evening.

WOODBIDGE.—Doric Lodge (No. 81).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., on which occasion, Bro. P. H. Phillips, was installed into the chair by Bro. W. Clarke, G. Pursuivant of England. The lodge, of which Bro. Phillips now assumes the rule, is the second in point of age in the province, that at Lowestoft—the Unity, No. 71—being its senior by fifteen years, having been warranted in the year 1747, while No. 81 dates from 1762. It did not, however, meet originally at Woodbridge, but at the New Commercial Inn, at Aldborough, the warrant being originally granted to Cornelius Leggett, W.M.; Robert Melles, Senior Warden; and Joseph Revitt, Junior Warden. It was transferred “by permission of the Right Worshipful Sir William Fowle Middleton, Bart., P.G.M. for the county, to the Bull Inn, Woodbridge, Jan. 1st. 1824.” The warrant at that time was entrusted to Bros. Benj. Gall, W.M.; Jas. Hibbett, J.W.; Wm. Baxter, P.M.; Thos. Sherning, Jas. Smyth, Richard Fisher, Mark Luke, Geo. Cross, and Henry Carter. Since that time the lodge, like most others, has passed through some amount of vicissitude, but at the present time it bears every appearance of continuing on the very successful career which has characterised it during the past few years. A matter of ten years since it was in danger of dying out, but some new members being then introduced into it, a revival took place, and its present position is the result. The brother with whom the revival may in a measure be said to have been associated—Bro. W. P. I. Phillips—is now one of the Past Masters of the lodge, while the Master installed on Tuesday is one of his sons, another being invested on the same occasion with the collar of Steward. As the enthusiasm of the father appears to be shared by his sons, and there are several other energetic Masons in the lodge, an extension during the more immediate future is probable; indeed, on the occasion of the installation it was announced that already two gentlemen had offered themselves as candidates for initiation, and others were expected to come forward. The town of Woodbridge has in years gone by warmly supported the Masonic Order there having at one time been two lodges, a Royal Arch Chapter, and a Knight Templar Encampment working there. At the present there is but one lodge and a chapter. One advantage these two bodies have is the possession of a Masonic Hall in which to hold their meetings—an arrangement which we think adds greatly to the comfort of the brethren and the impressiveness of the various ceremonies, as so much more appropriate surroundings are possible in such cases than can be secured where the lodge-room is simply an ordinary apartment laid out for the occasion. The ceremony of Tuesday was carried out most efficiently, the officiating officer being noted for his knowledge and rendering of the ritual, and on this occasion really excelling himself. In due course the officers of the year were appointed, the following brethren being invested with the respective collars, viz.: Bros. E. St. George Cobbold, I.P.M.; F. A. Kent, S.W.; W. H. Hessey, J.W.; Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, Chap.; B. D. Gall (by proxy), Treas.; E. Smith, S.D.; J. Collins, J.D.; C. F. Browne, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; J. Stidolph, Org.; F. J. Horsey, I.G.; H. W. P. Phillips, Steward; and G. Hall Tyler. At the conclusion of the usual formal business the lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Bull Hotel to banquet, which was served by mine host, Bro. John Grout, in really first-rate style.

At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace had been said, the Master proposed the toast of “The Queen and the Craft,” followed by that of “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master,” each of which were well received. With the toast of “The Grand Officers of England” was coupled the name of Bro. Clarke; and that brother, in the course of his reply, thanked the Master and the brethren generally for the reception they had given to the toast. There was one point in connection with the Grand Officers which he, and he thought Masons generally, would be pleased to have altered. It was subject of regret that the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, was not able to be more frequently among them. He had done good service in the past, and won for himself the respect of the whole of the English Brotherhood, who could but regret the cause which led to his absence—it was ill-health alone, Bro. Clarke felt, that detained his lordship. The Master, in giving “The Health of the Prov. Grand Officers,” stated he had received a letter from Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Prov. G.M., regretting his inability to attend, while a telegram had just been received from the same brother tendering the heartiest good wishes to the lodge. Two brethren of Prov. Grand Lodge having replied, Bro. Cobbold, the I.P.M., assumed the gavel, and gave the toast of “The W.M.” He believed it was the custom among Freemasons that the Immediate Past Master should give this toast, and on the present occasion he felt it a great privilege to do so, as it afforded him the pleasure of welcoming to the chair of the Doric Lodge Bro. Phillips. Although his other avocations had sometimes prevented his attendance during the past year, it was well known among the brethren that they had secured a very good Master for the coming year, and he begged to offer his personal congratulations to Bro. Phillips. He felt, from what he knew of his successor, that he would maintain what he hoped he had himself secured—the integrity of Freemasonry in the Doric Lodge. The W.M. desired to most cordially thank the brethren. It was with feelings somewhat of dread that he accepted the responsibilities of his present office, as the Past Masters had acquitted themselves so ably in it; the work was really a feat of memory, and if he could only carry it on as well as it had been done by those who had preceded him he should be satisfied. There were many brethren, Past Masters of the Doric Lodge, who could, without any hesitation, work either of the Three Degrees, and that, too, in a manner of which any lodge in the kingdom could be proud; he hoped it might be possible for him to do likewise in years to come. At each of the next two meetings of the lodge a candidate would offer himself, and he hoped they would be the forerunners of many more. He thought the brethren of the lodge had no reason to complain of its progress during the past three or four years. The town was a small one, and was comparatively but little known, except perhaps in the case of the Charities, in the advocacy of which he hoped he, the lodge, and all of its members would always take a prominent part.

