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BEFORE we again greet our many readers at home and abroad, Christmas Day will have passed over us all still in the land of the living, and we should fail in our bounden duty, as well as in our Masonic feelings, if we forbore to offer our sincere congratulations and kindly remembrances to all old and young friends at this genial and sacred season. Many as are the remarkable characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon race, none perhaps are so striking or so laudable as the tenacity with which it clings, wherever it be, to the sympathies and associations of Christmas. In whatever clime we find ourselves, in India and in Egypt, in Northern regions and at the distant Antipodes, Christmastide comes before us ever, with pleasant strains and joyous outcome. It may be that in its close connection with this great world in which we live, some of its surroundings and concomitants are too much of the "earth, earthy;" but still, despite cynical censures and callous tendencies, we hold strongly that the annual recurrence of the Christmas season is a very good thing for us all alike, be we who we may. It has been said that we altogether forget the religious in the secular side, and reproduce even in our epoch the merely material and sensuous accompaniments, of an old pagan festival. We, however, utterly deny this allegation. We live in an age of paradox, and this is one of them. Christmas comes to us all to-day as a pleasant halt amid the unceasing and unceasing round of business, toil, and worry. It is a time for family assemblies and friendly gatherings: a season when old and young can take sweet counsel together, and find huge consolation in each other's fellowship for a few short hours; a period when the heart of charity is moved, and the strings of countless fuller purses are unloosed for many poor suffering mortals here. Christmas is a very needful resting place for us year by year on the often rough journey of life, when we count the mile stones and note how many we have left behind. It is good for the old, it is as good for the young. All of us, more or less, look forward to Christmas as a happy and joyous holiday, and never forgetting its religious message, let us all hope and trust that such may still continue to be our dominant feeling as a people and a race from generation to generation. And therefore to-day, once again, Publisher and Editor beg to offer to many kindly and indulgent readers in all quarters of the world their most hearty good wishes for themselves and theirs, and their truest aspirations that the coming Christmas may indeed be a happy one to them, one and all, in all their family circles, in all their domestic aggregations, and in all their various lots and responsibilities of life.

There is one thought connected with Christmas we should, however, never leave out of sight or out of mind, namely, that which seems to hallow with its tender memories the scenes and friends of the past. Few of us there are who do not miss some smiling face, some warm, true heart, from our little family array; and many are the tender reminiscences of "auld lang syne" which such a season must always conjure up for the thoughtful and the loyal. To-day our memory rushes back, with almost electric speed, to other gatherings and other gay assemblies. The girls and boys who used to muster so happily and so cheerily, where are they? Time, as if with an enchanter's wand, seems to repeople our dreary bit of moorland to-day with graceful fairy "forms, and beaming faces." We hear the old jokes, we listen to the old stories again, the rippling echoes of silvery voices, the sunny laughter of the bold and the fair. Alas! Time, in its solemn march, has scattered them far and wide; some very far away, and of some, alas! their place on earth knoweth them no more. And we who survive still, amid life's onward path, can only recall with a sigh days and friends never to return. Such thoughts are good for us all, and let us not deem them misplaced or intrusive. Like wise councillors, they lift us out of ourselves; they prevent us becoming too purely material; they surround the happy associations of the present with something elevating and purifying, and they teach us that great lesson of "moderation" in all things here, which overlooks the mere passing hour and the gayest paraphernalia, yes, and the most innocent enjoyments; and bids us remember ever that nothing here is lasting or perfect, and that Time must bring to us all, as it has to others, whom we greatly miss to-day, the

cessation of earthly interests, the finale of earthly fellowships, of the inevitable ending of their long or short voyage of life.

We said that we should recur to Bro. C. L. MASON'S clear and able letter this week, in regard to the "benevolent capitation" question, and so we do. We think that Bro. MASON, Past Grand Treasurer for West Yorkshire, (not the present), has put the whole question on a proper basis. It is quite clear that, though it may be very well off-hand, to speak hastily of the provinces only paying about one-half of the amount returned by the Metropolitan brethren to the Fund of Benevolence, the returns from the provinces, even on a reduced scale, according to specific law, far exceed those of the metropolis. Hence, any change will press on the provinces, really and truly, far more than on London; inasmuch as the proportion of payment is now in excess, and would remain so. Bro. MASON'S figures are very striking and salient. He brings out the facts very well, which deserve, as they will receive at the hands of our London brethren, who are by no means so unanimous on the point as some seem to assume, thoughtful attention. We believe, on the contrary, that the general feeling of the metropolis is to "leave well alone," and to reduce somewhat the grants, at any rate, above £100. The three points Bro. MASON presses upon us are: 1. That from July 1st, 1881, to June 30th, 1882, the contributions to the Fund of Benevolence amounted to £7496 6s. 5d., of which £2587 3s. 6d. were contributed by Metropolitan lodges, at 4s. capitally; and £4894 3s. 11d. by Provincial lodges, at 2s. capitally; £14 19s. accrue as free gifts from the Colonies and foreign parts. Thus the amount paid by the Provincial lodges, on a half-scale, is nearly exactly double the amount paid by the Metropolitan lodges. 2. The grants as made to London and Provincial brethren, though we do not for many reasons lay very much store by the fact itself, were in the following proportion: 4185 to London applicants, and 6020 to provincial applicants. Thus far the provinces have sent in nearly double, and the payments amount to two thirds; 3rd, Bro. MASON points out further that if town and country paid alike, the provinces would send up nearly four times as much as London. It is unavoidable, that with the preponderance of Provincial brethren and lodges, applicants should be as about 11 to 7. Though we may observe all such figures are at the best but approximate, and can only be taken with reserve. We are always sorry to see any such question raised as between the Metropolis and the Provinces, as all English Freemasons are actuated by the same wish to further benevolence, and feel sure that our equilibrium can be assured as to our benevolent receipts and expenditure, by keeping in mind that we are not merely to give because we have money in hand, but that we are to give with a due appreciation of need on the one hand, and a fitting realization of economic responsibility on the other.

BRO. JAMES STEVENS has written a very clear and effective letter on the other side of the question, and we feel sure that his words will be duly weighed and thoughtfully perused. We congratulate the writers on the very business and careful tone of their communications.

WITH respect to the general question, we feel bound to observe that there are undoubtedly two sides to this, as to almost every subject of discussion; and as we do not profess to speak dogmatically in what we have above said, we freely admit that others may take a somewhat different view of this confessedly difficult question.

A SOMEWHAT curious commentary on recent discussions was afforded in the Lodge of Benevolence last Wednesday, when out of thirty-six cases twenty-four were Provincial and twelve Metropolitan.

WE shall all be concerned to note the very serious misfortune which has occurred to our valued and distinguished Bro. Lord SUFFIELD, in the sad destruction of the greater part of Gunton Hall by fire. The sympathy of the Craft will go with him. Happily almost all the valuable pictures and furniture were preserved, and there was no loss of life.

WE were very glad to notice at the Board of Benevolence on Wednesday that the words of caution addressed to it by its esteemed acting President, Bro. JAMES BRETT, had their proper effect on the assembled brethren, and that the standard of grants was practically and materially lowered, with good results. With a little perseverance in this inevitable and necessary course, the needful equilibrium will be brought about between the receipts and expenditure of the Board of Benevolence. As we have before observed in the *Freemason*, some of the grants have been far too high, and acted solely as a direct encouragement to brethren for relief.

WE have received a letter from a worthy brother, complaining of want of courtesy and consideration on a recent visit by two brethren to the Boys' School. For various reasons, we have thought it better and more prudent not to print the letter, but recommend the writer of it, if he deems it well, to lay the subject matter of his complaint before the House Committee.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, senior, Vice-President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. Joshur Nunn, President, being prevented on account of illness from attending. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., took the chair of Junior Vice-President, Bro. Chas. Atkins, the newly-elected Junior Vice-President, being also unable to attend.

There were also present:

Bros. J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; W. Mann, P.M. 186; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; John Mason, P.M. 1567; C. Scrutton, P.M. 898; W. H. Dean, P.M. 417; Thomas M. Benton, P.M. 521; James Forsyth, P.M. 859; Thos. H. Marper, W.M. 1216; J. H. Taylor, W.M. 1767; J. Lancaster, W.M. 534; Wm. P. Brown, W.M. 99; Alfred R. Wade, P.M. 1449; F. Sladder, P.M. 125; A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; J. Holleyman, W.M. 1536; Joseph House, W.M. 1716; W. A. R. Harris, W.M. 871; R. Stevens, W.M. 1298; W. Alex. Barrett, P.Z. 1920; John Cox, W.M. 157; John Hammond, W.M. 1586; Frederic Davison, P.M. 10; Wm. Drake, W.M. 766; E. J. Hardy Booth, P.M. 229 and 1692; R. F. Cutch, W.M. 781; Edwd. W. Davis, P.M. and Treas. 95; F. D. R. Copestick, P.M. 869; Walter E. Gompertz, P.M. 1475; W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179; Herbert Dicketts, P.M. 23; W. D. Loewenstark, W.M. 25; Lewis M. Myers, W.M. 188; Joyce Murray, P.M. 1706; T. Hamer, P.M. 1426; F. Abbott, W.M. 822; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed grants to the extent of £390, recommended at last meeting of the Lodge. They next proceeded with the new cases, of which there were thirty-six on the list, including those deferred from former meeting. Of these, twenty-one were from the country and fifteen from London. One of the cases was deferred and another dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £660, composed as follows: Three £50 (£150); one £40 (£40); three £30 (£90); two £25 (£50); ten of £20 (£200); two £15 (£30); seven £10 (£70); and six £5 (£30).

The Lodge sat till half-past nine.

The total amount given during the year has been £9637. The monthly amounts have been as follows: January, £682; February, £1065; March, £900; April, £775; May, £910; June, £610; July, £750; August, £735; September, £570; October, £640; November, £1340; and December, £660. The excess of the year's grants over the year's income is £1937.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS.

On Monday evening, Bro. Michael Mullen, of Bradford, gave an entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, prior to the children going home for the Christmas holidays. The entertainment—"Mirth, Music, and Mimicry"—with the exception of an accompanying pianist, is performed entirely by Bro. Mullen himself, who, although an amateur, appears to have had considerable practice in the art of delineation, if we may judge from the readiness with which the different characters are given. To say which of the representations was best would, perhaps, be as difficult as to discover the artiste's particular forte, all peculiarities seeming to come to him with equal facility. Pathos and humour hold equal ground, and produce an equal effect upon the audience. The programme, which was divided into two parts—the whole entertainment occupying over two hours—consisted of a recitation of "Shamus O'Brien," "The Sailor and the Jew," a drollery, styled "Clean yer Boots," "The Menagerie," representing a travelling showman, and the buffo song of "Alonzo the brave." But one of the effective pieces, which must not be omitted mention, was the Yankee composition, intitled "Betsy and I are out," the "out" importing that the two individuals had "fallen out." The truthfulness of the circumstances mentioned in the piece may give room for denial, as when man and wife fall out, and determine to separate under a deed of separation, they seldom, if ever, get softened in their acridity by the draft of the deed. If there is a reconciliation it usually comes before they get to find sentimentality in a dry legal document. But truthfulness is not one of a poet's distinguishing characteristics.

Our business, however, is with the delineator, not the poet, and it is sufficient to say that Bro. Mullen infused an abundance of both humour and feeling into his impersonation of the Western farmer describing his woes to his lawyer. The second part of the programme consisted of what the performer, called "A few life-sized sketches," whereby Irish, Scotch, Italian, French, English, and German peculiarities were represented, all of which caused immense amusement to the audience, both children and visitors. Over 230 children of the Institution witnessed the performance, and testified their pleasure by loud plaudits.

Among the visitors were Bros. John Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, of Sowerby Bridge; G. P. Festa and Mrs. Festa; Robt. B. Webster, Charles Hammerton, John Mason and Mrs. Mason; Robert Grey, G. S. Peachey, Charles Stephens, Fredk. W. Broughton and Mrs. Broughton; W. J. Murlis, John Faulkner, J. H. Matthews, W. Dodd and Miss Dodd; W. Peachey, Miss Bailey, E. Spooner, H. Massey (*Freemason*) and three Misses Massey.

Bro. CHARLES HAMMERTON took the chair, and in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Mullen, expressed the great pleasure which all the company had experienced from the evening's entertainment.

Bro. MULLEN, in reply, said it had given him even greater pleasure to afford the entertainment than it could possibly have produced amongst the children. As a Yorkshireman himself, he felt the great benefit the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was to the children of Yorkshire, and he was happy to find what an excellent education the school was affording to all the children. He did not feel he could adequately acknowledge the benefit of the Institution, and he would like to have had it in his power to give the children a sovereign each. He had five girls himself, and might naturally be supposed to take a great interest in girls. With the girls who were in this school he was very much pleased, and he was even still more pleased to find by their healthy and happy appearance that the best arrangements were made for their health and happiness, to which he gave the greatest credit to

the matron. The education also afforded under Miss Davis, the Head Governess, was such as to give them all the best start in life, and instead of his giving each of them a sovereign it was putting them in the way of being able to give him a sovereign each. He hoped they would all profit by the instructions given them.

After Bro. MULLEN'S reply, at his request, all the Yorkshire girls were introduced to him; and after a few dances the visitors departed. Miss Malora F. Goodridge, during the entertainment, accompanied Bro. Mullen on the pianoforte.

The entertainment was repeated at the Boys' School to a large audience on the following evening with great success. Bro. Mullen was introduced by Bro. Binckes, and at the close a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. J. L. Mather (House Committee) and carried by acclamation amidst enthusiastic cheers by the pupils. Miss A. E. Binckes rendered valuable assistance at the pianoforte, and a vote of thanks was gratefully tendered to her. Among those present were: Bros. James Moon, J. L. Mather, Charles Sanders, House Committee; Thomas Cubitt, C. J. Martin, A. Durrant, G. P. Festa, J. W. Thompson, R. B. Webster, Dr. Morris, Head Master, and others, with a large number of friends resident in the locality.

CONSECRATION OF THE STANFORD LODGE, No. 1947.

On the 15th inst., the Stanford Lodge, No. 1947 was consecrated at the New Town Hall, Hove. The warrant had been secured so far back as the close of last year, but the opening had been delayed that it might take place in the hall recently opened.

The founders of the lodge were the W. Bros. Vere Fane Benett-Stanford, P.M. 472, P.P.G.S.W. Dorset; C. A. Woolley, P.M. 311, P.P.G. Reg.; Charles John Smith, P.M. 1466, P.M. 1829, P.P.G.W.; Joseph Dixon, P.M. 271, P.P.G.W.; Captain S. B. McWhinnie, P.M. 1466, P.P.G.S.D.; H. W. Charrington, P.M., P.P.G.W. Surrey; J. W. Stride, P.M. 315, P.Z. 315, 732, P.P.G.W.; George Nash, P.M. 315; James Eberall, P.M. 315 and 1636, P.P.G.P.; Bros. Leonard R. Styer, 315; and W. E. Dalbiac, 1146.

The brethren present at the consecration having assembled the Provincial Grand Master and his Provincial Grand Officers, with all visitors of distinction, walked from an adjoining room to the large room in the Town Hall, and at the commencement of the ceremony there was a large attendance of Masonic brethren, including

Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M.; J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M.; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.S.W.; J. Smith, Prov. G.J.W.; R. Faithful Davies, Prov. G. Chaplain; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treasurer; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; A. Taylor, P.G.J.D.; C. W. Hudson, P.G.D.C.; W. Roe, P.G. Org.; S. Tanner, P.G. Steward; Gerard Ford, P.G. Reg.; Charles C. Cook, P.G.S. of Works; E. Taylor, P.G. Puns.; H. D. Carvick, P.G.A. Puns.; V. F. Benett-Stanford, P.M. 472, P.P.G.S.W. Dorset; C. A. Woolley, 311, P.P.G.R.; S. B. McWhinnie, P.M. 1466, P.P.G.S.D.; James W. Stride, P.M. 315, P.P.G.W.; C. J. Smith, 1466, P.P.G.W.; G. Nash, P.M. 315; W. Kuhe, P.G.O.; T. Hughes, Tyler; W. Hughes, Asst. Tyler; W. W. Turner, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex, P.M. 311 and 1343; J. T. Whatford, P.M. 271, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Harris, W.M. 295; H. Hall, Tyler 311; John P. M. Smith, P.M. 271; S. Stone, 311; W. Smith, P.M. 732; G. Stone, P.M. 1303, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Deane, 1821; C. Dunere, P.M. 311; G. H. Clements, 1636; W. L. Thomas, W.M. 1141; T. Barnes, P.M. 1141; A. Pennell, S.W. 1141; J. B. Hannay, Secretary 1821; W. Marchant, P.M. 315, P.P.A.D.C.; J. Mill, 315; W. T. Nell, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.P.; W. Nell, S.D. 732; W. Cheale, Secretary 1829; J. Hughes, 1829; F. Davison, P.M. 10, P.S.G.M. Middlesex; F. R. Burstal, P.M. 929; T. J. Gates, 1829, P.P.G.P. Suffolk; F. Dennant, J.W. 271; F. W. Otter, W.M. 1465; F. B. Cooper, P.M. 1842, P.G.S.; C. J. Hollands, Stwd. 1797; A. King, S.W. 271, P.P.G.O.; S. Roberts Legg, P.M. 732; S. Wickham, 1797; W. Ardley, 811; L. P. T. Comb, 732; J. B. Macfarlane, 1821; J. Terry, 315; S. Nicholson, 1466; C. Tones, J.W. 1110; C. Warwick Tones, W.M. 1110; S. T. Foat, P.M. 315; J. Tidmarsh, 1636; J. P. Colbron, 1636; L. H. Burrell, 1465; C. Folkard, 271; W. Leigh Bennett, 271; A. J. Carpenter, 1829; T. Ewald, 38; C. Hide, 851; W. T. Hughes, 851; W. Skindle, P.M. 851; F. H. Hail, 1829; J. Priestall, 38; H. E. Cox, 1636; J. H. Hawes, jun. 38; W. R. Wood, jun., J.W. 1636; G. Cole, Sec. 1636; T. Perry, 1821; A. Dupont, 315; W. R. Wood, Grand Purs., P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; W. Tamplin, 811; J. Reynolds, 1636; H. Kembal Cook, W.M. 811; J. T. Musson, W.M. 1797; J. Jeffries, 1636; L. Dowdall, 271; T. C. Woodman, W.M. 271; S. Norman, 1867; Seymour Burrows, 811; W. E. Monson, 916; G. H. Shaft, J.W. 811; L. Conti, 811; H. A. Dowell, I.P.M. 1466; C. Vaughan, 732; C. H. Hawe, S.D. 1110; A. T. Lamotte, 271; W. Bodle, 1829; S. Solomon, 732, P.P.J.G.D.; W. J. Schofield, 315; B. Burfield, J.W. 1821; E. Histed, J.W. 732; W. Frewen, 1829; S. Peters, S.W. 1821; T. S. Gowland, 1110; H. Freeman, P.M. 311; W. H. Gibson, W.M. 316; L. R. Styer, 315; A. McKergow, 1636; W. Newsom, W.M. 1821; W. C. Newsome, 1821; W. A. Tooth, Chap. 1821; R. Pearce, 1821; W. Anderson, 315; A. Marshall, W.M. 1466; H. S. Gates, 1636; E. Broadbridge, W.M. 1636; J. Large, 1829; W. Hancock, 1466; C. Aubrey Smith, 1466; A. J. Hawkes, P.M. 315, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Daniel, W.M. 732; C. Nye, 732; J. H. Cross, 811; T. Chandler, 315; J. Sayers, 1636, 315; G. R. Godfree, 315; A. H. Thacker, 315; C. N. Duke, P.M. 1184, and W.M. 401, P.P.G.D.; T. B. Ryley, W.M. 1423; G. S. Godfree, P.M. 1821, Prov. G. Stwd.; T. Packham, P.M. 315, P.M. 1829, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Curtis, 315, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Harrison, W.M. 1829, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; and others.

The lodge was formally opened, the R.W. Prov. G.M. Sussex, Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., presiding, while Bros. J. M. Kidd and G. Smith occupied the chairs of the G.S.W. and G.J.W. respectively.

The Prov. G. SECRETARY, having read the notice convening the meeting, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees.

