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WITH the issue of the last number of the *Freemason* for 1882 it is impossible as it would be unbecoming, but that we tender to numerous readers, at home and abroad, our "Hearty good wishes" for them and theirs in 1883. We thank them one and all for their kind and consistent patronage in the special period of time that is now ended, and trust that in the twelvemonths before us we shall be favoured with the same indulgence, the same sympathy, and the same support which have so markedly characterized the peaceful and successful progress of the *Freemason* during the year that is past. We might seasonably moralize much on vanished time, and anticipate much from coming hours, but we deem it more deferential to our friends and more consonant with our own demands for space, simply to thank our readers and helpers one and all, for so much generous allowance and so much Masonic aid, and wishing them one and all every good thing which time and earth can bring to them, to solicit once again, without fear of refusal, that cheerful countenance and that ready approval which have been so liberally accorded to the *Freemason* through so many changing years.

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THE "whirligig of Time" passes over us all with its rapid motion and its "strange conceits," and year follows upon year with sure and certain tread, unstayable in its progress and its wending way. It seems but yesterday, so to say, that we were rocking 1882 in its glittering cradle, and yet here we are close, very close, to its somewhat sombre grave. But such is life, and such is Time, the great arbiter and discloser of earthly events, which, ceaseless in its onward motion, is at present never ending, beholding the passing away of all earthly institutions, all human strivings, and all personal relations. For us, as Freemasons, equally with others, the close of another year suggests many useful thoughts and vivid memories; touches upon chords which will not be silent; and awakens within us, if we think, many associations and considerations which it is idle affectation or inane folly to attempt to ignore or despise. Few of us there are who can, all complacently and calmly, witness the departure of another year. There are, as it were, "voices of the past" which will not be hushed; there are sympathies for the present which will "come into court;" and say what we will, and do what we choose, we are either the most weak or childish of mortals, if we believe ourselves when we say it, or that others will credit us if we aver it, that for us the passing away of another year has no interest, and imparts to us no concerns. On the contrary, true philosophy, sound and safe, and religion to boot, will bid us ever remember that the close of another year of our own lives is a very serious fact; serious in its relation to ourselves, serious in its relation to others. And therefore it is that in the *Freemason* we seek, as of old, to "improve the occasion," to sum up our Masonic episodes, the clear and truthful facts of the current life of Freemasonry in which we bear a share and fill our lot, and note what is remarkable, remember what is praiseworthy, record what is truthful, preserve what is beneficial alike for our Order and our Lodges, valuable and improving for that Cosmopolitan Fraternity, which to-day is in all lands civilized and uncivilized, and is most truly oecumenical in the unity of its teaching, (if it be true Freemasonry), and the reality of its professions. And though it be true and noteworthy that 1882 has been to the world and to England a very eventful year, full of startling episodes and most serious events, such as the Egyptian War, the dastardly and insane attack on our beloved Queen, the cruel assassinations and horrible atrocities in Ireland, and we have been moved, as a nation, with alternate feelings of loyal indignation and anger, heartfelt admiration for the heroism of our soldiers and our sailors, yet other pens must fitly chronicle such national cares and triumphs, and we can only allude to them passing by as "facts" in the peaceful and neutral pages of the *Freemason*. As regards Freemasonry proper, 1882 has not been a very eventful year either for Anglo-Saxon or universal Freemasonry. The year which is passing beneath our feet has witnessed no very striking Masonic events, can boast of no great development, can complain even of no great change. Freemasons everywhere, after previous years of much excitement, have, as it were, "laid on their oars" and have "drifted down the stream," rather craving for "rest" instead of movement, for peace instead of warfare. In English Freemasonry especially, while the *Freemason* has recorded much of the common normal active life of Freemasonry, it has no very striking

"outcome" to chronicle, no extraordinary events to illustrate, but it has beheld English Freemasons everywhere loyal, happy, and contented, excellent in work, not undistinguished in the social circle, but marked by two great characteristics,—unwavering and devoted loyalty to their Royal chief and their good old Order, and intent, and even enthusiastic, in the ever needful and sacred cause of Charity.

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JANUARY beheld, as is most befitting, several movements to give pleasure to the inmates of our great Charitable Institutions, such as the New Year's entertainment for our old people at Croydon, the Christmas entertainment for the boys, the Twelfth Night entertainment to the girls, and the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution anniversary festival. On the 9th a congratulatory address was presented to H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY by our brethren at Portsmouth on his approaching marriage. January also witnessed a Masonic entertainment to aged folks in Manchester, the opening of a new Masonic Hall at Gateshead, which passed off with much éclat, and a presentation to Bro. CARTWRIGHT, Prov. Grand Secretary for Staffordshire. The Quarterly Courts of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, on the 14th and 16th of January took place, but no business of any importance was transacted. The Lodge of Benevolence, which met on the 18th, voted £682. The following lodges were consecrated this month: The Brixton Lodge, No. 1949; Southgate Lodge, No. 1950; and the Universal Chapter, No. 181, was also consecrated this month.

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FEBRUARY opened with the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, when only the usual and limited normal resolutions were passed nem. dis. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight held an emergency meeting, and the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire also assembled. The annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution came round, under the presidency of Bro. Col. J. A. LLOYD PHILLIPS, Prov. Grand Master South Wales, Western Division, with 254 Stewards, when £12,357 3s. 6d. were announced. The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex visited the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, and a testimonial was presented to Bro. R. HUDSON, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Durham. We heard, with mingled feelings of astonishment and amusement in England, of the proceedings in connection with the lodge Moghreb Al Aksa, Tangiers, and the Territorial Grand Orient of Morocco. Everything to us seemed to be a parody on Masonic law and ceremonial, and to be utterly irregular in inception and in development. It will be seen, later on, how correct was the estimate of the whole matter taken by the *Freemason* from the very first. The Lodge of Benevolence met as usual, and voted £1065. A new Masonic hall was opened in Jarrow, and, though only one new Craft lodge was consecrated this month, viz., the High Peak Lodge, No. 1953, a Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge was opened at Leicester, and the West Kent Chapter, No. 129, was also properly constituted and consecrated.

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MARCH opened with the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, when H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER was re-elected, amid hearty cheering, and our old friend, the GRAND TREASURER, re-elected, equally with hearty warmth. The usual business of Grand Lodge was transacted. The next day all England was horrified and startled by an atrocious and wicked attempt on the life of our gracious sovereign. The whole country was moved with the conjoint feelings of loyalty and indignation; and our always devoted Craft, in repeated lodge meetings, evinced that unchanged and unchanging characteristic of our great Order,—Masonic loyalty. A Special Grand Lodge was held on the 15th, presided over by our Royal GRAND MASTER in person, when an appropriate and touching address to the QUEEN was voted by Grand Lodge, amid enthusiastic plaudits. An American brother, who was present, told us he had been greatly struck with everything that had taken place; the high and kindly bearing of our Royal Family, and the enthusiastic loyalty of Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex held its meeting, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons also, warmly and unanimously voted an address to the QUEEN. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire sent an address to the QUEEN. The Lodge of Benevolence met and voted £900. The following lodge and chapters were consecrated this month: Hadrian Lodge, No. 1948, and Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624. A Rose Croix chapter was consecrated at Leicester.

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THE quarterly courts for the election of the Girls' and Boys' Schools took place on the 8th and 10th of APRIL. At the former, all the candidates were elected without polling; at the latter a very large number of votes were tendered, and the polling ran unprecedently high. The School Elections are becoming very serious things. The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire held a quarterly meeting, at which its officers were appointed for

the year. H.R.H. the Prince of WALES attended the Volunteer Review at Portsmouth and paid a visit to the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, No. 1903. A Masonic fancy fair was held at Dublin, and a new Masonic Hall opened at Antrim. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Staffordshire and Cumberland and Westmoreland met, as also the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmoreland. The Annual Grand Festival of the English Craft took place, and the new Grand Officers were duly invested. The gathering was a most successful one. The wedding of Bro. the Duke of ALBANY with the Princess HELENA of Waldeck took place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, before a brilliant assembly on the 27th. The Province of Oxfordshire presented a beautiful casket to their Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of ALBANY. The Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire met in large numbers and consecrated a new Masonic Hall. The Lodge of Benevolence met and voted £775. This month, also, beheld the consecration of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1967, by Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, assisted by Bro. Captain PHILIPS, Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, Bro. Capt. BEDFORD PIM, R.N., and others, and of which Bro. EDGAR BOWYER is the first W.M. The proceedings passed over with great effect, and the admirable manner in which the ceremonial was performed, was only equalled by the warmth of pure Masonic feeling exhibited, and an agreeable entertainment afterwards. The Clerkenwell Lodge begins its Masonic life under the most favourable auspices.

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GRAND CHAPTER assembled on the 3rd of MAY to transact a limited amount of business. Early in this month the Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution paid the annual visit to the Asylum at Croydon. The installation meeting of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge took place, and the presentation of an address to Lord CHARLES BERESFORD, the W.M. The presentation of the address to Her Majesty the QUEEN took place on the 10th, the deputation of Grand Lodge being headed by H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER in person, and which address was presented in a most elegant casket, designed by the Grand Secretary, Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE; and to which Her Majesty was pleased to give a most gracious reply. The festival of the Girls' School took place also on the 10th, when with 392 Stewards, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, £13,232 were announced. The Stewards visit to the school took place on the 8th, when the brilliant order of the school, and the calisthenic exercises, and the proofs of careful tuition exhibited by the girls, attracted universal admiration, reflecting the greatest credit on Miss DAVIS and her zealous assistants. Soon after was the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire, and a new Masonic Hall was opened and dedicated at Aylesbury. The annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution came about, when, after a most severe struggle, the various successful candidates, male and female, were elected. It is to be regretted that the benefits of this excellent and useful Masonic Charity cannot be largely extended. The Lodge of Benevolence met and voted £910. The following lodges and chapters were consecrated in this month: London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962; Duke of Albany Lodge, No. 1963; Eastes Lodge (Kent), No. 1965; Hazel Grove Lodge, No. 1957; St. Bede's Chapter, No. 1119; and Industry Chapter, No. 148. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of WALES paid a state visit to Leicester, where they were most enthusiastically received, and when H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER made a gracious reply, as is his wont, to an address from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicester and Rutland. Masonic literature and archaeology lost a sincere friend by the death, in America, of our estimable and amiable Bro. Bower, of Iowa. He had, by great industry and liberal expenditure, collected a Masonic library, rich in MSS., and drawings, and medals, and printed books, probably second to none in existence, if not superior to any, which his widow has since presented to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, for what is practically a nominal price.

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GRAND LODGE met early in JUNE, when the usual business was transacted. Several questions have come recently before Grand Lodge affecting undoubtedly the prerogative of the GRAND MASTER on the one hand, and the privileges of the Grand Lodge on the other; but they were properly ruled "out of order," as anything more childish or mischievous than hasty legislation for "favourite fads" or special idiosyncracies, we cannot well conceive, whether it be for a great Order like ours, or even less important, if useful, and provident Institutions. The Mark Grand Lodge also held a meeting, proving, among other matters, the remarkable progress of the Mark body. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Berks and Bucks and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled. A Special General Court of the Girls' School was holden, and the installation of Bro. READ as District Grand Master North Africa took place. A banquet to the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir JOHN WHITTAKER ELLIS, was given by the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827. The Lodge of Benevolence met and voted £610. The Fidelity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 1966, was consecrated, as well as the Landport Chapter, No. 1776. This month also beheld the summer entertainment for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

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ON JULY the 3rd, H.R.H. the Prince of WALES was installed W.M. of the Alpha Lodge, and appointed his officers. A Special Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held, under Lord DE TABLEY, and the foundation-stone of a new hospital was laid. On the 8th and 10th of July the Quarterly Courts of Girls' and Boys' Schools were respectively held. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Suffolk, Kent, Surrey, Herefordshire, and Somersetshire held their assemblies. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire met, and consecrated a new Masonic Hall at Devizes. There were also in this month meetings of the Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and

Dorset Masonic Charity. The Provincial Grand Chapter of Nottinghamshire was constituted and consecrated, and Sir H. BROMLEY installed as Grand Superintendent. The annual festival of the Boys' School took place at Brighton, under the presidency of the LORD MAYOR, with 226 Stewards, and returns of £11,693 14s. 1d. The Lodge of Benevolence met, as usual, and voted £750. The following lodges were consecrated: Waldeck Lodge, No. 1969, and Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973.

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AUGUST opened with the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, when the normal business was transacted. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Essex, Hertfordshire, Hants, South Wales, and Cornwall held their wonted meetings. The Provincial Grand Chapter for Dorsetshire also assembled. There was a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants to welcome the British Association. The St. Mary Abbots Lodge was consecrated by the GRAND SECRETARY, assisted by Bros. Capt. N. G. PHILIPS, R. F. GOULD, and the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD; the latter delivering the oration. The Lodge of Benevolence voted £735. We lost during the month an old Masonic worker, E. V. PATTEN. Many of our Order will remember him in olden days, an active friend of the Charities, and subsequent Secretary of the Girls' School. He had resigned his office, through infirmity, for some years, and had been succeeded by our lamented Bro. LITTLE, who was again succeeded by the present hard-working and efficient Secretary, Bro. R. W. HEDGES. The Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970, was consecrated this month.

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SEPTEMBER opened with the Quarterly Communication, at which nothing of any very great importance was transacted beyond the needed and wonted business. Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, in the absence of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY, laid the foundation of the new library buildings at Preston, assisted by the Prov. G. Lodge of Lancashire; H.R.H. the Duke of CAMBRIDGE opening the proceedings of the Ancient Preston Guild in the absence, through lamented illness, of our royal brother. The following Prov. G. Lodges assembled this month, Worcestershire, Cheshire, Middlesex, Cumberland and Westmorland. We may note also the installation of a Prov. G. Mark Master for Buckinghamshire, and the holding of a Prov. G. Lodge for Leicestershire, Hants, and Derbyshire. The Lodge of Benevolence met and voted £570. During this month Freemasonry had to deplore the death of Lord TENTERDEN, Prov. G. M. for Essex, and a well-known statesman, and of an old Mason, Col. KEMEYS-TYNTE, P. Prov. G.M. Monmouthshire.

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IN OCTOBER we notice the Quarterly Court and Election of the Girls' and Boys' Schools (14th and 16th), when the business of the two Courts was transacted, and the election of candidates took place, the polling running exceedingly high. In this month a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Egypt took place, at which H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT was warmly received. The LORD MAYOR (Bro. Sir J. W. ELLIS) unveiled a Masonic window in St. James's Church, Clerkenwell; and the foundation of a new place of worship was laid at Teignmouth, with Masonic honours. The LORD MAYOR also visited in this month the Clerkenwell Lodge, and gave a very magnificent banquet to the Grand Officers, and the Members of No. 1, Grand Masters Lodge, at the Mansion House. A presentation to our gallant Bro. LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, took place at Portsmouth under very interesting circumstances. The following Prov. Grand Lodges assembled during October, namely, West Lancashire, Sussex, and Durham, as well as the Prov. Grand Chapters of West Lancashire, of Somersetshire, and Cheshire. The Prov. Grand Mark Lodges of Sussex, Staffordshire, and Monmouthshire, also were holden. The Lodge Anchor and Hope, Bolton, celebrated its 150th anniversary. The Lodge of Benevolence met and voted £640. We had to regret the death, at a ripe old age, this month, of a Freemason of long-standing and great merit, Bro. JOHN FAWCETT, for many years Prov. G.M. of Durham. He had been in early times a good worker and zealous friend of our Order, and was much respected and deeply valued in that northern province which he had ruled so long and so well.

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THE Grand Chapter met in NOVEMBER, with its usual limited agenda paper. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire met on the 17th, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY, who laid with Masonic honours the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall at Banbury. The Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath, celebrated its centenary, where a brilliant assemblage of Provincial Grand Officers assembled, including the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, GRAND SCRIBE E., Comp. W. J. HUGHAN, Colonel SOMERVILLE-BURNEY, and Comp. Dr. HOPKINS; and the proceedings were of a most interesting description. The annual festival of that distinguished lodge of instruction—"the Emulation"—as it is popularly called, under the genial presidency of our Rev. Bro. AMBROSE HALL, G.C. A new Masonic Hall was opened at Nottingham, and the Zetland Masonic Club opened at Salford. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Wiltshire, Dorsetshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, and also of Northumberland and Derbyshire, held their meetings, as well as the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire. The Lord Mayor (Bro. KNIGHT) paid a visit to the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1113. The Grand Lodge of Scotland met and appointed its officers. The Lodge of Benevolence voted the very large sum of £1340.

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THE Quarterly Communication took place in DECEMBER, when H.R.H. the Prince of WALES was nominated Grand Master amid general cheers. Much other usual but important business was transacted. Bro. MULLEN, of Bradford, gave a most amusing entertainment to the Girls' and Boys' Schools. Bro. JAMES TERRY, the active Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was presented, with his portrait and Masonic clothing, and a handsome bracelet was given to Mrs. TERRY, his amiable wife, by the brethren

subscribers. The annual assembly of the Grand Conclave of the Order of Constantine took place, and the officers were appointed. The Lodge of Benevolence met and voted £600. The following lodges were consecrated this month: the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984; Stanford Lodge, No. 1977; the Martyn Lodge, No. 1783; and the Arnold Lodge, No. 1981. Bro. ANTHONY TROLLOPE passed away this month, a most able and effective writer, one who, by an honourable career of unceasing industry, has made a name for himself, and stamped a mark on the annals of romantic fiction. On the whole, we must credit him with the appellation of one who has sought to do good by his prolific pen, and though some have complained of the tendency of some of his remarkable tales, there can be no doubt but that many will live in the estimation of the wise and the good, as inculcating a wholesome moral, and as true delineations of passing character and society. We also have to lament this month the departure from amongst us of the Rev. J. M. ELLISON, the kindly and zealous Chaplain of the Girls' School. He always expressed the deepest interest in the welfare of that striking Masonic Institution, and spoke of it with pleasure and pride. Towards the close of the year, we learned the end of the many deplorable mistakes committed in Tangiers, probably with "good intentions" after all. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba very properly and Masonically recalled the patent of Bro. PATTERSON, and the warrant of El Moghreb Al Aksa Lodge. The *Freemason* was blamed for its attitude against this Masonic "escapade," but it was right, from the first, in the views it took of the situation.