He next gave “The Health of the Visitors.” They all knew with what pleasure visitors were looked upon in a Masonic lodge. To the Master it was a great incentive, as he then felt he must do his work to the best of his ability, and endeavour to carry out the duties of his lodge in such a manner as to cause the guests on their return to refer to the way in which the work had been done, and to hope that their own lodges might be worked equally well. At no time was it more gratifying to a Master to see visitors than on the occasion of his installation, when, with a number of friendly faces around him, in addition to the several members of his own lodge, he could but feel greater confidence and greater pride at his position. He expressed to each of them the hope, which he felt was shared by every member of the lodge that they would be able to attend on many future occasions. Bro. Thomas C. Cobbold, C.B., M.P. for Ipswich, was the first to reply. He regretted, through a mistake, he was not present at the installation ceremony, as he considered the performance of the ceremony by so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Clarke could but be interesting and instructive to all who heard it. Freemasonry went on from day to day improving, and not only in doing so did it improve its own members, but it became a power of good for others. They had only to look at the amounts received on behalf of its Charitable Institutions to verify this. On behalf of the visitors, he felt he might say that they were all very happy to be present. As one of the oldest lodges it was to the Doric that the members of the province had to look for their pattern, and it was therefore of greater importance that its work should be carried out properly—a result which he felt was attained under its present management. Bros. Drysdale and Grimwood followed, the latter referring to the local charity association and advocating the claims of the Institutions, for which he said Bro. Clarke and the W.M. had promised to act as Stewards (the former on behalf of the old people, and the latter on behalf of the Boys’ School.) The W.M. then gave the toast of “The Installing Officer.” He felt sure this toast would be heartily received. Any brother who had been present at a Masonic ceremony in which Bro. Clarke had to take part, could but have been impressed at the way in which he had gone through his work. He was a brother who might be taken as a pattern by any young Mason, and he felt that he, and every member of the Doric Lodge, were very much indebted to him for having travelled so far to instal the Master for the ensuing year, and to generally superintend the work of the day. Bro. Clarke thanked the brethren for their reception. The toast which the Master had just proposed reminded him, as he felt it must do many of the members of the lodge, of the speedy passing of time, for it seemed but a very short time since he had installed the now I.P.M. It afforded him very great pleasure to be present, and meet many of his Suffolk friends. The W.M. had been pleased to entrust him with the proposition of the next toast, that of “The Charities,” but he felt some diffidence in undertaking the task in the presence of so respectable a champion as Bro. Binckes. From the very fact, as he felt Bro. Binckes would doubtless tell them, that the Craft had so greatly increased of late, the calls on the Charities had also greatly increased, and it required great efforts to secure the amount requisite to carry them on. It was not so much large personal grants which were required as it was smaller donations from every member, and he urged the brethren of Suffolk to each do whatever they were able, and he felt no doubt that if they did so they would feel the benefit whenever they had a candidate for either of the funds. Bro. Binckes replied. After twenty-five years, and he supposed about two hundred speeches each year, it was very hard to know what to say in reply to such a toast as that last given, which might be acceptable to all present. He believed there were a large number of brethren who did not really know even of the existence of the Institutions to which Bro. Clarke had referred. Take away the Charities and he believed that Freemasonry would still be the grandest organisation of the world, recognising but the one great design of being happy and communicating happiness, and if Freemasonry had no other object than that, it would still be worthy of all support, but the motto of its members was to do good to others. There are many who, from unforeseen calamity and misfortune, are reduced to the lowest ebb, and he asked, Would it be consistent with Masonic practice to disregard them or leave them to seek assistance from the outer world? No, we endeavour to relieve them ourselves. Bro. Binckes referred at some length to the present position of the three institutions, their respective resources and expenditure, and urged the brethren to do their utmost in support of their W.M., who had occupied the office of Steward for the Boys’ School. The W.M. then proposed “The Health of the Past Masters,” to which Bro. Phillips, sen., replied. It was with no small amount of pride that he did so. It was very gratifying to any brother to see his son in the chair of a lodge, especially when he felt he was as strong an advocate for Freemasonry as himself. Ten years since he (the speaker) had been initiated in the lodge, and at that time the three principal officers seemed to be continually filled by a small body of brethren, but all that had now changed, and the lodge presented a very prosperous appearance, it had gained some reputation as a supporter of the charities, and he hoped that good name would always be attached to it. Bro. Grimwood followed, and then the Master proposed respectively the toasts of “The Director of Ceremonies and the Wardens,” “The Host” and “The Press.” The proceedings of the evening were brought to a conclusion by the Tyler in the usual manner, and the brethren separated after a very successful meeting.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The installation meeting and St. John’s Festival were celebrated on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Freemasons’ Hall, Cooper-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. Thos. Fairrie, W.M.; G. T. Mullock, I.P.M.; J. C. Hind, Treas.; Bagnall, S.W.; Wm. Paulden, Sec.; Thos. Sawyer, J.D.; J. Cliffe, I.G.; R. A. Eldershaw, Ed. Clay, P.M.; John Roberts, P.M.; R. Timperley, P.M.; J. Battye, P.M.; J. F. Sawyer, J.D.; Apostoley, J. Allison, John Roger Lever, Samuel Lawton, Thos. Shorrocks, Wm. Aldred, John Parker and J. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: John Chadwick, Prov. Grand Sec.; Henry Thomas, P.M. 277, P.P.G.S.D.; A. B. Whittaker, W.M. 1633; W. H. Peak, W.M. 993; H. C. Hollingworth, P.M. 287, Prov. Grand Treas.; John Buckley, S.V. 277;

John Gregory, 1233; W. Bostock, P.M. 1613 and 1213; R. Hartley, P.M. 1009; E. Mathan, P.M. 1798; W. Artingstall, late S.C. 204; W. Nicholl, W.M. 317; J. L. Hine, P.M. P.P.G.S.W.; S. P. Bidden, P.M. 1161; A. T. Forrest, Sec. 1633; Joseph Snape, P.M. 1055; W. J. Schofield, S.W. 1219; Rev. J. Harrison, W.M. 277; Teareforos, 1055; W. H. Ballard, 350; Wm. Rumsey, 1357; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*.)