The W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. JOHN HENDERSON SCOTT, P.G.D., then addressed the brethren as follows: We are met together to-day for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new lodge, and I am commanded by the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master to perform the requisite ceremony. It is quite usual for the brother who officiates on an occasion such as this to address the brethren on matters relating either to Freemasonry in general or to the particular lodge he is about to consecrate. As I shall be so soon followed by the Prov. Grand Chaplain I will not allude to Freemasonry in general, because I am fearful of anticipating much that he may have to say on that subject, I shall therefore briefly confine my observations to the Stanford Lodge which is to be consecrated this day. First of all I must congratulate the promoters on the accomplishment, at last, of their wishes. I say at last because the formation of this lodge has been a long time about. The promoters have had many difficulties to surmount, and the warrant was granted and received more than twelve months ago. There is, however, no blame to be attached to the promoters on this account. When the warrant was received they were quite ready to start their lodge, but this new Town Hall, in which they had elected to hold their regular meetings, was not ready to receive them, and they had to wait until the building was thrown open to the public. That event, as you all know, took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., so that the promoters of the Stanford Lodge have lost no more time in establishing their lodge. I think there is room for

another lodge in Hove. The Hova Ecclesia Lodge, which was opened nearly nine years ago, originally intended to hold their meetings in Hove, but they were disappointed of the rooms which they had engaged, and therefore took up their quarters at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, where they are so comfortably housed that I am not surprised they are in no hurry to change their abode. There is every chance then for the Stanford Lodge to succeed in this rapidly increasing neighbourhood, and I am sure, brethren, that one and all of us desire that it will do so. But, brethren, the success of a lodge, after all, mainly rests in its own hands. If the members of a lodge are earnest in promoting its welfare; if the conduct of its affairs are rightly superintended; if there is no deviation from the ancient landmarks, and the rules and regulations of the Order, it must succeed; and when I see the influential names of its petitioners, most of whom have attained high Masonic rank, I can have no apprehension as to its future. I must, however, though I feel in this instance it is little needed, give the promoters the usual caution to be careful in the election and admission of candidates for Freemasonry—careful more of the character than of the calling or position in life of those who are anxious to join our Order. There has been an interesting correspondence lately in the *Freemason*—I do not know whether many of you are readers of that paper; but I think you should be, so as to be conversant with what is going on in the Masonic world—there has been an interesting correspondence as to the meaning of a word, well-known to us as Masons; I mean *cowan*. I am not a Masonic antiquarian or historian, nor am I learned in the derivation of words; but for the last thirty years I have always understood the word “cowan” to mean “unworthy Mason.” By unworthy, I do not mean a thoroughly disreputable person. There are many men who are supposed to be very respectable, and who hold high positions, who are not worthy and of good repute; and as there are black sheep in every fold, so there are cowans among Freemasons. I do not wish to engender a censorious spirit amongst you, nor to induce you to think unkindly or uncharitably of each other; but when a man is well-known to be a cantankerous, quarrelsome, disagreeable fellow; when he is known to be a backbiter and a slanderer; a man prone to take offence; a stirrer up of strife; and who, to gratify his own spite, becomes a promoter of cabals and disunion, he is not a fit and proper person to be made a Freemason; and if, unfortunately, he gains admission into our Fraternity, and continues this unmasonic conduct, that man I call a cowan.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. A. FAITHFUL DAVIES, delivered a short address. Masonry was not of a political character. In every free country politics entered largely into the questions of the day, but frequently produced discord and strife. Politics would tend to disgrace Masonry. Nor was Masonry to be considered but as subservient to religion. Members of the Craft should recognise the Great Architect of the Universe, and inculcate the three grand principals of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Enlarging upon these, he remarked that their fine institutions, founded for the relief of others, should not be made the subjects of boasting, though to the outer world they stood out as testimonies of their brotherly love. He trusted the brethren of the new lodge would sustain and support the great principles of the Craft.

The ceremony of consecration was then followed by the singing of the anthem “Behold how good and joyful a thing it is.” The dedication prayer was given by the Chaplain, with the reading of portions of Scripture. The hymns “Supreme great Master, God of Power” and “When once of old in Israel” were then sung. The lodge board was then uncovered, and the Deputy Provincial Master sprinkled it with the emblems of plenty, joy, and happiness. Prayer and anthem “I have surely built thee an house” followed, when the ceremony concluded with the hymn “Glory to God on High.”

W. Bro. Vere Fane Benett-Stanford was then installed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the ceremony being impressively carried out. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. W. Stride, Treas.; C. A. Woolley, S.W.; Captain S. B. M’Whinnie, J.W.; G. Nash, Sec.; C. J. Smith, S.D.; J. Eberall, J.D.; J. Dixon, D.C.; L. R. Styer, I.G.; and T. Hughes, Tyler. The following were appointed to serve on the Committee for considering the bye-laws: Bros. B. A. Woolley, Captain S. B. M’Whinnie, J. W. Stride, C. S. Smith, and G. Nash. Bro. C. A. Woolley was appointed to serve on the Charities’ Committee of Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. C. J. Smith delivered the charge to the officers, and Bro. J. H. Scott that to the members.

Letters, regretting absence, were read from the Grand Secretary of England, Colonel Shaw-Hellier, and many other brethren, Masters of lodges. Several names were submitted as candidates and joining members, and Bro. J. H. Scott was elected an honorary member.

The musical portions of the service were under the able direction of Bro. W. R. Roe, Prov. G. Organist, who was assisted by Bros. A. King, P.P. G.O.; E. Broadbridge, W.M. 1636; J. Large 1829; and G. Cole, 1636. The selections were effectively rendered, the compositions of Bro. A. King being used, with the exception of the anthems already mentioned.

On the termination of the consecration ceremony the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the lodge-room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet. The newly-installed W.M. (Bro. V. F. Benett-Stanford, P.P.G.W., Dorset) presided, supported by Sir W. W. Burrell, Prov. G. Master, and the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past. The *post prandial* proceedings were opened by the W.M., who proposed “The Queen and the Craft;” “The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;” “The R.W. Pro G.M. of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, the V.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past.”

Responses were given by Bros. W. R. Wood, J. H. Scott, and W. Kuhn.

The W.M. proposed “The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P.” Looking at the events of the afternoon, he felt that Sir Walter had been born and bred a Freemason. Kindness and geniality were stamped upon his face. As a Member of Parliament he had frequently met him sitting on the same side of the House with him, but he had not previously had the opportunity of recognising his high position as a Mason; he was, indeed, the perfection of “the right man in the right place.” Without introducing politics, he would express the wish that their Prov. G.M. might retain his seat in the House of Commons so long as it gave him pleasure.

Bro. Sir W. W. BURRELL, in responding, bore testimony to the great assistance rendered him by Bro. J. H. Scott, his deputy, who always carried out his duties to his satisfaction, and to that of the brethren. He trusted that the members of the various lodges would work harmoniously together, avoiding all discord and jealousies. He spoke of the great difficulties he experienced in filling the sixteen offices of the province from the 1100

brethren in Sussex, and urgently impressed upon the Secretaries the importance of making their returns punctually and carefully.

The W.M. proposed “The W. Deputy P.G.M. of Sussex, Bro. John H. Scott, P.G.D., and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past.” He felt that Bro. Scott deserved a toast especially devoted to himself. His zeal in Masonry had made him loved and revered by all who knew him in the Craft. He (Bro. Stanford) had known him for years, and had long since been impressed by his mastery of the intricacies of the Masonic art; and the work he had done that afternoon in the installation and consecration ceremonies he had never seen surpassed. Under his auspices he was sure that the new lodge would prosper and become one of which the province would be proud.

Bro. J. H. SCOTT responded briefly, congratulating the province of Sussex upon seeing the newly-elected W.M. of the Stanford Lodge as an acquisition to the Freemasons of the county. He was pleased to say that the officers were willing at all times to do all they could to assist the Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. J. M. KIDD, Prov. S.G.W., as a Present Officer, was pleased to have been able to assist at the consecration of the lodge, because his grandfather was one of the first to build at what at the time seemed such an outlandish place, that he was called a lunatic; but time showed that he was not, and now the ground was covered with houses. He thanked the W.M. on behalf of the present Provincial Officers.

Bro. C. A. WOOLLEY, as a Past Grand Officer, believed that though the present officers might show more knowledge of the working of the Craft than their predecessors, they could not exceed them in zeal on behalf of the welfare of the province.

The W.M. proposed “The Prov. Grand Chaplain.”

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN responded. He had never been present till that day at the consecration of a lodge, and felt it a privilege to work with so able an officer as Bro. J. H. Scott. He trusted there would be a Scott Lodge.

Bro. Sir W. W. BURRELL proposed “The W.M., and Success to the Stanford Lodge, 1947.” the name of Stanford he had known from a child and he was proud to find the new lodge bear that name and have so able a W.M. as Bro. V. F. Benett-Stanford.

The W.M. responded. His work had been made easy for him by the founders, and he felt great pleasure in finding his name given to the lodge. Hove had made rapid strides in thirteen years, and palatial buildings now stood where was once old Lillywhite’s cottage. He trusted the lodge founded that day in the splendid hall would prove efficient and prosperous.

Bro. C. J. SMITH gave “The Visitors,” to which Bros. KUHE and HARRIS responded.

Bro. W. R. WOOD proposed “The Officers of the Lodge,” which Bros. C. A. WOOLLEY and G. NASH acknowledged.

The Tyler’s toast completed the programme.

Bro. J. Large sang some pleasing songs, and Bro. Kuhn gave a piano-forte solo in excellent style. Bro. W. N. Roe accompanied with great skill.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARTYN LODGE, No. 1983, AT SOUTHWOLD.

The pretty borough of Southwold was astir on Monday last, on the occasion of the consecration of the above lodge, named in honour of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. Southwold has previously had its lodge, but some sixteen or seventeen years ago the number became gradually reduced, and eventually it was decided to close it, and the few remaining members merged themselves into that working at Framlingham. Of the former members but two or three now remain, and those were present on Monday to witness the resuscitation of the old lodge. The credit of the revival is mainly due to Bro. Canova, who has justly been elected the first W.M., and to consecrate the lodge and to do honour to the installation ceremony a large gathering assembled. The proceedings took place in the Town-hall, which had been profusely decorated with shields, banners, and flags, and presented an attractive appearance. The lodge was well furnished, the most noticeable being a splendid Master’s chair, presented by the D.P.G.M., and bearing an appropriate inscription.

Upon the pedestal was a copy of the Holy Bible, bearing the following inscription: “Presented to the ‘Martyn’ Lodge, No. 1983, Southwold, by the daughters of the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, December 18th, 1882.”

Amongst those who signed the presence book were:

Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Rev. E. J. Griffiths, P.G. Chap. Suffolk; E. P. Youell, 631, P.G. Treas.; Wm. Clarke, 114, P.G.P.; F. Long, 516, P.P.G.S.W.; W. W. Walesby, 929, P.P.G.S.W.; H. J. Wright, 936, P.P.G.P.; W. E. Miller, 85, P.P.G.J.W., Norfolk; J. A. Holmes, 85, P.P.G.J.W., Norfolk; Gevas Holmes, 85, P.P.G.S.W., Norfolk; F. B. Strathern, 388, P.P.G.J.W.; S. R. Anness, 376, P.G.J.D.; H. J. Hartcup, 929, P.G.A.D.C.; F. Wheeler, 1224, P.P.G.R.; Jos. Tomlinson, 313, P.P.G.S.D.; W. W. Garnham, 1452, P.P.G.S.W.; C. S. Pedgrift, 388, P.P.G.R.; C. F. Crane, 975, P.P.G.P.; Alex. Barber, 225, P.G.S.B.; Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, P.P.G.C.; W. Dods, 1631, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Terry, 228, P.P.G.W.; W. Daking, 225, P.G. Reg.; A. Bullard, 1500, P.P.A.D.C.; G. Abbott, 225, P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Hills, 1224, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Sadler, 1953, Grand Tyler; J. O. Green, 388; C. E. Lay, 388; Geo. Bowes, 305; J. T. Margetson, 388; H. W. H. Elwes, 1452, S.W.; J. Wright, 71; A. Caton, 388, S.W.; R. C. Thurston; F. W. Jennings, 1224, S.W.; the Rev. J. F. Wilkinson, 1224, Chap.; C. H. White, 388, J.D.; Jas. Miller, 388; W. P. Gale, 388; P. Morris, 388; G. J. Goodwyn, 388, S.D.; H. R. Allen, 388, Treas.; John Talbot, 225; J. Plinham, 936, Sec.; T. H. Jellicoe, 555; W. F. Rice, 71; G. H. Beart, 936, J.W.; J. Vincent; A. B. Bull, 388, J.W.; A. J. Whyatt, 388; H. J. Eastaugh, 1452, W.M.; W. Chambers, 807; E. H. Rant, 380; R. Baker, 380; J. C. Welham, 71; R. A. Crack, 71; S. T. Whitnall; R. C. Magub, 491; R. Claxton, 936; J. S. de C. Yelloy, 1224; Rev. P. L. Cautley, D. Alston, C. W. Grimwood, 1224, S.W.; E. H. Jeckells, 71; J. M. Canova, 380; E. H. Inman, 1224; T. R. Elkington, 376; B. W. Syer, 376, I.G.; T. B. Ardley, 1224, W.M.; A. Woolbright, 1808; G. Gould, 959; J. George, 1224; C. H. Martyn, 1224; P. G. Bennet, 1224; W. G. Walford, 1224; C. B. Emmerson, 1224; W. H. Smith, 1224.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened by the Deputy Prov. G.M., with Bro. F. Long as S.W., and Bro. Hills as J.W., the

V.W. Bro. MARTYN addressed the brethren on the business of the day, in the first place expressing his regret at the absence of Lord Waveney, the Prov. G.M., who had looked forward to being present on that occasion; but the old adage that man proposes and God disposes had to be applied in that case, for Lord Waveney was prevented being present, owing to a severe cold caught at the opening of the Law Courts. He (Bro. Martyn) could not sufficiently express his acknowledgments of the honour bestowed on him by naming the lodge after him. He should ever prize and esteem their action, and he might say that their P.G.M. heartily concurred in their wishes, and

looked forward to that day. His Lordship, however, had sent him a paper, which he was requested to read to the brethren:—

“London, Dec. 15, 1882.

“R.W. the P.G.M. of Suffolk desires to offer his congratulations to the W.M. elect, to the officers, and brethren of the Lodge “Martyn,” No. 1983, of which the consecration was designed to have been performed under his personal superintendence and encouragement.

“Deprived by indisposition of this fortunate opportunity, the R.W.P.G.M. takes occasion, through the action of the V.W.D.G.M., to observe on the happy circumstances of the revival of an old lodge, and to augur, from the proof of vital energy, a prosperous and uninterrupted existence to the young inheritor of an old craft member.

“The P.G.M. commits the ceremonies of reception into the Masonic body with confidence to the experienced hands of the V.W. the D.P.G.M., whose name is of good omen to the Southwold Lodge; and offers his best and most fraternal good wishes at this high Christmas-tide.

“WAVENEY, P.G.M. Prov. Suffolk.”

Since his arrival at Southwold he had received a telegram in the following words from Lord Waveney: “Hope weather good and all well. Please give Prov. Grand Master’s toast. Kind Christmas wishes and New Year’s greetings to lodge.” It was very evident the Prov. G. Master’s thoughts were of them that day, and he very much regretted his absence. He (Bro. Martyn) hoped that the new lodge, like a Phoenix rising from the ashes, would go on and prosper, greatly increasing in the number of its members, and in propagating the principles of Freemasonry. These were also the wishes of his family, who greatly appreciated their naming the lodge after him, and as a token, his daughters desired to present that copy of the Holy Bible to them.

The brethren who signed the petition having been presented to the D.P.G.M., the warrant was read, and the brethren having signified their approval of them as officers, Bro. Terry delivered the oration on the nature and design of Freemasonry. The usual consecration and dedication service was then performed, the vessels being those used by the Prince of Wales at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral.

A procession was then formed to the church of St. Edmund, when a shortened evening service was given, the vicar (the Rev. P. L. Cautley) taking the first, and the Rev. T. Frome Wilkinson (senior curate of Long Melford) the second portions, the lesson being read by the Rev. A. Tighe Gregory of Bawdsey. The sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain (the Rev. E. J. Griffiths), who took his text from Romans xii., 4, 5 verses. The rev. gentleman, who preached a powerful sermon, impressed on his hearers the solemnity of a birthday, whether of an individual or of an institution; and addressing himself first of all more particularly to those who were not Masons, proceeded to answer the query which, he thought, might be passing through their minds, “How can the consecration of a new Masonic lodge matter to me?” He pointed out how large a part of the history of a nation was made up of daily meetings and partings; of the actions belonging to business, friendship, and pleasure; and passing on to a consideration of much higher importance, urged that Masonry was the antidote of a Christian socialism to the poison of the godless socialism which they saw making headway in the nation. That was not the place for politics, but it would be foolish to ignore the fact, that a great social danger was threatening. They could not, if they were thinking men and women, overlook the growing concentration of wealth in a few hands, the ever-widening gulf between poor and rich, and the existence of desperate men who were planning to end all this by a terrible and crashing blow. It surely must be for the welfare of the whole community that there should exist a body whose members were taught on their initiation into it that it was their bounden duty to observe obedience to the laws, and especially to remember the allegiance due to their sovereign and their native land—a body whose head is the future sovereign of these realms, and in whose meetings prince and peer mingled with every grade of the middle class as brothers, united by the holy bonds of love, relief, and truth.

The rev. gentleman made an appeal on behalf of the Southwold Dispensary, and the collection amounted to £6 14s. 5d.

The procession was then re-formed, and, after reaching the lodge-room, the installation of Bro. J. M. Canova as W.M. took place, and he proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. A. E. Smith, S.W.; R. Barker, J.W.; Rev. P. L. Cautley, Chaplain; T. H. Jellicoe, Secretary; W. Chambers, S.D.; R. Claxton, J.D.; W. A. Pepper, I.G. Bro. H. R. Allen was unanimously elected Treasurer of the lodge.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. the Rev. P. L. Cautley for the use of the church; to the Rev. E. J. Griffiths for his excellent sermon; to Bro. W. Clarke (who acted most efficiently as Director of Ceremonies); to Bro. W. Terry who had travelled from London specially to be present and assist in the ceremony; to Sir A. Wood for the loan of the consecrating vessels; and to Bro. Sadler, the Grand Lodge Tyler, for bringing them down.

Bro. STRATHERN, one of the surviving members of the old lodge, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for his presence and consecrating the lodge. He deserved the commendation of the Craft for the way in which he conducted all things in Masonry. He was a zealous Mason, and above all applied himself to the Charities, which was gratifying to the brethren. The thanks of the members of that lodge were due to him for the handsome manner in which he and his family had treated them, and though the rev. gentleman might consider it an honour to have the lodge named after him, yet he (Bro. Strathern) was sure that the members felt it a greater honour in being permitted to name the lodge after their Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. W. CLARKE seconded the proposition, and said he trusted all the the Worshipful Masters of the lodge would remember the donor of the chair, and fill it with satisfaction to the members.

The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said he had known Bro. Strathern long enough to know that if he did not mean what he had said he would not have spoken it. He felt great pride in hearing that the members contemplated doing him the honour of naming the lodge “the Martyn,” and he was more gratified than he could express. His children heard it with expressions of delight, and even his parishioners felt the kindness shown him. His brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge were pleased, and as a recognition had come there in goodly numbers to witness the consecration. He loved Freemasonry, and if he could do anything at any time to further the interests of the Craft he would be always pleased to do so. He should have had the greatest pleasure in seeing the Prov. Grand Master there that day, but he would take care to send him a full account of the ceremony, and express the regret of all at his absence and the cause of it.

Several joining and new members were then proposed, and lodge was closed in due form, and later in the evening a banquet was held at the Swan Hotel, which adjoins the Town Hall.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1981, AT MOLESEY.

This new lodge was consecrated on Wednesday last, by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Charles Wm. Arnold, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain and Deputy Prov. G.M. for Surrey. The new lodge meets at the Bell Hotel, East Molesey, where they have, considering that the house is an ancient hostelry, some very good rooms. The lodge was opened punctually at 2.30 in the Three Degrees, and after a hymn (“Hail Eternal by Whose Aid”) had been sung, the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren.

The acting Secretary then addressed the Consecrating Officer, who replied, and directed that the lodge should be arranged in order, after which the acting Secretary read the petitions and warrant, and the brethren of the new lodge signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

The Consecrating Officer called upon Bro. MILNER, P.G. Chap., for an oration on the subject of Freemasonry, which was as follows: Brethren,—I am called upon this day, by virtue of my office, to address you on the subject of Freemasonry. Standing as we do, on holy ground, can I speak to you on a subject more necessary, more suitable, more useful than that which we all, as Masons, confess—our belief in one Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe. Religion is an instinct of the human race. In all danger and difficulty man trusts in God. There is none, civilised or savage, but worships a power above and beyond. Whether it be the idolater of Africa and the South Pacific, or the philosophic religionist of China, the dreamy mystical Hindoo, the sensual Mahomedan, or the Christian, one and all attest the fact that man universally recognises God, and must worship. Freemasonry being a society of men, and dealing with man, supplies this want. Every lodge is consecrated; every lodge is opened and closed with prayer. For every candidate for Freemasonry the prayer is offered that he may dedicate and devote his life to the service of God, that thereby he may become a faithful brother among us. As he passes, the continuance of God’s aid is supplicated; and when he is being raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., on his behalf prayer is made to the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe that he may be endued with such fortitude, that in the hour of trial he fail not, but that, passing safely under His protection through the valley of the shadow of death, he may finally rise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars, for ever and ever. Freemasonry is not a religion, it makes no such claim, but it is a religious institution, satisfying the instincts of humanity. It recognises all religious truths; it repudiates nothing but Atheism. Round its altar, consecrated to the Great Architect of the Universe, men of all creeds may kneel in one common worship. But, brethren, Freemasonry is not satisfied with merely a religious belief. It knows well that faith without work is dead; it acquires the actual energy of love, shown in thankfulness to God and charity to man. Let us clearly understand this—the full ripe grape is useless for its original purpose if it be allowed to hang still on the vine, it will dry and become wasted. It must be gathered and pressed if it is to yield its wine to make glad the heart of man, and to minister to his infirmities. The intellect filled with knowledge is useless, too, unless some of its stores be brought forth for the good of the brethren. So also the intellect stored with the knowledge of God, struck at every step with the footsteps of the everlasting and Almighty Creator, is more than useless unless it impel the soul into action to carry out the three grand principles on which our Order is founded. On these three grand principles it is unnecessary for me to enlarge. We are Masons; we are brethren. Ever since we passed from a state of darkness into the clear light of a Masons’ lodge, the words brotherly love, relief, and truth have been sounding in our ears; have been working in our hearts; have been shining in our lives, and bringing forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness. We can look back, with regret it may be, for lost opportunities; but the event which has summoned us here to-day—the consecration of a new lodge named after our V.W.D.P.G.M., almost under the shadow of that great palace which has stood for so many centuries in all its glory and beauty—brings to us the memory of that great palace, exceeding magnificent, which Solomon dedicated and consecrated on Zion’s Hill; that temple which rose without sound of axe or hammer, meet representation of that speculative society to which we belong. Brethren, we have been summoned to, we have been present at, the consecration of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981 on the books of the Grand Lodge of England. When God summons us, may we all be present, properly clothed, at the consecration of Grand Lodge above, to do His work and to do His will for ever.