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THIS very slight and imperfect sketch of English Freemasonry will give us a faint idea, perhaps, of the regular work and living outcome of our great Order, which have been both continuous and cheerful, marked by the high attributes of reality, energy, heartiness, and life. Indeed, it is very wonderful to realize the calm, steady progress and manifestation of English Freemasonry year by year, as it pursues the even tenour of its way without ostentation and parade, least of all with "sounding brass or tinkling cymbal." Never at any time were its great Institutions better supported, or that golden word "charity" more truly understood. Let us hope that any tendency to make Freemasonry partake of a "benefit order" may be carefully avoided, and zealously eschewed. It will be noted that the grants of the Lodge of Benevolence have been very great, too great in our opinion, inasmuch as during the twelve months they have reached the large sum of £9637, £1937 in excess of income. Much has been said recently in respect of too large grants, and we feel sure that a safe and sensible reduction can be made in this respect, bringing about a needful equilibrium without having any recourse to increased capitation payments. The contributions thus far announced to the Charities amount to £37,282 17s. 7d., but by the close of the year they will probably show a still higher figure. In Scotland and Ireland Freemasonry has progressed and increased, though the latter country especially lies under difficulties, from which we are as yet happily free. Let us all hope that 1883 may witness the revival of order, law, peace and confidence for that beautiful but ill fated land. In France, Freemasonry is in a very critical position, owing to the unfortunate "proclivities" of the ruling faction. "Facilis descensus Avernus" is, we know, though "old as the hills," still true, and hence a common expression; having once departed from the landmarks of Cosmopolitan Masonry, the French body has gone from bad to worse. There seems nothing left of old French Masonry but a sort of simulated resemblance, and it would appear as if it must ere long forfeit every right to be considered a living Masonic jurisdiction. It is losing members and prestige rapidly, and though at present the outlook is dim and dark enough, we still cling to the hope, that the Grand Orient may emerge from its "Sommeil," and its deliberate repudiation of the ancient and fundamental principles of true Masonry everywhere. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France seems still by a manly struggle to adhere to order and prescription, and to seek to uphold the unchanging tenets of vital Freemasonry. In Germany, under the wise and friendly patronage of the great family of Hohenzollern, as with us under the House of Brunswick, Freemasonry seems to hold its own, and to evidence that it has attraction for zealous supporters and cultivated minds. In Denmark and Sweden Freemasonry is in active life and good repute, and we trust that the Dutch Freemasons will not desert their old colours, while we wish we could speak more decisively of Belgian Freemasonry. In Roumania and Hungary Freemasonry appears to be moving on; and in Italy there are some signs of life, but not to our mind as satisfactory as such might be. In Spain, the "cosas de España" are still the "cosas de España," and it is almost impossible for us outsiders fully to realize the state of things Masonically in that remarkable land. In Portugal Freemasonry seems progressing now in a right direction. Freemasonry is also active in the Mediterranean, in Egypt, in India, in Bengal, and China, and all our Colonies and Dependencies, and especially active just now at the Antipodes. Peru seems to be organizing, and there are even hopes of Mexico. Perhaps the most wonderful sight, as regards Freemasonry, is that presented by the prevalence of our Order in the United States and the Canadas. Certainly not less than 700,000 Masons are there, exhibiting a very remarkable evidence of the real value of true Masonic principles, and as Freemasons we should be glad to think that across dividing waters the old parent tree has produced such goodly and promising saplings. Let us, with the close of another year, learn to feel proud of that useful and beneficent Order of ours which still survives the encroaching hand of time, which still speeds on, disregarding the attacks of the foolish, the criticism of the prejudiced, and the fanaticism of the unjust, with undiminished fervour and vigour, rather with renewed life and developed energy. Let us trust that,

in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., when 1883 comes to a close, we shall be able in the *Freemason* to render a still more glowing account of its kindly deeds of benevolence, its unchanged sympathies of toleration, and its ceaseless labours of love.

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WE have lost, as we have before stated, several very distinguished brethren during the last twelve months, and the sad summary is as follows: Professor Prag (Chap. 1502), of Liverpool; Rev. David Shaboe, M.A.; Edwin Ratcliffe, P.P.G.P. E. Lanc.; Dr. John Bowes, Prov. G. Treas. W. Lanc.; Barron Fielder, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; Chas. Marsh (initiated 1819), P.P.S.D. Somerset; William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M. N. Wales and Shropshire; Lord Robartes; W. H. Crookes, Prov. G. Sec. Durham; Thos. Smith, P.P.G.P., and P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; J. J. New, P.P.G.A.D.C. Cheshire and Wiltshire; Major Savory; Robert Farmer Bower (of Iowa, U.S.A.); Francis Quin, 32°, P.G. Org. Ireland; Professor Stephen Soullier, P.D.G.S.W. Malta; Benjamin Webster, P.G.D.; Gen. Gore Goland Mumbree; Marshall Wood, the eminent sculptor; Henry Patten, P.G.S.B., and late Secretary of the Girls' School; John Jacob, P.G.J.W., and P.G. Sec. Dorsetshire; Lord Tenterden, Prov. G.M. Essex; Col. Kemeys-Tynte, P.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; John Fawcett, P.P.G.M. Durham; Alderman Joseph Gregory, P.P.G.P. South Wales; J. G. Redman, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; Anthony Trollope; Elias Somers, Prov. G.P. Middx.; Rev. W. J. Mills Ellison (Chaplain Girls' School).

### COMMUNIQUE.

We have read with much regret the announcement in "Le Monde Maconique" of the unexpected death of Bro. Thévenot, the late principal Secretary of the Grand Orient of France.

Owing to certain deplorable incidents, to which we need not allude here, the ancient friendly relations between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of England have been momentarily for some time suspended, and are practically at an end. There is at the present hour in effect almost complete severance.

But this fact should not prevent us doing Masonic justice to the memory of a worthy and lamented brother. Bro. Thévenot was himself a most zealous and respected Mason; moderate in his own views, and always courteous to others. Many English brethren have agreeable "souvenirs" of his willingness to assist, and his readiness to oblige, all whose "devoirs" led them to the "bureau" of the Grand Orient of France at Paris.

Like many other French Freemasons, whether he ever really approved of some recent changes may be more than doubtful; but he made a "virtue of necessity," and yielded openly, (if not logically), to the decision of the majority. He attended the last "Couvent," though, we believe, complaining, and died in "harness," still full of zeal, attachment, and affection for the Order he had served so long and so well.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

#### UNVEILING OF BRO. TERRY'S PORTRAIT, AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. AND MRS. TERRY.

This interesting ceremony, which was briefly noticed in the last week's number of the *Freemason*, took place at the Asylum at Croydon, on Thursday, the 21st inst., when Bro. and Mrs. Terry were entertained at a dinner, given by the Committee. Among the company present were Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Strong, Bro. and Mrs. Bowyer, Bro. T. Hastings Miller and Mrs. Miller, Bro. Col. Radclyffe and Miss Halford, Bro. T. Cubitt, Bro. Keyser, Bro. Perceval and Mrs. Perceval, Bros. Gallant, Gabb, Newton, and Fraser, Bro. Paget and Mrs. H. M. Paget, Bros. Joyce Murray, J. A. Farnfield, and Raynham W. Stewart, Bro. Terry and Mrs. and Miss Terry, Bros. Kenning, Bulmer, Mason, E.C. Massey, Quitmann and Wm. Stephens, who assembled in the Hall of the Institute at a little before three o'clock, and for half-an-hour or more were occupied in chatting together and looking at the portraits of Dr. Crucefix and Col. Creaton, and glancing at a veiled picture hanging there, which gave a large portion of its interest to the occasion. At length the dinner, without which no ceremony in this country appears to be properly inaugurated, was served, and for a time, little more than the hum of conversation was heard, until appetites being appeased, everybody became inspired with a desire to drink wine with everybody else, and there was a brisk exchange of challenges for a short period; then a sudden hush, and the Chairman, on his legs became the centre of attention.

On rising to propose the first toast, the CHAIRMAN said that he must address the company that day as ladies and gentlemen, because on that occasion they were not all brethren, but had met together only in the character of true friends, and as true friends their first duty was to their sovereign. Everyone was delighted with the way in which Her Majesty fulfilled the functions of her royal position, and at the kind offices she had done for those who required aid, and especially her anxiety to do something for those who had done their best for her.

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast he had to propose, was that of the Institution within whose walls they were assembled. By means of that Institution they had met on that occasion to enjoy themselves, but it had been their privilege, during the past year, not to neglect the well-being of the inmates. It was with great pleasure that he proposed the toast "Success to the Institution." With that toast he would couple the name of Dr. Strong, because Dr. Strong, in the absence of the committee, took care and gave advice to the residents. Dr. Strong and his partner were ever ready at any hour, night and day, to come there and attend to the wants and illnesses of the inhabitants, and therefore he (the Chairman) was quite sure the company would agree that he was right in coupling the name of their good friend Dr. Strong with the toast of "Success to the Institution."

Dr. STRONG, in replying, said that he was very much obliged to the chairman for coupling his name with that toast. He felt that it was only the fact that Bro. Terry was there as an honoured guest that it devolved upon him to respond to the toast instead of Bro. Terry. Dr. Strong said that he



had seen a good deal of the Institution during the last two and twenty years, and in that time had witnessed a great many changes; but during that time he had only seen one feeling amongst the residents, and that was one of heartfelt gratitude to those who sent them there and to those who looked after them when there. In the first week in January the residents would meet together at a Christmas dinner, when all who could leave their rooms would meet for social enjoyment in the hall. As some of the company now present were not members of the Craft, it might be interesting to them to know that the benefits of the Institution were not confined to the residents. In the Institution there were rooms for thirty-two residents (thirty-three if they included the Warden), but there were 325 who were provided by the Institution with the means of sustenance—provided with those means which enabled them to pass their time in comfort, instead of possibly in want.

The CHAIRMAN then said: Ladies and gentlemen, I am now about to propose to you what is in every sense the toast of the evening. (Hear, hear, and applause.) The toast of the evening cannot be drunk in that off-hand style of carrying everything before you all at once; and, therefore, I shall have to make a considerable diversion, and after having made that diversion, we will return and take up that matter of the toast, which I hope will be accepted with the hearty good feeling and best attention of every member of this company. I may as well, first of all, say that that toast will be "The Health of our Guest and our worthy Secretary, Bro. Terry." (Applause.) During my temporary absence from the chair, Bro. Farnfield will occupy my position as Chairman. [The Chairman then vacated the chair, and, taking Bro. Terry with him, proceeded to that part of the hall where the veiled picture was hung.] He then said: Ladies and gentlemen, you can, I believe, perfectly understand why I have left the chair, and why I have asked my Bro. Terry to accompany me. It is now my duty to make some few observations upon the happy occasion that has drawn us together. We have here our Bro. Terry, who, everybody knows, is a thorough-hearted and thoroughly good Mason, and one who has peculiar qualifications for advocating that great principle of our institution—Charity. Our Bro. Terry has, by his assiduity and by his great kindness, by diligent observation, and, above all, by his great interest in his work, been enabled to raise this noble Institution to its present position. Brethren, where honour is due, let honour be accorded. Standing here, I can direct your attention to the picture which hangs above me, the portrait of a man who was a great example of Freemasonry. The portrait of Bro. Dr. Crucifix, the founder of this Institution, looks down upon us, and if it could speak, can we doubt that it would say, "The work that I began you have carried forward to its present position!" Brethren, what is the charm that has made that work so successful? It is not money; it is kindness of heart, sincerity of purpose, zeal, ability, and a desire to devote the talents which God has given, to promote the welfare of the needy and the helpless. Brethren, I put my hand upon the shoulder of Bro. Terry, and I say confidently this is the man who has carried out the intention of the founder, and carried it out nobly. What is our position? Through his exertion and his ability we have been able during the last nine years to double the number of recipients, and what has been done by the Institution has been done by the exertions, the honesty, and true working of our excellent Secretary, who has erected this Institution on that man's foundation. We are proud to meet him here to-night; we have valued his ability; we have valued his assiduity. If it had not been for his perseverance where would this Institution have been? Look at this noble hall—by his work, by his exertion, we have been able to double its size. This has been done for the comfort of the inhabitants; it has been done with single mind and purpose; Bro. Terry has nobly carried out the original design. Ladies and gentlemen, look at the picture above me—that of the founder of this noble Institution—and now upon this (withdrawing the veil), which is that of the man who has carried out the work. (Long and loud applause.) Brethren, when that work is fully done—for we must all pass away—what shall be the proud memorial? It will be a great thing to Bro. Terry's family to reflect upon how he was appreciated, and how he was loved; and it is not a small thing that we should leave a memento upon which our children and friends can look upon with respect and love. With these feelings I unveil that picture, and may that picture remind us when he shall be no more, of one man who did his work honestly and faithfully. I will not detain you much longer, but it produces a pleasant impression to know that that picture, when the body is absent, we can look at and remember that it perpetuates the memory of one whom we all sincerely value. Bro. Terry, it is my pleasant privilege, as also it is my duty to present you with the clothing of a Prov. G.S.W., which we hope you will have many opportunities of wearing, and I have the greatest pleasure of presenting you also with a jewel corresponding to your rank, which marks our appreciation of your ability and kindness. And now, brethren, the testimonial to Bro. Terry lies there. But Bro. Terry has a good wife and good children; he and his good wife have been together some eight-and-twenty years—may they be together eight-and-twenty years longer—and when he shall pass away, may his son be able to occupy some position in which he can wear that trophy in memory of his father. Mrs. Terry, you being the partner of your husband in his troubles, as well as in happiness, I have very great pleasure to present to you, as a part of the testimonial, this bracelet, which I shall leave to the more skilful fingers of Mrs. Bowyer to invest you with, because, as your husband's partner, we have the pleasure to include you as a partner in his reward. I am sorry that by some accident, we have not had the pleasure of seeing your son amongst us; it was an omission that was not intended. In the trophy you will be enabled to leave to your children something by which to remember St. Thomas's Day, 1882.

The CHAIRMAN then resumed his place at the head of the table, and said that, having got through that part of his duty, he had now to propose "Health, happiness, prosperity, and many merry Christmas's and many happy New Year's to their good Secretary, his wife and family."

Bro. TERRY, on rising to respond, said, Bro. Stewart, ladies and brethren: Amongst the many testimonials which I have had the honour and the pleasure of receiving at the hands of the brethren of the Craft, [allow me to assure you that the present one eclipses everything that I could possibly have foreseen. First to have had the honour of having my health proposed in the truly fraternal spirit in which you did it, and to have had it received in the hearty manner in which the brethren and ladies around the table have done is a very great pleasure to myself. Amongst all one's labours and one's work there is one grand idea that sweetens labour, reward. That reward comes not to one's mind in the shape of the present memorial, but the inducement to labour on and strive to do the work is that the work brings its own reward in a successful result. You have said I have been indefatigable in my work; I have certainly endeavoured to do my duty. I have never allowed my individual comfort, my home happiness to interfere with the discharge of my duty, conceiving it of paramount importance that the duties

cast upon me should not be put aside for one's comfort. I am proud that these services have been recognised by those with whom I have been associated; I am proud also that my exertions have tended through the instrumentality of the Craft to widen and enlarge the Institution. Without going into dry figures, let me note the progress of the Institution. Twenty years ago the annuities paid amounted to £2600; the sum now is £11,600. At that time we had 91 annuitants; we have now 325. At that time the annuities were upon a sliding scale, according to age; the highest got £36, and the lowest got £15; while the annuities granted to the widows—the highest £25, and the lowest £15 a year. Now the men receive £40 and the widows £32 a year. Then the investments amounted to something like £32,000; they are now £64,000, so that while we have widened the basis of our operations we have doubled our reserve fund and have still gone on and been able to increase the number of the recipients. I am proud that I have had some hand in carrying out these improvements. I am proud also to know that services that one renders are never forgotten and lost sight of. When Bro. Stewart kindly stated that that was the portrait of the founder of the institution, and that he was looking down upon one who was endeavouring to carry out the work that he had commenced, it struck me also that there was a great difference in the times. Then we had to fight against an antagonism with respect to the two educational institutions, who naturally thought that there was not scope for three institutions to live. You recollect at one time we were only permitted to have a festival once in three years; then it was every other year; it is only within the last twenty-two years that we have had a festival every year. And then to have been thought worthy of having my portrait taken, and to have it hung in this hall, side by side with that of the founder of the institution is an honour I scarcely know how to acknowledge it. As long as time shall last I hope that picture will last, not as a memento of a Secretary, but as a token to those who come after, that if they do their duty well, thoroughly, and conscientiously, they will meet the appreciation of their fellow men, as I have had the honour of doing. For the P.G. Senior Warden's jewel, and the Masonic clothing of Northamptonshire and Hunts, I have to thank you most heartily and sincerely. I have had many compliments paid me, but none that I value more than that which has been paid me to-night. But when I was informed that there was a surplus, and that it was desired to lay it out in some way that would add yet another honour to the presentation of jewel and clothing, and also to the honour conferred upon me in having my portrait painted, I remembered that there was one who for many and many a year has had to sit at home while I have been away engaged in the work of this Institution, and it seemed to me appropriate for her to be the recipient of a portion of the reward; and I suggested that I could not take anything further myself, but would wish my excellent wife to have some part of what you had wished to give me. In her name I beg to thank you for this very magnificent testimonial that you have given her. I hope that she and I may be spared for many years, with the same happiness, comfort, and enjoyment of each other as we have had for the last thirty years. We can only hope that for what we have been we may be looked upon by our children with reverence, and that what has been done by us will be instructive to those who come after. I would say more, but that sometimes out of the fulness of the heart the mouth refuses to say all that we wish to express. For your appreciation of the work I have executed, and for the appreciation of the Craft at large, I thank you. For my wife, the minister of my comforts, the sharer of my joys and anxieties, who bids me go forward to discharge those duties which may be cast upon me—in her name I also thank you; and in her name and my own I wish you all the compliments of the season and many happy new years. (Applause.)