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. H. L. Hollingworth, P.G. Treas., by permission of the W.M., took the chair, and Bro. Bagnall, the W.M. elect, having been presented to him, was, with the usual formality, installed as Master for the ensuing year. The following brethren were afterwards invested as officers by Bro. G. T. Mullock, P.M.: Bros. Thos. Shorrocks, S.W.; W. Paulden, J.W.; John Roberts, P.M., Treas.; Duckworth, Sec.; Thos. Sawyer, S.D.; Jno. Cliffe, J.D.; Lawton, I.G.; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D. of C.; — Sawyer, Steward; J. Sly (per Bro. Kirk), Tyler. Bro. H. L. Hollingworth delivered the address to the W.M., and Bro. G. T. Mullock to the Wardens and brethren. The ballot was next taken for the election of Mr. Bramwell as a member of the lodge, and being declared unanimous in his favour, he was forthwith initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M. and invested officers in a most efficient manner, being the more commendable from the fact that in little less than half an hour after their investiture they were performing their duties with consummate ease, and we cannot help singling out for special praise Bro. Cliff’s Junior Deaconship, which was done in as finished style as though he had performed the duty a dozen times. The ceremony of initiation concluded, and “Hearty good wishes” expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at eight o’clock.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John at a banquet, which being finished, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. H. L. Hollingworth, P.G. Treas., received well-merited praise for the ability he had displayed as Installing Master, and our worthy brother, in returning thanks, also responded for “The Prov. Grand Officers.” Replying to the toast of his health, ably proposed by Bro. Thos. Fairrie, I.P.M., the W.M. said it was with feelings of emotion that he rose to respond to the toast. Bro. Fairrie had reminded them of his (Bro. Bagnall’s) long connection with the lodge, viz., twenty-two years, and he could not help feeling very proud of the fact that during the whole of that long period on no single occasion, either remote or near, had there been the slightest degree of ill-feeling between himself and any member of the lodge. Bro. Bagnall further remarked that he also felt very proud of his lodge, which, although not numbering so many members now, had at one time as many as 140, and was the strongest lodge in the province, and it was gratifying to reflect that several other lodges had sprang from it, and were now doing very well. Bro. Bagnall went on to say he loved to dwell on the glories of the past, and he was happy to see around the table many faces that he had seen in the lodge, and who had belonged to it during its successful period. The W.M. concluded by observing that he did not think he deserved all the kind remarks that had fallen from Bro. Fairrie’s lips respecting him, but he would endeavour to merit them during his year. There were several other toasts proposed and honoured, amongst them being “The I.P.M.,” “The Masonic Charities,” proposed by Bro. J. Roberts, P.M., and well responded to by Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W., who very earnestly appealed to all East Lancashire brethren to support our noble Institutions by donations or subscriptions. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated about eleven o’clock.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., when there was a large attendance of members. Bro. Thomas H. Carefull, W.M., was supported by a full compliment of officers, and during the evening the Third Degree was worked in a masterly manner by Bro. John Houlding, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. The brethren appeared in mourning (craped rosettes on aprons) out of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Cottrell, P.M., who had died since the previous meeting, and in the course of the proceedings a vote of condolence with his surviving relatives was unanimously passed by the lodge. Refreshments were provided after the business of the lodge.

NEWTON HEATH.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—The installation meeting and annual festival of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Private Rooms of the lodge, Conservative Club, on which occasion the following officers and a large number of brethren were present: Bros James Taylor, W.M.; J. E. Hiff, I.P.M.; J. H. Hall, S.W.; A. Hebden, J.W.; R. Caldwell, P.M., Sec.; M. Hyams, S.D.; J. Vincent, J.D.; W. Cox, P.M.; Tyler; S. H. Needham, P.M.; G. Needles, P.M.; and H. Dawson, Tyler. Amongst the visitors who signed the book were Bros. J. Wood, W.M. 1149; J. Gallagher, P.M. 1459; J. Hall, P.M. 210; M. Davitts, 687; R. W. Welsh, P.M. 1077; W. Orgram, 1534; T. Fyers, P.M. 581; P. Lawton, 78; J. Rogers, P.M. 1219; A. Lewtas, 1588; H. Mills, S.W. 1357; J. Nettlebro, W.M. 1011; R. Doltre, W.M. 1161; J. R. Sowler, W.M. 815; W. B. Ryley, 815; C. Smith, W.M. 1083; E. Carpet, 666 and 1609; A. Andrews, P.M. 1011; C. Key, 182; H. Dale, 1773 and 814; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; W. Nicholson, 1161; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, at 3.30 p.m. by Bro. Taylor, W.M., and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed the annual balance-sheet was presented by the Auditors, Bros. J. E. Hiff, I.P.M., J. A. Vincent, S.D., and W. H. Hulse, and was taken as read, each member being supplied with a copy. After other business had been transacted, the W.M. expressed great satisfaction at seeing so many brethren present, and announced that Bro. R. Caldwell, Sec., had kindly consented to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. T. H. Hall, S.W. Bro. Caldwell having taken the chair proceeded with the installation in accordance with ancient custom, which ceremony, it is almost needless to add, was conducted in a perfect and unflinching style. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Hebden, S.W.; M. Hyams, J.W.; J. Proctor, Treas.; R. Caldwell, P.M., Sec.; J. Vincent, S.D.; T. Davies, J.D.; W. Cox, P.M., D.C.; J. Cooper I.G.; W. H. Hulse, S.S.; J. S. Parker, J.S.; and H. Dawson, Tyler. Bro. Needham delivered

the usual address on the appointment of officers, which brought the installation ceremony to a close. "Hearty good wishes" were then given by the visitors, and the lodge was closed by the W.M.

The brethren shortly afterwards assembled at the banqueting tables under the presidency of the newly installed Master. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen," coupling with it prosperity to the Craft, which toast was duly honoured, as were also those of "The Grand Master," "The Prov. Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers." Bro. Hill in a few well chosen remarks proposed "The Health of the New Worshipful Master" which was received with special cordiality, and the W.M. in responding, said that ever since his entrance into Masonry the height of his ambition had been to attain the chair of K.S., and he most heartily thanked the brethren for having unanimously conferred that honour upon him; and assured them that his utmost efforts would be exerted to promote the welfare and retain the esteem of the brethren of the lodge. He then proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master" and spoke in eulogistic terms of the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year, making special reference to the success of the lodge during that time, and in the name of the brethren begged his acceptance of a Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he was held by them, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. The toast was most cordially received and drunk with Masonical honours. Bro. Taylor, on rising to acknowledge the compliment paid to him, thanked the brethren for the kindness shewn towards him by their generous gift and the way in which they had received the toast, remarking that he was the first who had occupied that chair after passing through the whole of the offices in the lodge. He trusted his successor would have a prosperous year and plenty of work to do, and it would be a pleasure to him as I.P.M. to render the W.M. all the assistance he possibly could in the discharge of his onerous duties. "The Visitors" and several other toasts were proposed and honoured, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was passed, which was much enlivened by an attractive selection of vocal and instrumental music contributed by Bros. Dumville, Lewtas, Mills, Dale and others with Bro. Mann accompanist.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince Arthur Lodge (No. 1570).—On the 20th inst the brethren of the above lodge kept the festival of St. John by installing their W.M. elect at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, for the first time in their new domicile, the lodge having formerly met at the Masonic Rooms, North Hill-street. Owing to the lamented death of Bro. Ralph Webster, S.W., during the past year, the members had re-elected the retiring W.M., Bro. H. Worthington, who presided at the opening, supported by his officers as follows: Bros. Walter W. Thomas, J.W.; S. Hikin, P.M., Treas.; W. P. Vines, Sec.; P. Morris, S.D.; W. Bennett, J.D.; Joseph Hunter, I.G.; Robert Roberts, I.P.M.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; and A. C. Morrison, P.M.