Then followed the anthem, “Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity;” after which the Consecrating Officer delivered the first portion of the dedication prayer; the Chaplain read the appointed portion of Scripture, and the brethren sang the hymn, “Supreme Grand Master, God of Power.” The Lodge Board was then uncovered, and the ceremony of consecration was completed in due form.

The ceremony of installing the first Master of the lodge (Bro. W. Youldon, P.M. 548 and 1638) was then performed by the Consecrating Officer, and Bro. Youldon thereafter invested the Wardens and appointed and invested his other officers as follows: Bros. S. P. Catterson, 1892, P.M. 548, as I.P.M. and Treas.; J. W. Moorman, S.D. 1638, Sec.; W. P. Catterson, 548, J.D. 1892, S.W.; C. G. L. Kipling, 1416, I.G. 1949, J.W.; J. Youldon, 548 and 1638, S.D.; and Geo. Moorman, J.D.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet presided over by the W.M., Bro. Youldon.

Among the visitors present were—

Bros. R. T. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C.; Harry Statham, P.G.S.W.; J. G. Yolland, P.G. S.B. Herts; Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sec., P.P.G. Reg.; H. E. Frances, P.G.D.C.; Chas. Greenwood, jun., P.G.S.B.; Rev. Milner, P.G. Chap.; Geo. Moorman, 1638; Charles Sadler, 1293; H. S. W. Humphreys, 1638; John Drewett, 1638; W. H. Tilling, 765; A. H. Bowers, 1638; R. Tilling, W.M. 765; J. G. Jessett, P.M. 1512; Thomas Warren, 1638; T. Pinckney, 1638; H. Baldwin, 1777; T. Robins, P.M. 25; John Youldon, 548; W. L. Kitson, P.M. 548; J. Otterhead, S.D. 1360; J. W. Moorman, 1638; John Bond, P.M. 889; J. J. West, P.M. 548; Frederick Croakey, P.M. 185; and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

After the cloth had been removed, the W.M. proposed from the chair the customary loyal and Masonic toasts. As some of their distinguished visitors resided at a distance, it was necessary to make the accompanying speeches as brief as possible.

The first three toasts, viz., “The Queen and the Craft,” “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master,” and “The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past,” were, therefore, proposed without comment, but were drunk with no less enthusiasm on that account.

In proposing “The health of the Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, Bro.

General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.," the W.M. said that he was sure that every brother present was satisfied that their Provincial Grand Master had the interests of Freemasonry at heart. The W.M. said he had seen the General in the chair at Grand Lodge oftener, he thought, than any other Provincial Grand Master, and the way in which he did his work there was admirable. Not only the brethren of his own province, but Masons from other provinces, he had frequently heard say that they liked to see the General there because he kept discussion to the point, and would not admit anything irrelevant.

The W.M. on rising again said, the next toast he had to bring before the brethren was "The health of the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" and he should, in order to save time, associate that toast with the next on the list, viz., "The Consecrating Officer." The brethren of the lodge were very much indebted to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the kindness which he had shown them in the matter of establishing this lodge, and he trusted that the lodge might go on to enjoy a long course of prosperity and success to enable them to show that they were not unworthy of the name which they had taken. He had not only allowed them to use his name, but he had also done good service by coming that day to consecrate the lodge at his own express desire, and had besides authorised them to adopt and use his arms and crest as those of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981. The brethren were much indebted to him for his kindness and would now drink his health.

Bro. ARNOLD, in reply, said that he returned the brethren his hearty thanks, not only for himself but for the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, and those who had assisted him that day, for the very kind words in which the toast was introduced, and for the very kind way in which it had been responded to. Bro. Youldon had said that the lodge was indebted to him for the use of his name, and for allowing them to make use of his crest. He felt himself highly honoured by the lodge making such a request, for he felt that no one could have received a higher honour, as Deputy Grand Master, than to be asked for the use of his name for such a purpose. All that he had seen to-day, in connection with the preparation of the lodge, had been thoroughly good; all preparations had been made most carefully, and therefore he thought they might prophesy a most successful career to the young lodge. The motto they had adopted was most appropriate—"Vixit qui bene vixit" (He has lived who has lived well). They could not have adopted a better motto for a Mason. What was the meaning of living well? Was it not that so living as to reverence the Great Architect of the Universe. It had been well put to them that day by the Prov. Grand Chaplain in the very nice oration which he had given them, that everything in Masonry should be based upon T.G.A.O.T.U., and that if they were not true to Him, they were not true to themselves or to Masonry, and, going a little further, were not carrying out the great principles of the Order, of brotherly love, relief, and truth. He might truly say that if a man had lived well, not only as to himself, but doing as he would be done by to his fellow men, when he came to die he might expect to go to the Grand Lodge above, and receive a hearty welcome there. He trusted that that motto would always be held in reverence by every brother initiated into the lodge, because he felt that if they would only act upon it they could not have a better one. He had always told them that he loved Masonry; he did not look upon what they had been doing as mere by-play, but as a most serious matter, a means of making men better here, and he trusted better eternally; and if they all looked upon Masonry in a serious light, as he trusted all did who truly appreciated the principles of the Order, he did think Masonry was a thing to help a man on in the path of life, which made him a useful and therefore a good Christian, and if a man once thoroughly mastered the principles of Freemasonry he would be a better man, a better father, a better citizen of the world, and he would add that he would die a better man. With these few observations he returned the brethren his hearty thanks for the compliment they had paid the Provincial Grand Officers, and he trusted that the lodge might have a career of good fortune, that it might always be ably presided over and stand high among the lodges of the province of Surrey. Before he sat down, he had, he said, a duty to perform, which was to propose "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Youldon had been associated with the speaker for several years, not only in the Brownrigg Lodge, but he had visited him at the Wallington Lodge, than which he did not think there was a better working lodge to be found, and he knew the way in which Bro. Youldon was looked up to in the lodge. He (Bro. Arnold) did not think they could have selected a better man; and if they thoroughly put themselves under his guidance he would carry out all the offices to their satisfaction, and he was quite sure would never do anything which would not redound to the credit of the lodge.

In reply, the W.M. said that he could scarcely express his thanks for the kind manner in which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the brethren appreciated him in having spoken so kindly, and in having selected him to be the first Master to occupy the chair of the lodge. He had worked in Masonry now for something like eighteen years or thereabout, and had always been willing to do what he could in the interests of the Craft, and he hoped that to the day of his death he should carry out the principles of the Order. He had taken great interest in the formation of that lodge, which was at first proposed to be held at Maldon; but finding that that place was just within the district of Grand Lodge, they had had to come just a little further afield, to enable them to inaugurate a lodge of the Province of Surrey. They had got comfortably located at Bro. Pinkney's house, and had determined to carry on the lodge to the very best of their ability. As W.M. for the first year, he should do all that lay in his power, and trusted that he should be as successful as on the occasion when he had the honour of presiding over another lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," giving them a hearty welcome, and expressing the hope that they would meet there again on other occasions. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Elsam, 89, and Drewett, 1638.

Both the brethren named responded, and expressed the pleasure that it had given them to be present at the consecration, and at the installation of Bro. Youldon, who was well known to both, and had a most successful year in the other lodge of which he had been the Master. The ceremonies which they had seen worked on the present occasion had been most ably performed, and no one could have witnessed the proceedings without being greatly impressed by them.

The next toast was proposed by Bro. ELSAM, and was to "The Health of the Officers and Founders of the New Lodge." This was a toast which, as one of the founders, the W.M. could not propose, and as the other present brethren were either founders or officers, they were likewise precluded

from the honour of proposing this toast. It, therefore, devolved upon him, as one of the visitors, to ask the numerous visitors present to join with him in drinking the health of the founders and officers, hoping that the new lodge would be a great success, and that they would enjoy many years of Masonic fraternity within those walls.

The W.M., the I.P.M. and the Wardens, having briefly replied, the CHAIRMAN proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," reminding those present that three members of the lodge had promised to stand as Stewards at the festivals of the three charities. Their Prov. Grand Master had undertaken to preside at the festival to be held in February, and he (the W.M.), hoped that the brethren would see to it that he was well supported by the province.

The Tyler's toast, as usual, closed the proceedings.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. TERRY.

It has been an open secret for some time past that the friends and admirers of Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, were having his portrait painted, with the intention of placing it in the hall of the Asylum at Croydon, as a mark of their appreciation of his services to the Institution, and of the estimation in which he is held by the Fraternity. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart and Bro. Farnfield were constituted joint Secretaries, and Bro. Edgar Bowyer was the Treasurer of the fund raised for the purpose. It will not create any surprise, therefore, to learn that when it was known that a fund for such a purpose, and under such able management, was being raised, contributions came in for a good deal more than was necessary for the production of the portrait.

The Committee appointed had therefore to consider in what way the surplus could be applied for Bro. Terry's honour and advantage; and it was decided that, in addition to the portrait, Bro. Terry should have presented to him the jewel and clothing of Senior Grand Warden for Northampton and Huntingdon, which office he now holds. The providing these articles, however, did not exhaust the fund, and, we believe, Bro. Terry was applied to that his wishes might be ascertained as to the shape in which a supplementary present should take; and Bro. Terry, bearing in mind that while he had been devoting his whole time, so to speak, to the cause of the Institution, he had frequently been obliged to leave Mrs. Terry companionless, thought that this further surplus might reasonably be devoted to some purchase for the pleasure of his good wife. The hint was taken by the Committee, and resulted in Mrs. Terry being presented with a handsome bracelet.

The unveiling of the portrait, and the presentation to Bro. and Mrs. Terry of the articles mentioned, took place on Thursday, after a dinner held in the Hall of the Institution, at which a limited number of Bro. Terry's friends, presided over by Bro. Raynham Stewart, were present. The meeting did not terminate at a sufficiently early hour to enable us to insert a report in the present number, but a full report of the interesting proceedings of the meeting will appear in our next.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The Annual Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 4th October, when there were present:

Bros. Arthur Hardy, M.P., Right Worshipful District Grand Master, in the chair; Henry E. Downer, M.P., Deputy District Grand Master; M. Salom, D.G.S.W.; J. H. Cunningham, as D.G.J.W.; H. M. Addison, D.G. Treas.; R. E. Lucy, D.G. Sec.; F. Makin, as D.G.S. Deacon; W. L. Ware, as D.G.J. Deacon; T. E. F. Seabrook, D.G. Dir. of Cers.; L. von Doussa, as D.G. Purst.; H. Turner, D.G. Stwd.; E. Saint (acting); N. Kildael, D.G. Tyler; F. Olifant, W.M. 505; G. G. Stewart, W.M. 598; W. J. Williams, P.M. 598; J. Westover, P.M. 598; W. P. Lee, P.M. 598; J. Benbow, P.M. 649; W. J. Curtis, P.M. 947; J. Haslam, J.W. 423; T. DeCean, J.W. 505; G. C. Knight, S.W. 583; G. H. Guymer, J.W. 598; F. C. Bowen, S.W. 649. Visitor: Bro. Lionel S. Wicksteed, 583.

The lodge was opened in ample form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The report of the General Committee was received and adopted.

The R.W. the DISTRICT GRAND MASTER then proceeded to appoint some of the District Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

- Bro. Arthur Hardy, J.P., M.P., P.M. 423 ... Dist. G.M.
- " H. E. Downer, M.P., P.M. 583 ... Dist. Dep. G.M.
- " M. Salom, M.L.C., P.M. 505 ... Dist. G.S.W.
- " S. Solomon, P.M. 423 ... Dist. G.J.W.
- " Rev. F. S. Poole, M.A., 583 ... Dist. G. Chap.
- " H. M. Addison, P.M. 505 ... Dist. G. Treas.
- " J. Rudall, S.M., P.M. 584 ... Dist. G. Reg.
- " T. E. F. Seabrook, M.D., P.M. 505 ... Dist. P.B. of G.P.
- " F. Makin, J.P., P.M. 584 ... Dist. G.S.D.
- " L. L. Furner, M.P., P.M. 1252 ... Dist. G.J.D.
- " H. C. Mais, J.P., P.M. 423 ... Dist. G.S. of W.
- " J. C. Ferguson, J.P., P.M. 842 ... Dist. G.D. of C.
- " J. Holman, P.M. 842 ... Dist. G.A.D. of C.
- " W. L. Ware, W.M. 423 ... Dist. G. Swd. Br.
- " W. Shakespeare, 583 ... Dist. G. Org.
- " L. Von Doussa, P.M. 1172 ... Dist. G. Purs.
- Bros. W. R. Wigley, F. Olifant, E. Saint, W. F. Stock, } Dist. G. Stewards.
- H. Turner, and F. H. Wigg } Dist. G. Stewards.
- Bro. N. Kildael, P.M. 649 ... Dist. G. Tyler.

GENERAL COMMITTEE AND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.

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It was proposed by Bro. W. P. LEE, P.M. 598, seconded by Bro. J. H. CUNNINGHAM, "That the sum of £50 be granted out of the funds of the D.G. Lodge in aid of the building fund of the Port Adelaide Masonic Hall." The motion was carried.

A proposition by Bro. J. H. CUNNINGHAM that the actual transit expenses by road, rail, or steamer of District Grand Officers, be defrayed by D.G. Lodge, and that the D.G. Treasurer be instructed to pay such expenses, was, after discussion, withdrawn.

A resolution to present the District Grand Secretary with a jewel for his efficient services during the fifteen years he has held office, was carried.

There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

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PRESIDENT:
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To Correspondents.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Proceedings of the Convention of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Peru," "Constitution of Grand Lodge of Peru," "Freemasons' Chronicle" (Sydney); "The Hull Packet," "The Newcastle Daily Journal," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Rock" (Christmas Number), "The New York Dispatch," "Masonia," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "La Revista Masónica," "The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The New Zealand Freemason," "The Masonic Review," "The City Press," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The Manchester Weekly Times," "The Court Circular" (Literary Number), "Ballarat Star," "The Second Annual Report of Bolingbroke House Pay Hospital," "Maconnique," "Bath and Cheltenham Gazette," "The Evening News," "The Anglian Times," "The British Workman" (Christmas Number), "Band of Hope Review."



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1882.

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.]

PROVINCIAL PREFERMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The correspondence upon this subject, which has of late appeared in your columns, is so contrary to the Book of Constitutions, and such an unwarrantable interference with the undoubted privileges of a Provincial Grand Master, that I should have abstained from taking any notice of it had not a most unjust slur been cast upon Provincial Grand Secretaries, in a letter signed "A Subscriber," in your last issue.

The insinuation that Provincial Grand Secretaries are in the habit of receiving bribes for the purpose of pushing on brethren to the purple is, in my opinion, unworthy of the pen of a Mason, and ought at once to be withdrawn. No doubt "A Subscriber" will try to shelter himself under the plea that the words are not his own; but he is blameable for having given them publicity in print.

I happen to number amongst my Masonic friends several Provincial Grand Secretaries, and can, in the most positive manner, refute such an imputation, so far as they are concerned.

The mode of selection of officers varies in the different provinces, each Provincial Grand Master adopting (as he doubtless has a right to do) such a system that to his mind seems best; but whatever system may be adopted in large provinces, some disappointment must necessarily arise, because it must be surmised that every lodge possesses one or two Past Masters who would adorn, and are worthy of, provincial rank; but how can a Provincial Grand Master with, say sixteen officers at his disposal, satisfy all worthy brethren in sixty or seventy lodges, each of which annually qualifying a brother, thereby continually increasing the roll of aspirants to office.

Why do not lodges, where there are Past Masters so eminently qualified, communicate the names of such brethren to the Provincial Grand Master, by a written recommendation signed in open lodge? Doubtless such a document would have some weight when the election of brethren to fill the offices is made.

Yours fraternally,

MANCUNIAM.

BRO. CLABON'S MOTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to reply to Bro. Mason's letter in your last impression. The worthy and esteemed brother has, I feel assured, quite unintentionally misrepresented what I really did say in Grand Lodge on the 6th inst., in the debate on Bro. Clabon's motion. I am reported to have said:

1. "The provincial brethren at the present time contribute to the Fund of Benevolence about as much as the metropolitan brethren." What I really said was that "individually the brethren in the provinces contributed only half as much to the Fund of Benevolence as those of the London district;" and this, I maintain, cannot be denied.

2. "The country brethren who were relieved represent two-thirds of the amount of that number." What I did say was, that "of late the grants which came before Grand Lodge for confirmation represented in numbers two-thirds of country cases to one-third of metropolitan;" and this cannot be denied."

3. "I was adverse to be mulcted in a larger sum than the provincial brethren." What I said was that "I for one had no objection to pay six shillings per annum to have the double privilege which provincial brethren enjoy, but was adverse to be mulcted in fifty per cent. more than I already paid without such corresponding advantage;" and this I still assert.

In each of the above propositions, I seek to show that "equal measures" are not secured to Freemasons in England and Wales individually. On the 1st January in this year, 1882, there were on the register of lodges of the Grand Lodge 1000 country lodges, 312 London lodges, 495 district lodges, and 129 military and non-stationary lodges, there or thereabouts. I take no account here of the number of new lodges created this year, though, if I had present time for the computation, I believe my argument would be strengthened. Now, I deal only with the two former sections of lodges, country and metropolitan, and will take Bro. Mason's figures as the basis of an arithmetical test as to the correctness of my statements as applied to the General Fund of Benevolence, from which such have like privileges.

Bro. Mason says, in respect of contributions, "London provides £2587, and provincial lodges £4894." Therefore, each provincial lodge (taking its members, whether few or many, collectively) subscribes an average of less than £5 per annum, as against £8 5s. per annum from each metropolitan lodge; that is to say, the former contributes a trifle more than half as much as the latter. And if I could ascertain the number of individual Freemasons in the provincial and London lodges respectively, I feel assured that this proportion of contributions would still further favour my propositions; for the average number of members of the London lodges is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, far in excess of those of provincial lodges. Hence, a larger proportionate contribution comes from London than from the country.

As to the disposal of the fund, a large portion is distributed in small grants, which do not require the confirmation of the Grand Lodge, and of which we have no published record; but, in respect of the larger grants submitted to the Grand Lodge, let us take the agenda paper of the last Quarterly Communication as a fair specimen. On that occasion grants to the amount of £1050 were recommended and approved. Of this sum, seven grants of £50 each = £350, were to London cases; and eleven, namely, three of £100 each and eight of £50 each = £750, were to the provincial cases. Therefore, as to number, the latter represented nearly two-thirds of the whole of the cases, and as to amount granted, more than twice as much as to the former.

Bro. Mason says "It is well known that every Mason in England and Wales contributes one shilling per quarter to benevolence." Granted; but not to the general fund of benevolence, to which every Mason has an equal right to apply. To quote our worthy brother again, "In London the whole is paid over, but in the provinces the Constitutions allow the brethren to send half to London, and half to their Provincial Grand Lodges." The italics are mine. Well, thereby the provincial brethren secure a second source of relief (usually made use of before applying to the general fund) denied to those metropolitan brethren who individually subscribe twice as much to the latter; and I therefore say, looking to the fact that the general fund must be kept up, and its present accumulation left undisturbed, every Freemason in England and Wales should subscribe equally thereto, and if any have the benefits attached to a second organisation for charitable purposes they should provide the necessary additional contributions entirely irrespective of the supreme Fund of Benevolence.

In my turn I must apologise for the length of this letter; but for what I hope may be considered a requisite explanation, condensation of these remarks would have been ineffectual.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, December 18th.

PROVINCIAL BROTHERS AT GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have just read the letter on the above, which appears in your issue of to-day, and can add my testimony to that of a "Country Brother" as to the inconvenience we experienced through the lack of courtesy and want of attention on the part of the scrutineers at the last meeting of Grand Lodge.

As a regular attendant at the meetings of Grand Lodge, I regret to say that this is not exceptional.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

PAST MASTER 539.

Walsall, 16th December, 1882.

A SAD CASE OF SICKNESS AND DESTITUTION.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In this town we have the proprietor of an itinerant marionette theatre very dangerously ill of inflammation of the lungs and bronchitis, which was brought on by exposure to the weather and want of food. There being his wife and eight little children (eldest only eleven years) make it a case of peculiar distress. Our Almoner has given 2s. 6d., which he says is all he can do for them. We are anxious to raise a few pounds to prevent their starving, and to send them into the manufacturing district on his recovery, where he will have a better chance of earning a living.
Our brother was initiated, &c., in the Thistle Operative Lodge, 158 Dundee, in 1864, to which lodge we have applied.

Will you allow this to appear in your valuable paper, as an appeal to the Craft generally, to help a brother in distress. All enquiries and any sums sent will be gratefully acknowledged and answered by yours fraternally,
G. A. JEFFERIES, P.S.W. 591,
St. Mary's Boys' School, Aylesbury, Bucks,
and C. F. WISKINE, Aylesbury.

Aylesbury, Dec. 18th.
[At this Christmas season, and under the special aspects of the case, we depart from our usual rule and print the appeal of our correspondent.—ED. F.M.]



GENEKOI KANONISMOI. KANONISMOS TES STQAS PUTHAGORAS.