Bro. JOHN NEWTON rose, and said that he would not detain the company by attempting to make a long speech, but with the chairman's permission would read some impromptu verses which he had just composed somewhat as an address to Bro. Terry. Bro. Newton then read the following lines:—

When'er upon thy face we gaze  
Our thoughts revert to noble deeds;  
When, sinking self, no trouble spared,  
Thou fearlessly went forth  
Unceasing and untiring still  
To plead the cause of charity.  
Benevolence was thy watch-word  
And thine armour, heavenly truth.  
And after many years have gone,  
When all now here are call'd to rest,  
May thy good work so nobly done continue:  
May others in thy footsteps keep,  
And thy bright example follow;  
Humanity then will be adorned  
With one gem more in its diadem.

Bro. FARNFIELD, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," said that though he was himself chairman for the year of the House Committee, it gave him great pleasure to resign his seat on that occasion to Bro. Stewart, because he was satisfied that the testimonial to Bro. Terry would come with greater weight from Bro. Stewart's hands. He was sure that the company would agree with him that it could not be presented by any one better than by Bro. Stewart. Col. Creaton, the Grand Treasurer, had been invited but had been unable to be present. Bro. Stewart had excelled himself. He had been ill but was now happily recovering, and they trusted that he would continue to improve and be able to come amongst them again. The speaker concluded by proposing Bro. Stewart's health.

The CHAIRMAN returned thanks, and proposed "The Health of Bro. Edgar Bowyer," for his great kindness and great zeal in doing everything he possibly could do to contribute in carrying out the object of this meeting.

Bro. BOWYER briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Health of the Artist, Mr. H. M. Paget," who had produced the portrait of Bro. Terry. It must be, he said, a proud thing for his father to have a son who was following his art to the best of his ability, and distinguishing himself in a career which many attempted and in which so many failed.

Mr. PAGET replied.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Health of Bro. John A. Farnfield," which was duly acknowledged.

Bro. Col. RADCLIFFE proposed "The Health of the Ladies," to which Bro. Joyce Murray responded.

The jewel presented to Bro. Terry bears the following inscription: "This jewel, with the clothing of Senior Grand Warden of Norths and Hunts, was presented to Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, by the subscribers to the fund for placing his portrait in the hall of the Asylum at Croydon, in recognition of his untiring energy and unwearyed exertions on behalf of the Institution. 21st December, 1882."

## Scotland.

## PROPOSED MASONIC HALL AT KILWINNING.

The anniversary meeting of the ancient Mother Lodge was held on the 21st inst., in the Masons' Hall, Kilwinning, when the customary business was transacted, Bro. R.W. Cochran-Patrick, of Woodside, M.P., the Right Worthy Master, and Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire, presiding.

After the lodge had been opened in ample form, letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. Sir Archd. Campbell, P.G.M. for Renfrewshire East; R. W. Ralston-Patrick, of Trearne, P.S.M. for Ayrshire; Jas. H. Nielson, Dublin; A. Turnbull, Kilmarnock; John Tweed, Glasgow; the Masters of the Lodges Loudoun (Kilwinning), Newmilns; and St. John's (Kilwinning), Largs; P.M. St. John's Saltcoats and Ardrossan; and Guy, Past Master of Houstone St. Johnstone, &c.

The Treasurer's (Bro. Scott) account books were laid upon the table, from which he read a very satisfactory abstract, showing that eighteen intrants had been enrolled during the past year.

Bro. WYLIE, the Secretary, then gave an interesting statement regarding subscriptions received for the fund towards building a new Masonic Hall for "Mother Kilwinning." He reported that the brethren in Shanghai, Altoona, Pennsylvania; the Lodges Lonaconing and Cincinnati had sent handsome donations, and that the brethren of the lodge in Wellington, California, had promised to send £10 for "stones" to the new hall.

Bro. W. B. MELISH, Master of Kilwinning Council, Cincinnati, who had expressed his willingness to act as agent in the States for the Building Fund, and do it as a "labour of love," was unanimously elected an honorary member, and his name was added to the Building Committee.

It was reported also that a number of the lodges in the Ayrshire Province had given a tangible proof of their maternal affection and sympathy for the Mother Lodge by subscribing handsomely towards the Building Fund, and that some of the members were also giving separate donations. Bro. Gibson, W.M. of Burns' Mother Lodge (St. David's Tarbolton), besides subscribing £1, promised also to send four large foundation stones for each corner of the building, dressed—of the celebrated Ballochmyle free-stone—free at Kilwinning Station. A large and influential committee of members of Mother Kilwinning residing in Glasgow and neighbourhood was also appointed, with Bro. W. F. Shaw convener. A number of the Glasgow brethren have already contributed very handsomely to the fund—Bro. Tweed, who was, from indisposition, unable to attend the meeting, having on his subscription card the names of several distinguished brethren for sums of £10 each. Bro. Dr. Maddever, P.M., of Lodge Rawcliffe, Rothesay, who had that day made a pilgrimage to the ancient shrine of Masonry, so as to have the honour of affiliation conferred upon him, had his name also added to the Building Committee. This worthy brother is not only an enthusiastic Mason, but he is also deeply versed in archaeological lore.

The members then proceeded to the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following were unanimously chosen, viz.: Bros. R. W. Cochran-Patrick, of Woodside, M.P., Right Worshipful Master, and as such, Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire; John Caruthers, Depute Master; William Scott, Substitute Master; George Jack, S.W.; Daniel McIntosh, J.W.; Robert Wylie, Secretary; John Conn, jun., Treasurer; Revs. W. Lee Kerr, John Sime, and Alex. Inglis, Chaps.; Wm. Paterson, Bible Bearer; George Swanson, S. Steward; Jas. B. Thomson, J. Steward; Robert Aird, S.D.; William R. Purves, J.D.; John Armour, jun., architect; James Boyd, I.G.; and W. Brackenridge, Tyler.

The lodge was adjourned till half-past seven, when the brethren again assembled under the old roof of Mother Kilwinning, and being properly clothed marched in procession, headed by the Irvine Rifle instrumental band, to the Eglinton Arms Hall to celebrate the festival of St. Thomas; and in the course of the evening large deputations were received with Masonic honours from the following lodges in the province: Ayr, St. James's, No. 125, headed by the R.W.M., Bro. Murray; Irvine, St. Andrews, 149, headed by the R.W.M., Bro. Highet; Beith (Kilwinning) St. John's, 157, headed by the R.W., Bro. Crawford; Thistle and Rose, Stevenson, 169, headed by the R.W.M., Bro. Wilson; Royal Blues, Kilmarnock, 399, headed by Past Master Bro. Allan; Neptune (Kilwinning), Ardrossan, 442, headed by the R.W.M., Bro. Bain; Irvine Harbour, 676, acting Master Bro. Stevenson, and visiting brethren from Journeymen, Edinburgh, No. 8.

The vitality of the Order, especially in Irvine, was clearly shown by the large deputations from St. Andrews, No. 126, and the newly-erected lodge Harbour, No. 676.

Thus assembled, the several lodges assisted the ancient or mother lodge in celebrating her 742nd anniversary.

"The Queen" and other loyal and Masonic toasts having been given from the chair,

Bro. MURRAY, R.W. Master of Ayr St. James's, then gave, in suitable terms, the toast of "Mother Kilwinning," coupled with "The Health of the R.W. Master," Bro. Cochran-Patrick, and the enthusiasm with which the toast was pledged, and the warmth and heartiness of the greeting he (Bro. Patrick) received on rising to reply, showed how much he was respected by the members of the different lodges in the province over which he has by the suffrages of the mother lodge been again called to bear Masonic rule.

The customary honours being accorded to the deputations, and after spending a most harmonious evening, the proceedings being interspersed with a variety of excellent songs, the lodge was duly closed in ancient form.

**STOW.**—St. John Lodge (No. 216).—The anniversary of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on the 27th inst., a goodly number of the brethren being present. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting and other routine business, the following office bearers were installed by Bro. J. F. Walker, W.P.M.: Bros. Robert Sanderson, R.W.M.; James B. Mercer, W.D.M.; Thomas Bell, W.S.M.; George B. Forsyth, W.S.W.; George Stenhouse, W.J.W.; James Hogg, Sec.; Joseph Wilson, Treas.; Rev. Wm. Workman, Chap.; William H. Cook, S.D.; James Waugh, J.D.; James C. Dowie, Bible Bearer; John Lambert, Dir. of Cers.; James

Dickson, Dir. of Music; William Halliday, Pres. of Stwds.; J. Robertson and J. Hogarth, Stwds.; Robert S. Taylor, I.G.; and William Waddell, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## Obituary.

## BRO. SAMUEL OXTON.

The remains of the late Bro. Samuel Oxtan, who died at his residence, 125, Park-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the age of sixty-one, were consigned to the grave on Friday, the 22nd inst., in St. James's Cemetery. At the church, where the funeral service took place, there was a large assembly of mourning friends, including members of the Masonic Order, representatives of public bodies, professional gentlemen, and others who had been associated with Bro. Oxtan. As a Freemason, the deceased brother belonged to the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, in which he was greatly esteemed for his amiability and benevolence. He was a Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and also a member of the Committee of the recently-formed Benevolent Fund connected with the Neptune Lodge. Bro. Oxtan also took a lively interest in politics, and was one of the council of the Constitutional Association of the city. The relatives present at the funeral were Messrs. G. Oxtan, J. Oxtan, J. L. Oxtan, S. H. Oxtan, H. Oxtan, T. F. Oxtan, and S. C. Oxtan (sons of deceased), John Oxtan, Joseph Oxtan, and Henry Oxtan (brothers), T. Maddock, T. Lunt, G. Lunt (brothers-in-law), Samuel Oxtan, R. Peacock, and J. Langley (nephews). Amongst the others at the funeral were Bro. C. Fothergill W.M., and the following members of the Neptune Lodge: Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. and Treasurer; T. H. Arden, P.M.; J. Tickell, Secretary; Ashworth, S.D.; Fish, J.D.; Samuel Fraser, A.S.; Linaker, Johnson, Battersby, Webb, W. Jones, and E. Ironsides; C. Arden, P.M. 1356; George S.W. 1356; C. Costigan, 1356; T. Harrison, 1675; and J. Lees, 1675; J. W. Robinson, H. Huntington, T. Harris, G. Harris, J. Sumner, H. Marsden, A. Boodle, C. Robinson, F. Langley, S. Langley, T. Wilde, H. Ashmead, J. T. Lewis, G. Nicholson, E. Jones, P. Berry, E. Gregory, H. B. Tasker, Marshall Reid, and Andrew Johnson. The following members of the Constitutional Association represented that body: Captain Stabb, Messrs. Thomas Harrison, J. A. Cowan, C. Fothergill, Samuel Fraser, E. George, C. Costigan, and J. W. Marshall. The service at the church and at the grave was conducted by the Rev. Jonathan Shaw, vicar of St. Matthew's, Toxteth, at which place of worship Bro. Oxtan held the office of churchwarden. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Henry Dodson, Park-road.

## THE LATE BRO. C. J. SMITH.

It is pleasing to find that the Brethren of Lodge of Unanimity, No. 339, Penrith, have recognised in a fitting way the worth of its deceased brother, C. J. Smith, late of Newton, who was well known in connection with the Leath Ward Highway Board, of which he was vice-chairman. An address on vellum, presented to his brother, contains the following, which has been signed by nearly all the past and present officers of the Penrith Lodge of Unanimity:—

"Bro. Smith was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge of Unanimity, held at the Crown Hotel, Penrith, on the 12th day of December, 1876, served the office of Senior Warden, and in December, 1879, was unanimously elected W.M. for the following year, and installed in the chair by his proposer, Bro. W. Kirkbride, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.W., C. and W., and other officers. He was elected W.M., for the second time in December, 1873, and occupied the chair during the following year, all which positions he held with credit to himself and honour to his Lodge."

"Bro. Smith also filled the office of Prov. Jun. Deacon for the province of Cumberland and Westmorland, under the Right Worshipful the Prov. G.M. the Right Honorable the Earl of Bective, M.P., in 1874."

"Bro. Smith, by his will, bequeathed to his mother Lodge, the Lodge of Unanimity, the sum of Ten Guineas, to be appropriated to one of the Masonic Charities, as might be agreed upon by the brethren in open lodge assembled, in order to give to the W.M. for the time being two votes in perpetuity. This bequest was by unanimous vote in open lodge given to the Aged Freemasons' Benevolent Fund, in the name of Bro. Smith; whose name these votes will bear until time shall be no more."

The document is signed by the following officers:—Messrs. J. B. Thwaites, W.M.; John Pearson, S.W.; Wilson Rawes, J.W.; William Hall, S.D.; William Grisen-thwaite, J.D.; John Simpson, T.; Wm. Kirkbride, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.W., C. and W.; Thomas B. Arnison, P.M., P.Z.; John R. Barron, P.M., P.Z.; Thos. Jackson, P.M.; W. R. Mounsey, P.J.W.; and W. E. Siddie.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

**BARTRAM.**—On the 27th inst., at 5, The Terrace, Green-lanes, N., the wife of Richard Bartram, of a daughter.

**ISAACS.**—On the 24th inst., at Smith-square, S.W., the wife of D. Isaacs, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

**PHILLIPS—HUTCHINSON.**—On the 23rd inst., at St. George's, Bloomsbury, Charles Glendinning, son of the late Captain H. Phillips, Royal Horse Artillery, to Honore Jessie Breeze, daughter of the late G. Hutchinson, C.E., of Bombay.

## DEATHS.

**GOODENOUGH.**—On the 23rd inst., at Belgrave-road, Colonel O. H. Goodenough, late Royal Artillery, aged 44.

**OXTON.**—On the 19th inst., at his residence, 125, Park-street, Liverpool, Bro. Samuel Oxtan, aged 61.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the subscribers of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair, H. A. Dubois, George Abbott, A. H. Lilley, Henry Glinn, Frank Richardson, John A. Rucker, James Peters, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Brown, C. H. Webb, J. G. Volcman, Samuel H. Parkhouse, A. E. Gladwell, Edgar Bowyer, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the November meeting, and the reading of the minutes of the House Committee, for information, the brethren adopted the recommendation of the House Committee to accept the tender of Messrs. Merryweather for the supply of fire buckets for the School. It was also resolved to insure the furniture in the Secretary's office for £300.

There were thirteen petitions for placing children on the list for the April election. Of these one town and one country case were deferred. The remaining five town and six country petitions were received, and the children placed on the list.

Vacancies in the School for April were then declared for twenty-two children, for which there will be twenty-nine candidates.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques. The CHAIRMAN said he had a piece of news which the brethren would be glad to hear. Colonel James Peters had just handed him a cheque for £94, to constitute himself a Vice-Patron of the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## COMPLIMENT TO A LIVERPOOL BROTHER.

There are few brethren in Liverpool who have borne a higher character for strict integrity than Bro. John Cobham, one of the P.M.'s of the Merchants' Lodge, and many would rejoice to hear of a well-merited compliment which was recently paid to him by a number of his friends and admirers. The interesting gathering, which took place a few days ago, was for the purpose of showing the desire of a number of well-known tradesmen in this city to do honour to one who has for many years been associated with this community, and who has been held in high respect during his long business career. The gentlemen alluded to gave a complimentary banquet at the Bears' Paw, Lord-street, Liverpool, to Bro. Cobham, the proprietor of that extensive establishment. Bro. R. A. Davies, J.W., 1380, presided, and amongst those present were: Mr. Thomas Stubbs, Bro. Alfred Tyrer, Mr. E. W. Nobbs, Mr. T. Crossby, Mr. Thomas Lee, Mr. W. Gardner, Mr. Walker, Bro. James Orr-Marple, I.G. 1609, Mr. F. Allen, Bro. T. G. Fisher, I.P.M. 1299, Mr. Walter Smith, Mr. A. T. Smith, Mr. T. S. Smith, Mr. T. Gatenby, Mr. W. Walker, Bro. D. Cumming, Mr. T. Walton, Mr. Charles Larmer, Mr. Mawdsley, Mr. Morgan, and Bro. John Cobham. After dinner, which was served in unexceptional style, the Chairman gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were most cordially received. In proposing "Health and Prosperity to Bro. John Cobham," the Chairman, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the high esteem in which that gentleman was held by the tradesmen in that city, in which he had been so long known and respected. A number who had been associated (in doing the necessary work in connection with the erection of the Bear's Paw) with Bro. Cobham had taken that opportunity of meeting together to express their satisfaction at the successful completion of his fine establishment, and to wish Bro. Cobham many years of happy prosperity in the conduct of it. Mr. Thomas Stubbs (on behalf of a number of friends) then presented Bro. Cobham with a beautifully illuminated address, the work of Bro. James Orr-Marple, expressive of the high esteem in which Bro. Cobham was held. Bro. Cobham feelingly replied, remarking that the kindly expressions of so many friends was exceedingly gratifying, and he hoped to be able always to so conduct his business as to obtain the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen. The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by a capital musical selection, contributed to by Bro. Marples, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Smith, and others of the company.