For the reason above mentioned the ceremony performed by Bro. R. Roberts, P.M., was somewhat abbreviated, and after the usual honours, the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. W. Thomas, S.W.; W. P. Vines, J.W.; S. Hikin, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); D. Morris, Sec.; A. C. Morrison, P.M., M.C.; W. Bennett, S.D.; J. Hunter, J.D.; John Holded, I.G.; and P. Larsen, P.M., Tyler. Several interesting presentations of various requisite articles of lodge furniture were made by the W.M., Bros. A. C. Morrison, P.M., and John Kenwright, and on the motion of Bro. H. S. Alpass, a cordial vote of thanks was passed for the same. The brethren afterwards dined together, when a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 20th inst., at Bro. Smyth's comfortable hostelry, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Glass, W.M. (for the first time); T. Clark, S.W.; Dignam, J.W.; Edwards, S.D.; Christian, J.D.; Smyth, I.G.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; Brasted, P.M., acting Preceptor; W. H. Wallington, P.M., Preceptor; Lamb, Robinson, C. Lorkin, and others.

After lodge was opened, and minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Glass worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lamb candidate. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Lamb having answered the questions necessary to raising, lodge was opened up by Bro. Wallington, P.M., who had assumed the chair, and the ceremony of raising was ably worked, Bro. Wallington also giving the traditional history of the degree. The last Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. C. Lorkin and the brethren, and lodge was resumed, and Bro. Glass again occupied the chair. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the sum of £1 1s. was voted on behalf of the Christmas festivities of the old people. The services of Bro. Glass, as W.M. for the first time, were acknowledged by a cordial vote of thanks, and lodge was closed in harmony and with seasonable good wishes.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 23rd inst., at Bro. J. Clayton's, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, E. Present: Bros. J. West, W.M.; A. Benabo, S.W.; Dovey, J.W.; J. Gaskell, P.M., S.D.; Macgregor, J.D.; J. Siegenberg, I.G.; also Bros. W. Musto, P.M. Sec.; I. P. Cohen, P.M., acting Preceptor; E. Nathan, Clayton, Jachtran (Visitor); Mansfield, P.M. 1137, P.G.S.D. of the District Grand Lodge, New Zealand; Stephens and others.

After necessary formalities the ceremony of initiation was ably worked, Bro. E. Nathan candidate. Afterwards the W.M. worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Benabo, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, when according to the bye laws as many Sections will be worked as the usual hours of meeting will permit. A brother having made an appeal to the lodge on account of bad health, and being in great want, was unanimously granted £1 1s. from lodge funds to help him over the Christmas season. This amount was considerably augmented privately, and will no doubt prove very serviceable to him in his distress. Another brother visitor was also relieved by the brethren, and lodge adjourned.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The chapter was opened by Ex. Comp. T. Foxall, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; F. Dunn, H.; and H. Lovegrove, Prov. G. Std. B. Midd., J. Bros. G. Edward and W. M. O'Donnell were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The Lectures were given by Comps. Foxall, Nunn, and Lovegrove, Ex. Comp. Foxall then proceeded to instal Ex. Comps F. Dunn, as M.E.Z., and H. Lovegrove as H., the companion elected to the other chair being unable to attend. The companions dined together at the close of the proceedings.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

INVICTA CHAPTER (No. 10).—The installation meeting of this old chapter was held at 33, Golden-square, on the 10th inst. The ceremony of perfecting a candidate (Bro. Brook Sampson) was ably performed by the M.W.S. Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch, M.A., and afterwards Bro. A. J. R. Trendall, 30, was installed as M.W.S. by the veteran, Bro. Jas. Glaisher, 32. There were present Bros. W. M. Bywater, 30, Treas.; G. Powell, Recorder; E. B. Grabham, E. Howard, J. Hughes, M.D., G. F. Legg, W. Ackland, W. G. Lemon, H. Lovegrove, G. Mickley, M.A., J. Read, 30; C. W. Thompson, Major Dunbar, and others.

Amusements.