We are indebted to the energetic editor, Bro. Professor Em Galani, of the Athenian Masonic paper *Puthagoras* (we think it is called), for this printed copy of the laws of the Grand Lodge of Greece, and the Bye-laws of the Puthagoras Lodge. If any Greek brother, or any brother who reads modern Greek wishes to see them, by writing to the Editor, they are heartily at his service.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Their name is positively "legion," as if to demonstrate unmistakably how great and far extending is the influence and attraction which Christmas has on all families, on society, on the world to-day; and we are pleased to note the fact, for fact it is, full of pleasant thoughts and healthy associations. Despite the wonted and somewhat callous way of the world; notwithstanding some counterbalancing motives, and some less commendable results, it surely is a matter deeply and truly to be rejoiced at, that if Christmas comes but once a year, when it does come, it appears laden with all those genial and graceful associations which lend decorous grace to simple tastes, and those æsthetic and pervading influences which shed pleasure and refinement on contrasted walks and callings of life. There is a remarkable outcome of true-hearted sympathy and goodwill, which is developed in Christmas trees and Christmas gifts, and Christmas rejoicing gatherings, which is evidenced by that thoughtful consideration evinced for others, by the giving of happiness to young and old, in graceful souvenirs and appropriate mementos. Numberless just now are the preparations and efforts made to light up many a comely shrine of home affection and sympathy for the meeting of old friends, for the assembly of young and joyous spirits. And finally, it is a sign of the times commendable and good in itself. At a period when the tendency of much of the common routine of existence is to render us selfish and materialistic, thinking a good deal of ourselves and our little comforts, and wants, and doings, and perhaps not quite enough as regards others like us, equally our fellow mortals here, it is a very happy and appropriate idea, which makes us, at Christmas time especially, think of others, and place for others, and try to pleasure others. Anything which brings us all closer together, anything which gives us more sympathy for one another, anything which tends to close in as to a common centre contrasted classes, anything which seeks to heal the ever open wounds or common suffering humanity, is a good thing, depend upon it, for us all, for the world, and for mankind. Therefore let us welcome Christmas once again,—King Christmas,—with rejoicing hearts and grateful sympathies, and let us be glad to think that our lot is, after all, cast in an age where, amid many shortcomings, social amenities and humanitarian tendencies are neither ignored nor forgotten. When too much praise can hardly be awarded to numerous good friends of ours for their supply of Christmas delicacies, it almost seems injudicious, if not invidious, to individualize. We may we think, however, fairly mention the Queen's printers, Messrs. De La Rue, M. McMichael, Messrs. Houghton, Parkins and Gotto, Messrs. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin, Messrs. Dean, Mr. Edean, and those excellent London and other societies which supply such excellent literature for old and young.

Messrs. Dean and Son send us some excellent specimens of chromo-printed toy books, which we can cordially recommend to the attention of parents and guardians at this festive season. The chromo illustrations are beautifully transparent and delicate, and the designs chaste and artistic. "Tiny Lawn Tennis" is a charming book, the designs being by the same artist as the "Children's Kettle Drum," so popular last season. "Dottie's Pets," "The Light of the Nursery," by an American artist, and "Lambert's Sunny Hours" are all excellent in their way, full of characteristic sketches and richly-coloured pictures. Messrs. Dean and Son are the oldest producers of children's books, we think, in London; and it is very gratifying to find that they are not content to rely on their past reputations, but rather anticipate than follow the public taste in the direction of high class literature for children.

Grant's Christmas Annual this year is by R. E. Francillan, and is called "Quits at Last; an Account in Seven Items." The story is sufficiently strange and sensational to satisfy the desires of those who seek for an extra supply of these qualities in Christmas literature, and the whole is well told, as might be expected from this author; there are no illus-

trations this year, which we take to mean that Mr. Francillan's name alone is a sufficient attraction to readers.

THE CITY DIARY.

Collingridge and Sons, *City Press*, Aldersgate-street. This annual has attained its twentieth year, which is, we think, sufficient proof of its excellence and usefulness. It appears to contain everything required to be known about the City and its Institutions, from the Lord Mayor and Corporation to the Ward Beadles, while the Diary proper is well arranged, and printed on capital paper.

MUSIC.

THE PARTING TOAST, GALOP.—"Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again." By GEORGE MILLER.

This is a spirited composition which we can cordially recommend, not only for the ball room but to home musicians.



94] HISTORIES OF FREEMASONRY.

Two histories of Freemasonry, in French, have quite recently, for the first time, come before my notice, to which I think well to call attention. One is "La Franc Maçonnerie dans sa véritable Signification," &c. It is edited by the Abbé Gyr, a priest of the Diocese of Liege. It is taken from the German of Eckert. It is in two volumes, and was published in 1854, by J. G. Lardinois, 11, Rue Sœurs-de-Hasque, Liege, Belgium. It is a Roman Catholic view and attack on Freemasonry, marked by much silliness and unfairness, though professedly written in a critical, historical, and impartial spirit. The Abbé Gyr follows implicitly Eckert, who is fully convinced that Freemasonry is Gnostic or Manichæan in its origin; was reproduced by the Templars, who had learned a philosophic Deism in the East; was identical with the Illuminati; was the "fautor" of the first French Revolution; the propagandist of unbelieving views generally; and, since the Masonic Congress at Strasbourg, in 1848, has been employed in disseminating destructive and Agnostic principles; being entirely inimical to religion wherever it is found. Such is the "outcome" of these two serious volumes, translated, as we said before, from a German work. I need not point out to your readers the utter absurdity of the whole of the author's and translator's arguments and conclusions. They both lay great stress on the so-called Masonic Congress of 1848, at Strasbourg, which is a myth. Any such meeting had nothing to do with Freemasonry, though among some of the ardent political partisans there assembled, some may have been Freemasons. But it is not to be wondered at that such views are propounded, for as we said before the work is simply a translation from the German of a Saxon lawyer, Ed. Em. Eckert, at Dresden, published first I believe in 1851, though I have not seen it. He was a bitter enemy to Freemasonry, and a Roman Catholic, and professed to have discovered, according to his translator, the secret and cause of all European revolutions in Freemasonry. How much besides his numerous "notes," which the worthy Abbe has incorporated with the text, belongs exclusively to him, could only be found out by collating carefully the translation with the professed original. But certainly "the game is not worth the candle." In Gyr and Eckert's history, the granting of Papal Bulls to the corporation of workmen is asserted. Eckert is represented by Gyr as saying "nous savons," "we know, that these corporations received from the Popes and Sovereigns important franchises." Gyr, however, mostly quotes from "Rebould," who traces the "gilds," as we call them, from Rome to Brittany and thence to trans-alpine Gaul, and declares that the Popes confirmed on them a monopoly of the building art, especially Nicholas III, 1277, and from him the Popes to Benedict XII, 1334. From whom did Rebould take the statement? Whence do these assertions originally spring? Are they German or French in their parentage? Perhaps Bro. Speth, who has been looking into this special subject can help us in the investigation. In Germany Eckert's works are laughed at. 2. The second history is a "Histoire Philosophique de la Franc Maçonnerie," &c., by Kauffman and Cherpin. It was published at Lyons, in 1850, by J. Cherpin, 6, Rue des Celestins. It is entirely friendly to Freemasonry; but takes the foreign view of it, alike in its philosophic tendencies and its religious outcome, which is not accepted in England. It is, however, well worth reading, more so, as it contains much that is very interesting about the ancient mysteries and philosophies. Of course, it repeats some errors and myths, which we have long given up in England,—such as that Freemasons are mentioned by name in the ninth century, and that in the seventeenth century Ashmole and others remodelled Masonry, making a new First Degree out of the Egyptian mysteries. Writers, however, who rely on "Sethos" and Thomas Moore's "Epicureans," which is copied from "Sethos," for an account of the Egyptian mysteries, cannot altogether be safely followed. In a footnote, at pages 170-71, the writers mention the "Compagnonage," and Agricole Perdiguer's Book, and state that it had the effect of healing somewhat the cruel and murderous context of the compagnons of Maître Jacques (stone masons), and the compagnons of Pere Sonbise, (carpenters). They add that all these "Societies of Compagnonage" which exist in France, (in 1850), trace their origin to Solomon's Temple, &c.

BOOKWORM.

95] BRO. DR. STUKELEY.

Some very important points for consideration arise out of Bro. the Rev. C. Lukis's discovery of Dr. Stukeley's Diary. Stukeley was made a Freemason, he tells us, in his diary, in 1721, January 7th, at the Salutation Tavern, Tavistock-street, with a Mr. Collins and Capt. Rowe. Any information about these two brethren would be acceptable, especially Mr. Collins, who may be the Collins of the so-called Locke MS. of which the earliest authentic evidence, so far, is 1753. In 1721, June 24th, Stukeley was at the Grand Festival, (apparently) at Stationers' Hall. The Duke of Montague, Lord Herbert, (is he afterwards the Lord Pembroke of the so-called Locke MS.?) Lord Stanhope, Sir Andrew Fountain, and Dr. Desaguliers, who

pronounced an oration, of which so far no trace remains. The G.M. Payne (Pain) produced an old MS. of the Constitution, 500 years old, from the West of England. On December 27th, 1721, a meeting took place at the Fountain Tavern, Strand, where a new lodge was constituted by Dr. Beal, D.G.M., of which Dr. Stukeley was, he says, the first W.M. The lodge is not traceable so far in any of our lists, though in Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, No. 12 has Dr. Beal as its W.M., and in 1733, No. 71, The Fountain, Catherine-street, Strand, was constituted. On May 22nd, 1722, Dr. Stukeley states that he met the Duke of Queensborough, Lord Dumbarton, Lord Hinchinbrooke, and others, to arrange the festival of St. John. On Nov. 3rd, 1722, the Duke of Wharton and Lord Dalketh visited the lodge at the Fountain. On October 4th, 1723, Dr. Stukeley read a discourse on the "Dorchester Amphitheatre" at the lodge, and gave to each member a copy. Is any one of these copies extant? In 1726 he set up a lodge at Grantham, which lasted for some years. In 1728 he mentions the death of Lambert, landlord of the Fountain, where this lodge was held. Two entries are called by Bro. Whythead remarkable, which they certainly are—namely, that on the 7th November, 1722, the "Order of the Book" was instituted, and on December 28, 1722, he himself made Lord Hertford and Lord Winchelsea members of the "Order of the Book, or Roman Knighthood." Like Bro. Whythead, I ask in these columns if any brother can throw light upon any of these statements. Some very important considerations flow from them, but I must now hold my pen.

MASONIC STUDENT.

96] I reproduce these allusions to Bro. Dr. Stukeley for several reasons. First, to interest Bros. Hughan and Gould in the verification of the facts as to the two lodges. Secondly, we may perhaps obtain some evidences, as Bro. Whythead has already asked, of this early knightly order. Thirdly, because, by the kind intermeditation of Bro. Whythead, perhaps Bro. Lukis may send some notes of his own there-ent to the *Freemason* "Notes and Queries."

MASONIC STUDENT.

Scotland.

ABERDEEN CITY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

A special communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 15th inst., in the Masonic Hall Buildings, Aberdeen, the R.W.P.G.M., Dr. Beveridge, presided.

The meeting had been called chiefly for the purpose of an official visitation to St. Andrew Lodge, No. 110, which was meeting in the hall below.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, adjourned to the hall, where it was received with due Masonic honours by St. Andrew Lodge.

The W.M. (Bro. Charles Shepherd), at the request of the R.W.P.G.M., proceeded with the business of the evening, which was the initiation of two gentlemen (previously accepted), Dr. Profeit, Her Majesty's Commissioner at Balmoral, and Mr. J. Pirrie, Haddo, Forveran. The ceremony, including the charge and tracing board, was given in a most admirable manner by Bro. Shepherd, and received great commendation from the Provincial Grand Master, who congratulated the lodge on being presided over by one who appeared so familiar with his duties. The books of the lodge, which had previously been examined by the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Clerk, Bro. McConnochie, were very favourably reported on.

The Prov. Grand Lodge then retired, when a few routine matters were discussed.

The Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. C. Macdonald, arranged to give the annual Masonic sermon in St. Clement's Church, on the 14th January, when a collection would be made for a local charity.

It was resolved that the Craft should present one of the peal of bells about to be procured from a Belgium firm for the city. It was reported that a practice had sprung up among certain brethren of using Masonic signs in public, and on unsuitable occasions, and the Clerk was directed to write to Masters of Lodges to use their influence to get such practices put an end to.

At the close of the proceedings the Provincial Grand Lodge was entertained to supper in the hall by St. Andrew Lodge.

On Saturday evening last, Mr. Cottell, founder and principal of the London Conservatoire of Music, in recognition of his abilities, and the care he had bestowed on the members of the institution, was presented with a handsome testimonial, the subscribers to which numbered some 258. Mr. Schlesinger, as their representative, had an easy task to fulfil in making the presentation, the praise he bestowed on Mr. Cottell being loudly applauded. After speeches by other gentlemen and one from Mr. Cottell himself, in recognition of the compliment paid him, a concert was given in honour of the occasion. The programme, which consisted principally of songs and light instrumental pieces, was got through very successfully, in a manner which reflected credit on those who took part in it—Miss Emilie Conyngham, who sang Bishop's "Lo, here the gentle lark," Mr. Alfred Hervey, whose bass voice was well tested by D'Alquen's "In cellar cool," and Madame Aubrey—particularly distinguishing themselves.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or TONIC DAILY FOOD. It cures Indigestion, Heartburn, Constipation, Liver and Stomach Complaints, &c., besides having such wondrous nourishing properties. Makes Soups, Porridge, Custards, Puddings, Biscuits, &c. Tins, 1lb. 1s. 6d.; ½lb., 10d. Barrels, 28lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS are the best, the cheapest, and the most popular remedies.—At all seasons and under all circumstances they may be used with safety and with the certainty of doing good. Eruptions, rashes, and all descriptions of skin diseases, sores, ulcerations, and burns are presently benefited and ultimately cured by these healing, soothing, and purifying medicaments. The Ointment rubbed upon the abdomen checks all tendency to irritation of the bowels, and averts dysentery and other disorders of the intestines. Pimples, blotches, inflammation of the skin, muscular pains, neuralgic affections, and enlarged glands can effectively be overcome by using Holloway's remedies according to the "instruction" accompanying each packet.—[ADVT.]



Craft Masonry.

ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The anniversary festival of the above young and prospering lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., with marked success. Indeed, the lodge may be congratulated upon having so excellent a home as the Town Hall affords, the resources of which, though most severely taxed on the evening in question, yet proved equal to entertaining and banqueting over 120 brethren, a number considerably above what was expected. Bro. E. Benjamin, W.M., opened the lodge, and was supported as follows: Bros. J. A. Jones, S.W., W.M. elect; A. A. Clement, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, M.A., Chap.; Joseph Cox, Sec.; J. Funston, S.D.; E. Walker, J.D.; R. Drysdale, D.C.; G. C. Young, Org.; F. Matthews, I.G.; H. J. Thrower, Steward; Charles F. Barham, P.M.; G. T. Barr, P.M.; Louis Stean, P.M.; J. Terry, Hon. P.M.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; and H. G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec. The visitors present were Bros. R. J. Sanders, 561; C. W. Hodges, 1310; A. R. Frew, 959; A. D. Douglass, 1744; J. V. Jones, 1607; Walter Downing, P.M. 20; James James, 723; Edward Ames, 860; S. J. Haggis, 813; J. N. Heale, 45; Edwin Symmons; G. C. Peacock, 201; F. Brien, P.M. 1076; C. Sims, 861; H. Salter, 861; Joseph Little, 1607; J. Goodwin, 1133; John C. Pitt, 1076; John Berry, 172; John Thorey, 1395; W. Turner, 186; H. Finch, P.M. 1365; W. H. Lee, P.M. 1524; Charles Stell, J.D. 1365; W. Potter, 1445; H. J. Bradgate, 55; T. Hill, 813; G. Edwards, 907; W. Francke, 1692; W. F. Green, 861; B. S. Smither, 193; T. W. Francis, 55; G. H. F. Rowe, 1096; S. Wallace, S.D. 907; C. W. Cox, P.M. 1566; Harry Sarson, 76; James Hughes, W.M. 1816; Egbert Roberts, Org. 1623; F. H. Tibbitts, S.W. 1950; John Lobb, 228; G. T. Turner, W.M. 183; Henry Murrell, 1839; S. B. Bridges, 591; W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; James Robson, J.W. 1445; James Smith, S.W. 193; B. Page, 214; W. H. Stevens, 1564; W. Clarke, 1158; G. Harwood, 813; Henry Stephens, P.M. 754; J. Mellor, 1744; Captain A. Durrant, P.M. 569 and 1185; Sergeant R. Birkett, 569; Corporal P. Munro, 569; J. H. Hawkins, P.M. 569; R. Nicholson, I.P.M. 1566; F. Cain, 813; J. B. Bowen, 65; E. F. Snook, 1693; H. Doubleday, 193; F. Hallows, P.M. 1662; G. J. Freeman, 1613; C. Gooding, 1329; W. Iron, S.W. 1579; G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1582, and 898 (*Freemason*); and others.

Bro. Benjamin was to have conferred the Third Degree upon Bro. Critchfield, and so complete a capital year's work. The candidate, however, not being present, Bro. Benjamin proceeded to the work of installation. Bro. Jas. Alfred Jones, W.M. elect, was duly presented and entrusted, and the ceremony of installation, so often described in these columns, was carried out with efficiency and attention to detail. Bro. Jones next appointed the following brethren as officers: Bros. Elias Benjamin, I.P.M.; A. A. Clement, S.W.; Jas. Funston, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, M.A., Chap.; Daniel King, Treas.; Joseph Cox, Sec.; E. Walker, S.D.; Frank Matthews, J.D.; R. Drysdale, I.G.; H. J. Thrower, D.C.; L. A. Harrison, Steward; J. Staff, Assist. Steward; and G. C. Young, P.M., Org. The several appointments were heartily greeted, and Bro. Benjamin resumed his labours, and gave a fine rendering of the ancient charges, and concluded the ceremony amid the applause of the brethren.

The ballot was next taken for the admission of Bro. E. A. Beckett, 1364, as a joining member, and for the admission of four gentlemen into the Order. This proved favourable, and the new W.M. proceeded to give the lodge a taste of his quality by a careful and impressive rendering of the initiation ceremony on behalf of Messrs. E. J. Rose, J. L. Fraser, E. T. Henman, jun., and G. Colls. During the lodge the I.P.M., Bro. Benjamin, was presented with a handsome Past Master jewel, inscribed as follows: "Presented to Bro. Elias Benjamin, P.M., in recognition of his high personal worth and of many great services rendered the lodge during his year of office 1881-2. December 13th, 1882." On the top bar in gold letters was "Quartus" and on the bottom one "Conditor."

Bro. Benjamin, in returning thanks, expressed the pleasure he felt in learning that his endeavours to give the lodge every satisfaction had been successful. He had promised when placed into the chair to do his utmost, and had endeavoured to fulfil that pledge during the whole time of his Mastership, illness alone hindering him from doing so.

The W.M., after the usual risings, received "Hearty good wishes" from such an array of visitors as we have but seldom witnessed, and lodge was closed. The lodge although meeting in a Town Hall relies upon its own resources for banqueting arrangements, and as we have already said, these were put to a severe test, and reflects great credit upon the brethren who undertook this important department. The lodge possesses its own material and wine cellar, the latter being capably officered by Bro. L. A. Harrison, the genial Steward of the lodge. Over 120 brethren sat down to a capital repast, the spacious salle a manger being beautifully lighted by two electric lights on the Pilsen Joel principle, which gave a brilliant effect to the scene.

After the grace "Laudi spirituali" had been sung, Bro. Jones gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by the "National Anthem." "H.R.H. the M.W. G.M." was next toasted, Bro. Jones saying it was unnecessary to say much in his favour the brethren having seen how efficiently the Grand Master discharged his duties as ruler of the Craft. "God bless the Prince of Wales" was capably sung, and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers" were cordially toasted.

Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, replying, said it was conferring a great honour upon him to couple his name with the toast of the M.W.G.M., and other distinguished brethren which had been so heartily received. It was very pleasing to those brethren to find their labours were so well appreciated. For himself, it was not the first time he had attended the St. Leonard Lodge, and he felt a very great deal of pleasure in witnessing the really ex-

cellent working of the lodge; the installation, in particular, had afforded him great pleasure.

Bro. Clarke, P.G.P., also returned thanks, and felt his Bro. Grand Officer, Bro. Buss, must have derived considerable pleasure in seeing the lodge which he had recently assisted to consecrate going on so well.

Bro. Benjamin, I.P.M., next gave "The Health of the W.M." He felt it a great honour to propose the toast, for the W.M. whom he had installed, had shown by his working of the initiation ceremony, that he was able to work in such a way as never to cause the lodge to regret making Bro. Jones their W.M.

The W.M. said Bro. Buss had paid him a high compliment, especially coming from so experienced a Mason. He was very proud so many brethren had rallied round upon the night of his installation, he believed over 120. He was pleased to see them and trusted that when the time came for him to vacate the chair the lodge would not be found any worse for what he had done during his term of office.

"The Installing Master and other Past Masters" were next honoured, the W.M. doing so in brief terms, as he said, to allow more time for the capital musical arrangements to be carried out. After replies from Bros. L. Stean, the founder of the lodge, G. T. Barr, Barham and Benjamin, Bro. Jones toasted "The Initiates," remarking that those brethren came into the lodge as friends, and were sure of a hearty reception. He trusted they would make progress and in time attain the position in the chair he then occupied.