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The Queen has forwarded to the superintendent of nurses at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, five large Berlin wool quilts for the use of the military invalids at the hospital, which were received on Friday at that institution. One of the quilts has been entirely worked by the Queen herself, and a second by the Princess Beatrice. The former bears in one corner Her Majesty's cipher of a crown, V.R.I., and the date 1882. The latter bears the initial letter of "Beatrice." The other quilts have been worked by ladies of the Court, but the Queen has added a border to each. The quilts are made of the softest wool, are of rich though plain patterns and colours, and are perfect in all respects as warm bed-coverings. They are remarkably evenly and skillfully knitted. This personal gift forms a touching instance of the Queen's kind-hearted solicitude for the welfare and comfort of the sick and wounded soldiers who have recently returned from Egypt. The remark attributed to Her Majesty is, "They have done much for me, and I must do something for them." The Queen has left the distribution of the quilts to the superintendent of the nurses. They are to be issued to the patients to whom they are likely to be of most service.

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P.M.—Will P.M. kindly send full name and address of brother referred to, and we will forward the documents direct.

A LEWIS.—No such rule is in force as far as we are aware.

The following stand over:—

Priory Lodge, No. 1000; Abbey Lodge, No. 1184.  
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### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The Blackburn Standard," "The Hull Packet," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Manchester Courier," "Night and Day" (Christmas Number), "The Keystone," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The Masonic Record," "The Watchman," "La Revista Masónica," "The Court Circular."



### THE LIFE OF THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER.

Vol. III.

Some of us, perhaps, better knew the late Bishop of Winchester by the title of the Bishop of Oxford; and some of us may well remember his pleasant presence and the "Attic salt" with what he was wont to season his always effective conversation. No one, as the French say, was a better "raconteur,"—a teller of stories; no one ever delivered his witty or pointed, or impressive little speeches in society with more "verve," or more realism, or more actual effect. It was said at one time that he was an "actor," that his outcome in speech was "mimetic" and prepared; but nothing was more untrue. His wit was alike spontaneous and genial, neat and original, kindly and apt; and you hardly ever heard him say a severe thing, and, certainly, never an ill-natured thing of anybody. We think, however, that the editor has been guilty in this volume of grave indiscretion in respect of his father's memory, and has been forgetful of the chief duty of a careful supervisor of special literary extracts from the lives and records, the sayings and doings of the defunct, which is to curtail rather than to expand, to suppress rather than dilate. People who keep diaries, not even excepting bishops, are still mortal, and not exempt from the little miseries and drawbacks of humanity. The diaries we call our own are not always written in the same humour, or in the same kindly frame of mind as regards others or ourselves. A touch of the liver, an attack of lumbago, a fit of the gout, a prevalence of indigestion, will make us look at things with "the saffron hue" of sickly thought, and at such moments we affect to be discontented with the world and ourselves, and are often very unjust towards others. Many of the injudicious paragraphs thus unwisely printed are distinctly wanting in the needful characteristics of fitness, reality, veracity, without which the "Ana" of the most assiduous

diarist degenerate into idle gossip or perverse twaddle. Many of these passages to which exception has been taken and attention called, ought to have been suppressed, and serious responsibility rests upon the editor for giving to the world passages which, sparing no one, can only hurt the feelings of many. And then comes the still more serious fact, they are not correct, and thus detract from the brightness of the good Bishop's portraiture. These "epea pteroenta" ought never to have been printed, we repeat. Some of the sayings are very good, such as when Lady Burdett Coutts asks, "I suppose, Bishop, you do not know what a drysalter is?" "Oh, yes," replied the Bishop, "Tate and Brady." So, too, his encounters with Lord Westbury are very amusing. As, when, for instance, Lord Westbury met him after his resignation, and said, "Have I met thee, O mine enemy?" "Do you remember the rest of the quotation?" replied the Bishop. "See I. Kings xxi. 20." When the Bishop wrote to him about a Clergy Resignation Bill, and, among other causes, mentioned loss of mental faculties, Lord Westbury replies, "he could not contemplate such a contingency, as he had never met any clergyman who had any mind, except his lordship."

### KELLY'S POST OFFICE DIRECTORY.

This most valuable book of reference for London and Londoners is in, we believe, its eighty-fourth year of appearance, and is equally useful as needful. Its great bulk may be somewhat objectionable, but it can now be obtained in two volumes. It chronicles, among other changes, the striking facts that eleven streets have been renamed, eighteen have been renumbered, eighty-two new names of streets have been given in 1882. It has other features of interest, and is alike indispensable for all offices and libraries, as well as for all who are interested in the whereabouts of individuals in the "little village."

### DIARIES AND POCKET BOOKS.

These are so many that it almost becomes hopeless to commend and useless to criticize. Most people treat themselves to, or are treated to by others, with a pocket book. We are inclined to think that experience seems to be setting in against diaries, seeing how much annoyance is often caused by posthumous revelations and careless extracts. We may mention among the industrious caterers "pro bono publico" Messrs. De la Rue and Co., Messrs. T. and J. Smith and Co., Messrs. Hudson and Kearn (famous for blotting pads), Messrs. Charles Letts and Co., Messrs. Harrison and Sons, "cum multis aliis." We can also mention with pleasure the City Diary of Messrs. Collingridge and Co. The two Masonic Pocket Books appeal forcibly to our Cosmopolitan Craft. Whitaker's Almanack is well-known to many, while the Law and Commercial Diary of Messrs. Dunn and Co. has many devotees and clients. We venture to think that, except as business memos, "cues" to the memory of financial or other rates, diaries are better used sparingly. The long paragraphs which they often contain of conscious and unconscious self-confession and self-laudation, are neither good for ourselves after all, nor for others. But on this, as on many other matters, there will be great divergence of opinion.

### CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

We must all be struck with the abundance of Christmas books, of a special Christmas literature, which appeals so forcibly and pleasantly to the artistic tastes and cultured souvenirs of us all, young and old alike. Indeed, the appearance of our Christmas literature is a fact in itself of moment and meaning worth noting. Time was, as some of us can testify, when such things as Christmas cards, Christmas books, &c., were unknown. Even a quarter of a century back they were not in existence. Perhaps some few tales were specially published; indeed, we believe Charles Dickens set the taste. But the present system of literary and artistic Christmas offerings was unheard of. We do not object to it; on the contrary we approve of it; though we think it right to say this, that it may be a question how far such devotion to, and profusion of a specific and passing literature, acts favourably either on artistic tastes or literary proclivities. That we may have too much even of a good thing is a fact some of us are apt to forget; but as this season is not one for grumbling or growling, or fault-finding or hypercriticism, let us take things as we find them, and be contented, genial, and happy. Messrs. Routledge seem to have the sway in Christmas literature for the young. We note approvingly their numerous issues, alike admirably printed and artistically designed. Among numerous specimens of good reading and excellent taste, we may note "Grimm's Fairy Tales," "Evenings at Home," "Dinglefield," "The Rev. W. C. Adams's Travellers' Tales," "Jeannette," "Jumbo's Picture Book," "Those Boys," "Those Girls," "Little Lays for Little Folk," "The New House that Jack Built," &c. Dean and Son give us, with vividly coloured illustrations, "Sunny Hours and Pretty Flowers," "Tiny Lawn Tennis," and "The Children's Kettle Drum." "The Prince of the Hundred Songs," by Mr. Vernon Lee, is a very effective work, and so are "Caldecott's Songs," "The Battery and the Boiler," "The Girl's Own Book," "The History of the Bible," and many more, like "At Home" and "A Day in a Child's Life."

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### Craft Masonry.

**NEW CONCORD LODGE (No. 813).**—The above lodge met on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C. Lodge was duly opened at four o'clock by Bro. Lewis C. Haslip, W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. Tiddeman, S.W.; J. Stilwell, J.W.; Rev. C. P. Stevens, Chaplain; J. Boulton, Treasurer; R. R. Harper, P.M., Secretary; A. Potter, S.D.; P. Harnett, J.D.; Aperi, D.C.; C. Weedon, I.G.; S. George, P.M.; W. Pierpoint, I.P.M.; J. E. Chubb, F. Willcocks, G. Mustoe, A. Fauques, R. Tedman, F. W. Swales, J. J. Pilley, J. B. Smith, and C. T. Speight, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. S. R. Priestley, 659 (I.C.) and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382, and 898 (*Freemason*).

The first business was, after the observance of necessary formalities, the balloting for Messrs. J. J. Pilley and J. B. Smith as candidates for admission into the Order, and this proving highly satisfactory those gentlemen were admitted, and received the benefit of initiation at the hands of the W.M., Bro. Haslip, in a truly masterly and impressive manner. The other business, that of conferring the Third Degree upon a brother, was not performed, the candidate not arriving.

Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren repaired to the adjoining saloon, where a neat and unpretentious repast was served, and gave every satisfaction to the brethren. At the conclusion of the repast Bro. Haslip gave in brief terms the toasts of the "Queen and the Craft" (National Anthem, Bro. Perls), "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., Lord Carnarvon, and D.G.M., Earl of Lathom, and other Grand Officers Present and Past."

Bro. Pierpoint, I.P.M., having assumed the gavel gave the toast of "The W.M.," one which he said would be drunk not only with pleasure but with enthusiasm. They had all seen how arduously he had performed the duties of his office, and he was sure that the New Concord Lodge had never had a better W.M.

In replying, Bro. Haslip thanked the brethren for receiving the toast so cordially which had been proposed in such flattering terms by the I.P.M. Whilst he had been their W.M. he had certainly endeavoured to do his duty, and as long as he remained their W.M. should still strive to do so. He would say no more after that, but would be content for the brethren to judge by his acts.

The W.M. next gave "The Initiates," quoting the truism that without the admission of new members from time to time the Order must gradually but surely die out. Lodges therefore were glad to receive into their midst new members, and the New Concord were especially pleased to welcome such an addition to their numbers as the two gentlemen initiated that evening. He (the W.M.) believed they had in them the germs of good Masons, and he therefore with great pleasure asked the brethren to be upstanding and drink to the health of the two initiates, whom he hoped would go away deeply impressed with what they had seen, and which, with the knowledge they would afterwards gain, would, he hoped, inspire them with the resolve to become good men and Masons.

Bro. Pilley said, proud as he was to become a member of the Order, he, from the shortness of his experience, must claim that indulgence as to the terms he might use. He had to thank Bros. Perls for proposing and seconding him, the brethren for so kindly electing him, and the W.M. for superintending his initiation as a Mason. As he knew more about mathematics than he did of Masonry, he would express the wish that their numbers would increase by addition, would not suffer subtraction, that division would always be unknown in their Order, and that they would greatly multiply their numbers by addition, as on that occasion.

Bro. J. B. Smith also returned thanks; but asked the brethren to kindly excuse him making a lengthened reply, as he had recently sustained a heavy loss in his family. He trusted on a future occasion to say something more to the purpose.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" were next honoured, Bro. Haslip dwelling upon the merits of the Treasurer and Secretary. The help he received from the Secretary, Bro. Harper, was particularly valuable, that brother keeping him constantly advised as to the financial position of the lodge, and thereby enabling him, as W.M., to proceed to the advantage of the lodge.

Both those officers responded to the toast, which was heartily received.

"The Visitors" were next toasted; Bro. Haslip remarking that it was seldom that the New Concord Lodge had so few visitors; however, the want of members was made up for by quality. Bro. Priestley had been highly recommended to the lodge, and they hoped to know more of him in the future. As a brother hailing from the sister isle, he was heartily welcome to No. 813. Of Bro. G. H. Stephens he had need say but little. He was well known as an earnest worker, and he (Bro. Haslip) had personally known him as such for some years. The W.M. concluded by offering a hearty welcome to both visitors, and the toast was cordially received.

After suitable replies, "The Officers" were honoured in well-deserved terms of praise, and the S.W. ably responded, congratulating the brethren upon the prosperity which attended the Lodge 813 at the end of the year of grace 1882, and auguring from its excellent Mastership, its officers, and the two newly-initiated brethren, a prosperous and happy future. He trusted, to continue the metaphor employed by the W.M., that those two brethren would germinate into good Masons, and that in view of that bright fulfilment of their hopes, and upon the auspicious close of the year, the officers of the New Concord Lodge might fittingly lay their congratulations at the W.M.'s feet.

The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings.

**CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).**—This large and influential lodge held its last regular meeting on the 20th inst., at the George Hotel, Millwall Docks, when a numerous array of brethren lent considerable éclat to the

proceedings. The principal feature of the gathering, however, was the re-appearance of the esteemed W.M., Bro. G. T. Limn, who for some four months past has been unwell and that so seriously as to cause great alarm to his numerous circle of friends and wellwishers. Under the blessing of G.A.O.T.U. the attendances of Dr. Crosse (1382) have resulted in a restoral in great measure, and Bro. Limn opened the lodge in person, assisted by Bros. G. B. Smith, S.W.; W. Stapleton, J.W.; W. Carnaby, P.M. Treas.; Dr. C. Wyatt-Smith, P.M. Sec.; Morrison, Deacon; C. Scarell, P.M., D.C. and W.S.; and about fifty other brethren. Among the visitors were: Bros. Absell, 781; Russell, 871; S. G. Bonner, 1278; G. W. Trickey, 1923; W. Perkins, 1923; and G. H. Stephens, 1623, 1382 and 898 (*Freemason*).

After performance of the ordinary preliminary business, the ballot was put into requisition for the admission of Messrs. Edward Peniston, Wm. Gould and George Hy. Leggett into the Order, and with a favourable result in each instance.

Bro. Limn accordingly initiated those gentlemen into the mysteries of the Craft in a highly impressive manner, the other candidates for the second and third degrees were not in attendance, but the situation of the Corinthian Lodge in its riverain position and closely surrounded on all sides by shipping centres, oftentimes affords an opportunity of conferring a degree in favour of a brother hailing from a far-away lodge working under the English Constitution. Two such brethren presenting themselves, and being duly vouched for, the one, Bro. G. W. Trickey, of the United Brethren Lodge, No. 1923, Malta, was examined and passed to the F.C. Degree, by Bro. W. Millington, I.P.M., who has capitally carried out the W.M.'s duties during his absence as related above. Bro. Wm. Perkins, 1923, was next kindly raised to the degree of M.M., by Bro. W. Delves, P.M., and the indefatigable Preceptor of the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, in his usual manner, the officers rendering efficient assistance at their respective posts.

Several items of lodge business were next under discussion, and included a grant of five guineas to a distressed P.M. of the Lodge, which again testified to the active spirit of charity which always actuates the brethren of the Corinthian Lodge.

All business being happily at an end, the brethren were regaled by Bro. W. Clarke, the worthy host, with a capital repast, quite in keeping with the festive period of the year. After the cloth had been removed Bro. Limn gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," and "The Dep. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, with the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." These were cordially honoured.

Bro. Millington, I.P.M., then proposed in feeling terms the health of Bro. Limn, W.M., whom they were all so thankful to see among them once more, in a fair way of recovery from his late severe illness.

Bro. Limn, in replying, was evidently overcome by the warmth and spontaneity of the reception of the toast. He was doubly indebted to Bro. Millington, who had so kindly proposed his health, and had during his absence rendered every service that could have been required of him. He also must express his sincere thanks to the brethren for their kind sympathy during his long illness, and for the hearty welcome back that they had just given him. A word of thanks to Bro. Crosse he thought to be also due. That brother had been unremitting in his professional services, morn, noon, and night, and he (the W.M.) had to thank his exertions, under the favour of T.G.A.O.T.U., for being there that evening. Before sitting down Bro. Limn gave "The Health of the Past Masters," thanking Bros. Millington, I.P.M., and Delves for their kind and efficient services to the lodge whilst he had been away ill, and on that evening for having relieved him of the strain of working the Second and Third ceremonies. The lodge might well be proud, as he was, at having brethren so able and willing to advance the interests of the lodge.

In replying, the I.P.M. said he felt deeply indebted to the W.M. and to the brethren for the kindness with which the toast had been proposed and received. He had taken great pleasure in rendering what assistance the lodge from time to time had required. He should feel only too proud whilst their W.M. was getting quite well to perform all his duties for him, feeling quite content with the honour of having him present in the lodge.

Bros. Delves, Carnaby, and Scarell also replied for the Past Masters, dwelling upon the great satisfaction they all felt, with the lodge, upon the recovery of Bro. Limn.

"The Initiates" were next toasted, and suitably acknowledged.

"The Visitors" came in for the usual warm expression of welcome which distinguishes No. 1382; and Bros. Absell, Bonner, Perkins, and others responded, testifying to their high appreciation of the working and hospitality of the Corinthian Lodge.

The W.M. next gave "The Host," to which Bro. Clark replied, saying he felt pleased his endeavours for their comforts had been to their satisfaction.