ROYALTY.—This house—one of the smallest of the London theatres—re-opened on Boxing-night for the season, and we sincerely hope that with such an ample bill of fare, and so sumptuously put on the table—we mean the stage, and such a company of artistes, it will not fail to attract appreciative audiences. Judging from the first nights, and the singularly praiseworthy manner the daily press, without one exception, has accorded to Bro. Byron's latest burlesque, we may go to the Royalty months hence and still witness the same performance. Neither pains nor expense seem to have been spared on the production of "Pluto, or Little Orpheus and his Lute." Bro. Byron, we venture to think, has outdone any of his previous efforts at this style of amusement. As far as comedy is concerned, he cannot ever hope to write a prettier one than "Our Boys." What "Our Boys" is in comedy "Pluto" must take the same place in burlesque—that is at the top. Yet it is more difficult, we believe, to prophesy the run a comic opera, or light burlesque, will have than it is to speak of a comedy or tragedy. Although both are dependent on the support of the public, the public is very capricious in the matter of musical plays; but, as Bro. Hollingshead has for fourteen years kept together an audience of his own at the Gaiety, we cannot but think for such a small theatre as the Royalty there can be found plenty to fill it whilst such an excellent entertainment is provided as now is put before us. We believe Miss Lawler last year netted a good sum with the burlesque—by the way also by Bro. Byron—"Don Juan, Junior." We notice on the programmes Bro. Byron calls his new piece a classical love tale. The scenery and some of the dresses are highly classical. We cannot, though, vouch, and, probably, Bro. Byron cannot either, for the facts in which the tale is founded, most likely they are not to be found farther back than the author's fertile brain. At any rate our reading of Ovid, Virgil and Julius Cæsar does not convey to our mind the impression that the ancient Greeks and Romans were "frivolous" in love making. We are not to be severe. It matters not a jot on what the love tale is founded. It is one of the most lively and taking pieces lately put on the boards of any theatre, and so the audience thought by the way they received it. Probably a Christmas audience is more easily amused than any other. At that time more people go not to criticise but to be amused and applaud. They appeared to receive all the puns, whether very good are very far fetched, with equal good humour. Miss Lydia Thompson (*Orpheus*), is as clever as ever, delightful as ever, and graceful as ever. *Orpheus* is husband of *Eurydice* (Miss Wadman), but fancying she is flirting with *Aristeus* (Mr. C. Glenney), he makes his way across the Styx, whose ferryman is of course *Charon* (Miss Ella Chapman), and has been provided by *Apollo* (Miss Maude Branscombe) with a golden lute, to act as a sort of talisman. *Orpheus* finds himself in the King's palace—we will give it that name—and falls in love with *Proserpine*, the Queen, but not before *Pluto*, the King (Mr. W. J. Hill), has become enamoured of *Eurydice*. *Apollo* comes to the rescue and puts each husband and wife in unison with one another. But it is not the story which attracts one, but the songs, dances, and music. Mr. Conolly deserves the highest praise for having arranged the incidental music. Miss Lydia Thompson and Miss Wadman sang some pretty duets. Miss Maude Branscombe delights us with a good song, as well as a pretty face—vide her photograph in every photographer's window. Miss Maude Taylor, *Proserpine*, and Miss Ella Chapman came in for their share of applause. The latter sings some very taking songs, added to which she dances neatly and plays the banjo in an expert manner, and duly received several encores. The parody on "Glou, Glou," in "The Mascotte," is perhaps one of the best songs. This duet is sung by Mr. Hill and Miss Wadman. Then, again, a whistling song and chorus by the infernal deities was rapturously appropriated by the gods. The representation of the inhabitants of the lower regions was not what one sees usually depicted, for these at the Royalty are pretty young girls. But perhaps the most appreciated song was the medley at the end, in which Mr. Hill, and the Misses Thompson, Chapman, Wadman, and Taylor took part. It is a parody on various events of the day, each verse being sung to some popular air; for instance, Miss Thompson's verse—

"There's a young man sitting down there,
To me he's a perfect riddle;
He's coming to see us every night,
And he parts his hair in the middle."

produced much merriment. The puns are numerous, in fact, it is riddled with them—we don't mean this for a pun. These are mostly relegated to Mr. Hill, *Pluto*, whose portly figure is somewhat ludicrous. "Elixir" is made "Who licks her." "Orpheus, let me awfyou (off r you) a cigar." In the scene of crossing the Styx, *Charon* tell *Eurydice* to "hold your rudder, sir," who replies, "I've got a skull (to row them over), alas! poor Yorick! *Pluto* proposes a divorce, and says, "I'll tell the lawyer, and he'll put the law in force for us (*phosphorus*). "I'm a King of Kings, and need no sauce, so just please to remember our station;" which, being said angrily, *Proserpine* observes, "King's Cross." *Orpheus* exclaims to *Apollo*, "Talking of the truth, which I admire, perhaps you'll oblige me with my lyre." Of course political men, industrial schools, the electric light, Suez Canal, and Irish affairs come in for their share of being made fun of, but all is quite harmless. We did not hear a hiss, and the audience could not be all of one mind except that *Pluto* is a thorough and grand success. Author, actors, Bro. Hitchens, and the public, too, are to be congratulated. We feel Bro. Byron is emulating the noble poet of the same title in *cleverness*. "The Fisherman's Daughter," a new comedy by Mr. Farnie, which preceded "Pluto," was well acted and appreciated, judging by the calls after the curtain dropped. Mr. Everill played with artistic finish; Miss Hilton and Miss Evelyn made the most of their respective parts, but we think it will bear a little cutting down. The story is good and quite natural, and, besides, is interesting. After some minor alterations no doubt it will take the place it deserves as a good little comedy. With respect to "Pluto," we can only say further, "we have been there, and mean still to go," only to the burlesque, not the reality. The Royalty is not a hot-house to sit in, it will be found cool. But why is that odious system adhered to of having to pay sixpence for being shown to one's seat? Some managers have wisely discarded this system of levying black mail.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS AT THE LEAVESDEN ASYLUM.