Bro. Edgar Roberts here gave a fine rendering of the German drinking song "In cellar cool," and at the conclusion was so warmly encored he substituted "Big Ben," which was also capably sung.

Bro. Fraser, on behalf of himself and co-initiates, expressed the deep sense of gratitude they felt for the good feeling and hearty good will with which they had been received, and for the impressive manner in which they had just been initiated. They had been deeply impressed, and trusted as years rolled by and opportunities offered, to prove worthy of the great organisation they had been received into. Bros. Henman and Colls also briefly returned thanks.

"The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. James Terry, P.M., the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution for Aged Freemasons, was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Terry replied, congratulating the W.M. and the lodge at the high degree of success which had attended the lodge since its formation four years ago, and during which period he was proud to say the brethren of 1766 had every year paid something like £100 into the coffers of the Three Masonic Benevolent Institutions. No doubt this could not always be maintained, for there would come at times a fallow year; and he understood that in the ensuing year the lodge intended to rest upon its laurels, in order as he, Bro. Terry hoped, to come out doubly strong afterwards in support of the charities. Bro. Terry next gave a brief view of the position of the three institutions, remarking upon the good fortune of the Girls' School in being able to take in all candidates at the April election, and standing in a good position to have done so at the last election in October. The Boys' School had numerous candidates for admission, and was endeavouring to meet the case by forming a preparatory school for fifty boys. This would require the support of the brethren. Then there was the Institution for Old People, and it was in consequence of having to be at a Committee on that afternoon, where he (Bro. Terry) was engaged until six o'clock, that he was unable to be present at the lodge working. They had 110 applications for the benefit of the Institution, forty-six men with ten vacancies, and sixty-four women with but one vacancy, and the number would be before the election reach 140 applicants. Bro. Terry concluded by making a strong appeal for support to enable these institutions to carry on their good work.

"The Visitors" were next honoured, coupled with the names of Bros. Captain Durrant, P.M. 569; H. Stephens, P.M. 754; and W. H. Lee, P.M. 1524; the former brother briefly responding, as also did Bro. F. Brien, P.M. 1076, who expressed the great pleasure he had felt in witnessing the workings and partaking the hospitality of the St. Leonard Lodge.

"The Masonic Press," responded to by Bro. G. H. Stephens, and "The Officers," responded to by the S.W., brought the list of toasts to a conclusion; and Bro. Very gave the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a capital selection of music was performed, Bro. Egbert Roberts lending invaluable aid, and Bro. Strickland giving a nice rendering of "My Queen" (Blumenthal). Of the ladies, we should add that Bro. Walker's two daughters rendered great service; Miss Livinia Walker singing "Tours," "A little bird's story," and in Balfe's duet, "Trust her not," with Miss Coyte - Turner, and her sister ably accompanying. Miss Coyte - Turner sang with good effect S. Lover's "What would you do, love," and in the concerted music, which greatly enhanced the pleasures of a highly successful evening.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—From a variety of circumstances, this old lodge, and the Royal Arch Chapter connected with it, the celebration of whose centenary we recorded a week or two ago, have been brought very prominently into notice during the last few years, not only on account of the antiquity of both, but from the care with which the records of minutes and of the Treasurer's accounts have been kept from the commencement, and preserved perfect to the present day, and other interesting circumstances. The following report will show that there still remained another event in the history of the lodge, which is peculiar and probably unique.

The circular of summons for a regular meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7th, contained the following announcement, which induced an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. "Immediately after the lodge business is closed, the new banner given by the ladies will be formally presented."

Bro. R. B. Cater opened the lodge, supported by the following present and past officers: Bros. J. Rubie, P.P.G.J.W., as I.P.M.; Past Masters, T. P. Ashley, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; Thomas Wilton, P.P.G.J.W. Dir. of Cers.; C. W. Radway, P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; Captain R. Peel Floyd, P.P.G. Reg.; T. B. Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., as J.W.; S. G. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; John Turner, P.P.G.S.D.; Philip Braham, P.P.G. Org.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W., Warwickshire, P.M., 41, 43, 958; E. J. B. Mercer, S.W.;

T. Ames, S.D.; W. Peach, J.D.; Thomas Edmund Wilton, I.G.; W. B. Gregory, and J. Gauler Wilton, Stwds.; J. Foote, Org.; Bigwood, Tyler. Among the members of the lodge were: Bros. G. H. Bartlett, R. Sidwell, James Robinson, F. W. Fortt, C. E. Ponting, R. Kendall, T. J. Pinker, W. H. Reynolds, F. K. Baldwin, P.M., 335; T. G. Brown, J. Y. Ackland, J. A. Fisher, John Chivers. Visitors: J. Sumsion, 53, 772; C. B. Smith, 53; J. Banks, 906; W. O. Ellis, P.M., 599, P.P.G.S.D., Oxfordshire; F. M. Baker, 906; W. H. Brumby, 53; W. F. Collins, S.W., 53; and the following P.M.'s of 906: W. Williamson, P.P.G.D.C.; E. L. Hill, and W. H. Dill, P.P.G.P.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. R. Sidwell and C. E. Ponting were passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who was assisted in the explanation of the working tools by Bro. Gregory. A ballot was taken for Mr. H. Moody as a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimously favourable.

The Secretary presented to Bro. Thomas Wilton, P.M., &c., a beautifully emblazoned memento of his Stewardship for the Masonic Girls' School, when, on behalf of this province, he took up to the anniversary meeting, in London, an unusually large sum.

The well-merited congratulations of the Secretary were supplemented by those of the W.M.

In reply, Bro. Wilton expressed his great gratification at the receipt of so unexpected and beautiful a recognition of his services, and thanked the brethren who, by their contributions, had enabled him to offer so unprecedentedly large an amount. He was especially grateful to the W.M. of the lodge in that year, 1880, Bro. Dr. Hopkins, whose donation was so considerable, the result of his skill and industry in the execution and publishing of his Masonic charts, the proceeds of which he devoted to the Charities.

The W.M. announced that he had received a communication from the Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Royal Arch Chapter, requesting permission to place the old documents and records of that body in the iron safe, which contained the archives of the lodge, under certain conditions, so as to ensure their safety.

On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the acting J.W., this was unanimously agreed to.

The Secretary mentioned that in the "Masonic Calendar" published under the authority of Grand Lodge, the Royal Cumberland Lodge had not been marked as possessing a centenary warrant, although Bro. Dr. Hopkins, in his year of Mastership, had complained of the omission. Some correspondence had recently taken place on the subject, from which it appears that the neglect arose from the impression that a small fee had not been paid. The Secretary added that the matter was now put strait, the claim having been admitted.

The W.M. referred to a recent additional donation of five guineas made to the charity fund of the lodge by one of the P.M.'s (Bro. Dr. Hopkins), and proposed that the same sum be contributed by the lodge and presented to the Boys' School, a step desirable just at this time, inasmuch as in the prospect of an addition of buildings for a preparatory school, the governors grant a double number of votes in perpetuity.

This was seconded by Bro. Rubie, and carried.

The W.M. stated that he had summoned the members at an earlier hour than usual, as the wives and sisters of many of them had prepared a banner for presentation to the lodge. These ladies were assembling in another room, and at the close of business would be admitted for the purpose, after which he invited the ladies and brethren to partake of refreshments, which had been laid in the ante-room.

No other business offering the lodge was closed.

The following particulars of the subsequent proceedings are taken from the *Bath Journal* of December the 9th:—

A ceremony of an altogether unusual and highly interesting character took place on Thursday night in this city, namely, the presentation of a banner by ladies to the Royal Cumberland Lodge of Freemasons (No. 41) Bath. Such a presentation is said to be unique in the annals of Freemasonry. The ceremony took place after the usual business of the Lodge had been transacted. A large number of "Ladye Visitors" accepted invitations to be present on the occasion. Having been received in a retiring room they were conducted into the Lodge, a privilege by the way very rarely accorded to ladies, and here the presentation took place. Bro. R. B. Cater, Worshipful Master presided.

The business of the evening having been concluded, and the Lodge closed, the following "Ladye Visitors" were admitted, Mrs. M. J. Wilkinson, Mrs. M. Robinson, Mrs. Rubie, Mrs. C. Geraldine Peach, Mrs. Georgina Moutrie, Mrs. Arabella Becket, Mrs. Edith M. Fletcher, Mrs. Helen E. Wilton, Mrs. Emma E. Fortt, Mrs. Eliza E. Mercer, Mrs. Mary Carey, Mrs. Jane Kendall, Mrs. Sarah Baldwin, Mrs. E. L. Gregory, Miss Alice Robinson, Miss Sarah J. M. Peach, Miss Mary Louise Ashley, Miss Kate E. Wilton, Miss Florence L. Wilton, Miss A. G. Brumby, Miss Carrie Fisher, Miss Florence Becket, Miss Alice Baldwin, Miss Clara Wilkinson, Miss Lily Ashley, and Miss Maria Hopkins.

Mrs. Wilkinson having, on behalf of the ladies, asked Mr. Ashley to present the banner, that gentleman spoke as follows: Mrs. Wilkinson and ladies, Worshipful Master and brethren,—A pleasing duty devolves upon me now, which I had hoped would have been performed by our oldest Past Master, Bro. White, who would have done it better than I can; but in his absence, from the inclemency of the weather, the duty now devolves upon me as the next senior, of presenting to you, Worshipful Master and the brethren of this lodge, this very handsome banner, as an offering from the wives and sisters of the Past Masters and officers. Let me first say, then, that we are delighted to see so many of the ladies here this evening, shewing how great an interest they take in our proceedings; and though many have been the presents made to our lodge during the past 150 years of its existence, many of which are still in our possession, and one now lies before you on your pedestal given us more than 100 years ago, yet I do not know that ever before has an offering been made by our sisters, and I think it is indeed a most rare occurrence for any presentation to be made to a lodge of Freemasons by ladies. We know they have been told that Masons' lodges are only a sort of club, that they are simply an excuse for banqueting, or for staying away from home more than they should do; but by this handsome present they have made us, and by their presence here this evening, they show that they believe none of those things, but they rather do believe there must be something in what they have

heard of the great principles of Freemasonry, brotherly love, relief, and truth; that there is something indeed (though they know not what it is), that binds man to his fellow in such strong bonds of brotherhood, that enables a man to say he has found his truest friend in a Freemason's lodge; something that has enabled this institution to flourish from time unknown down to this our day, when other kindred institutions have risen and decayed; something of real earnestness and purpose that enables us to build and to thoroughly maintain our noble institution for the aged and the orphan. And so believing in the great good of Freemasonry to their husbands and their brothers, and being fully assured that in this city, and especially in this Royal Cumberland Lodge, the principles of the Order are carried out to the general good of its members, they present this offering—silent it may be—yet, so long as time will allow it to last, expressive to those who are to come after us, of what the sisters of our brethren thought of Freemasonry in this their day, and so will be handed down to other generations as a proof of their belief in the good that the practice of true Freemasonry confers on those who belong to the Order. I have then, Worshipful Master, the most pleasing duty of handing to you this banner on behalf of the ladies now present.

The banner was then placed at the back of the Worshipful Master's seat. It was of blue silk, with Masonic emblems beautifully worked in, the emblems being the centenary jewel of the lodge and jewel presented by Grand Lodge for a donation given by the Royal Cumberland Lodge for the rebuilding of the Grand Lodge (London) 1780. In the centre are two pillars surmounted by the celestial and terrestrial globes, with steps leading to a pedestal, on which an open Bible is represented. In the right hand corner the Masonic Arms have been worked, the Bath Arms being on the opposite side. The following inscription is also worked upon it: "Bath Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41. Presented to the Lodge 1882." It is really a splendid specimen of its kind, and reflects the highest credit upon those who designed and carried it into execution.

The Worshipful Master, on receiving the banner, said, if it were possible for him to feel a regret at that moment, it would be that the chair was not filled by some one far better able than he was to give expression to the gratification which he with his fellow brethren felt in accepting the very beautiful presentation which they had made them that evening. It was only to throw one's eye upon it to see the great trouble and good taste which had been exercised in bringing it to such a successful issue. He was sure they would bear with him if he named one lady who had taken a special interest in that presentation—he meant Mrs. Wilkinson. They all knew the zeal and perseverance she had thrown into that object, and how successfully she had brought it about. Their thanks were especially due to her, but their thanks were also due to those ladies present who had so thoroughly supported Mrs. Wilkinson in carrying out the idea of presenting them with that beautiful banner. They had rallied round her with their means and their influence, and they had made a presentation to them that night which he thought was unique in the annals of Freemasonry. He could assure them that whenever that banner was unfurled, not only in that lodge but in the other lodges of the province, it would always remind them of their great kindness; and as some slight guarantee that it would be handed down to posterity, he might mention that he held in his hand a silver trowel which had been used in that lodge for 140 years. (The trowel alluded to is engraved "The gift of Howell Gwynn, Esq., to ye members of ye Lodge, at ye Bear, Bath, 1742.") He would not detain them longer, but would conclude by again thanking them most heartily and cordially on his own behalf and on behalf of the members of the Royal Cumberland Lodge for their very handsome and graceful presentation that evening.

The members who had remained standing during the W.M.'s speech then resumed their seats.

Bro. Thomas Wilton, P.M., also expressed his thanks to the ladies who had presented that elegant banner to them. Alluding to the presentations which had been made to the lodge in former years, he said the lodge possessed the honourable distinction of having a silver medal given by the Grand Lodge of England in 1780, for money subscribed by the lodge and its members towards the cost of building the Freemasons' Hall in London. A centenary jewel was moreover granted to the lodge in 1833. With reference to the gift of which they had the pleasure of being the recipients that evening, he could assure the ladies that they would always be proud to produce it in any lodge, and whenever occasion arose. As often as they were permitted to have a public display the ladies would see that they were proud to walk under their banner. He seconded with great heartiness the thanks of that lodge which had been so well expressed by the W.M., and also that their thanks to the ladies be recorded upon the minutes for the graceful presentation they had received. Before he sat down he had to present the W.M., on behalf of the ladies, with a memento of the occasion, which he was sure would be interesting to him throughout his future life. He held in his hand the framed photograph of the banner which the W.M. now sat under, and he was sure he would place it amongst the embellishments of his house, and view it always with the greatest pleasure as a souvenir of that most interesting occasion. Bro. Wilton then approached the pedestal, and handed the gift to the Master.

The W.M., in reply, said he could scarcely find words to express his gratitude for that great act of kindness on the part of the ladies. He assured them he should treasure it as long as he lived, and should always look upon it as one of the most pleasant occasions at which he had ever presided. He thanked them very much.

Bro. F. Wilkinson, P.M., said there many ladies present who were related to members of that lodge, but who had not been asked to contribute towards the expenses of the banner, and he thought it was only due to them that he should explain the reason. When the presentation was first spoken of, it was decided that the banner should be presented by those ladies who were the wives of Past Masters and present officers of the lodge. He thought it right they should mention that little circumstance to explain why some ladies had not been asked to contribute. He would also mention for the information of the ladies generally, that when he had the pleasure of being the master of that lodge, his wife worked a small banner. Now when they visited the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held once every year, it was necessary that the master should sit under the banner of his lodge. The banner his wife

worked was very small, and not of sufficient character to represent such an old lodge as that. The idea was therefore mooted by the ladies that they would subscribe amongst themselves for a banner that should fittingly represent that old lodge, and the ladies and gentlemen saw before them a banner which he was sure they must all feel was worthy of the lodge. He simply made those few remarks in order that those ladies who had not been asked to contribute might know the reason.

The Worshipful Master, again rising, said: In the name of the lodge he should have very much pleasure in presenting each of the contributors to the fund with a photograph of the banner.

Bro. T. P. Ashley, P.M., said he wished to thank the ladies most sincerely for their attendance on that occasion. He need not tell them they had not had the pleasure of seeing them there before. It was very seldom that ladies appeared in a Freemason's lodge; but when they did appear they gladdened the heart of every brother amongst them. They had shown their approval of what the brethren did by their presentation to them that evening, and they might be assured that Masons did nothing in lodge which they could object to. If they knew the work and the objects kept in view they would encourage every one belonging to them to become Freemasons. For he who became a good Freemason ought to, and doubtless did become, a better man.

The W.M. said he should be very pleased to support the remarks of Bro. Ashley, and to thank them for their presence that night. He then invited the guests to adjourn to the ante-room to take a little refreshment, and announced that those ladies who were inclined to do so were at liberty to inspect some of the relics of the lodge they saw around them.

The ladies were then conducted to the ante-room, where they partook of refreshments, after which many of those present availed themselves of the opportunity so rarely afforded of examining the various objects of interest in this old lodge. It may be mentioned that the Cumberland Lodge has been established a century and a half, and the names of the Right Worshipful and Worshipful Masters from the year 1733 are recorded and displayed in the lodge. The Bible, a fine old black letter book, in splendid preservation, is dated 1039.

A beautifully illuminated address on vellum, and framed, which has recently been received by W. Bro. Thomas Wilton, P. Prov. G.M., (Somerset), was an object of interest to many visitors. The address itself will best explain its meaning. It was as follows:—"Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Under the patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. Presented by the committee of the Institution to W. Bro. Thomas Wilton, P. Prov. G.M., (Somerset) in grateful recognition of valuable services rendered by him at the Anniversary Festival, May, 1881. The Right Honourable Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Gloucestershire in the chair. When the Amount realised by the joint exertions of 260 stewards was £11,455 4s. 10d. Signed, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary." Bro. Wilton was the steward representing Somerset last year, and the address has recently been sent him in commemoration of it. An hour was pleasantly passed in examining the various objects of interest.

Before separating the company re-assembled in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master having resumed his seat, said he would ask them as a finale to that most interesting occasion, as loyal subjects and loyal Masons, to sing the National Anthem. The request was complied with, Mr. P. Braham taking the solo. The proceedings then terminated.

It should be mentioned that Bro. J. Foote presided at the organ, and during the evening played a selection of music, including Grand Marches.

FALMOUTH.—Love and Honour Lodge (No. 75).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Royal Hotel, on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present: Bros. Richard Carter, W.M.; James P. Polglase, S.W.; George P. Carter, J.W.; Francis Dinns, P.M. acting Treas.; Rev. Gratrex, Chap.; Samuel Tresidder, jun., Sec.; John Carne, S.D.; George Scott, acting J.D.; E. Dinner, Org.; James Jeffery, I.G.; Wm. Rusden, Tyler; W. D. Rogers, I.P.M.; W. H. Dunstan, P.M.; W. L. Fox, P.M.; M. Little, P.M.; Timothy C. Polglase, P.M.; Harry Tilly, P.M.; and a good attendance of members and visitors.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The by-laws having been read, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, which proved in favour of the Senior Warden, Bro. J. P. Polglase.

The W.M. elect, in returning thanks said: W.M., Past Masters, officers and brethren, I beg to tender you my thanks for the high honour conferred upon me to-night, for your confidence and for your votes, and I assure you brethren, nothing shall be wanting on my part to cement and foster such friendly feeling shown towards me on this occasion, and I will endeavour to carry out the duties of this high and important office to the best of my ability, and I trust to your satisfaction and for the honour of the Craft.

W. Bro. W. F. Newman was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Rusden re-elected Tyler for the ensuing twelve months. The Audit Committee having been elected, the lodge was closed in due form. Friday, the 20th inst., was fixed for the ceremony of installation of the W.M.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—On the 12th inst., the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, for the purpose of installing Bro. R. de Clare Yeld, S.W. and W.M. elect. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. Hawdon, acting W.M., and among the present and past principal officers present were: Bros. H. T. Turnbull, P.M., So; J. Mitchinson, P.M., So; P. Vistendahl, P.M., So; M. Douglass, P.M., So; T. Elwin, P.M., So; Jas. Lowes, P.M., So; J. Murphy, W.M., 1389; T. Henderson, P.M., 94; M. Frampton, P.M., 94; J. Hudson, W.M., 94; J. H. Thompson, W.M., 240; A. T. Munro, P.M., 949; J. Egglestone, P.M., 949; W. Liddell, P.M., 949; Geo. Porteous, W.M., 949; C. McNamara, W.M. elect; J. C. Moor, J.W., 97; J. Hogg, W.M. elect; J. Storey, J.D., 659, Blyth. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. de Clare Yeld, was presented to the Installing Master (Bro. H. J. Turnbull, P.M.) by Bro. M. Douglass, P.M., and the ceremony of installing Bro. Yeld into the chair of K.S. was very efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. Turnbull. The W.M. having been duly proclaimed, he proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. Kinmond, I.P.M.;

J. E. Nelson, S.W.; H. S. Halvorsen, J.W.; T. G. Curry, Sec.; T. Elwin, P.M., Treas.; the Rev. R. H. Yeld, Chap.; M. Douglass, P.M., D. of C.; J. Deans, S.D.; T. Lemon, J.D.; F. Armstrong, I.G.; J. Thompson, Tyler; S. Rackley, T. T. Wilson, W. Mitchinson, S.S. During the ceremony Bro. C. M. Wake officiated as Organist. On the motion of Bro. P. M. Turnbull, seconded by Bro. P. M. Mitchinson, the usual donations to the local charities were passed. The lodge was afterwards duly closed, and in the evening the annual festival of the lodge was held in the banqueting room of the hall, the W.M. Bro. Yeld presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given.

