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A NEW YEAR! Such is the fact with which we greet our numerous friends in all portions of the world, as we appear in this, the first issue for 1883, of the *Freemason*. 1882 has passed away, and 1883 has put in its appearance. We have left behind us another milestone on our journey, and are moving on to-day amid all those doubts and uncertainties of a coming future, which constitute our normal condition, rather so peculiar a characteristic, of our own limited knowledge here. And yet, though some affect to complain of their own ignorance of what advancing time has in store for us and ours; though some, in all ages, have sought vainly and perversely to pry into the hidden realities of existence, and to forecast and foretell what is confessedly beyond their ken, yet, on the whole, we are, and ought to be, satisfied, that this very condition of human ignorance and uncertainty has its good side, nay, its positive advantages for us all. What should any of us be the better or the worse, or the happier, for knowing the actual result of earthly strivings? the disappointment of lawful hopes? the overthrow of fair expectations? Should any of us, we make bold to ask, find happiness in realizing now the eventual reversal of early promise, or the utter annihilation of our golden dreams? If any of our readers think that such actual and certain knowledge of what is now hidden from our view by the impenetrable veil which is cast by a kind Providence over all beyond our very present, would be good for them, or do them service, or give them one iota of happiness, they are either self-deceived, we beg respectfully to observe, or profoundly ignorant of what, after all, constitutes the true secret and real meaning of life. It is this entirely imperfect acquaintance with what lies before us, on the contrary which constitutes the spur to exertion, the incentive to hope, which nerves us to struggle, and forbids us to despair, and which serves above all to throw around the somewhat depressing shiftiness of mortal existence those brighter associations of faith, and trust, and duty, which offer such attractions to loyal hearts, and supply such unwavering confidence to thoughtful minds. Let us not then complain of what we know not and cannot know now, because we do not know it; but rather, as year follows upon year, and the great River of Time wends on its way, if sinuously here and there, to the still greater Ocean of Eternity, let us only look on the passing hour as our own, and seek to make provision for that more real and lasting epoch, when Time itself has passed away, and has ceased to influence the hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows, the lives and deaths of us poor children of the dust.

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ENGLISH Freemasonry begins in another year of the civil calendar with its wonted efforts for charity, with its careful performance of those allotted duties which attend on the election of our officers and the installation of our Worshipful Masters. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is now specially before us again with its very many claims on our zeal, our sympathy, and our aid. The first meeting of the Board of Stewards took place this very week, and a fresh call is therefore made on our thoughtful and benevolent Order, to give their valuable and hearty support to that excellent, well-managed Charity of our English Craft. It is impossible to overrate its need or its value; it is beyond any one's power to exaggerate the real good it seeks to do, and does, in truth, so effectively accomplish. The thought has often occurred to us, as, perhaps, it has to others, how sad it is to realize the large number of necessarily disappointed candidates who seek for the availing, if modest, help this good Institution so liberally yet unostentatiously bestows on our decayed brethren, and on their widows? We venture to think that if at this season of the year, when our hearts are open, the claims of this, the youngest, but not the least necessary or beneficent in its results of our noble Institutions, were pressed by W.Ms. on the attention of their brethren, a large amount of subscriptions generally would be remitted to the head office, and we should be able to try and reduce that long list of often weary and suffering applicants, which at present transcends the normal means of the Charity to meet or assist. If there is a successful festival, if the worthy Stewards bring up large returns, (as we doubt not, so intrinsically good and patently urgent are the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,) then there is

no doubt also but that the Managing Committee will recommend to the annual meeting to increase the number of candidates to be elected. We are not insensible to the possible danger of doing too much, of too hastily increasing our benefits and our obligations, which may bring out still more numerous claims, but there can be no harm in urging on all our readers and brethren to put their "shoulders to the wheel," and combine to make the anniversary of this admirable Charity another and a very signal success.

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THE presentation of his portrait to Bro. JAMES TERRY, together with Masonic clothing, and a bracelet to Mrs. TERRY, fully recorded in our last issue, deserves an editorial allusion in the first pages of the *Freemason* for 1883. Bro. JAMES TERRY is well known to a wide circle of friends and brethren as the indefatigable and successful Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and as a very effective worker in the ceremonial of Freemasonry, and we know how ready he is to help his brethren, and how admirably he does his work. The proceedings of the presentation seem to have been most propitious and pleasant, and marked by all true Masonic feeling and hearty good will, from first to last. Some of the facts mentioned by Bro. TERRY in his effective and modest reply call, it seems to us, for special attention and notice. In twenty years the annuities have increased very nearly five-fold. They amounted then to £2600, they are now £11,600. Twenty years ago, the annuitants numbered ninety-one, they are now 325. And, whereas the annuities then were on a sort of sliding scale, the highest man receiving £36, the lowest £15, and the highest widow £25, and the lowest £15, all the men now receive £40, and all the widows £32, per annum. "Then," to use Bro. TERRY'S own remarkable words, "the investments amounted to something like £32,000, they are now £64,000; so, whilst 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 recipients." Surely, these are notable results, and for them Bro. JAMES TERRY must fairly and honestly be credited with a very large share indeed, in respect of such able and enlightened management, such striking and satisfactory figures. We shall all echo Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART'S words,—that Bro. TERRY may long live to witness the result of his meritorious exertions, and enjoy the honest approval of all his brethren and the kindly congratulations of his many friends.