"Can'st thou minister to a mind diseased?" "Yes," replies the Superintendent of the Leavesden Asylum, "of course I can, and especially at Christmas time." And the kind doctor is as good as his word. For a better ministrations to a mind, either diseased or healthy, it has never been our lot to witness than the amateur theatricals provided for the patients at this noble institution during three days of last week. Captious criticism would indeed be out of place concerning such a performance. It must be remembered that the attendants and nurses who acted are obliged to be on duty from six in the morning till eight in the evening, and it is only after working hours that the rehearsals are allowed to take place. But, in spite of this drawback, the amount of talent displayed in acting, singing, and even here and there in dancing, surpassed anything at this asylum we have ever seen attempted, except by trained professionals. The piece selected was "Ivanhoe," a good, old Strand burlesque, but so interlarded with the most recent jokes and music that it was far from being old-fashioned. The part of *Sir Brian Bois de Guibert* was ably filled by the stage manager, under whose directions the piece had been produced. There was a vigour and a knowledge of stage business about his acting which was refreshing to witness, and which might well be copied by those who have no other duties to attend to except their professional avocations on the stage. *Wamba*, the Court fool, was most admirably represented by one of the nurses, whose play of facial expression singularly fitted her for this rôle. This young lady displayed an amount of talent which suggested that she had mistaken her calling in life, and that she might possibly do better on the stage than ministering to the mind diseased in an asylum. She was quite the life of the piece, and her splendid acting must be invaluable to such an institution. *Isaac of York* was taken by a gentleman whose get up, and extraordinary talent, made one imagine he had acted a great many times before. We were informed, however, that this was his first appearance on the stage in any part, although his powers of elocution are highly appreciated "in another place." His drinking song, and the one in which he enumerates the prices of his different articles of attire, were both particularly amusing, and were encored to the echo by the appreciative audience. *Rebecca* was fairly represented by one of the nurses, who acted and sang in the spirit, and who looked the part to perfection. The most talented actress on the stage, however, was the *Lady Rowena*, who was evidently an old hand at the business, and who sang with good taste the songs allotted to her. *Cedric*, the *Palmer*, *Prince John*, the *Black Knight*, *De Bracey*, and *Oswald* were all good in their way, but have yet something to learn from their clever compères. The scenery was all painted at home. We are not at liberty to mention names, but we have seen far worse scenery on the stage even at London theatres. More than this we cannot say. It was appropriate and answered all the purposes it was intended for. "The apartment at Old Isaac's," and "the Lists at Ashby-de-la-Zouche," struck us as being by far the best of the canvasses. The music was particularly good. The asylum rejoices in a bandmaster, whose great talent appears to be to unearth pretty old tunes and to arrange them appropriately. His overture was a medley of all the old Strand airs and the most modern selections from "Patience" and other popular pieces. Everybody seemed to have one or more songs, some ancient—some modern; from the old "Skid-a-majink," down to the "Prithee, pretty maiden," from "Patience," all of which were rendered fairly well. A very pretty idea was developed in Scene III., where a large golden fan opens, and displays some very tasteful *tableaux vivants*. The first representing Spring, and being accompanied by the chorus, "Spring, spring, gentle spring," from "Babil and Bijou;" and the last, Winter, by the well-known air, "Twenty-two love-sick maidens we," both excellently sung. We have to thank the eminent superintendent of the Leavesden Asylum, Dr. Case, for having demonstrated to us that it is quite possible to get up a first-rate theatrical performance, even amongst those whose arduous duties leave them but little time or energy to rehearse, if only the preparation is undertaken *con amore* with an enthusiastic wish to succeed.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, P.G.M. Worcestershire, who takes a great interest in the St. John Ambulance Association, has sent us a pamphlet entitled, "First Aid to the Wounded," which contains a number of authenticated instances of such first aid in numerous cases from certain pupils of the association. The pamphlet is very interesting, and well worth reading by all who sympathise, as the St. John's Society does, with those liable to sudden accident, and think it not an unworthy object to spread widely a knowledge of the means whereby human suffering in this form can be quickly and efficaciously relieved.—*Broad Arrow.*

It is announced that His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., will take the chair at the annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund next year.

Several performances of "Ye Burlesque of Kenelworth or Ye Queene and Ye Earle," have lately been given by the officers and men of the Second Battalion Coldstream Guards, at the Star Theatre, Wellington Barracks (by kind permission of the commanding officer), the acting being far superior than usually shown by amateurs. The music was arranged by, and the band, under the direction of Bro. James Weaver, P.P.G.O. Middlesex.

A Greenock firm of engineers has just secured a contract to supply the whole machinery necessary for a sugar refinery in Hong Kong. The contract amounts in value to upwards of £50,000, and the new refinery is to be conducted by a purely Chinese firm, who will remove the machinery from this country in vessels sailing under the Chinese flag.

Bro. Lewis M. Meyers is to be installed W.M. of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday next.

Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, well-known to a large Masonic circle as a musical conductor and vocalist, made his first appearance as a lecturer at Sion College on Thursday, the 29th inst., in connection with St. Stephen's Institute. He was assisted by many well-known artistes, and the choristers from the Temple Church and St. Stephen's, Coleman-street. The entertainment was thoroughly successful, and we hope to give a full report in our next.

It is in contemplation by a Committee, formed for the purpose in Broad-street Ward, to present the Lady Mayoress with a marble bust of Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.—*Citizen.*

Bro. R. Pierpoint, the station-master at the London Bridge Station of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, was, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., presented with a testimonial, consisting of a cheque for £320, in recognition of the esteem in which he is held by the passengers on the line who have come in contact with him during the twenty-two years he has been in the service of the company. Mr. Spencer Balfour, M.P., presided, and was supported by Mr. Cohen, Q.C., M.P. Mr. A. R. Jackson, Hon. Sec. of the Testimonial Fund, read the list of subscribers, amongst whom were Alderman Cotton, M.P.; Sir Trevor Lawrence, Bart., M.P.; Sir Henry Peck, Bart., M.P.; Mr. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P.; Mr. Spencer Balfour, M.P.; the Mayor of Brighton, and the Mayor of Lewes. Mr. Cohen, M.P., in presenting the testimonial and purse, said it gave him great pleasure to go through the duty he was now called upon to perform. During the twenty-two years Mr. Pierpoint had been in the service of the company he had been gaining the esteem of both the directors and patronisers of the line. He was esteemed by everybody, and ought to be a happy man. He (Mr. Cohen) should always look back with pleasure to this occasion, and he hoped that testimonial would make Mr. Pierpoint do the same. Bro. Pierpoint said he felt unable to reply after the kind things that had been said of him. He could not sufficiently thank those who had thus shown their appreciation of the manner in which he had performed his duties. Votes of thanks were given to the chairman and Mr. Cohen, and the proceedings terminated.

W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Earl of March, M.P., S.G.W., will be installed W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 38, at the Council Chamber, Chichester, on Thursday, January 5th, 1882. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex, and the Prov. Grand Officers will be present.

The Fraternity in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania are now thoroughly aroused to the threatened danger from an elevated railroad in proximity to the Masonic Temple at Broad and Filbert-streets. All public-spirited citizens who value the beauty and utility of the new Public Buildings should cordially unite with us in preventing the accomplishment of the selfish interests of the Elevated Railroad Company. The interests of the Masonic Temple and the Public Buildings coincide, and neither should be sacrificed. But if citizens are willing to sacrifice the Public Buildings, Freemasons are determined to preserve the Masonic Temple from being marred in architectural beauty, and impaired in value and usefulness.—*Keystone.*

CEDARS OF LEBANON.—Her Majesty's Consul-General at Beyrout, G. Jackson Eldridge, has sent an interesting communication reciting the measures that have been taken by Rustem Pasha, Governor-General of Mount Lebanon, for the preservation of the cedars, together with a copy of the regulations issued "for the guidance of future travellers who propose to visit these venerable monuments of antiquity." The official notice makes known that the Governor-General has caused to be built round the trees a walled enclosure in charge of a custodian whose duty it will be to see that the regulations are carried out. Visitors of all nationalities will be allowed as heretofore access to the cedars, but will only be permitted to set up tents outside the enclosure, at places specially designed for the purpose. Fires will not be allowed near the trees, the necessity of this rule having within the last few years been demonstrated by the fact that three of the largest cedars have been partially destroyed by fires owing to the carelessness of travellers' servants. It is further "absolutely forbidden to cut a branch or bough of any single tree." No animals belonging to travellers are to be permitted within the enclosure. The Governor-General expresses a hope that all tourists will sufficiently appreciate the motives of these instructions to assist the authorities in their enforcement.