STOCKPORT.—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held and the St. John's Festival celebrated, on Monday, the 11th inst., at Ashton House, Greck-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. W. Booth, W.M.; T. Burrows, I.P.M.; Francis Preston, S.W.; George Balfe, Treas.; Joseph Fox, I.G.; H. Seel, Steward; Joseph Meadows, Tyler; A. G. Cumming, C. Clarkson, G. Gaskell, J. Beresford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Schofield, P.M.; W. Gleave, Giles Atherton, S. Sellers, Herbert Finch, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. David E. Eldridge, J. Wood, and Col. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.M. 44, P.G. Sec. East Lanc.; J. Atkinson, I.P.M. 281; J. R. B. Pilkington, W.M. 281; W. C. Fleming, P.G. Tyler, 322 and 1957; John Horsley, 206; T. Brookes, 323, P.P. A.D.C.; J. P. Bardsley, P.M. 322, W.M. 1957; W. H. Vaughan, P.M. 1030; Samuel Bunting, 287; E. Hardon, 64, 1030, P.P.S.G.D.; E. J. Edmondson, 287; W. Hutton, P.M. 321; J. H. Goulden, S.W. 323; J. A. Birch, W.M. 287; J. W. Vaughan, P.M. 1030, P.P.G.R. East Lanc.; Mark Stafford, 361; J. B. Hamond, W.M. 1030; W. Brown, W.M. 322; R. Whitehead, 398, Halifax, N.S.; E. Ehlinger, 1161; T. Smith, P.M. 1126, P.P.J.G.D.; and Major Howard, P.P.J.G.W.

The rapid strides of advancement which this lodge has made during the last few years is little short of marvellous, and a large amount of praise in connection with this advance is undoubtedly due to our enterprising and indefatigable Bro. Herbert Finch, P.G. Dir. of Cers., Cheshire, who might aptly be described as chief mate to the noble captain of Cheshire Masons, the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley. We have witnessed our Bro. Finch at installation meetings, consecrations, foundation stone laying, and Provincial Grand Meetings, and in each and all, he has by his perfect knowledge of procedure, his self-possession, and ringing voice, proved himself the right man in the right place, and we know of no brother more fitted for the position he so worthily occupies as P.G.D.C., in fact, if it was possible for Bro. Finch to be persuaded to hold that office during the remainder of his Masonic career, we feel sure the Province of Cheshire would be the gainer by it.

The lodge was opened at three o'clock, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Major Frances Preston was presented by Bro. Herbert Finch, P.G.D.C., to the installing master, Bro. William Booth, and with due pride and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S.

On the admission of M.M.'s, Bro. Preston was proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he was accordingly saluted as such, the brethren forming in procession and singing the Masonic version of the National Anthem. When this formula had been gone through the requisite number of times, the W.M. said his first duty in his new office was a very pleasing one, viz., to present their I.P.M. with a Past Master's gold jewel, and he trusted Bro. Booth might long be spared to exhibit it in testimony of the zealous manner in which he had discharged his duties as W.M. The jewel, a very handsome one, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

Bro. Herbert Finch, P.G.D.C., in supplementing the remarks of the W.M., and referring to the I.P.M., added that he trusted all the brethren in St. John's Lodge would, whenever they were elected to any office, serve the lodge with the same zeal, and earnestness, and unselfishness as Bro. Booth had done. Bro. Finch then minutely described the problem in Euclid, which is engraven on the Past Master's jewel.

Bro. J. Beresford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., invested the following brethren officers for the ensuing year: Bros. George Balfe, S.W.; John Bell, J.W.; Rev. T. Newton, M.A., Chap.; J. Wood, Treas.; G. Gaskell, Sec.; Edmund Johnson, S.D.; Joseph Fox, J.D.; Herbert Finch, P.M., P.G.D.C., D. of C.; Henry Collier, P.M., P.G. Org.; William Gleave, I.G.; Giles Atherton and Thomas Davis, Stwds.; and Joseph Meadows, Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M. and brethren were impressively delivered by Bro. Finch, and that to the Wardens by Bro. Burrows, P.M.

The chants and responses during the ceremony were ably rendered by those well-known Cheshire brethren, Mark Stafford, E. J. Edmondson, T. Wilkinson, P.M., G. Balfe, and William Booth, I.P.M., whilst Bro. Henry Collier, P.M., P.G. Org., presided at the harmonium. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John at a banquet, which was exceedingly well catered for and served by Bro. J. Bentley, of the Nelson Hotel. During dessert the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, including that of "The W.M.," "I.P.M.," "Newly Invested Officers," "Visiting Brethren," "Sister Lodges of Stockport," &c., &c. The musical brethren before mentioned sang a choice selection of glees and choruses, including "Comrades in Arms," "The Soldiers Chorus" from "Faust" (which was re-demanded), &c., &c., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

BOLTON.—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, when the following were present: Bros. Geo. Taylor, W.M.; Wm. Cooper, I.P.M.; Richard Duxbury, S.W.; H. Broughton, J.W.; John Morris, P.M., Sec.; John Barratt, S.D.; Jos. Galloway, J.D.; John Haslam, I.G.; Wm. Heywood, Org.; Carter, Chorlton, Steward; Kennedy, and Nightingale.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Mr. James George Carter was balloted for and initiated by Bro. William Cooper, I.P.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Broughton, J.W. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Richard Duxbury, S.W., was declared to be

unanimously elected. Bro. William Nicholson, P.M., Prov. G. Swd. B., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; Bro. Thomas Higson, P.M., re-elected Tyler; and Bro. John Wild, P.M., re-elected Charity representative of the lodge. Bros. Broughton, J.W., and Barratt were elected auditors of the accounts for the past year. The lodge was closed in form, and the brethren proceeded to refreshment after labour.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 18th inst. The W.M., Bro. J. Skyes Rymer (Sheriff of York), presided, supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. Mark Rooke, I.P.M.; George Kirby, S.W., W.M. elect; George Garbutt, J.W.; The Very Rev. Dr. Purey-Cust, Dean of York, P.G. Chaplain; Joseph Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treasurer; S. Border, acting Secretary; W. Draper, S.D.; W. Powell, J.D.; T. G. Hodgson, I.G.; W. Smith, M.C.; T. Tulke, Organist; Wm. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Major J. A. Barstow, P.M.; Geo. Balford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. T. Sellar, P.M.; Major A. H. McGachen, P.M.; G. C. Lee, W.M.; J. Terry, J. Sampson, W. Thompson, W. G. Thomas, J. J. Leeman (M.P. for York); B. Dent, Rev. A. B. Day, J. Clarke, Rev. E. Hewitt, J. L. Eberle, Capt. M. Dunnington-Jefferson, T. S. Camidge, P.P.G.O.; H. Foster, W. Nicholson, J. Young, H. Churchill, E. Houlden, and others. Amongst the visitors present were the following: Bros. R. Gifford, W.M. 570; J. A. Banks, P.M. 570; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611; P.P.G.W.; M. Millington, W.M. 1611; Major-General J. Nason, Colonel, 44; A. B. Everett, 1845; (H. Short, 570; W. S. Knight, 570; H. J. Kendall, 570; T. T. Cheeseman, 570; E. J. De Salis, 1331; J. Blenkin, S.W. 1611; A. T. B. Turner, J.W. 1611; B. Dyson, S. D. 1611; E. A. Goodall, 1611; J. Mennell, 1611; J. A. Waters, 1611; J. Starkey, 1611; P. Pearson, 1611, and others.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and of a lodge of emergency having been confirmed, Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and R. F. Gould, P.G.D., were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. An illuminated address was next presented by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge to Bro. T. S. Camidge, P.P.G.O., expressive of the regret of the brethren on the occasion of his removal from York and their "Hearty good wishes" for his future success and prosperity.

The chair was then taken by Bro. Todd, P.M., the Installing Master, who appointed as his Wardens Bro. Cumberland, P.M. and Rooke, P.M., and the W.M. elect, was presented by the outgoing Master, and Bro. Lawton, P.M., for installation. Having given his assent to the ancient charges, the W.M. elect was duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was afterwards fully opened and the W.M. elect on his re-admission, was installed in the chair of K.S. The Board was then closed and the brethren admitted, when the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, and afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Skyes Rymer, I.P.M.; George Garbutt, S.W.; Wm. Draper, J.W.; Rev. A. B. Day, Chap.; J. Todd, P.M. Treas.; W. Smith, Sec.; W. Thompson, S.D.; T. G. Hodgson, J.D.; M. Rooke, P.M. M.C.; T. Sanderson, Org.; S. Border, I.G.; J. B. Sampson, and E. H. Purnell, Stewards; J. W. G. Calvert, Tyler.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. the Dean of York for his services as Chaplain during the last two years; to which the Dean, in an excellent speech, responded.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a capital programme of music, by Bros. Gifford, Cumberland, Todd, Sampson, and others, considerably enhanced the enjoyment of the proceedings.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 240).—On Monday, the 11th inst., the brethren of the above lodge met in the Masonic Hall, Fowler-street, for the purpose of installing Bro. J. H. Thompson, S.W., W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. G. S. Shotton, and amongst those present were Bros. Rev. T. B. Nichols, W.M. 1863; T. Renton, P.M. 1119; T. G. Mabane, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Wright, P.M.; J. H. Morton, P.M.; R. H. Thompson, P.G.S.W.; W. T. Clarke, P.G.J.W., 1829; G. J. Place, P.G.A.P. Northumberland; James Roddam, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Goldner, W.M. 1119; G. Lawson, P.M.; J. T. Wilson, I.P.M.; Thos. Coulson, W.M. 1970, P.G.J.D.; J. Moore, J.W. 97; and Ward, P.M., and W.M. elect, 431.

The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., by whom the W.M. elect was subsequently presented to the Installing Master, Bro. James Roddam, who performed the ceremony, including the charges to the Wardens and brethren, in his best style. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. S. Shotton, I.P.M.; Thos. Binks, S.W.; G. Robson, J.W.; T. G. Mabane, P.M., D. of C.; G. Davidson, S.D.; A. E. Cowling, J.D.; J. Hunter, I.G.; J. Hinde, Treas.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Hall and G. Wilson, Stwds.; and John Brown, Tyler.

The W.M., Bro. C. H. Thompson, after receiving the hearty congratulations of the several visiting brethren, in a few appropriate words presented Bro. G. S. Shotton, I.P.M., with a beautiful and valuable dress Past Master's jewel, along with a Past Master's apron and collar, with silver Past Master's jewel attached, all of which were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London. The jewels bore suitable inscriptions.

Bro. the Rev. G. S. Shotton responded with considerable emotion. He said the great and unexpected kindness of the brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge was such as he would not forget as long as he lived.

The lodge having been closed in due form by the W.M., the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, Bro. Lauderdale's, where the annual banquet was held, when upwards of fifty brethren sat down, and a first-class dinner was served up in first-rate style. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. H. Thompson, W.M., and the vice-chairs by Bro. Thomas Binks, S.W., and Bro. Geo. Robson, J.W. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., and D. of C., in proposing the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of the W.M., and Continued Success to St. Hilda's Lodge,"

said that it afforded him great pleasure to be present upon that occasion, which to him was a very eventful one. He well remembered, some eleven or twelve years ago, being told by their respected W.M. that he (the W.M.) had taken upon himself the liberty and responsibility of proposing him (the speaker) as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason and a member of St. Hilda's Lodge; he was duly initiated, passed, and raised, and, by their kindness, had had the honour of occupying various offices, and finally the chair of K.S. in St. Hilda's Lodge. Having himself been appointed to that high office, he remembered the kindness of Bro. Thompson, took the advantage of investing him as one of his officers, and since that time he was pleased to observe the career of their W.M., until now he had attained to the distinguished honour of being their W.M. He (the speaker) was perfectly sure that Bro. Thompson would so conduct the affairs of St. Hilda's Lodge, that the brethren would have reason to be proud of their choice. As a gentleman of high literary attainments, he was specially suited for his position, and would conduct the business of the lodge with credit to it and honour to himself.

The W.M., previous to responding to the toast, said he had just received a telegram from Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. Grand Secretary, regretting his inability to be with them, owing to the death that day of a relative in Newcastle. He also mentioned that he had received letters from Bros. R. B. Reed, P.M., &c., and from some half-dozen other distinguished brethren, who were sorry they could not be present, owing to ill-health, but who promised to visit St. Hilda's Lodge during the ensuing year. The W.M. in responding to the toast of his health, said that when he was asked six years ago to take office by Bro. Mabane, then the W.M. elect of the St. Hilda's Lodge, he then determined to devote what time and attention he could to Freemasonry, and the more he knew of their excellent institution the more he appreciated and valued it. The tenets of the Order were to him sacred. A day or two ago, he chanced to come across the following exposition of Freemasonry, in a work by Dr. Arnold, which so appropriately expressed his own views, that he would repeat the words to the brethren.

They were: "Freemasonry opens a new temple, and erects a new altar above all prejudice and dissensions and selfishness—a temple dedicated to friendship, love, and truth, where men of all parties are taught to lay aside their differences and their hypocrisies, and meet on the common ground of truth and charity. Our lodges are the asylums of peace and love; political or religious disputes cannot enter there; and within their peace-inspiring walls men of all shades of opinion meet as brothers, and bind themselves by solemn vows to fulfil the Christian law of love, and to do good to all men, as they had opportunity or ability. There may the lone wanderer, weary and discouraged in his search of friendship, find repose in sympathising and loving hearts. . . . Unity, love, and friendship are the very objects it seeks to promote. Masonry not only embraces all the excellencies of other societies, however noble and good, but it goes far beyond them. It asks that not only that justice be done; it demands friendship and love. Thus it towers above them all, stands pre-eminent in beauty and splendour, as the bright moon around a heaven of stars." Such was his creed, and he hoped and trusted it would be so with many members of St. Hilda Lodge. He thanked them for the honour they had done him, an honour of which he felt remarkably proud.

The other toasts followed, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent. Some excellent music was rendered by Bro. E. J. Gibbon, P.P.G.O. Northumberland, Bro. B. Dewar, 541, Bro. Jas. Liddle, 392, and other brethren.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., an emergency meeting of the above lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, for the purpose of raising Bros. J. Fyall, John Marshall, and J. Dawson to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge was opened and raised by Bro. C. H. Thompson, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. G. S. Shotton, I.P.M.; Thos. Binks, S.W.; Geo. Robson, J.W.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., Secretary; Thos. Coulson, P.G.D., acting as S.D.; A. J. Cowling, J.D.; J. Hunter, I.G.; J. A. Hall and Geo. Wilson, Stewards; and John Brown, Tyler. The Sublime Degree of a Master Mason was given by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. S. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in love and harmony.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281). The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the evening of the 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate. This being also the annual meeting for the election of officers, there was a larger attendance of members than usual. Bro. Pilkington, the W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Atkinson, I.P.M.; Greyson, S.W.; Bayley, J.W.; Stanton, S.D.; McRaith, J.D.; and Nicholson, I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, when the unanimous voice of the lodge was accorded to Bro. Greyson, S.W., a like compliment being paid to Bro. James Hatch, P.M., for the office of Treasurer. Bro. Allinson was elected Tyler; and the sum of £5 was voted to the W.M. and Wardens for distribution to local institutions. It was resolved that the installation meeting should be held on the afternoon of the 27th inst., to be followed by the banquet in the evening. After the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

REDHILL.—Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1362).—On Saturday, the 16th inst. Bro. Alderman Summers was installed W.M. of the above lodge, in succession to Bro. W. New. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Laker, I.P.M., at the request of the W.M. Bro. Summers appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. Nightingale, S.W.; F. Gundry, J.W.; H. Austen, Treas.; W. J. Kemp, P.M., P.G.P. Surrey, Hon. Sec.; C. Brown, S.D.; J. Nightingale, J.D.; H. S. Hubbard, I.G.; H. Trower, W.S.; R. Killick, D. of C.; and C. Heather, Tyler. The installation banquet was subsequently held at the Redhill Market Hall.

WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—The installation of Bro. J. Methven as W.M. for the ensuing year took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 6th inst., at Woolston College, where, as last year, the lodge

was allowed to meet by permission of the P.G.M., the use of the building, which answered the purpose admirably, being kindly granted by the incoming W.M. The installation ceremony was conducted in a very able manner by W. Bro. G. J. Tilling, P.M., to whom the thanks of the brethren were afterwards voted, "Clausentum" being congratulated on the fact that within its ranks of Past Masters were included Masons who were willing and able to undertake this important ceremony, the retiring W.M. having been installed last year by W. Bro. W. Bowyer, the Treasurer. The new W.M. distributed the collars as follows: W. Bro. W. H. Chapman, I.P.M. (to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his services during the past year); D. O. Hobbs, S.W.; A. G. Brown, J.W.; G. J. Tilling, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec. (re-elected); R. Bell, S.D.; M. F. Curtis, J.D.; J. T. Wells, Org.; E. Waters, Dir. of Cers.; J. W. Danells, I.G.; Richard Scovell and E. T. Wise, Stwds.; and W. Vane, Tyler.

The banquet was afterwards served by Bro. T. Dartnall, whose excellent catering was supplemented by a splendid display of bouquets and plants for table decoration, sent by Bro. Petty, whose contributions, though he is but an amateur, would have done credit to any professional horticulturist. The usual Masonic toasts were given, "The Visitors" being acknowledged by W. Bros. Davies (W.M. of the Royal Gloucester); H. P. Arthur (W.M. of the Peace and Harmony); Capt. Brooks (W.M. of the Shirley); and W. Berry, (W.M. of the Albert Edward); while respondents for "sister lodges" were found in W. Bro. W. Horton (W.M. of the New Forest); and Bro. Henry Lashmore (S.W. of the Southampton); and Martin 251.

During the evening W. Bro. Admiral Martin, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., stated that matters in connection with the land for the erection of the proposed Woolston Masonic Hall were now nearly completed, and a general hope was expressed that the building would be inaugurated during the tenure of the master's chair by Bro. Methven. There was a good attendance of brethren both in lodge and at the banquet.

PADSTOW.—St. Petroc Lodge (No. 1785).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Frank Bray, W.M. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and correspondence read and discussed, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. J. F. Clemow, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony of installation was ably conducted by Bro. Frank Bray, assisted by Bros. Thos. Hicks, P.M. 1529; W. H. Martyn, P.M. 1785; W. H. Roberts, P.M. 1785; and J. Best, W.M. 1529. On the lodge assembling, the usual addresses having been effectively given, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. Frank Bray, I.P.M.; W. H. Pope, S.W.; F. G. Harding, J.W.; R. S. Langford, Treas.; Gilbert Nicholls, Sec.; J. A. Blamey, S.D.; J. R. Stribley, J.D.; J. R. Beatt, I.G.; W. H. Martyn, junr., D.C.; J. Hawken, Org.; J. B. Williams and P. Blake, Stewards; and M. McGregor, Tyler. Bro. James Nicholls was elected Steward for the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund.

After Bro. Thomas Hicks had given the brethren some sound Masonic counsel, lodge was closed, and the members, with several visitors, proceeded to the banquet at Wills's Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Bro. Thomas Hicks, in proposing "The Health of the W.M." spoke of the pleasure he always felt when visiting St. Petroc Lodge, the junior in Cornwall, which, if it continued the progress which had characterised it in the past, would soon rival its seniors in Masonic efficiency. From his knowledge of the newly-installed W.M., as a man and a Mason, he felt confident he would conduct its affairs with discretion, and keep the brethren well posted in Masonic work.

Bro. Clemow, in response, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and assured them that, in carrying out the duties of the high and honourable office to which he had been called, he would emulate the ability and zeal which had distinguished his predecessors during their period of office.

Bro. W. H. Roberts proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and alluded in felicitous terms to the ability with which he, on vacating the chair of K.S., had installed his successor to that distinguished position.

Bro. Frank Bray returned thanks in a neat speech. He was proud of the estimation in which, as a young lodge, they were held; to which he had, to the best of his ability, assisted to bring them; and, although in passing from the W.M.'s chair he was placed in a less active position, he should always deem it his greatest pleasure to work for the welfare of St. Petroc Lodge.

Other toasts followed, that of "The Visiting Brethren" being coupled with the names of Bros. Whitley and Markam, who responded with much ability.

During the evening Bros. Blamey, Harding, Langford, and Hawken entertained the company with some excellent singing.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—On Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a goodly attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Coulson, P.M. 240, P.J.G.D., assisted by the following officers: Bros. T. Potter, I.P.M.; J. J. Athey, P.M., S.W.; Wm. Davidson, J.W.; J. H. Morton, P.M., Treas.; J. Heppell, Sec.; J. Robertson, P.M., D. of C.; M. Wheatley, S.D.; W. Ross, J.D.; E. J. Gibbon, P.P.G.O. Northumberland, Org.; R. Walker, I.G.; Dr. Dalzell and Colin Weaver, Stewards; and J. Brown, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren present were Bros. W. T. Clarke, P.J.W. 318 and 1829; G. T. Leabham, 124; J. W. Lambton, 514; G. Lawson, P.M.; Jas. Liddle, 392, Edinburgh; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. passed Bros. T. Southron and Robert Peter Moncrief to the Second Degree, Bro. J. J. Athey, P.M., S.W., giving the working tools. Bros. A. Scott, J. Kell, J. W. Henderson, J. Ross, and E. Taylor were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s by Bro. J. Robertson, P.M., D. of C., in a very impressive manner. The impressiveness of the ceremony was greatly heightened by the fine rendering of the music by Bros. E. J. Gibbon, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Northumberland, Org.; G. T. Leabham, 124; J. Liddle, 392, Edinburgh; B. Dewar, J. Woolner, and others. After the business of the lodge the brethren adjourned and spent a pleasant evening.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—

At the meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 15th inst., Bro. A. J. Styles presided as W.M. The officers were Bro. J. N. Bate, S.W.; H. Baldwin, J.W.; R. Poore, S.D.; C. H. Willshire, J.D.; H. H. Willshire, I.G.; James Stephens, P.M. and Preceptor.