"The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens, was next given.

After a response from that brother, "The Officers" were toasted; and Bros. G. B. Smith, S.W., and W. Stapleton, J.W., respectively returned thanks; Bro. C. Scarell, P.M., adding some forcible remarks upon the return of the W.M. among them.

The intervals between the speeches were capitally filled in with excellent songs, and were much enjoyed, till the Tyler's toast was given, and a happy meeting ended.

**ARUNDEL.—Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love (No. 56).**—On Thursday the annual installation meeting of the lodge was held at the Town Hall, when Bro. H. E. Thompson, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Thomas Francis, Prov. G. Std., who during the past year has filled the chair with conspicuous ability. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Light, P.M., S.W.; H. W. Mardon, J.W.; Thomas Mitchell, Sec.; Hearn, Treas.; the Rev. W. B. Dunlop, Chap.; A. Ceal, S.D.; C. Eurnell, J.D.; Chamberlain, P.M., I.G.; R. Garwood, P.M., Std.; J. Robertson, Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, served in first-rate style by Bro. C. Barkshire, at the Norfolk Hotel, being joined by several visitors, including Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Harrison, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Hants, W.M. 1829; Daniell, W.M. 732; Butt, P.M.; W. L. Thomas, W.M. 1141; J. H. Hawes, Std. 28; and others. The brethren of No. 56

present included Bros. Evershed, P.P.G.D.; A. H. Smith, P.M.; E. E. Street, P.M.; Bro. Francis, Prov. G. Std.; and most of the newly-invested officers.

**SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).**—On the 14th inst., the officers and brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, upon the occasion of the installation as W.M. of Bro. C. McNamara, S.W. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. J. Henry Leech, W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. Lord, W. Beattie, T. Sharp, H. Tonkinson, G. C. Watson, P.M.'s; J. C. Smith, W.M., D. Sinclair, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C., Ferry, and Richardson, 48; R. de Clare Yeld, W.M.; J. Lowes, P.M.; J. E. Nelson, S.W., and J. Deans, S.D.; So; C. H. Drury, W.M. 85; J. Hudson, W.M., M. Frampton, P.M.; J. R. Smart, I.P.M., Ald. Potts, P.M.; J. Riseborough, P.M.; R. B. Lutert, P.P.G.D., P.M.; J. Dixon, S.W., and J. Rainbow, J.W., 94; T. Shepherd, W.M., H. W. Emerson, P.M.; J. Scurfield, S.W., and E. Atkinson, J.W., 661; G. Porteous, P.G.O., W.M., A. T. Munroe, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B., J. G. Kirtley, J.W., and W. Liddell, P.P.G.D., P.M. 949; H. Golder, W.M. 1119; Dr. Murphy, W.M. and W. Brandt, P.M. 1389; and others.

Bro. McNamara was introduced by Bro. Geo. Lord, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. G. C. Watson, P.M., who performed the ceremony in an able and impressive manner. The W.M. having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and saluted by the brethren, he proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Henry Leech, I.P.M.; J. C. Moor, S.W.; J. R. Pattison, J.W.; R. Singleton, Hon. Sec.; T. Twizell, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Clay, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D. of C.; E. Clarkson, S.D.; C. M. Wake, J.D.; J. G. Nasbet, I.G.; J. Thompson, Tyler; J. Kirtley and R. Turnbull, Stewards; W. A. Sutcliffe and H. E. Mendelssohn, Auditors.

Upon the motion of Bro. J. J. Clay, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. H. Leech, I.P.M., and supported by Bro. H. Tonkinson, P.M., a number of donations to local charities were passed, including the Eye Infirmary, the Infirmary, the Shipwrecked Mariners' Widows and Orphans' Society, the Blind Institute, the Sick Children's Hospital, the Orphan Asylum, &c.

After the investiture of officers, Mr. William Birch was introduced, and being properly prepared as a candidate, was initiated into Masonry by Bro. W. Beattie, P.M. The lodge was afterwards duly closed.

The annual festival was afterwards held in the banquet hall, Bro. C. McNamara, W.M., in the chair, the vice-chairs being filled by Bro. J. C. Moor, S.W. (*Freemason*), and Bro. J. R. Pattison, J.W. There were nearly eighty brethren sitting down, and the gathering was of a most enthusiastic character. Grace having been said,

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the "Queen," said the toast was one that was given in every well regulated society as the first toast of the evening, and was given no less as a tribute of regard to Her Majesty than for her love and veneration for that constitution under which this country has flourished, and he had no doubt it was the wish of every Freemason that the constitution might continue to flourish amid the tumults of the hour for ages yet to come. Of this he was sure, that in no society was this toast ever drunk with greater satisfaction than among free and Accepted Masons. Her Majesty is not a Mason, because she cannot be one by the laws of the Craft, but she is the daughter of one who was an illustrious Prince, the Grand Master of our Order, and the splendid impersonification of all those virtues which are the distinguishing ornaments of the Craft. She has imbibed these principles from her earliest childhood, and he was happy to state that she had carried that out in the affairs of this great country. Had she been born in the rougher instead of the gentler sex she would certainly have been a Mason, for one of the first wishes she was known to express on her marriage with that excellent man, "Albert the Good," was that he should become a Freemason, but her uncle, the then Grand Master of the Order, the Duke of Sussex, objected on the ground that as Royal husband, the Prince could have no secrets from the Queen. She urged the point, but in vain; the old duke was inflexible. She answered if her husband could not be a Freemason, should she ever have any sons, her first-born should be a Freemason. Her first born son is now our Grand Master. He, therefore, asked them to drink heartily with him long life and happiness to one who was the good daughter of a good father; the good wife of a good husband; the good mother of our good Grand Master; the Patron of our Order; an example to her sex, and the beloved by the Craft.

The Chairman next proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England." Every Freemason, he said, must have a feeling of interest in him whom their suffrages placed at their head. We at the present time are in the happy position of having at our head one in whom every man, woman, and child throughout the land must feel interest—no less a personage than our future king. He asked them to say with him, in the words of an esteemed brother:

Heaven crown his path with glory,  
And guide that mighty hand,  
Our Grand Master, Albert Edward,  
The Prince of our brave land.  
Should kingly powers await him,  
From God, who reigns above,  
Oh, may he rule his subjects  
With justice, truth, and love.  
May his banner float the highest  
O'er the forest of the sea;  
Before the throne of justice  
The humblest may he be.  
The nation's prayers arising  
To God, the King of all,  
If he be our sure foundation,  
The sceptre cannot fall.  
Then toast him left and right,  
As he weathers Time's rough gales,  
May his life be long and bright,  
God bless the Prince of Wales."

The Chairman next proposed "The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge of England," in kindly terms.

The Chairman next gave the toast of "The Marquis of Londonderry, R.W.P.G.M. of Durham." In giving the toast, the Chairman said that during the short time he had

held the office he had had the pleasure of sitting under the P.G.M. on five different occasions, and from the great attention he seemed to give to his duties, he was fully led with the belief that he would prove to be a worthy successor to one whom they all knew was a worthy predecessor. He trusted the P.G.M. might long be spared to preside over the province.

The Chairman next proposed the toast of "Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," which was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. D. Sinclair, P.M. 48, P.G.A.D. of C., responded to the toast, and trusted the Provincial Officers of this district would ever continue to act harmoniously as they had done heretofore.

Bro. George Carr Watson, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said they had got a brother in the chair who was well up in Masonry, and he trusted he would have a successful year in the chair; and, seeing that Bro. McNamara was such an excellent visitor himself, he trusted the lodge would be visited by brethren from all the lodges of the province, and that when his year of office terminated, they would be able to say he had done his work zealously and impartially. Without saying any more, he gave them "The Health of the W.M." The toast was drank with great cordiality.

The Chairman, in responding, said: Past Master Watson, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren—In looking round me to-night, the sight of such an array of brethren who have already passed the ordeal I am about to undergo, should inspire me with courage to say a few words. Yet I feel any words I can command must utterly fail to convey to you the feelings of thankfulness and gratitude I experience at the present moment, not only at the way in which you, Bro. Watson, proposed my health and the happy way it has been received, but for the great honour you have conferred on me by placing me here at your head in the Palatine Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. I shall not detain you with a lengthy speech, but I think it is due to you that I should tell you something of what I consider to be the duties I have engaged myself to fulfil to-night. I hope that any words falling from my lips that might have the slightest tendency to offend, the brethren will pardon, as I only wish to express what I consider to be the duties of a Master of a lodge. It is not every one who is chosen Master that, from a variety of circumstances, is able to fulfil the duties of the high and honourable position. The Master should be a teacher, and should be well learned in the laws, usages, history, and traditions of the Order; thoroughly able to impart all the information necessary to the candidates in passing through the several Degrees, and capable to instruct the less informed brethren. The lukewarmness and indifference to Masonry often evinced by many members of the fraternity, and their ignorance of its principles and high moral aims, are often to be attributed to the neglect of the W.M. If the candidate in passing through the several Degrees is not properly instructed, if he is not imbued with high and lofty sentiments, if higher and holier feelings are not awakened in his bosom to live a better life, to have increased charity towards his fellow men, it is in vain to suppose that he will devote his time and attention to seeking for pearls of precious value when his instructor gave him no reason to believe that any existed, and of which he himself was ignorant. I, moreover, believe that a candidate should not be allowed to leave the lodge on the night of his initiation without having at least the first charge given unto him, and if there is too much work to be got through in a reasonable time it were better to put off Second and Third Degrees and have extra lodges for that purpose, if required, so that the candidate may be properly instructed in the First Degree, and that the brethren may not feel dull by being too long at labour. Then we might escape the principal scene which too often occurs in a Mason's lodge—the general exodus of the brethren at a certain period of the night. I also believe it to be the W.M.'s duty to keep the Past Masters well up in the various Degrees by endeavouring to prevail upon them to participate in the work of the evening, and not to be too anxious to do all the work himself. I likewise believe that all work should be done, and the lodge closed as near nine o'clock as possible, so that a happy hour may be spent at the social board, which is considered by many brethren to be one of the greatest cements of the Order. Brethren, as I have to-night taken upon myself the great and solemn obligation to keep inviolate certain secrets or landmarks of the Order, it would not be out of place if I were to say a few words on the secrecy of Masonry. I know there are many members of the Fraternity who think everything connected with Masonry is secret, and who will not budge one peg more than they were taught when the several Degrees were conferred upon them; who entertain an opinion that they ought not to know anything of its history, traditions, or the origin of its rites and ceremonies; who think all this knowledge should be hid from the light of day, and perish in oblivion for ever. To shield themselves in their ignorance they make use of that convenient expression—"Masonry is a secret society." I grant you Masonry is a secret institution so far as its landmarks are concerned; they are unchangeable; and any brother worthy of the name of a Mason would never wish them otherwise; but he that infers that its aims and purposes are secret, and are incapable of unfoldment, betrays a gross ignorance of its history. An institution whose sole aim and purpose is to elevate and improve mankind cannot be secret in all respects; the platform of yesterday must be elevated to conform with increased light and knowledge of to-day; there must be a continual change, an upward and onward tendency as we increase in knowledge from day to day, of the duties we owe to God, our neighbours, and ourselves. It is idle to tempt Freemasonry from advancing with the intellectual advancement of the age. The Freemasonry of to-day is far in advance of the Freemasonry of one hundred years ago in its system of charities, but more especially in the acquisition of knowledge of its past history. None but the wilfully blind, the ignorant, or those who can see nothing in Masonry beyond its signs, tokens, and pass-words, can be hostile to instructing their brethren in Masonic light and knowledge. All intellectual Masons, in the proper sense of the term, as regards the landmarks of the Order, are truly secret, but the secrecy which will not admit of the development of Masonic principles, of the promulgation of Masonic teachings, of its history, philosophy, statistics, symbols, or its high and holy aim and mission, is as opposed to true Freemasonry as virtue is opposed to vice. Brethren, I again thank you. I make you no promise what-ye, what

I may do during my year of office, but I will to the best of my ability endeavour to perform the duties of that office. May we have a happy and prosperous year, at the termination of which I hope some of you will be able to say, "He has tried to do his duty." To you of my brethren who have been invested by me to-night, I have again to remind you of what I said at your investment. I hope you will be regular in your attendance and endeavour to be proficient in your duties, so that at the end of your year of office the brethren shall say, "The Officers have all done their duty." To you of my brethren who have not been invested—no doubt you have shown yourselves anxious to be so—I say, in the words of an old and valued brother:

Avoid dissensions, jealousies, and piques;  
Beware of party spirit, and all cliques;  
Let not desire of office be too keen,  
And if defeated fairly, show no spleen.  
The choice of officers should always rest  
On those whom we believe will work the best;  
Good men and true, who will with heart and soul,  
Exert themselves to benefit the whole.  
And if the brethren differ in their views,  
Remember, the majority must choose;  
And the minority can do no less  
Than in their preference to acquiesce.

He again thanked them.

The toast of the I.P.M. was next proposed, and given with enthusiasm.

Bro. J. H. Leech, in responding, said that he undertook the duties a year ago with some diffidence; but what he lacked in ability he had tried to make up by regular attention to the duties of the lodge. He was glad to think, at the end of his year of office, that he had satisfied the brethren by the manner in which he had discharged the duties.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of their Newly-Initiated Bro. W. Birch," who suitably replied.

Bro. P.M. Sharp proposed the toast of "The Past and Present Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. J. C. Moor, S.W., and J. G. Masbet, I.G., who suitably responded.

Bro. H. Tonkinson, P.M., proposed "The Installing Master," Bro. G. C. Watson. He did not know a better Installing Master than Bro. Watson was. It had been his pleasure to be acquainted with him from his initiation into Masonry, and a more studious and earnest Mason had not sat in the Palatine Lodge. He had worked assiduously and had put a good finishing stroke to his work that night. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast.

Bro. G. C. Watson, P.M., in responding, said he could assure them that he had endeavoured to do his best, and if he had given satisfaction in his duties that day he was well repaid, and if he could at any time be of assistance to the newly-installed Master he should be glad to help him.

The Chairman proposed "The Visiting Brethren." Nothing had given him greater pleasure during his Masonic career than to see so many of his brethren both on the right and on the left that night. They had members present from the following lodges: 48, 80, 85, 94, 240, 406, 661, 949, 1119, 1342, and 1389. The Palatine Lodge had ever been an hospitable one, and if he was spared with health and strength, he would not let that part of the glory of the lodge go back during his year of office.

Bros. D. Sinclair, P.M. 48; R. de Clare Yeld, W.M. 80; J. Hudson, W.M. 94; Mawson, 240; G. Porteous, W.M. 949; H. Golder, W.M. 1119; and F. Maddison, P.M. 1389, responded.

Bro. J. J. Clay, P.M. 97, P.P.G.S. of W., proposed the next toast—that of "The Masonic Charities." Before he mentioned anything about these valuable institutions, he would like to make a remark about one—an old friend whom they did not see here this year, who had passed away since they met last year, their good Bro. W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.—who had been Steward for two or three of the Charities, and used every endeavour to carry up as large a sum as he possibly could from the Province of Durham. These Charities demanded support, not only of Masons generally, but of every Mason individually. The new Masonic school had always received hearty support, having had £25 voted to it at the last Provincial Grand Lodge. He thought, however, they might do more for their local charities, one of which—the Orphan Asylum—seeing that Sunderland was a seafaring town, required their especial support. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast.

Bro. F. Madison, P.M. 1389, suitably responded. The last toast of the evening—"Our Absent Brethren"—concluded the harmonious proceedings.

During the course of the evening several glees and trios and songs were admirably rendered by Messrs. Sinclair, Ferry, and Richardson, from Gateshead; Wake, Porteous, Sutcliffe, Rainbow, and others.

**PLYMOUTH.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 105).**—The annual meeting of this lodge, one of the oldest in the province, was held on the 19th inst., at the Huyshe Temple. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. E. A. Lyons, was installed. W. Bro. H. J. Kitt, Bro. Lyons' immediate predecessor, was the installing officer, and carried out the ceremony with considerable eclat. The following Worshipful brothers constituted the Board of Installed Masters: Bros. W. S. Hearder, I.P.M.; R. B. Twose, P.P.G.T.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G.T.; G. C. Bignell, Treas., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; C. H. Cooper, Sec., P.G. St.; J. T. Browning, P.M. 105; M. Emdon, P.M. 105; J. E. Curteis, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.S. of Wks.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Geo. Whitley, P.P.G.O.; A. E. Lean, P.M. 70; J. Gidley, P.M. 156; B. S. Johns, P.M. 158; W. H. Hunt, W.M. 1205; M. C. Lakeham, I.P.M. 1550; and R. Hamby, W.M. 1055.

At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. J. Kitt, I.P.M.; J. Gifford, S.W.; E. Pillar, J.W.; G. C. Bignell, Treas.; C. H. Cooper, Sec.; Geo. Horswell, S.D.; S. R. Hayes, J.D.; J. W. Parson, D.C. J. S. Sloggett, A.D.C.; W. S. Hearder, Org.; T. Gray I.G.; M. Joel and A. W. Spinney, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler.

The W.M. was elected to represent the lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and the following brethren were elected the representatives in the Temple Lodges Amalgamated Committee: Bros. E. A. Lyons, G. S. Bignell, C. H. Cooper, J. T. Browning, and J. Gifford.