Bro. Alderman Knight, we regret to learn has been obliged to decline the mastership of the Loriners' Company to which he has lately been elected. Bro. Knight's health is still very indifferent, but we hope by next year to hail him as the Master.

A Masonic Ball, under the auspices of the Worshipful Master, P.M.'s and Officers of the Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, will be held in the Town Hall, Mirfield, on Friday, the 20th January, 1882. Brethren to appear in full Masonic clothing. Bros. Horsfall and Bailey's band has been engaged.

Bro. Alderman Nottage is erecting a handsome range of Buildings in the Queen Anne style on the King's-road, Brighton, at a cost of nearly £42,000, the upper portion of fifty-one rooms being for the purposes of a private hotel, while below are wine stores, seven shops, and various offices.

Lady John Manners suggests the gift of a few stamps to open a Post Office Savings Bank account as a useful Christmas-box. Twelve stamps will start an account.

Mr. Grenville Murray, the author of "The Member for Paris" and other works, and well known as a frequent contributor to the newspaper and periodical press, died at Paris on Tuesday.

Mr. Quintin Hogg has purchased the premises formerly known as the Polytechnic for the Young Men's Christian Institute.

The Juvenile Ball will take place at the Mansion House on Friday, January 13th.

A deputation of the members of the City of London Society of Artists will attend at the Mansion House on Wednesday, January 4th, to present his bust, which has been executed by Mr. Birch, A.R.A., to Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, who was the first president of the society.

Mr. B. Quaritch, of Piccadilly, has been by far the largest purchaser at the sale of the Sunderland Library. His expenditure during the first ten days is said to have amounted to £10,000.

The current number of the *Building News* gives an excellent double-page illustration of the Central Institution of the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education, at Exhibition-road, South Kensington.

Messrs. Osler and Co., of Oxford-street, have completed for the King of Siam a magnificent centre-piece, or decorative plateau of glass 36 feet long to run the whole length of a dining table. The effect is said to be that of "a shining river bordered with flowers," and at intervals rise Moorish temples of glass, within which play fountains of scent.

Mr. J. Grimstead, station-master at the London and South Eastern Railway terminus, Charing-cross, writes that the subscriptions for the widow and family of the late Mr. Young, station-master at Waterloo Junction, who was recently killed while on duty, amount to £545, of which Mr. Abbott, of Cannon-street terminus, received £40, and Mr. Lord, of Waterloo Junction, £25, the remainder being received at Charing-cross.

Her Majesty the Queen, Mr. Gladstone, Sir William Harcourt, Sir Richard Cross, Lord Derby, Lord Aberdare, Mr. Mundella, and Mr. Dodson have been pleased to accept and thank Mr. George Smith, of Coalville, for his new work, "Canal Adventures by Moonlight," published by Hodder and Stoughton.

The Vienna Chess Club, in celebration of its twenty-fifth year's anniversary, is arranging an International Chess Tournament, to which players from all parts of the globe are invited. The tournament will commence on the 10th of May, 1882. Players who wish to take part in it must give notice to that effect by the 2nd of May, 1882. All communications are to be addressed to the "Committee for the International Chess Tournament, Vienna, I., Giselstrasse 6." The prizes are as follows: 1st prize, 5000 frs.; 2nd do., 2000 frs.; 3rd do., 1000 frs.; 4th do., 500 frs.; 5th do., 300 frs.; 6th do., 200 frs.

The Loyal Lodge, No. 251, held its annual meeting at Barnstaple, on Tuesday last, when Bro. J. Gaydon was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed were: Bros. R. P. Morrison, I.P.M.; G. C. Davie, S.W.; A. Chanter, J.W.; H. C. Guppy, Sec.; J. List, Treas.; F. W. Hussey, S.D.; J. H. Seldon, J.D.; H. Edwards, Org.; the Rev. T. Russell, Chap.; H. J. Edwards, I.G.; S. Berry, and C. A. White, Stewards; A. Bater and H. Hancock, Tylers; and Bro. Ebsworthy, Supt. of Works. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. R. Chanter. The banquet was held at Bro. Saxon's, Fortescue Hotel, and was attended by several brethren of neighbouring lodges, about thirty in all being present.

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—The poor children of the East-end of London, who look forward Wednesday after Wednesday throughout the winter for their welcome dinner of Irish stew at the Mission House of the above Charity, were agreeably surprised on Wednesday last to find, instead of Irish stew, an excellent dinner of roast beef and plum pudding. Now, all this costs money, as Mr. Walter Austin, the Director of the Mission reminds us, and we make no excuse for asking our readers one and all to contribute their mite to so deserving a cause. Besides, just at present the new hall of the Mission is being built at a cost of £1000. All our good readers can lend a hand in this case, and get a good return for their money, too, by paying a visit on the 11th, 12th, and 13th January next to the bazaar, to be held in aid of the Mission, at Myddelton Hall, Islington, where we hear that some of the most popular vocalists will be engaged. Although winter has not yet shown itself in its bitterest aspect, the amount of misery and want in Eastern London is unfortunately as great as ever, as the appearance of the crowd outside 67, Salmon's-lane on Wednesday last amply testified, and there was no mi taking the poor children's looks of real hunger. We feel in advocating the cause of the London Cottage Mission we are doing good work, and we trust all those who see this short notice will contribute what they can. Their subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, or by Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C.

Bro. Wm. Allsford was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 202, at Devonport, on Tuesday last.

At the last Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of South Australia, it was proposed and carried "That in the opinion of the District Grand Lodge, it is expedient that an officer be appointed, called the District Grand Inspector of Lodges, whose duty it shall be to visit the various lodges in the district, in order to secure the proper working, such officer to report to the R.W.D.G.M. or his Deputy any cases of irregularity which may come under his notice; and that the R.W.D.G.M. be requested to appoint such an officer; and that the reasonable travelling expenses of such officer be paid out of the Grand Lodge funds; but the R.W.D.G.M. said that as it did not appear by the Book of Constitutions that he had authority for the appointment of such officer, he would request the W.D.G. Secretary to consult the authorities of Grand Lodge before he took action.