The W.M. having opened the lodge in F.C., Bro. Henry, as candidate for raising, proved proficiency, and the ceremony was rehearsed in the Third Degree, the charge being ably delivered by Bro. Bate. The lodge was closed down and called off. "Entry drill" was practised at the earnest request of the brethren present. Friday, the 22nd, being the Preceptor's night, the position of W.M. was offered to Bro. R. Poore, who accepted same, and expressed his intention to introduce several Masonic friends on that occasion.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—

A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 13th inst., at Morland's Hotel, Dean-street, W., when there were present Bro. C. A. Woods, W.M. 145, W.M.; J. Lonsdale, W.M. 382, S.W.; T. Harper, W.M. 1216, J.W.; L. Solomon, S.W. 1732, S.D.; W. Fowles, 471, J.D. J. Finch, 1793, I.G.; and L. G. Langton, J.D. 538, Hon. Secretary.

The installation ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M., and Bro. G. A. Crundy, W.M. 901, was presented as W.M. elect. On the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. J. R. Skinner, S.W. and W.M. elect of the mother lodge, took the chair and invested the officers.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at 8 p.m., at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, when there were present: Bros. L. Frankel, W.M.; Le Cren, S.W.; Boyce, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; Hildreth, Sec.; Martin, S.D.; Greenwood, J.D.; Gray, I.G.; Foss, Preceptor; Evans, Twining, Crane, Upjohn, Garrod, Hunt, Loring, and Jones.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Twining was interrogated and retired. Bro. Greenwood was entrusted as candidate for raising, and the lodge opened in the Third Degree and worked, and afterwards closed in the Third Degree and resumed in the First Degree. The First and Second Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Foss, assisted by Bro. Greenwood, in a very able manner. Bros. Greenwood and Twining were elected joining members and returned thanks. Thanks were also given to Bro. L. Frankel for the very able manner in which he performed the duties of W.M., and the lodge was then closed.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on the 18th inst. Present: Bros. West, W.M.; Glass, S.W.; Scheerboom, J.W.; Shadrake, S.D.; Peterkin, J.D.; M. Isaacs, I.G.; D. Moss, S.D. 1275, Preceptor; B. Stewart, 1278, Hon. Sec.; Maud, Hubbert, Hopkins, Austin, Job, Pringle, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hopkins answering the usual questions leading from Second to Third Degrees, was duly entrusted. The lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Hopkins candidate. The brethren then practised entry drill and the seven steps. Bro. Pringle worked the Second and Third Sections of the Lecture assisted by the brethren. The lodge was regularly closed down, when Bro. Shadrake, 1457, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Glass was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on 8th January, 1883.

Bro. M. Isaacs presented the lodge with a handsome set of tracing boards.

Bro. Moss proposed, and Bro. Glass seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very handsome present, which was carried unanimously.

Bros. Maud, Hubbert and M. Isaacs, were unanimously appointed auditors.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).—

The annual installation meeting of this old chapter was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., but owing to the illness of two of the Principals, the election meeting has not been held, so that the M.E.Z. and H. hold office for another year. The chapter was opened by Ex. Comp. H. Lovegrove, with Comp. F. Dunn, as H., and Comp. J. Nunn, as J., after which Comp. F. Thurston was duly installed into the third chair. The next business was the exaltation of Bro. Fountaine, No. 45, the ceremony being effectively rendered by Comps. Nunn and Lovegrove. There were present Comps. Webb, P.Z., Treas.; E. Dodson, P.Z.; G. Edwards, F. Bates, A. W. O'Donnell, F. Read, C. Walker, and others.

A banquet followed, after which Comps. Rev. Edward Dodson, Webb, Bates, and Lovegrove enlivened the proceedings.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—

This old chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 12th inst. Among those present were Comps. N. Moss, M.E.Z.; Davis, H.; Stewart, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Ellborn, S.N.; T. Davis, P.S.; Wallis and Cleghorne, Assistants; P. Robinson, P.Z.; J. Mander, P.Z.; T. C. Wallis, P.P. G.D.C. Middlesex, I.P.Z.; and Rawlinson, Janitor. Comp. Underwood, Highgate Chapter, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was partly rehearsed by the three Principals, whose working was highly to be commended. Several communications from absent members having been read, and a proposition for exaltation handed in, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given and honoured.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was ably and warmly proposed by Comp. Robinson, P.Z.

The toast of "The Visitor" having been enthusiastically received, Comp. Underwood duly acknowledged the compliment, in which response he expressed himself as being highly gratified with the working of the chapter and its subsequent hospitality.

Comps. Robinson and Mander responded upon behalf of "The Past Principals."

Comps. Davis and Stewart replied for "The Second and Third Principals."

To the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E." Comp. Davage responded.

Comps. Ellborn and T. Davis acknowledged the pledge of "The Officers."

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (T.I.).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, there being present Bros. W. H. Alcock, P.P.G. Stwd., presiding as W.M.; W. Cooper, P.G.S.D., S.W.; J. B. Taylor, J.W.; John Kenyon, M.O.; John Partington, J.O.; T. Morris, P.P. G.S.B., Sec.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W., Treas.; John Wolstenholme, W. Wood, W. Wadeson, John Harwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; John Alcock, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; N. Nicholson, W. Green, T. G. Orrell, J. F. Riley, Irving, G. Walker, R. H. Phillips, Jas. Allen, J. Barrett, R. Jones, and T. Higson.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. John Harwood presented Bro. Wm. Cooper, W.M. elect, to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of Bro. Brockbank. He was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, and having intimated his appointment of the following brethren to their respective offices, they were invested with the collar and jewel appertaining thereto by Bro. John Harwood, who suitably addressed each brother on the nature and duties of the office to which he had been appointed: Bros. J. B. Taylor, S.W.; John Kenyon, J.W.; John Partington, M.O.; W. Wadeson, S.O.; N. Nicholson, J.O.; T. Morris, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Court, Conductor; H. Tongue, S.D.; John Barrett, J.D.; J. M. Kerr, Timekeeper; John Alcock, P.M., D. of C.; Jno. Harwood, P.M., Org.; and R. H. Phillips, Stwd.

Bro. Brockbank, who has served the office of Treasurer for more than twelve years, having earnestly desired to be relieved from his duties, in favour of some brother who had more leisure to devote to the office, and being unwilling to be re-appointed, Bro. W. H. Alcock, was appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Thomas Higson was re-appointed Tyler.

Bro. William Barnes, 348, was balloted for and approved, but being weather-bound at some distance from home could not be present for advancement.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

INVICTA CHAPTER (No. 10).—The annual installation meeting of this popular chapter was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at 33, Golden-square. The ceremony was most ably rendered by Bro. Bywater, and Bros. Collard and Jepp were perfected. Bro. Bywater then proceeded to instal Bro. C. Grabham into the chair as M.W.S. The officers appointed were Bros. Legge, 1st Gen.; C. W. Thompson, 2nd Gen.; Major Dunbar, Raphael; Bywater, Treas.; G. Powell, Recorder; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Prelate; and others.

There were also present Bro. P. Laird, Dr. Mickle, G. Edwards, J. Read, H. Lovegrove, W. G. Lemon, J. Glynds, with Bros. D. M. Dewar, Rev. P. M. Holden, and Court (Antigua), as visitors.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GENERAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

The annual assembly was holden on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, when there were present Sir Kts. J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., V.I. Grand Senior General, on the throne; J. G. Marsh, Past Grand Architect, as Grand Viceroy; T. Cubitt, Grand Junior General, as Grand Senior General; H. A. Dubois, Grand Marshal, as Grand Junior General; Rev. P. M. Holden, V.I. Grand High Prelate, who occupied the throne before the arrival of the V.I. Sir Kt. Macartney (who was detained by sudden illness in his family); John Mason, Grand High Chancellor; H. C. Levander, P.G.S. Gen., Grand Treasurer; W. R. Woodman, P.G.S. Gen., Grand Recorder; E. H. Thiellay, Grand Asst. Treasurer; Donald M. Dewar, Grand Sub-Almoner; T. C. Walls, Grand Inspector of Regalia; W. E. Dawes, Grand Standard Bearer; Thos. Massa, Grand Sword Bearer; H. J. Lardner and Captain Geo. Cockle, Knights Grand Cross; John Barker, M.P.S. White Rose of York; Geo. J. Robinson, P.S.; Lieut.-Col. A. Stewart, P.S. Hydaspes, Intendant General Punjab; H. H. Shirley, W. Holman, J. T. Moss, J. Giesman Chillingworth, Intendant General (unattached); Thomas Kingston, A. H. Bateman, Treas. 122; George Mickle, C. W. Pridmore, J. H. Plowden, Dr. Elliott, Geo. Cadell, John Gilbert, Grand Sentinel; and William Lake (Freemason).

The lines having been formed, the M.I. acting 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 were taken as read, and carried unanimously.

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

"The report of the Executive Committee of the Grand Imperial Council.

"The Order is fairly progressing, though we have not to report anything specially interesting in the year that has now passed away. The conclaves which have been working steadily, have continued to do so, and one or two

which had not been working for several years have resumed their functions.

"There have been no complaints during the past year, and we have every reason to believe that all grievances are fully redressed.

"All correspondents have been fully and promptly replied to, and certificates sent in every instance where they were fairly claimed.

"Among the old conclaves which have resumed working, we may mention the White Rose of York, 120, Sheffield, with a long list of members; St. John and St. Paul, 122, Erith, which is continually adding members of excellent quality. There is also renewed activity in the Hiram, 119, Rawal Pindi; and in the Burdett, 140, Dunedin, New Zealand. The Wignacourt, 141, Malta, continues to add to its numbers, but it would be invidious to enter into particulars of the various conclaves which are more or less prosperous, and we cannot expect that all should be equally successful. Among the new conclaves that have had unusual difficulties placed in their way, we may mention that of St. Louis and St. Cyprian of Tunis, North Africa, established by Sir Knight Broadley, and we can fully appreciate the cause of its slow development. I cannot conclude the list without mentioning the Concord, 8, Jersey, which has always gone on adding steadily to its numbers, the Dykes, 36 Cocker-mouth, and last, but by no means least, the Eboracum, 137, York, which is most active and efficient, and with it I must couple the Byzantine, 44, Leicester, which is in a most flourishing condition, and has had honourable mention on a former occasion, and has contributed largely of its funds to the Masonic Charities.

"We have nothing to complain of as we have been steadily consolidating the order, and have since our last report issued: Red Cross Certificates, 59, K. H. S. and St. John Certificates, 50.

"One Intended General has been appointed, namely, Lieut.-Col. A. Stewart, of Rawal Pindi, for the Punjab, vice Lieut.-Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, who has retired. Two Intendant Generals unattached, namely, J. Giesman Chillingworth, and J. E. Curteis, Past Grand Warden of Devon.

"It has been decided in future to confine the appointment of Prelates to two, viz., one Grand Prelate, as a member of the Council, and one Grand Sub-Prelate, as a member of the Grand Senate. The Grand Sovereign, in placing the two present Grand Prelates on the list of Past Grand Councilors, appoints Sir Knight Ambrose W. Hall as Grand Prelate for the ensuing year.

"The Grand Treasurer's accounts were duly audited, and showed the following result: General account, balance in hand, £53 9s. 4d.; Grand Almoners' Fund, balance in hand, £75 16s.; and K.H.S. and St. John, balance in hand, £18 17s.

(Signed) "WM. ROBT. WOODMAN, Grand Recorder. December 4th, 1882."

The adoption of this report was proposed by Sir Kt. CHILLINGWORTH, seconded by Sir Kt. DEWAR, and carried unanimously.

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign appointed the following eight senators:

1. George Kenning,
2. C. F. Hogard,
3. Rev. Canon Hartford,
4. Charles Hammerton,
5. E. H. Thiellay,
6. Herbert Dicketts,
7. Donald M. Dewar,
8. T. C. Walls.

For the ten senators to be elected by Grand Conclave, a ballot was taken, seventeen having been nominated. Sir Knights H. A. Dubois, D. M. Dewar and E. H. Thiellay were appointed Scrutineers, assisted by Sir Knight Levander, and the result was as follows:

1. Thomas Massa,
2. W. E. Dawes,
3. C. E. Peck,
4. G. A. Rooks,
5. A. A. Pendlebury,
6. A. R. Robinson,
7. H. Venn,
8. J. G. Chillingworth,
9. J. T. Moss,
10. J. Moon.

It was proposed by Sir Kt. LEVANDER, Grand Treasurer, and seconded by Sir Kt. WOODMAN, Grand Recorder, that the usual vote of thirty guineas, viz.: ten guineas to each of the Masonic charities be given. This motion was carried unanimously.

A letter was read from the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., regretting his unavoidable absence, he being detained in Yorkshire; also one from the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, expressing his regret at being unable to attend. There were also many other letters and telegrams of a similar kind.

It was proposed by Sir Kt. WOODMAN, seconded by Sir Kt. Rev. P. M. HOLDEN, and carried unanimously, that the same Executive Committee which has acted for the past two years be re-appointed.

Sir Kt. HOLDEN proposed, and Sir Kt. Moss seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the Grand Conclave expresses its sympathy with Bro. M. E. Macartney, who is prevented by sudden illness from being with us. The Grand Conclave was then closed in imperial form, and the assembly adjourned.

The banquet which was held in conjunction with that of the Premier, was presided over by the acting Grand Sovereign, the Very Illustrious Sir Kt. W. Ellison Macartney, Grand Senior General, and the toast of the evening was as usual, that of our "Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, under whose genial rule the Red Cross and its appendant Orders are enjoying a fair share of prosperity and advancement.

TRUSSES, ELASTIC BANDAGES, ETC.—SEELY'S HARD RUBBER TRUSSES.—The world's recognition of unequalled excellence. Receiving the only award of merit granted for trusses at the late international Medical Exhibition, 1881. Made in every desirable and latest improved pattern, fine steel springs, neatly covered with highly-polished hard rubber, light, cool, cleanly, unaffected by time, use, or climate. Free from all sour, rusty, chafing, or strapping unpleasantness. Used in bathing. Always reliable. The correct and skilful mechanical treatment of hernia or rupture a specialty. Under patronage of the world's most distinguished surgeons. Choice assortment of elastic surgical hosiery. Belts, improved suspensory bandages, shoulder braces. Establishments—74, Fleet-street, London, E.C., and 1347, Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, U.S.A.—[ADVT.]



The Globe re-opens to-morrow (Saturday) evening with "Jane Eyre," adapted by Mr. Wills. Mrs. Bernard Beere and Mr. Charles Kelly will play the chief parts.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Avenue re-opens with a performance, both morning and evening, of the children's pantomime, "Dick Whittington." All the players are under fourteen years of age.

The Gaiety to-morrow (Saturday) evening will see the first performance of "Valentine and Orson," the fifth of the series of burlesques by Mr. Reece. We shall notice it in a future issue. Seats are not to be had for love or money for the first ten days or so. Bro. Terry will be chief character.

"Eloped; or, Babes and Beetles," by the late Tom Taylor, has taken the place of "The Heir at Law" at the Strand, and, with Mr. John S. Clarke, as *Beetles*, is certainly more interesting than the last comedy. It was originally brought out at the Haymarket, twenty-two years ago, where it was not remarkable for its success. Its plot is slight, but it is owing to Mr. John S. Clarke's marvellous performance that it has taken a hold on the public. It is a choice bit of character acting, in which Mr. Clarke gives the humorous picture of a hen-pecked husband, never for a moment venturing on extravagance, and making great fun out of circumstances which give little room for verbal brilliancy. His facial contortions are in themselves a study. Mr. Carton plays very agreeably, and Miss Blanche Thompson, a young American actress, with the full Yankee nasal twang, appear as the young couple *Beetles* exercises a benign influence over. Miss Sallie Turner is the terminant wife. Bro. Byron's "Frolique" still succeeds the first piece. It is most probable that the whole programme may shortly be changed, for it cannot be said that there is enough to make a long run.

It appears that during the fourteen years of Bro. Hollingshead's management of the Gaiety he has taken from the public £544,000. He has paid in rates and taxes £16,000; literature, through the dramatic authors, £40,000; and the profession, £300,000. No London theatre can show such a record of obstinate continuous work, which has been all done without the aid of sandwich-men, posters, shop bills, and frantic advertisements. Bro. Hollingshead apologises to the gentlemen of the Press for having produced so many three act burlesques; but he finds from the heavy receipts the general public appear to find a pleasure in this form of entertainment, and he has a large and valuable company well skilled in supplying it. No one will wish to deny this we hope. The twenty-two exits into four separate streets, which the theatre had when it was built, have not been added to nor diminished. The lessee regrets that the legislature still insists on the two doors of the dress circle and upper box levels, and communicating with the adjoining restaurant, being bricked up, although he has no interest in the establishment next door. Bro. Hollingshead, as long as he puts before the public such an attractive programme, may fairly look to the substantial aid of the public in the future as the past. In the management he is ably assisted by Mr. Hartt, a gentleman as courteous as he is businesslike.

Miss Lila Clay has doubtless scored a success with her new opera comique, "An Adamless Eden," written by Mr. Saville Clarke, the music composed by Mr. Slaughter. We need scarcely say no male assistance is permitted more than that we have mentioned. The author has succeeded in weaving together a merry story, full of telling hits on the popular subjects of the day. The *Duchess of Brecks* is Viceroy of the Island of Eden, and has her full cabinet of ministers, Postmistress-General, Commander-in-chief, Chief Secretary, Attorney-General, and Chairman of the School Board, which has but one child to teach. *Miss Sophie Syntax*, the head of the School Board, is not content even upon this paradise, for she receives at intervals the visits of a gentleman who comes in the disguise of a pilgrim. The *Duchess* and *Attorney-General* discover this male intruder, and feign to be shocked, and declare they will make it known unless *Miss Syntax* suits them also with lovers. She of course consents, as with natural female jealousy, she is afraid that the viceroy will fall in love with her lover. Two new pilgrims arrive, and much merriment is here added by the playing of Miss Linda Verner and Miss Reba. The *Duchess* and her *Attorney-General* are found concealing these men. The whole population now find themselves tired of their own society, and pine for the sterner sex. "What is life without man" say they. They clearly prove that though Adam existed without Eve, yet Eve cannot live without Adam. A number of the male sex make their appearance in the isle; a show is made of defence, and the ladies throw both themselves and their arms to the men. The music is light and pretiy. The words are very clever, especially in their reference to daily topics. The ballet of postwomen, with knockers attached to their backs, is at once novel and happily conceived, and met the first evening with an encore. Probably by now the performers are more used to their parts, but on the opening evening only Miss Amalia could be said to be at home in it. She seems to have caught the spirit of the opera, and gives it life. Her singing and speaking were remarkably clear and easy. Miss Jongmans plays *The Pilgrim*, Miss Cross *The Duchess*, and Miss Howell *The Attorney-General*. The whole piece is in a measure a satire on Miss Clay's company, for while Miss Clay is endeavouring to show the public what ladies can do without the assistance of the gentlemen, and successfully perform and keep a theatre open, the new opera clearly demonstrates that it is not good for woman to be alone, and that without man she is helpless and miserable. The author and composer of this clever little piece, together with Miss Lila Clay, were called before the curtain at its close to receive the plaudits of the audience, who showed they had been much gratified.



The Potter Exhibition at the Royal College of Music has been awarded to Miss Lillian Munster, Miss Annie Cantelo, who already holds the Lady Goldsmith Scholarship, foregoing it in her favour.

The Balfe Scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music has been awarded to Charles S. Macpherson, the *Westmoreland Scholarship* to Miss Charlotte Thudicum, and the Hine Gift to Septimus B. Webbe.

Mr. Louis Beck, band master of St. James's Hall and the London Scottish, has been presented by some of his numerous friends with a handsome baton as a mark of their respect and esteem for his long and valuable services.

At a meeting on Friday week of the Committee of the Leeds Musical Festival, it was resolved to hold the festival in October next. The Mayor, who presided, was unanimously elected chairman, Councillor F. R. Spark was re-elected honorary Secretary, and Mr. E. B. Faber was appointed Treasurer.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh attended a meeting, on Saturday afternoon, in the Town Hall, Liverpool, at which he strenuously advocated the cause of the Royal College of Music. In the evening, at a public concert in behalf of the same institution, His Royal Highness played the violin obligato to an "Ave Maria," by Gounod.

The Alhambra Promenade Concerts at the Royal Westminster Aquarium will commence to-day (Saturday), under the direction of MM. Jacobi and C. Dubois. The Alhambra and Aquarium orchestras will be combined and augmented, and, in addition to the Alhambra chorus, there will be among the singers Miss Constance Loseby, Madame Amadi, Mr. H. Walsham, and Mr. Hogarth.

The popular concert of to-day (Saturday) at St. James's Hall, will include Beethoven's celebrated septett for stringed and wind instruments, Chopin's barcarolle in F sharp major for pianoforte alone, and Hungarian dances by Brahms and Joachim for pianoforte and violin. Executants MM. Joachim, Ries, Hollander, Lazarus, Wendtland, Wotton, Reynolds, and Piatti, Madame Haas pianoforte, and vocalist, Miss Carlotta Elliot.

The public have had for a few days an opportunity of judging of the Christmas programme at Mr. and Mrs. German Reed's entertainment at St. George's Hall, and though one of the novelties, "That Dreadful Boy," is too boisterous, there is little doubt but that it will prove highly attractive when the performance is resumed on Tuesday next. The first portion of the entertainment is an appropriate sketch entitled "A Strange Host, or a Happy New Year," written by Mr. Arthur Law, the music being by Mr. King Hall. It reminds one strongly of the "Christmas Carol" and other stories of a similar tendency, and is capably played by Messrs. Corney Grain, Alfred Reed, and Mr. North Home, and Misses Edith Brandon and Fanny Holland. Mr. Reed is the hero of "That Dreadful Boy," *Master Johnnie Blazer*, and is well backed up by the other artistes. Mr. Corney Grain's musical sketch "En Route" is retained with advantage.