**MARPLE.—Lodge of Benevolence (No. 336).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held, and the festival of St. John celebrated, on Saturday, the 23rd inst.,

at the Jolly Sailor Inn. The following brethren were present: Bros. James Ridgway, W.M.; Ralph Andrew, S.W.; J. D. Andrew, I.J.W.; James Boardman, Sec.; John Crompton, S.D.; W. Caldwell, J.D.; Joseph Boardman, P.S.W. 1116, I.G.; Thomas Mather and Joseph Kirby, Stwds.; Henry Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. H. Hartley, P.M. 1126, P.G.P., Org.; W. Hardy, P.M.; Lynch D. Bradbury, P.M. 322; George Bennett, P.M. 322; Jesse Tymms, P.M.; J. E. Steward, P.M., D.C.; William Boardman, John Sherwin, John Phythian, and John Osbaldistone, Tyler. The following brethren from neighbouring lodges were the invited guests: Bros. Henry Howard, P.M. 1126, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Bardsley, P.M. 322, W.M. 1957; R. Gray, W.M. 1126; T. Barlow, W.M. 361; Henry Barlow, S.W. 361; Jonathan Bailey, 361; T. H. Sherburn, W.M. 1088; W. Bayliss, P.M. 1088; and J. Cowling, S.W. 1126.

This lodge which has been aptly termed "the corner lodge of the Masonic lodges in the province of Cheshire" is, we are glad to find, rapidly, but cautiously rising in importance. In a sparsely populated district and dependent upon its members from neighbouring towns and villages it has passed through various vicissitudes, and but for the perseverance of Bros. Henry Jackson, P.M., P.P.J.D., William Hardy, P.M., and Joseph Ellis, Steward, it must have passed into oblivion. It possesses a minute book recording the minutes from the 1st January, 1750, and so on in a direct line down to the present time. When to be able to write was considered a great accomplishment, this lodge could boast of having a Secretary, who appears to have been a master of penmanship. In the year of the battle of Waterloo the minutes are recorded in a manner second to none that have been since indited, and its books and the "volume of the sacred law" would be interesting mental food for a member of the Society of Antiquarians. Among all the changes during 123 years it is creditable to the brethren who have passed off the stage of life that such valuable records have been left as legacies to the present brethren. There is in all this evidence that the predecessors were genuine and true Masons. Within the past few years it has shown a vitality equal to that of a period so long ago as 1830, when the railway system was in its infancy, and when the brethren of those days had to walk six or seven miles, and sometimes more, to attend to perform the mystic duties. It can now boast of two brethren who have gained provincial honours; and when it is considered that such honours are not bestowed every day its members have reason to be proud and grateful that the noble captain of Cheshire Masons, the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, has not overlooked the lodge of Benevolence.

The lodge was opened in due form at 2.20 p.m., by Bro. James Ridgway, W.M., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Ralph Andrew, S.W., was presented by Bro. Henry Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P., to Bro. Henry Howard, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., the Installing Master, and with pride and due ceremony was inducted into the chair of K.S. On the admission of M.M.'s, Bro. Ralph Andrew was proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year, and was accordingly saluted as such, the brethren forming procession and singing, "Hail! Masonry, Divine." When this formula had been gone through the requisite number of times, the following officers were invested: Bros. J. D. Andrew, S.W.; James Boardman, J.W.; John Crompton, Secretary; W. Caldwell, S.D.; Joseph Boardman, J.D.; Thomas Mather, I.G.; Joseph Kirby and John Sherwin, Stewards; and J. H. Hartley, P.M., P.G.P., Organist. Bro. Henry Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P., was appointed Treasurer for the fifth time for the ensuing year, amid the acclamations of the brethren present. These duties having been done, Bro. H. Jackson, the eldest M.P. of the lodge, said that by desire of the brethren he had to perform an office that was an exceedingly pleasant one, namely, to present a Past Master's gold jewel to Bro. James Ridgway. In doing so he said that he felt that he was sure that he was speaking the sentiments of all the brethren of the lodge when he expressed a fervent wish that the recipient might be long spared to exhibit it, in testimony of the zealous and courteous manner in which he had discharged his duties as W.M.

The festival of St. John the Evangelist was afterwards celebrated at a banquet. During dessert the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, including that of "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Provincial Officers," and "The Visiting Brethren." The music of the evening was ably rendered by Bros. J. E. Steward, J. Kerby, John Osbaldistone. Bro. J. H. Hartley, P.G.S., presided at the organ. A most enjoyable evening was spent and the brethren dispersed, after singing the National Anthem, at 9.30 p.m. The jewel was a very handsome one, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

**MALTA.—Zetland Lodge (No. 513).**—This ancient and interesting lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 16th inst. The lodge-room was crowded by the majority of the brethren of the island, who were evidently determined to do honour to the installation of Bro. A. B. Truefitt into the chair of K.S. The installation ceremony was ably performed by the R.W. District Grand Master of Malta and Tunis, with W. Bros. Pearce, 515, as S.W.; and J. D. Roe, 515, as J.W., in the presence of a Board of eleven Installed Masters. The orations from the different chairs were delivered in a most impressive manner by the R.W.D.G.M., and were listened to with profound attention and warmly applauded. The newly-installed Master having been duly saluted and proclaimed in the usual manner, he proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: W. Bro. Pearce, D.G. Supt. of Wks., I.P.M.; Bros. W. Pariente, S.W.; T. Jenkin, J.W.; W. Bro. J. D. Roe, D.G.D., Sec.; Bros. H. Caraco, S.D.; H. Harding, J.D.; C. S. Dalzell, I.G.; and R. Beck (re-elected), Tyler.

The ordinary routine business of the lodge having been disposed of, a cordial vote of thanks to the Installing Officer was proposed and carried with acclamation. "Hearty good wishes" and congratulations were tendered on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England by V.W. Bro. W. R. R. Bedford, as also on behalf of the following lodges: 349, 407, 1923, 1926, and 387 (I.C.)

The brethren then adjourned to a most recherché banquet, where the customary toasts, loyal and Masonic, were proceeded with. Owing to the lateness of the hour, speech-making was minimised.

The accession of Bro. Truefitt to the chair of this lodge is



a source of hearty congratulation to all; his geniality and urbane manners having endeared him to the whole of his Masonic brethren in Malta, and although one of the youngest men and Masons that was ever placed in the chair of K.S., it is felt that a most successful year for the lodge is assured.

Amongst the visitors present we noticed the following: Bros. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chap. England; W. Kingston, D.G.M.; W. Watson, D.D.G.M., P.M. 349; Sir F. Blackwood, Bart., W.M. 349; F. Hewson, W.M. 1923; J. S. Abbott, W.M. 1926; J. F. Taylor, P.M. 1926; W. Dahn, P.M. 407; R. Glenday, P.M. 407; J. W. Starkey, D.G. Sec.; D. C. Wilson, S.W. 1926; A. O. Giles, J.W. 1926; D. Jackson, S.W. 387 (I.C.); D. Cooper, J.W. 387 (I.C.); Rabbitts, 407; Arnold, 407; E. May, 407; R. Wyatt, 407; J. Santucci, 387 (I.C.); W. Sabin, 387 (I.C.); N. C. Attwood, 378; G. Phillips, 56; C. Payne, 1923; E. N. Parker, 1847; T. Tobin, 1926; C. E. Jarvis, 1926; F. Titmas, 1926; F. H. Taylor, 1926; J. Pocock, 1926; J. B. Short, 1926; W. Archer, 1926; E. T. Livingstone, 1926; W. F. Horniblow, 1926; G. P. Stevens, 407; E. F. Hillman, 1926; J. S. Davies, 437; H. Boyce, 1926; W. Putt, 1428; J. C. Stanley, 407; R. York, 1926; S. G. Galton, 1926; F. Mayall, 1926; E. O'Reilly, 1926; W. Miles, 1926, and many others.

**ROCK FERRY.**—Rock Lodge (No. 1289).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge, took place on Friday evening, the 15th inst., in the ballroom of the Royal Rock Hotel, in the presence of a large number of brethren, including many visitors, some from distant lodges. The Worshipful Master-elect, Bro. Charles Stewart Dean, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. B. Sparks, the ceremony being performed in a dignified and impressive manner. After the newly-installed had received the salutations according to ancient custom, he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. B. Sparks, I.P.M.; H. B. Bare, S.W.; J. D. Thomas, J.W.; John Phillips, P.M., Treas.; F. L. Bolton, Prov. G.S.D., P.M., Sec.; William Robert, S.D.; A. H. Correlli, J.D.; Joel Frederick Dean, I.G.; W. G. Cronan, S.S.; Dr. Young, J.S.; Edward Friend, P.P.J.G.D., P.M.M.C.; the Rev. G. F. Dean, Chap.; and Banning, organist. The brethren afterwards dined together, and Mrs. Page's catering was satisfactory. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and Bro. H. Bulley, P.G.S.B., responded on behalf of "The Grand Lodge of England;" Bro. W. Marquis, Prov. J.G.W., and Bro. F. L. Bolton, Prov. S.G.W., on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire;" and the Rev. Bro. Dunbar, P.P.J.G.D., West Yorks; Bro. Lightfoot, P.M. Cestrian; and Bro. Wristbridge, of the Hyde Park Lodge, London, on behalf of the visitors. Bro. Lee and other visitors gave an excellent musical entertainment, and the 1882 "St. John's" of the Rock Lodge will long be a pleasant memory to those who had the privilege of participating in the ceremonial.

## INSTRUCTION.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Friday evening, the 22nd inst. Amongst those present were Bros. Richard Poore, W.M.; J. M. Bate, S.W.; M. E. Stokes, J.W.; F. Thurston, Treas., S.D.; G. Newby, J.D.; Alfred Jones, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; J. Willmot, R. W. Pooler, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the first four Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, with explanations by the Preceptor. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. James Stevens on the 29th inst. The lodge was then closed in due form.

## Royal Arch.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—The annual convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., for the installation of officers, but without the usual festivity, as the centenary celebration had been held so recently under circumstances of much éclat, favoured by the presence of some of the most distinguished members of the Order. The Board of Installed Principals was opened by Ex. Comps. L. Howes, Z.; E. L. Hill, P.Z., as H.; F. Wilkinson, J.; in the presence of P.Z.'s Rubie, Hecklet, Moutrie, Treas.; Dr. Hopkins, Hearne, and Williamson. The Board having been closed, the companions were admitted, and, in addition to the above-named officers, the following took their respective chairs: Comps. C. Radway, E.; Mercer, N.; Glover, Prin. Soj.; W. Peach and Knight, Asst. Sojs.; Comp. Bigwood was Janitor, and Ex. Comp. Williamson acted as D. of C.

The chapter was then opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. All below the rank of Principal retired, and a Board of Installed Principals was again constituted by Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, and 710, who had undertaken the duty of Installing Principal, as usual during each of the last eight years. Ex. Comp. Howes was again installed as Z.; Ex. Comp. F. Wilkinson, as H.; and Ex. Comp. C. W. Radway, as J. The Board was closed, the companions were re-admitted, and the new Principals were saluted and proclaimed. The following were then invested as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. T. B. Moutrie, P.Z., Treas.; Mercer, E.; Glover, N.; W. Peach, Prin. Soj.; R. B. Cater and Knight, Asst. Sojs.; and Bigwood, Janitor.

A very hearty and cordial vote of thanks was passed by acclamation, on the proposition of the Z., to Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, the Installing Principal, with the expression of best wishes for an increase of health and strength, and a hope that he might be able to do the duty in many future years.

In acknowledging the compliment and the kindly feeling of the companions, Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins stated that he hoped, and indeed felt assured, from the antecedents of the Principals, that it would be the ambition of each to instal his successor on the future annual occasions.

The Treasurer's accounts, which had been duly audited, were passed.

A letter from the W.M. of the Royal Cumberland Lodge was read, expressing compliance with the request that the ancient records of the chapter may be deposited

in the iron chest of the lodge, and it was announced that this course had been adopted, and a receipt for them given, which was copied into the minute book. A favourable ballot was taken for the election as hon. members of M. Ex. Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke and W. J. Hughan. A ballot was also taken for Comp. J. H. Macfarlane, as a joining member, which was likewise favourable. The names of all these three appeared on the summons as having been proposed at the previous meeting. No companion having been appointed to conduct the musical portions of the ceremony, it was suggested that the M.E.Z. should confer with Comp. Macfarlane with a view to his undertaking that duty. The Treasurer gave notice of motion to raise the annual subscription of members from two shillings and sixpence to five shillings. It was proposed by Ex. Comp. Hill, P.Z., and seconded by Ex. Comp. Radway, J., that a chapter of emergency be held on January 11th, that being the anniversary of the foundation of the chapter, and that M. Ex. Comp. Col. Adair, Grand Superintendent of Somerset, be invited to attend and receive the gold centenary jewel voted to him at the convocation held on November 21st, and that should he consent, the banquet be held on that day. This was carried.

Scribe E. was directed to communicate with the Grand Superintendent and ascertain whether this arrangement will be convenient to him. No other business offering, the chapter was closed in peace, harmony, and unity.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Israel Chapter, (No. 1502).—The first installation meeting of this chapter since the consecration took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 21st inst. Among those present were Comp. Maurice Hart, M.E.Z.; S. Schonstadt, H.; H. A. Tobias, J.; D. Gabrielsen, Treas.; Alex. Levy, S.E.; M. Aronsberg, S.N.; S. J. Henochsberg, P.S.; Alfred Levy, A.S.; and Peter Ball, Janitor. The visitors included Comp. J. T. Callow, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; J. Pemberton, P.Z., P.P. G. Swd. Br.; Broadbridge, P.Z. 680; Dr. Samuel, P.Z. 241; Dr. Bailey, H. 680; Carruthers, J. 1350; and J. M. King, 823.

A ballot was taken for two brethren presented for exaltation, and the Treasurer's balance-sheet, showing a small balance in favour of the chapter after paying all the necessary consecration and other expenses, was read. Comp. Maurice Hart, M.E.Z., then proceeded to install the principals-elect as follows:—Comps S. Schonstadt, M.E.Z.; H. A. Tobias, H.; and S. J. Henochsberg, J.; the other officers invested being Comps D. Gabrielsen, Treas. (re-elected); Alex. Levy, S.E. (re-elected); H. Archer, S.N.; M. Aronsberg, P.S.; P. S. Levy, (by proxy) and Alfred Levy (both re-appointed), assistant S.; and Peter Ball, Janitor.

After the chapter had been closed in due form, the companions adjourned to banquet, provided by Comp. Woodhouse, the house steward, who gave great satisfaction. In the course of the evening a valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Maurice Hart, I.P.Z., the gift being totally subscribed for personally by the members of the chapter, the bylaws not allowing any sum to be taken out of the funds of the chapter for such a purpose. The principals and visitors spoke highly of the manner in which the installation ceremony was performed by Comp. M. Hart, I.P.Z., this being his first appearance as an installing companion in any chapter. The evening was pleasantly spent, songs being given by Comps. Gabrielsen, Alfred Levy, Dr. Bailey, and others.

## Knights Templar.

**ST. HELEN'S.**—William de la More Preceptory (No. 49).—A regular meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Rooms, on the 21st inst. Since its formation, in 1856, as an encampment of Knights Templar at Manchester, its career has been somewhat chequered, for, in 1870, it was removed to Prescott; in 1877, to Bootle; in 1879, to Kirkdale; and, lastly, in Dec., 1881, it found a resting place at its present quarters in St. Helen's. The meeting just held was in every respect a successful one, the Sir Knights mustering in goodly number to assist at the installation of Sir Knight Sylvester Mattison, the Eminent Commander elect. Among those present were Sir Knights Captain Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, the Grand Commander of Lancashire; Henry Thomas, Prov. G. Chancellor; John Worsley, Prov. G. Reg.; George Turner, P.E.C., Past Prov. G. Vice-Chancellor; R. Goldthorpe Brook, E.C., Prov. G. 1st Pursuivant; W. J. Thomson, P.E.C., Past Prov. G. Marshal; Reginald Young, P.E.C., Prov. G. Almoner; Walter R. Robinson, P.E.C. Faith Preceptor; William Tyrer, P.E.C. Jacques de Molay Preceptor; Thos. Berry, Past G. Standard Bearer of England, Past Prov. G. 1st Captain; Sylvester Mattison, Marshal; Frank Alexander Huet, 1st Herald; and A. H. Jefferis.

The room looked very comfortable as laid out by the Equerry, Sir Kt. John Taylor, and Sir Kt. Sylvester Mattison having been presented by P.E.C.'s Sir Kts. G. Turner and W. Tyrer, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, Em. Sir Kt. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds kindly officiating. It is perhaps needless to add that the working was perfect.

Sir Kt. Mattison appointed the following Sir Kts. as his officers for the ensuing year: Sir Kts. W. R. Robinson, Prelate; A. O. Wylie, Constable; W. Newsome, Marshal; Reginald Young, Registrar (re-appointed); W. J. Thomson, Treas. (re-elected at the last meeting); R. G. Brook, Almoner; F. A. Huet, Sub-Marshal; A. H. Jefferis, Capt. of Guard; John Taylor, Equerry.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Sir Kts. T. Chorton, Deputy Prov. Grand Commander; Joseph Wood (Freemason); Richard Brown, Dr. J. Kellett Smith, and Joseph Ball.

Before closing a vote of thanks was proposed, and accorded to Sir Knight Beswicke-Royds for coming so far to attend the installation; and subsequently the Sir Knights adjourned to the Fleece Hotel, where the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Mattison, had ordered a most sumptuous banquet to be in readiness, and to which all the Sir Knights did ample justice. Sir Knight Tweeddale, Past Deputy Grand Commander of Lancashire, who had been detained en route, arrived in time for the usual Templar toasts, receiving a very hearty welcome.