The Princess of Wales has sent through Mr. R. F. Synge (Foreign Office), to King Kalakaua several photographs of herself and the Royal Princes, as a contribution to a bazaar to be held at Honolulu in aid of the building of the cathedral there.

The members of the North London Auxiliary of the Printers' Pension and Almshouse Corporation have for some time had a box for the reception of stray coppers, which are dropped in from time to time without being missed. The amount so collected this year was over £16, which was distributed in gifts to the inmates of the almshouses at Wood Green. This illustrates in a remarkable way the power of the pence, and the example thus set might well be imitated in connection with other benevolent institutions.

The South Australian Benevolent Fund amounts to £423 14s. 3d.

The Savoy Theatre is now entirely lit with the electric light.

Bro. Charles Douglas Stentford was installed W.M. of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, at Stonehouse, on Wednesday evening last. We shall give a report in our next.

The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-book for 1882" (London and Liverpool: George Kenning) has just appeared, and as usual contains a great deal of information useful to the brethren of the mystic tie. As this is the twelfth year of publication, the conductors have been enabled to bring the work to a high state of perfection. It is a comprehensive Masonic book of reference, and no Mason should be without a copy.—*Liverpool Courier.*

The late Chief of the Birmingham Police, Bro. Major Bond, has been appointed by Government to a Commissionership of Police in Ireland at £1000 a year.

At the monthly meeting of the Dunheved Lodge, 789, on Tuesday last, held at the Masonic Hall, elected Bro. Henry Martin Harvey the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. James Fidler was re-elected Tyler.

"The oldest inhabitant" of Folkestone, Mr. Wm. Hills, died a few days ago. He was curator of the Chichester Museum for over forty years, but retired at the age of ninety-one. Mr. Hills was born in 1783, and consequently reached the patriarchal age of ninety-nine.

A despatch has been received from the Foreign Office, dated November 14th, from Mr. Blaine to Mr. Lowell, expressing the sensibility with which Mrs. Garfield, and the Government and people of the United States, have welcomed the manifestations of regret and sympathy which have been addressed to them from England on the occasion of the death of the late President. In his despatch Mr. Blaine says: "For weeks past each mail has brought to us, from across the ocean, its freight of tender sympathy and heartfelt condolence from all classes in England and the British possessions, to their brethren in the United States, by reason of the sad death of our revered Chief Magistrate, James A. Garfield; while the tears of a sister people throughout the world have mingled, in unfeigned grief, with those of the widow and the fatherless in their crushing calamity. The spectacle has been indeed a touching and memorable one. The tie of our common blood has been signally felt to the farthest ends of the earth; and from the noble womanly thoughtfulness and kinship in the presence of a great sorrow so feelingly shown by Her Majesty the Queen, to the cry of deep sympathy which has come from the humble cottage in the green valleys at home or the far-off sheepfolds of the Southern Continent, every tribute bears eloquent testimony to the closeness with which the two nations are united, as members of a common family; with a common history, a common interest, and a common glory of successful achievement in the path of progress."

The preparations for the Electrical Exhibition at the Crystal Palace are making substantial progress, but there is no prospect of anything like a general opening during the present month. The great lighting companies and firms have got foundations made, and are putting their steam engines in position. The Electric Light and Power Generator Company, the Maxim, and Weston, Mr. Strode, M. Graveur, of Paris, Messrs. Rowatt and Fyfe, and Crompton, are well advanced, and might light up in a few days. The Brush lights are, under the direction of Mr. Hammond, are beginning to make a show; as also are Messrs. Siemens, M. Lontin, and the Societé Générale d'Electricité. The British Electric Light Company, who took one of the gold medals at the Paris Exhibition, where they had eight of their large fine lights, will have twenty-six of their Bröckie lamps at Sydenham, besides numerous incandescent lights; and Edison is working actively, and making good speed. The telephone arrangements are also progressing satisfactorily, and there appears to be a good prospect of something to be seen in the early part of January. The Directors have done wisely, however, in not announcing an opening day, as there are numbers of cases as yet unpacked, and further consignments of goods to arrive from Paris.

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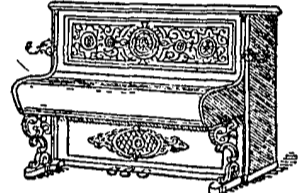
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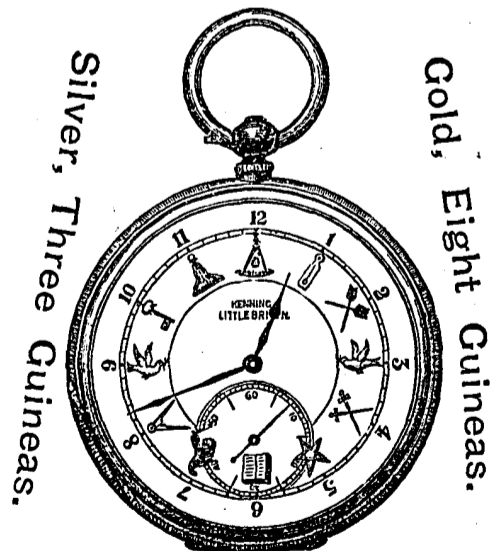
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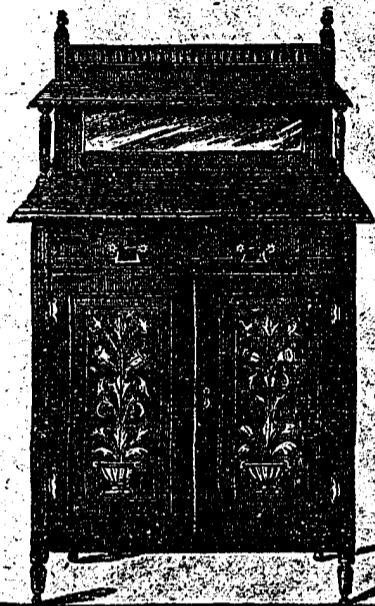
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