The annual Christmas concert given by the pupils of the said Academy came off on Friday last, at St. James's Hall. We gave particulars of the programme intended last week. It will suffice, therefore, if we say the two compositions by Messrs. Macpherson and Hattersley, both students, to which a conspicuous place was assigned in the first part of the programme, exhibited marked ability. Miss Margaret Gyde and Miss Annie Mukle divided between them the solo part of Brahms's new concerto for the pianoforte, both of them affording indisputable evidence that they had carefully studied the work. Miss Ehrenberg, who has a good mezzo-soprano voice, sang "O Araby," from "Oberon," with great taste. The second part of the concert consisted of Handel's "Ode to St. Cecilia's Day," and the solo artistes—the Misses Hardy and Thudicum and Messrs. D. Lewis and C. Pounds—made an excellent impression on the audience. The new organ accompaniment by W. Sewell proved successful; while the orchestra and chorus, under Mr. Shakespeare's direction, played and sang exceedingly well. The former, it should be remarked, was composed of past and present students, to the number of seventy; while the latter consisted mostly, if not entirely, of present students, and was not far short of 150 strong.

Among the annual events which always prove greatly and deservedly attractive at this season is the concert given by the pupils of Madame Sainton-Dolby's Vocal Academy, and that on Thursday evening week in the Steinway Hall proved no exception. Indeed, but for the weather it would have been attractive above the average of such gatherings, for the long programme was admirably carried out. Miss Killick, who was called upon to repeat "I cannot forget;" Miss Lord, by her able rendering of "There is a green hill far away" (Gounod); Miss Carter, who sang "Schubert's 'Resting Place'" and "The Post;" Miss Walton, and Miss Willis especially distinguished themselves. Smart's "Night sinks on the wave," Mendelssohn's motet "Laudate Pueri," Lassen's "O, holy night," in which the solo was sung by Miss Coward, a former pupil of Madame Sainton's, while the violin obligato was played by Mr. Arnold, an old pupil of M. Sainton's, "The Spinning Chorus," from Wagner's "Flying Dutchman," and Mackenzie's "Waken, Waken," constituted an especial feature in the programme, and were admirably given under the direction of M. Sainton. Mr. Arnold also played some Spanish dances so well that he was called upon to repeat them, and Mr. Leopold presided successfully at the piano throughout the evening.



Mr. Beresford Hope, M.P., presided on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the King's College School. There was a large attendance of the pupils' friends present.

It is announced that the Annual Exhibition of Paintings, Sculpture, &c., &c., at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, next year, will be opened at the same time as the Great International Fisheries Exhibition, and that additional facilities will be provided for the reception of pictures crowded out from the Royal Academy.

Mr. Jabez Church, President of the Society of Engineers, occupied the chair at its annual dinner held on Wednesday week at the Guildhall Tavern, and, in proposing the toast of the evening, referred with pride to the progress the Society had made especially during the last year. He also announced that a course of lectures had been inaugurated for the benefit of the younger members as well as for the profession at large, and expressed his opinion that the step would be attended with considerable benefit.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, distributed the prizes to the pupils of the Haberdashers' School, Hoxton. A report was previously read, from which it appeared that an increasing number of pupils had attended the examinations conducted by the Cambridge Syndicate and the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, and with very satisfactory results. It was also shown that several improvements had been made in the schools, and that a chemical laboratory and carpenter's shop had been added.

A very interesting archaeological discovery has been made in Bouverie-street, Fleet-street. By the demolition of the Sussex Hotel and other old buildings, part of the ancient monastery of the Whitefriars has been laid bare, about thirty feet of a tower being exposed. The masonry is of great strength, and has served as the foundation and support of the neighbouring houses, several of which were built into it. It is not improbable that if the excavations are carried deeper some stone coffins may be found.

The second ordinary meeting during the session 1882-3 of the Royal Asiatic Society was held at its quarters, 22, Albemarle-street, Piccadilly, on Monday afternoon. Sir Bartle Frere, the President, occupied the chair, among those present being Sir Henry Rawlinson, Lord Wentworth, Sir A. Gordon, Sir G. Birdwood, General Maclagan, Colonel Malcolm Haig, Mr. R. N. Cust, Lieut.-Col. Lewin, and Mr. W. S. W. Vaux, Secretary. The Chairman announced that the Duke of Connaught was desirous of becoming a member, and His Royal Highness was elected, without the formality of a ballot, by acclamation. The following were also elected, after the customary formalities, namely, as resident members: Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., and Mr. Andrew Cassels; as non-resident, His Highness the Maharani Singh of Oodeypore, Lieut.-Col. C. M'Lean Smith, and Mr. W. M. Ramsay, Fellow of Exeter College. A paper was read by Mr. A. Lillie on "Mohammedanism in Ceylon;" after which the meeting adjourned till the 22nd of January.

On Monday evening, Mr. Mundella, M.P., presided at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the West London School of Art, Great Titchfield-street. After the report, which showed that the number of day students was 160 and of the evening students 398 had been read, Mr. Mundella addressed the students at length, pointing out how, under the influence of the South Kensington Museum, the country had advanced in art during the last thirty years. He instanced the case of his own town, where formerly no one ever dreamt of employing an Englishman as a designer, whereas Englishmen, as shown by the articles exhibited at the Paris exhibition in 1878, were far ahead of Frenchmen, though the latter had many advantages and lived, as it were, in an atmosphere of art. Owing to this progress also there had been a great increase in our export trade. Mr. Mundella then went into figures and showed how this progress had been brought about. In 1862, the total grants to Art Schools in England amounted to £12,000, in 1881, to £70,000. In 1862 there were some 30,000 pupils taught freehand drawing in our elementary schools, in 1881, 850,000. The art classes had increased from between 3000 and 4000 in 1857, to 23,000 in 1881, while the students in art training schools had increased from 11,000, in 1857 to 32,000 in 1881. The hon. gentleman was loudly cheered at the end of his address.

On Thursday week, Dr. Siemens, in the Hall of the Goldsmith's Company, distributed to the successful competitors of the City and Guilds Institution the prizes awarded at the Technological examination in May. Sir Frederick Bramwell, who is chairman of the Institute, presided, and having called upon Dr. Siemens, the latter proceeded to his task, offering a few words of graceful encouragement to the recipients. The following were the silver medallists, to each of whom was likewise awarded a sum of £5, namely, for electric lighting, and transmission of power, Llewelyn B. Atkinson; paper manufacture, Frederick Hayhurst; telegraphy, J. W. W. Best; oils, colours, and varnishes, Herbert L. Buckeridge; cloth manufacture, Harry Dawson; iron and steel, Frank W. Harbord; brewing, T. W. Lovibond; photography, Arnold J. Spiller; tools, A. B. Cook. The bronze medallists each received an equal money award. Dr. Siemens afterwards delivered an interesting address, in which he referred at length to the German Guilds, and showed how they had exercised a greater stringency of control over their members than those in England. On the motion of Bro. Sir John Bennett, a vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the Goldsmith's Company for the use of their hall on the occasion. The report showed great improvement during the past year over 1881, there being an increase of no less than 327 successful candidates throughout the United Kingdom.



Our readers will be glad to learn that the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent, has consented to preside at the next anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held in June next year. Our brethren of Kent will thus be afforded an opportunity of showing their loyalty to their Grand Master and sympathy with the Institution, which we predict they will not be slow to avail themselves of.

It is with the greatest regret that we announce the death of Bro. the Rev. W. J. Mills Ellison, the chaplain to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The rev. gentleman had long been in ill-health, which last year necessitated his taking some relaxation from his clerical duties at Clapham, but he never recovered his health. As a parochial minister he secured the affection of all his flock, but in no place was he more loved than at the Girls' School, where his solicitude on behalf of the pupils rendered him a most valuable assistant to the committees in the training of the children.

The Installation Ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. James Stevens, on Friday, the 29th inst., in the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The members and their friends will afterwards sup together.

Bro. Lord Wolsley has accepted the invitation to become President of the North London Rifle Club.

The Empress of Austria is expected to arrive at Combermere Abbey, Cheshire, the seat of Viscount Combermere, for the hunting season, about the third week in January, and the preparations against her arrival are being rapidly pushed forward in consequence.

It is understood that Bro. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., has, at the Prime Minister's request, agreed to undertake the duties of the Postmaster-General during the illness of Mr. Fawcett.

At the Court of Common Council, on Thursday last, Bro. the Lord Mayor in the chair, it was stated that the coal dues levied annually by the Corporation had increased from £177,000, in 1857, to £514,777 last year.

At a meeting of the Chapter House, St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Thursday week last, the Prince of Wales, who presided, proposed that the memorial to the late Hon. and Very Rev. Gerald Wellesley should take the form of a recumbent marble figure, to be placed in the north aisle of St. George's Chapel, in the vicinity of the organ loft. The proposition was accepted.

The Malagasy ambassadors were entertained at a grand banquet by the Fishmongers' Company on Thursday week, the chair being taken by the Prime Warden, and among those present were Bros. the Lord Mayor and Alderman and Sheriff Keyser, Sheriff Savory, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., and others.

Bro. A. B. Truefitt, 180, P.P.G. Mark Sec. of Malta and Tunis, has been elected to the chair of the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Malta. Bro. Truefitt was not long since presented with a handsome jewel by the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, in recognition of his zeal as Prov. Grand Secretary.

A charming and instructive entertainment in aid of the Hedley Memorial Fund was given in the Artillery Drill Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne, on the 11th inst., under the auspices of the Perseverance Lodge (No. 1643). With the aid of numerous photographs, brilliantly illuminated and enlarged to ten feet square by means of the oxy-hydrogen light, under the direction of Bro. J. Fleming Stark; appropriate vocal and instrumental music, under the conductorship of Bro. Walter South; with Bro. James McCulloch, P.P.J. G.W., as cicerone, a large and appreciative audience were taken on a "Ramble through Scotland, while between each view appropriate music was rendered. The entertainment was most successful throughout, and too much cannot be said in praise of all concerned. The entertainment realised a handsome sum towards the fund being raised by the brethren of the Perseverance Lodge for the purpose of erecting a stained glass window in Hebburn Church to the memory of the Bro. Rev. W. Hedley, who was, at the time of his lamented and sudden death was Chaplain of the lodge. The entertainment was repeated with equal success at Jarrow on Monday evening last.

Bro. W. H. Wallington, P.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, was the recipient of a very flattering mark of respect at an influential gathering of the members of the Lodge of Instruction on the 8th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Christian, S.D., 860, presided, and was supported as vice by Bro. Clark, S.W. 1178; W. H. Wallington, P.M. 860; Glass, S.W. 453; H. Rogers, P.M. 898 and 1716; Wardell, P.M. 95; Brasted, P.M. 1324; Allen, P.M.; Robinson Young, P.M. 820; A. J. Clark, 1607; Catling, 1679; W. F. Darnell, W.M. 1679; Gray, G. H. Stephens (*Freemason*) and others. After a nice little supper had been disposed of, the usual loyal toasts were honoured, after which Bro. Christian, in the name of the lodge, presented in well chosen and appropriate terms, an address illuminated on vellum as follows: "Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860. Presented to Bro. W. H. Wallington, P.M. 860. This testimonial is intended to convey the very high appreciation and esteem in which the brother is held by the members of the above lodge for his graceful, indefatigable, and useful efforts during his many years connection with the Lodge of Instruction as its Preceptor. Signed, on behalf of the lodge, Fred. Carr, Secretary." Bro. Wallington suitably returned thanks, and a very harmonious evening was passed.

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Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Marlborough has been entertaining a succession of guests at Blenheim Palace.

The Brighton Town Council on Wednesday decided to apply for a provisional order for the supply of the electric light within the borough, whilst on the same day the Town Councils of Liverpool and St. Helens resolved to abandon their applications for provisional orders to supply the light in those boroughs.

The medals for the Egyptian campaign are to be given to the officers and men of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards on the parade ground at Chelsea Barracks to-day (Friday). H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who commanded the brigade of Guards in Egypt, will be present.

The thirty-seventh anniversary of the Commercial Travellers' Orphan Schools was celebrated on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern, Mr. R. Hammond presiding. Amongst those present were Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, who responded to the toast of "The Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London." Subscriptions, including 240 guineas from the chairman, were announced to the amount of £2801.

Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M. 22 and 1679, P.Z. 1044, Z. 192, has been unanimously elected a member of the Cripplelegge Ward Club.

Bro. Henry Povey, J.W., has been unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, for the ensuing year.

The members of the Great Western Railway Musical Society, of which Bro. Dehane is Secretary, gave a most enjoyable concert on Monday evening last, at Latbrook Hall, Notting-hill.

The committee, appointed by the Metropolitan Board of Works to investigate the condition of the London theatres with a view to the protection of the public against fire, are holding frequent sittings. Numerous plans have been submitted to them for lessening the dangers which have been lately brought into unusual prominence.

A neatly-designed purse-calendar for 1883, with a representation of the redoubtable griffin at Temple Bar on the cover, has been issued at the offices of the *City Press*, and may be had gratis on application.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., Prov. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, is, we are glad to say, making satisfactory progress, the feverishness having left him, and the acute irritation caused by the old wound in the neck having subsided.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales received the Malagasy Envoys at Marlborough House on Tuesday afternoon. The Envoys, who were accompanied by Mr. Proctor, the Malagasy Consul in London, Mr. Sibree and Mr. Pickers-gill, English gentlemen from Madagascar, Mr. Tacchi, the interpreter for the Envoys, and Andrianisa, their native secretary, were introduced to the Prince by Sir Francis Seymour.

Col. the Hon. Edward Bootle-Wilbraham, uncle of Bros. the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Derby, died suddenly on Sunday last at his residence at Blythe, near Ormskirk.

A new police station is about to be opened at West-end, Hampstead.

The perils of a fireman's calling, and the dangers to which he is exposed in addition to risk of actual injury at the time of the fire, were never more painfully exemplified than in the case of Engineer Bailey, who had charge of the brigade station at Clapham, and who died on Wednesday. The deceased was last called to duty at the recent fire in Wood-street, where he was engaged for several hours, and where he got a "hot water" drenching. In that condition he returned to his station on the engine, and caught a chill on the way, from which he never recovered. The unfortunate man was an old member of the brigade, having belonged to the London Fire Establishment, and his death has occasioned much regret.

Some further particulars have transpired with reference to the disastrous fire at Gunton Hall, the seat of Bro. Lord Suffield, Prov. Grand Master Norfolk, on Monday last. The hall had been let for the shooting season to Mr. E. M. Munday, of Shipley Hall, Derbyshire, who had intended to leave the hall during the week, and one of Mr. Munday's guests had a narrow escape. He had barely quitted his bedroom when the floor sunk into the flames which were raging beneath it. The older portion of the hall is that which the firemen succeeded in saving. It is satisfactory to learn that comparatively little furniture or plate was sacrificed, the greater part of it having been safely removed. Among the articles saved was a stuffed bear, brought home by Bro. Lord Suffield from Russia when he accompanied the Prince of Wales to that country, on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh. Bro. Lord Suffield arrived at Gunton late on Monday evening.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany has written the following letter, which was read by the Mayor of Salisbury, on Wednesday afternoon, at an influentially attended meeting in the Council House, when a branch of the Charity Organisation Society for the city and the neighbourhood was formed: "Claremont, December 17th, 1882.—Dear Mr. Mayor,—I learn that you intend holding a meeting in Salisbury on Wednesday next on the subject of Charity Organisation. I venture to beseech your favourable consideration of this matter as being one in which I am greatly interested, and I am satisfied, too, that the work which is now being carried out by the central society is extremely valuable to the country at large, and would be with very great advantage extended to the principal towns in the provinces.—Believe me, yours truly, LEOPOLD."—An influential committee was appointed to carry out the objects of the meeting.

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Professor Fawcett, M.P., continues to improve. The doctors report that he is now fairly convalescent.

On Monday night a public meeting was held at Croydon to establish a memorial to Archbishop Tait, and it was resolved that it was desirable to secure the old palace of Croydon, and restore it for the purpose.

Bro. P. L. Simmonds read a paper on "The Utilisation of Waste—a Quarter of a Century's Progress," at the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, John-street, Adelphi, W.C., on Wednesday evening last.

We regret to announce the death, on the 13th inst., of Mr. H. H. Lamplough, aged forty-two, son of Mr. Henry Lamplough, of 113, Holborn.

Bro. Sir John Bennett, we are gratified to be able to announce, has recovered from the shock consequent upon the fall which was mentioned in Saturday's *City Press*.

Bro. G. H. Mason, of Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, has contributed a donation of five guineas in aid of the funds of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, through Mrs. Shapcott, of the Old Bailey, and has also made his annual present of tea to each of the inmates of the Printers' Almshouses at Wood Green.

Yielding to public opinion in the City, the promoters of the Blackfriars-bridge and Holborn-valley Tramways have determined not to proceed with their project this year, but it is understood that it will again be brought forward next year.

The new Parcels Post will be in active operation within the next two months.

At a meeting held at Gresham House, in Old Broad-street, on Thursday, for the purpose of considering the best steps to be adopted for preventing fires in London, a resolution was passed urging the necessity for a judicial inquiry into the cause of every outbreak, whether fatal or otherwise.

The annual dinner of the German Society of Benevolence was held on Saturday evening, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, under the presidency of the German Ambassador, Count Munster, about two hundred ladies and gentlemen being present. The sum of £800 was subscribed.

It is expected that Her Majesty will visit the invalids of the Naval and Marine Forces lately employed in Egypt, now located at Hasler Hospital, this day (Saturday).

The War Office, on the recommendation of Bro. Lord Wolsley, has, it is said, resolved in granting honours to some of the officers lately employed in Egypt who were unintentionally overlooked in the late distribution of honours.

Bro. John Gibson Youll, P.M. 685, was, on the 14th inst., unanimously elected President for the ensuing year of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Incorporated Law Society, and Bro. Thomas William Thompson was also unanimously elected vice-president.

An instance of generosity which, if not unparalleled, has but few equals, has just been placed on record by the ex-Empress Eugenie. In the days of his prosperity the city of Marseilles presented to the late Napoleon III. the park of Pharo, on which His Majesty subsequently erected a chateau. Some time ago the city endeavoured to deprive the Empress of her property, but the law decided in her favour, both at the trial and the appeal. Her Majesty has now presented Marseilles with both the park and chateau, valued at some 3,000,000 francs.

On Monday the Queen and Princess Beatrice, with the suite in attendance, left Windsor for Osborne, where the Court will remain during the season of Christmas.

It is generally understood that Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., will shortly be offered a place in the Cabinet, but the exact post he is to occupy has not yet been settled.

A Subscription Ball, in connection with the Royal Leopold Lodge, will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, 10th January next.

The Fifth Biennial Aldersgate Ball will take place on Monday, 29th January next, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, which has recently been entirely redecorated, and with its handsome suite of rooms, gives every accommodation and comfort for a numerous company. The band of the Honourable Artillery Company will attend, under the direction of Signor Tamplini. Bro. Alderman Staples has consented to preside at the supper. The proceeds of the ball, after payment of the expenses, will be presented to Aldersgate charities.

Referring to the Masonic meeting at Bath, a report of which appears on another page, the *Bath Journal* of the 9th inst. has the following: "The Masonic ceremony which took place on Thursday evening was singular and pleasing. As men and Masons it must have seemed strange to the members that their wives and sisters should be actually in the lodge, countenancing that mysterious confraternity which is usually supposed to be the abhorrence of the feminine mind. A Masonic lodge is the one last retreat which man has left to him where he may retire from the sex and feel secure in masculine seclusion. Smoking compartments have long ago lost their exclusiveness; even the precincts of Clubland have been invaded; but the lodge has still its magic power, and over its portals the legend may still be read, 'Leave her behind all ye who enter here.' Woman, from Eve downwards, has been credited with a desire for the attainment of the knowledge of good and evil, and has displayed, too, a tendency for calling all knowledge evil which is kept from her. Therefore it is that Freemasonry has generally been considered to be unpopular with the ladies in general as we know it was with Mrs. Caudle in particular. Chalk we then last Thursday with a red mark, and congratulate the Royal Cumberland Lodge upon the handsomeness of their present, and the graceful way in which it was made."

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, December 30, 1882.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23.
Lodge 1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25.
Lodge 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark Lodge Grand Master's, 8A, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, Norfolk-sq. Hot., Paddington, at 8.
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
Old Kent Mark, Crown & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26.
Lodge 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 102, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chap., Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27.
Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S, Air-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's-wood.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.

United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28.
Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Mark 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., at 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st, Covent Garden, at 7.45.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30.
(No Meetings.)

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25.
(No Meetings).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26.
Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb, Nantwich.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27.
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28.
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29.
Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.

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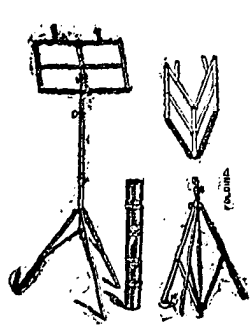
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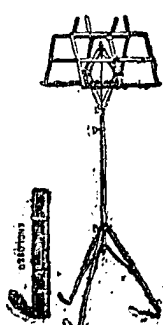
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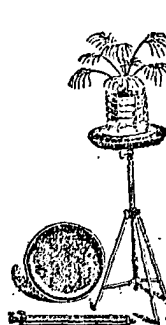
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