It was under the banner of this preceptory that the Provincial Grand Priory was held in April last, at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, when every preceptory in the province was represented.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

### INAUGURATION AND DEDICATION OF THE GOSPORT LODGE.

On Wednesday, the 20th inst., the inauguration and dedication of the Gosport Lodge of the ancient and honourable fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners, took place at the lodge-rooms, India Arms Hotel. There were present: W. Bros. H. M. Green, P.M., P.G.M.K., D.C. England and P.M. Inspector-General Royal Ark Mariners; H. R. Trigg, P.M., P.G.M.K., S.B. England, and P.M. Deputy Inspector-General R.A.M.; J. Parnell, P.M., P.J.M.K., G.D. England, and P.N., R.A.M.; A. L. Emanuel, P.M. P.P.G.M.O., and G.C. 7; R. L. Loveland, G. Steward, R.A.M. England, G. Com. R.A.M. Southampton; G. F. Lancaster, P.M., W.C.N. Designate; Bros. R. W. Mitchell, F. Powell, B. Ring, P.C. Chap.; J. Howell, P.G. Steward; H. Crisp, P.G.J.G.; G. Darby, P.G. Steward; W. Green, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. G. Robertson, A. M. Rae, A. Grey, and R. West.

After the procession from the ante-room to the lodge-room, the lodge was opened by W. Bro. Green, who appointed W. Bros. Loveland, J., and H. R. Triggs, S., pro tem. The acting D.C., Bro. Parnell, requested the W.C.N. to form the brethren into a lodge. The W.C.N. acceded and offered up a prayer invoking the assistance of the G.C.O.T.U.

The warrant having been read and declared regular and valid,

The W.C.N., Bro. GREEN delivered an oration, in which he said the Degree of R.A.M. was in its traditional history the oldest, save one, of all Masonic Degrees; for they were told that it had its origin in the days of Noah, in the year of the world 1657. Since the fall of man and his consequent expulsion from the Garden of Eden, his profligacy and sin had increased to an enormous extent. The sacred writings inform them that the Almighty saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And so grieved was the Creator of all men at these sins, that He determined to destroy the world by water, preserving only righteous Noah and his family. They accordingly entered into the Ark, and the flood came, and every living substance which was on the face of the earth was destroyed, only Noah and they that were with him in the Ark remained alive. After many days the waters were abated, and the earth was dried, and Noah and his family went forth. It is to this period of the history that the Degree of R.A.M. relates. In the volume of the Sacred Law we read that after the sacrifice offered by Noah immediately upon his leaving the Ark, the Lord said that which was written in Genesis, chapter ix., verses 12-17, which Bro. Green read, and continued, saying that they, as Royal Ark Mariners had perpetually before them that covenant, for the principal sign of that degree was the rainbow, a token of peace and quietude to the earth. All the teachings of the degree are interesting and instructive, as they inculcate the grand virtues of peace and goodwill to all mankind. They taught that above all men the champions of R.A. Masonry should live in affection and friendship with each other, truer and firmer even than that of consanguinity. This particular intercourse, by uniting them under the endearing name of brother, a name not given as an idle compliment or as a mere parade of words, but as a symbol of most intimate union, diffuses a pleasure of which no other institution could boast, and has in its possession all the valuable requisites of true brotherhood. It was in an Ark Lodge that merit and ability should secure to their possessors fraternal regard and honourable distinction; that everyone should exert himself for the general good, without vanity and without restraint; none should contend selfishly for superiority; emulation should be only with a view to please. To the R.A.M. mysteries the man of shining abilities, and he who was imbedded with such ornaments were equally admitted. All may perform their parts suitably to their acquirements, and a social familiarity should exist between the whole. Their pleasures should never be embittered with ungrateful reflections, but should produce a serene and lasting composure of mind. All ill-nature should be excluded, and all satire forbidden the order; by the observance of the rules there is no risk of a breach of good conduct, for in the most mirthful times the conversation of a R.A. Mariner may be said to be only wisdom in good humour, remembering always that though a brother may err as a man (for none was perfect) yet they should always have time, courage and opportunity to recover themselves. Thus, brethren, had the antiquity of their excellent institution, the universality of its plan, and the moral rectitude and purity of its design claimed a decided pre-eminence over every other bond of union, and may the nobleness of soul which originated it, and the benevolence of heart which has ever prevailed amongst its members prompt and inspire them, so that with the blessing of the G.C.O.T.U., they might flourish and prosper, remaining the subject of lasting admiration.

Bro. Parnell presented Bro. G. F. Lancaster, who had been chosen as the First Commander, and asked the W.C.N. to consecrate, inaugurate, and dedicate the lodge, and enthrone the C. in ancient form.

The W.C.N. then solemnly dedicated the lodge and the Chaplain delivered the Dedication Prayer.

The W.C.N. then proceeded to the enthronement of the First Commander.

The W.C.N. then appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. Mitchell, N.; F. Powell, J.; B. King, Chap.; G. Darby, Treas.; J. Howell, Sec.; W. Green, S.D.; H. Crisp, J.D.; W. G. Robertson, D. of C.; A. Greig, Guard; R. West, and A. M. Rae, Stewards; L. Canon, Warden.

On the proposition of Bro. LANCASTER, seconded by Bro. MITCHELL, votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. Green, Parnell, Triggs, and Loveland, who were also made life honorary members.

After the business of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where, after a *réception* banquet, the usual toasts were honoured.

Bros. Aldermen Hadley, Sir John Ellis, J. W. Staples, Sir Francis Truscott and Sir Charles Whitton, entertained the newly elected Common Councilmen at dinner on St. Thomas' Day, some at their private residences others at public hotels.



Not a more interesting play has been brought out lately in London than "Impulse," with which the St. James's has re-opened its doors. From the outset the attention of the audience is arrested, and this is continued throughout. Mr. Stephenson, the author, has borrowed from the French "La Maison du Mari" for the foundation of his new work. The first act is full of rapid action, and is chiefly occupied in setting forth a crisis in the life of Mrs. Macdonald, the young and indiscreet wife of Colonel Macdonald. Mrs. Macdonald has married the colonel, while she was yet fascinated with her lover, Victor Riel, and is unfortunate enough to be still thrown into this gentleman's society. Happily, she has her father, Sir Henry Auckland, and her sister, Mrs. Beresford, a charming widow, to watch over her interests. In the midst of *De Riel's* entreaties that she will fulfil her half promise and elope with him, and while she is still fighting for the mastery, a telegram is put in her hand, to the effect that her husband is on his way home, and may be expected any moment. She feels she dare not meet him, though guilty she is not yet in act. *De Riel* sees his opportunity, presses her into yielding, and makes her consent to drive off at once in his carriage, whilst, to avoid suspicion, he goes by train to their final destination. Mrs. Beresford discovers her flight directly afterwards, and in her despair she confides in her faithful, but foolish lover, Captain Crichton, who at once rides off to intercept the fugitives. Then, in order to get rid of *De Riel*, while he interviews Mrs. Macdonald, he sends a fictitious telegram from the lady to the gentleman, and is the first to reach the inn, where the runaways are to meet. In the meanwhile the colonel has arrived at his father-in-law's home, Mrs. Beresford making all kinds of excuses for her absence. News is now brought that Sir Henry has been thrown from his horse. Miss Kilmore's, the village gossip, malicious tongue, hints that something is wrong, and Mrs. Beresford is compelled to give up the note Mrs. Macdonald had left behind her. Her husband learns her intended sin, and though he is in time to prevent it, allows her to return home to nurse her sick father, but makes her clearly understand that he cannot take her back into his heart, but he will treat her with respect and kindness. In the other acts we learn that *De Riel* has on his father's death become a count, and changed his name, follows Mrs. Macdonald to Paris, whither she, her husband, father and sister have gone to reside. The colonel has never met him. Sir Henry is left blind and partially deaf after his accident, so *De Riel* insists on renewing his acquaintance, and to this end compels Mrs. Macdonald to introduce him to her husband under his new title, threatening her that if she refuses he will make himself known to the colonel and compel him to fight a duel. The scene in which this introduction takes place is striking, but *De Riel* becomes cruel to a degree. The wife is only anxious to win back her husband's love and affection, but he literally keeps her at arm's length. The identity of *De Riel* and the count is at last discovered by the colonel who lays plans to trap them. Returning early from a ball, and expecting to find *De Riel* and his wife alone, he is not mistaken; but he sees that so far from being encouraged by his wife she is repelling all *De Riel's* attacks with all the moral and physical means at her command. Without knowing who hears her, she avows her love for her husband alone, and at last finds her husband's strong arm around her. *De Riel* is allowed to retire, though we might expect a thrashing to be the wind up of his visits to the house. To Miss Linda Dietz falls the principal share of the work; she gives a very charming and sympathetic rendering to the part of Mrs. Macdonald. Mrs. Kendal is Mrs. Beresford, but we much regret that she is content to play a secondary rôle. What she has to do she does in her own charming, natural, and unique manner. Bro. Kendal has never appeared to better advantage than as the shy, not too clever, but thoroughly manly Capt. Crichton. Mr. Dane fills his rôle as *De Riel* with moderation and good taste. Mrs. Gaston Murray, as the gossip, Miss Kilmore, Mr. Beaumont, as Sir Henry Auckland, and Mr. Wenman, as Col. Macdonald, all play their respective parts with great élan.

"Comrades," at the Court Theatre, may be unhesitatingly pronounced a good play. It has many striking situations, a keen interest is kept up throughout, and it is represented by a cast perfect in its way. The performance as a whole was singularly smooth and complete, while the individual personations were excellent. Messrs. Brandon Thomas and B. C. Stephenson are the joint authors, and although some exception might be taken to parts of the plot, the motive of action in some cases being insufficient, yet, as a whole, it is skilfully constructed, and exhibits an originality rare in these days of adaptation. Nothing but praise can be accorded to each of the actors, there was not a weak point anywhere; but if, under these circumstances, it were permissible to name any one performer, we should say that the acting of Mr. Coghlan, as Capt. Darleigh, Mr. John Clayton, as General Dexter, and Miss Marion Terry, as the heroine, was such as is seldom seen. We predict for this piece a long run. The interest exhibited by the audience in every part of the house, from beginning to close, was very marked and unusual, and the complete satisfaction of all present was shown by long continued applause at the close of each act.

Mr. Thomas Thorne deserves the heartiest support of all playgoers for his courage in bringing out one after another the good old English comedies. Mr. Sheridan's "The Rivals" has now taken its place on this stage. The scenery and appointments are not so elaborate nor striking as were those of the other comedies, but the company is the same strong one. Although the audience must have known nearly all the good things that were coming, by reason of having seen it on other stages, yet they enjoyed the old jokes and fun as though they were quite new. The Sir Anthony Absolute of Mr. Farren is, perhaps, the most æsthetic this age has witnessed. Mrs. Stirling, as Mrs. Malaprop, has been seen too often to

require much comment, but we may safely say that this lady has never played it with greater zest than she is now doing. Mr. Henry Neville, one of our most talented actors, renders Captain Absolute as Sheridan conceived him; indeed, it is often said, that the author here depicts himself. Mr. Thorne's Bob Acres is amusing, though it seems to lack a little in vivacity, for Bob Acres, as we understand the character, is meant to be a noisy, bragging, country squire, and not a meek man. Mr. Wood as David, gives some good acting and comical rendering. Bro. Maclean, as Sir Lucius, the Irishman, and Mr. Crawford as Fag, are all that can be desired, and are conceived in the best spirit of comedy. Miss Emery as Lydia Languish is refined and bright. Miss Alma Murray plays Julia as well as it is possible to be played, for, after all, it is a thankless part, and nowhere gives any scope for original talent. We predict a long run of "The Rivals." At times the audience appeared carried away with delight, perhaps specially with Mrs. Stirling's amusing derangements of epitaphs.

Toole's and the Princess's Theatres, after having been closed for a few days, re-opened on Boxing Day. We hear that never has the Princess's taken so much money as it did the week before last. "The Silver King" is bearing out its title in a practical manner to both authors and lessee.



Mr. Gwyllym Crowe commenced a Christmas season of Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden Theatre, on Tuesday, the principal artistes being Mdlle. Elly Warnots, Mdlle. Camilla Normann, and Miss Damian. The programme included a number of Christmas Carols, which were effectively sung by the London Vocal Union.

The South London Choral Association gave their annual Christmas performance of the "Messiah" at their Institution of Music, Camberwell, on Thursday evening last, in the presence and to the delight of a crowded audience. The choir fulfilled its part with its accustomed precision, while the principal parts were effectively rendered by Madame Worrell, Miss Cravins, Mr. Dazell, and Mr. F. Bevan. Mr. L. C. Venables was the conductor.

The Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, under its conductor, Mr. Barnby, will give Handel's "Messiah" at its fourth concert at the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday next, New Year's Day, on which occasion the principal artistes will be Miss Anna Williams, Madame Fasset, Mr. E. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley. Dr. Stainer will preside at the organ.

The receipts at Madame Nilsson's four concerts at San Francisco amounted to 30,000 dollars, while for the eighteen that have been given during her present visit to the United States, they are close upon 93,700 dollars.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Leeds Musical Festival was held on Thursday last, when it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the General Committee the reappointment of Mr. Arthur Sullivan as conductor at the festival in October next.

The new organ in the entrance hall of the Brighton Aquarium, which has been built by Harper Bros. of that town, was tried on Saturday last, Mr. Frank J. Sawyer junr., B. Oxon, presiding. Though not a large instrument, it will prove fully equal to the size of the hall.

Mr. Boosey has announced his annual morning concert for Saturday next, the 6th January, at St. James's Hall. Madame Sophie Menter, will make her first appearance this season on the occasion, and among the artistes will be included Miss Mary Davies, Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Damian, Miss Agnes Larcum, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Bro. Maybrick, Mr. Barrington Foote, and Bro. Santley. Madame Norman-Neruda, violin, and the South London Choral Association, under the direction of Mr. L. C. Venables. Mr. Sidney Naylor, conductor.

Beethoven's famous septett for wind and string instruments, with which the programme of last Saturday's Popular Concert at St. James's Hall opened, was played admirably by MM. Joachim, Hollander, Lazarus, Wendland, Wotton, Reynolds, and Piatti, and was received with enthusiasm by the audience, to whom also Mendelssohn's Andante and Scherzo for strings gave the most intense delight. A selection from Brahms's "Hungarian Dances" for violin (Herr Joachim) and piano (Madame Haas) followed, the latter artiste achieving considerable success in her rendering of Chopin's Barcarolle, in F sharp major. Miss Carlotta Elliot, as the vocalist, lent additional charm to the concert. The series will be resumed on Monday, the 8th January, when Madame Norman-Neruda and Herr Pachmann will be among the executants.

The series of Grand Promenade Concerts at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, was inaugurated with marked success on Saturday last. The United Orchestras of the Aquarium and Alhambra, numbering between sixty and seventy instrumentalists under the guidance of M. Jacobi and M. C. Dubois had a rare opportunity, of which they did not fail to avail themselves, of exhibiting their skill and strength, the principal selections in a long and varied programme including the overtures to Rossini's "Guillaume Tell," Auber's "Le Cheval de Bronze," Lulli's "Minuet and Gavotte," selections from Bizet's Carmen, and the March from Wagner's "Tannhäuser." The first cornet, Mr. A. Webb, played Mr. A. Sullivan's popular air "The Lost Chord" admirably, while the vocalists, Mesdames Amadi and Hogarth, with MM. Walsam and Hogarth, acquitted themselves in a manner equally satisfactory. Such concerts as these deserve to be liberally supported by the public.



Direct telephonic communication has been established between London and Brighton.

It having been determined to establish a permanent Art Museum at Penzance, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has graciously given instructions for a portion of his Indian presents to be forwarded thither for exhibition.

Captain Charles Mills, C.M.G., Agent General for the Cape of Good Hope, has been elected a member of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute in place of Mr. S. W. Silver, who has retired.

Thursday last was fixed for the first of a course of five lectures, adapted to a youthful audience, to be given by Professor Tyndall at the Royal Institution, on "Light and the Eye."

In Hull it was decided by a considerable majority of votes not to adopt the Public Libraries Act in the Borough.

It has been resolved by the Electric Lighting Committee of the Corporation of Sheffield, to proceed with the application for a provisional order for lighting the centre of the town by electricity.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Mr. Wilson Fox, M.D., F.R.S., Physician Extraordinary to Her Majesty, to be one of the Physicians in Ordinary to Her Majesty, in the place of the late Sir Thomas Watson, Bart., and Mr. George Owen Rees, M.D., F.R.S., to be one of Her Majesty's Physicians Extraordinary.

The second of six evening lectures for working men will commence on Monday, 8th January next, at the Museum of Practical Geology, Jermyn Street. Professor Huxley will be the lecturer, and the subject that of "Shell Fishes."

M. Raggi's statue of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, which is about to be erected as a national memorial to the deceased statesman, was successfully cast in bronze on Saturday last, at the Messrs. Young's foundry, in Pimlico. Among the subscribers to the memorial who were present were Lord John Manners, M.P., Bro. Sir J. M'Garel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Sir Algernon Borthwick, and Mr. Justice Denman.

Certificates signed by the Prince and Princess of Wales were presented by Mrs. Howard Vincent, on Thursday last, to the successful competitors at the recent industrial exhibition, promoted by the officers and men of the Metropolitan Police, in aid of the funds of the Police Orphanage.

The print issued to subscribers to the Art Union of London for the current year represents a Spanish scene, painted by the late Mr. J. B. Burgess, A.R.A., and entitled "Stolen by Gipsies; the Rescue," and engraved partly by the late Mr. C. H. Jeens and partly by Mr. Lumb Stocks, R.A. The expression in the original work has been well preserved and the engraving is well printed by M'Queen.

Mr. Donald MacKinnon, clerk to the School Board of Edinburgh has been elected to fill the new Celtic chair at the University of Edinburgh.

The drawing for the Brighton Art Union prizes took place on Friday last, when it was found that by the reduction in the price of tickets from five shillings each to one shilling, a considerably increased amount had been received, 3072 tickets having been sold and seventeen prizes of the value of £133 in the aggregate drawn for. The pictures are chosen from the Autumn Exhibition now on view in the picture gallery.

At Goole, on Friday evening, Mr. Creyke, M.P. for York, in speaking on the subject of education, deprecated the system of payment by results as being calculated to promote cramming and injure the health of the children. He also urged that agriculture should take a more conspicuous place in the curriculum of elementary education.

There is news from Calcutta to the effect that final arrangements have been made for holding an international exhibition there in the course of next year.

There is now on view at the Bethnal Green Museum a collection of upwards of two hundred paintings by Italian and Dutch masters, lent for the purpose by the Marquis of Bute. They range over a period of about a hundred years from the sixteenth and extending into the seventeenth century. Nothing is exhibited in the way of works by painters anterior to Titian. Of the Bolognese School there are examples by Guido Reni, Domenico Zamperi or, Domenichino as he is usually styled; Francesco Barberi (Guercino), and Fontana, among their several works being Guido's "Venus and Cupid," a "Madonna and Child" by Guercino, and his "Assumption of the Virgin," the largest and most conspicuously placed picture in the Gallery, two landscapes of Domenichino's, and a "Marriage of St. Catherine" by Fontana. Correggio is represented by his "Virgin and Christ with St. John and St. Anthony," and Titian by a "Senator of Venice," and there are also a "Holy Family," attributed to Raphael, works by Carlo Maratta and Pietro de Cotorna, a "Virgin and Child" by Andrea del Sarto, and a portrait of Pope Innocent by Velasquez, with a few Dutch pictures and two Italian pictures in mosaic.



We are enabled to announce that Bro. Lord Brooke is to be appointed to Provincial Grand Mastership of Essex, vacant by the death of Lord Tenterden in September last. The installation will take place early in the year.

Bro. Henry Windybank, 902, has been elected as one of the Court of Common Council for the Coleman-street Ward. Bro. Windybank is a solicitor, practising at 63, Finsbury-pavement, within the Ward, and he is a member of the Penge Vestry and one of the Committee of the Penge and Upper Norwood Conservative Association, and also a member of the St. Stephen's Club. Bro. Windybank is also on the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his lecture, explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree, in the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, at the Norfolk-square Hotel, London-street, Paddington, W. (close to Praed-street Station), on the 8th prox. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m. precisely. Craft clothing and jewels.

Mr. E. Birkbeck presided at a meeting held at the Fishmongers' Hall, on Wednesday week, for the purpose of establishing a National Fish Culture Association. Among the speakers being the Marquis of Exeter, Professor Huxley, Sir Harry Peek, M.P., and Sir J. G. Maitland. A committee was appointed, and the first steps taken in forming the Association.

The Town Council of Huddersfield have resolved on asking Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, to visit the town next year in connection with the opening of the Technical School and Mechanics' Institution.

Bro. the Earl of Bective, Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland, and the Countess of Bective are staying at Maple's Hotel, Dublin.

Bro. Lord Wolseley of Cairo is proved by a pedigree in the possession of Mr. Haig to be not only an Irishman by birth, but an Englishman by descent. Bro. Lord Wolseley is a Staffordshire Wolseley, of the twenty-fourth generation, and is directly descended from Sir Richard Wolseley, an officer in William III.'s army, in 1690.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, with the Duchess of Abercorn, have spent Christmas at Baron's Court, Ireland, surrounded by a large family party.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough held an ordination in his Cathedral on St. Thomas's Day.

Lady Purey-Cust, wife of Bro. the Very Reverend the Dean of York, P.G. Chap., has given birth to a son.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to contribute, through the Dowager Duchess of Roxburgh, £25 towards the fund now being raised on behalf of the widow and orphans of the late Bro. Macrae Moir, who was for twenty years secretary of the Royal Scottish Hospital.

Bro. Colonel Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson is the subject of a sketch, "Coming Men," in last week's *Figaro*.

Bro. the Rev. R. F. Hosden, Chaplain 1820, preached at the Foundling Chapel on Sunday last.

V.W. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. N. Wales, has ordered a number of cattle to be killed, and the beef distributed to the poor of Ruabon and the district.

Bro. Alderman Nottage and Bro. Sir George Elliott, P.G.M. South Wales, spent the Christmas holidays at Brighton.

Bros. T. W. Brock, M.P., Baron de Worms, M.P., and Deputy E. Saunders were among the patrons to an entertainment given on Monday, at All Saints Institute, for providing Christmas dinners for the poor of New Cross.

Bro. Col. J. P. Knight, Bro. Deputy Brass, and Bro. the Lord Mayor visited the Crystal Palace Electric and Gas Exhibition last week.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M., Notts., was one of Sir Henry James's shooting party at Dering Wood, Pluckley.

The Malagasy Envoys will to-day (Friday) receive a deputation from the London Auxiliary of the United Kingdom Alliance, at 4 p.m., at the Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park Corner.

Bro. Lord Brabourne lost his mother on Christmas Eve. The late Fanny Catherine, Lady Knatchbull, married Sir Edward Knatchbull in 1820; her husband died in 1849. She has lived to the ripe age of 90.

Sir John Adye, K.C.B., left England on Wednesday for Gibraltar, to take over the governorship of that place.

The Prince of Wales on Wednesday shot over Walton Wood, on the Westacre estate, belonging to Mr. Anthony Hamond, Master of the West Norfolk Foxhounds, and enjoyed some excellent sport in the company of that gentleman and others. To-day the Prince will visit Marham, and shoot over the estates of Mr. Henry Villebois.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey and Lady Brassey leave England this week to join their yacht, the *Sunbeam*, at Marseilles, for a cruise in the Mediterranean.

**HOW TO SECURE GOOD HEALTH.**—MARTIN'S CURATIVE MAGNETISM.—Health secured, Health restored, and Health promoted by the use of this Natural Agent, now so extensively used. See Press opinions, testimonials, and fullest particulars in 48 page pamphlet, which is sent gratis to all by John Hugh Martin, Inventor and Maker of the Improved Appliances, 272, Regent-circus, London, W.—[ADVT.]

The Bishop of Rochester, speaking at Caterham on Wednesday evening, said in the Bishop of Truro Dr. Tate would have a worthy successor. They wanted a strong man and a mate, and the Bishop of Truro was a very strong man and a mate was also a very learned man, and one who could not be out of step in his own defence and in the defence of the Church, speaking, when necessary, with great strength and force. All who loved religion should be grateful that it had been put into the heart of the Queen and the Prime Minister to select Dr. Benson. The Bishop also expressed his thankfulness that the Church of England was becoming broader and more liberal day by day.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., accompanied by Lady Brassey, opened a Fishmongers' Institute, at Hastings, on Tuesday. The building cost £1400. Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey has lately given a grand hall to the principal inhabitants of the borough at his seat, Normanhurst Court.

An application was made by counsel at the Westminster County Court, *re* the Masonic and Co-operative Bank (Limited), to appoint a liquidator in this matter; counsel also appeared on behalf of the intended liquidator. Mr. Hemsworth, who represented himself as the principal creditor of the bank, opposed. The case was eventually postponed to February 5th next.

The Countess of Carnarvon on Wednesday gave birth to a son at Highclere Castle, near Newbury.

A short time ago "postal notes" were introduced into the French post-offices, and now another innovation, protessedly suggested by the example set by Mr. Fawcett in England, is to be adopted at the recommendation of the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, M. Cochery. On and after 1st January, it is announced in the *Journal Officiel*, deposits of fractional amounts may be made in the savings banks by means of postage stamps affixed to specially-prepared forms. Each of these forms will be divided into twenty compartments, in which stamps to the value of one halfpenny and upwards may be set until the aggregate sum reaches one franc, the lowest sum received on deposit, when it may be paid in to the credit of the owner in any savings bank.

The remains of the late Bro. William Beattie, P.M. St. Thomas' Lodge, 142, the eminent engineer, were on the 27th inst., interred at Kensal-green Cemetery. Bro. Beattie filled the position of chief locomotive engineer to the London and South Western and the Great Eastern Companies for many years, his locomotives, for which he had obtained several patents, being principally used on those lines.

Mr. J. K. Laughton, president of the Meteorological Society, occupied the chair at its usual monthly meeting on Wednesday last. Three fellows were elected and two honorary members—Captain J. de Brito Capillo, and Mr. W. Ferrell. Papers were read on "Popular Weather Prognostics," by the Hon. R. Abercromby and Mr. W. Marriott, and the "Report on the Phenological Observations for the year 1882" by the Rev. T. A. Preston, while Mr. J. S. Dyason exhibited a series of typical clouds in monochrome, and also a series of sketches of clouds in colour made in June, July, and August last.

The average age of the fourteen gentlemen who form the present Cabinet is between fifty-six and fifty-seven. The first in years, as in position, is Mr. Gladstone, who will be seventy-three on the 20th of this month. The youngest is Sir Charles Dilke, who has not yet completed his fortieth year. Seven are Peers, one is heir-apparent to a dukedom, another a baronet, another in the succession to a baronetcy; yet another is a Bishop's son-in-law. Lord Spencer, and Bros. Lords Carlingford, Granville, Derby, and Hartington, and Lord Kimberley, and Sir William Harcourt belong to families which have held land in the same county in unbroken male succession since the days of Henry VII. The united rent-rolls of Mr. Gladstone, Lord Spencer, and Bros. Lords Carlingford, and Derby, Lords Kimberley and Northbrook, and Mr. Dodson are reckoned in the modern Domesday Book at £289,330, and represent the ownership of 140,416 acres. Bro. Lord Hartington's father is proprietor of 198,665 acres, yielding a rental of £180,990. Bro. Lord Carlingford, it may be mentioned, is also heir-presumptive to his brother, Lord Clermont, who owns 21,027 acres, from which he draws an income of £15,784.

**THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC DIARY AND POCKET BOOK.**—A new edition of this well-known little work has just been issued for 1883 by the publisher, Mr. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen Street, London. There could scarcely be compiled a more comprehensive book of reference for Masons. In its pages is given a list of lodges, chapters, K. T. preceptories, conclaves, colleges, and grand councils, with the names of officers in the United Kingdom, the British Colonies, the United States, Central and South America, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Turkey, Denmark, Egypt, &c. There are also full particulars, corrected to date, of every grand Masonic body throughout the globe. The popularity of the *Cosmopolitan Diary* is sufficiently attested by the fact that this is the thirteenth year of publication.—*The Birmingham Daily Post*.

The famous Civic barge, the *Maria Wood*, which has been for many years the scene of pleasurable summer water parties, was recently almost entirely submerged, but has fortunately been raised without sustaining any material damage. Before next season it will undergo renovation at the hands of its owners, Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, and then will be quite ready for the reception of guests. The *Maria Wood* was built in 1816, during the mayoralty of Sir Matthew Wood, and named after the eldest daughter of the Lord Mayor. It was partly rebuilt in 1851. The *Maria Wood* ceased to be the Civic barge in 1859, and was then sold at the Auction Mart, being purchased by the late Mr. Alderman Humphrey.—*City Press*.

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, 25lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

Lady Onslow, wife of Bro. the Earl of Onslow, has given £100 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554, held at the Green Dragon, Stepney, on Tuesday next, January 2nd, 1883. Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M., 554, P.Z., &c., will officiate upon the occasion, and the brethren are cordially invited to attend. Lodge opens at eight o'clock.

The portrait of Dr. Bain, Lord Rector of the University of Aberdeen, was publicly presented to the University, at a banquet at Marischal College on Wednesday. Dr. Webster, M.P., presided, and Dr. Bain returned thanks for the toast of his health.

Bro. J. Benjamin will be installed W.M. of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, on Monday next, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.

Bro. Dresser Rogers, C.C., presided at a dinner of the General Purposes Committee, at the Guildhall Tavern, last week.

Bro. Altman was successful at the recent election of Common Councilmen for the Ward of Aldersgate.

The gold casket which is about to be presented by the Corporation of the City of London to Bro. Lord Wolseley, and which has been manufactured by Messrs. Edwards and Sons, of the Poultry, was submitted to Her Majesty's inspection on Wednesday.

Bros. Irving and Toole have consented to become directors of the company, which is about to erect a new theatre in Edinburgh. Messrs. J. B. Howard, of the Theatre Royal, of that city, and Mr. Frederick Wyndham will be the lessee and managers.

It is stated that, in spite of recent contradictions, an intimation has been received here to the effect that the Empress of Austria is shortly coming to spend part of the hunting season in England, and will land at Dover in the course of next month.

A meeting of fishermen was held on Wednesday at Kamsgate, to consider the advisability of forming a permanent fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of smacksmen drowned at sea. It appeared, however, on a show of hands, that nearly all present—about sixty—belonged to the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, while all but one declared themselves members of some provident club.

The Post Office authorities announce that on and after January 1st, 1883, the rates of commission chargeable on money orders issued on foreign countries, British colonies, and postal agencies abroad will be as follows: For sums not exceeding £2, 6d.; above £2, and not exceeding £5, 1s.; above £5, and not exceeding £7, 1s. 6d.; above £7, and not exceeding £10, 2s.

Bro. Alfred Brookman, W.M. Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, in his letter of thanks to the electors of the Ward of Aldersgate for re-electing him to the Court of Common Council, refers to his constant advocacy for a change in the manner of conducting municipal elections. He believes that the system just initiated in the premier Ward of Aldersgate will be followed by others.

The extraordinary libel case of *Belt v. Lawes*, which has lasted over forty-three days, was finished on Thursday last, when the jury found a verdict for the plaintiff, with £5000 damages.

The usual Twelfth Night entertainment at the Girls' School will take place on Friday next, the 5th prox., and the entertainment at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday, the 3rd prox.

On Wednesday the Duke of Edinburgh crossed from Cowes in the royal yacht *Albion*, and on the Queen's behalf visited at Netley Hospital Captain Cumberland, of the Black Watch, who was dangerously wounded at Tel-el-Kebir. His Royal Highness afterwards proceeded to Portsmouth, and, accompanied by Admiral Sir Geoffrey Hornby, visited, at Southsea, Captain Fisher, who was invalided from command of the *Inflexible*.

Application will be made in the ensuing session of Parliament for an Act to authorise Mrs. Ellen Benett-Stanford, wife of Bro. Vere Fane Benett-Stanford, P.M. 472, P.P.G.J.W. Dorset, and W.M. and founder of the Stanford Lodge, No. 1947, consecrated at the Town Hall, Hove, on the 15th inst., with the concurrence of her husband, in so far as the same may be necessary, with the authority of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice to sell to the Corporation of Brighton, for the purposes of a public park, and such other purposes as may be prescribed by the Act, certain land at Preston Park, near Brighton, on either side of the road known as Preston-road, and containing about sixty-two acres, together with the lodge, &c. The Act will contain clauses enabling the corporation to purchase the park, and to use for that purpose funds to which they are now, or may eventually be, entitled under the codicil, dated October 2nd, 1879, to the will of the late William Edmund Davies, or any other funds belonging to the corporation, and making provision for laying out, improving, and managing the park, and for widening and improving Preston-road.

The special correspondent of a daily contemporary, who is describing the distress in Ireland, states that the most urgent cry comes from Donegal. The result of his visit to that county has been to convince him that there is good cause for the alarm which has been raised regarding the food prospects of a number of the people; and unless substantial help is speedily given, there will be not merely hunger and privation but actual starvation.

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# METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, January 6, 1883.

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 30.

(No Meetings.)

### 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 Courts, 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, JANUARY 1.

Lodge 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hot.  
144, St. Lukes, Anderson's Hot.  
188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park.  
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tav.  
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

### 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.  
Tredgar, 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, JANUARY 2.

Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 9, Albion, F.M.H.  
166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
172, Old Concord, F.M.H.  
765, St. James', Bridge House Hot.  
1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-st., N.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.  
Chap. 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.  
Mark 1, St. Mark's, F.M. Tav.

### 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., Maidstone, 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 Hot., 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, 162, 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, JANUARY 3.

Lodge 1707, Eleanor, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav.  
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.  
1328, Granite, F.M.H.

### 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.  
Grafton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.  
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., at 7.30.  
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swan, Regent-st., at 8.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4.

Lodge 45, Strong Man, M.H., at 7.30.  
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st., at 8.  
231, St. Andrews, F.M.H.  
538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury N.  
1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.  
1445, Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Dalston.  
1672, Mornington, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
1950, Southgate, New Southgate.  
Chap. 1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.

### 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.  
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.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Chap. 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.  
1489, Ezra, 90, Ball's Pond-rd., N.

### 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.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, 7.30.  
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.  
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st., E.C.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

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## MONDAY, JANUARY 1.

Lodge 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.  
113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.  
1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 2.

Lodge 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.  
995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.  
1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.  
1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuebrook, Lp'l.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.  
1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.  
1473, Bootle, Assembly Rooms, Bootle.  
1505, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
1375, Architect, Town H., Withington.  
1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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