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AN esteemed Provincial Correspondent has called attention to a paragraph in some recent correspondence respecting provincial promotion, which he thinks is an improper one to have been inserted. Had our Correspondent as much experience as we have, he would have known that there is nothing so difficult to control as Masonic correspondence. We are inclined ourselves to think that such paragraphs are innocuous, in that they find, like water, their own level, and while it may be a matter of regret that some brethren should condescend to use them, it is far better policy to allow complainants to state their own case, and then ignore evident exaggeration. Our own experience of provincial promotion, which is not a limited one, is quite contrary to that of recent correspondence. We feel certain that all such patronage is fairly dispensed, with a desire to do full justice to all legitimate claims.

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AS WE remarked in the last *Freemason*, the totals of Masonic Charity for 1882, when summed up at the close of the year, far exceed the festival receipts. During 1882 they amount to the large sum of £47,444 18s. 11d., the highest year so far being 1880, when the amount raised was only £237 short of £50,000, or £49,763. In 1882, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution raised from all sources £16,595 7s. 7d., though this sum includes, it is fair to observe, a donation from Grand Lodge of £1200. The Girls' School collected £15,969 15s. 8d., and the Boys' School is credited with £14,879 15s. 8d., in all, as we said before, £47,444 18s. 11d. This is a fact worth a great many fine speeches, which the most perverse impugner of Freemasonry cannot deny, which the most snarling cynic cannot controvert. It fitly closes the year 1882. It has fitly begun for our good English Craft the New Year of 1883.

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THE death of M. LEON GAMBETTA, with the expiring old year, has filled the columns of our contemporaries both in England and France, indeed, in all lands, with lengthy articles of praise or blame, admiration or depreciation. The general tone of these notices is laudatory of the deceased. Some, however, of these posthumous memoirs, especially by extreme writers, are sad to read, as in the very worst possible taste, and as

infringing greatly on that abiding "canon" of public courtesy and common humanity, "De mortuis nil nisi bonum." For the *Freemason* all such dissertations are outside its range, and beyond its field of vision, and we can only note and record the fact. The late French Deputy and Statesman was a brother of our Order, and, we believe, though he had not lately taken much part in Freemasonry, was at one time a member of a lodge under the Grand Orient of France. It has been given to few other individuals, though recently filling a non-official position, to wield so much influence on public opinion, and to create so much wide-spread interest in all countries, more or less, by his words and actions, his life and death. He is to have, for his public services, a public funeral.

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MANY of our readers will be sorry to learn of the death of Bro. WEBER on the 5th October, on his voyage with a hope of the recovery of his health. Many of those who read these lines will remember his unfailing courtesy and his readiness to oblige in the office of the Girls' School, and will be truly concerned to be informed of his premature and lamented decease. Some of us will be pleased to remember that they sought to soothe his failing health and decaying strength, to render to him that kindly and liberal aid for his meritorious services, which Masonic sympathy would prompt or Masonic good will commend. We understand that an effort will be made, which we hope will be successful, to place his little girl in the Royal Masonic School at Wandsworth.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1882.

The total income of the three English Masonic Charitable Institutions for the year 1882 was found on Saturday last, when the accounts were closed, to have been exceeded on one occasion only, viz., in the year 1880. In that year the income was but £237 short of £50,000. In the past year the total income was £47,444 18s. 11d., or £2317 12s. 6d. less than in 1880; but it exceeded the income of 1881 by £4150 4s. 11d., and that of 1879 by £2861 7s. 2d. It is remarkable that notwithstanding these variations the amounts received by the three Institutions in annual subscriptions and donations varied less last year than in the previous year. In 1881 the donations and subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were roughly estimated at £2000 more than to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and those to the latter Institution at £2000 more than the subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, there being thus a difference of nearly £4100 between the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School. In 1882, however, the difference in the annual subscriptions and donations to the three Institutions was comparatively unimportant, there being not £600 difference between the highest and the lowest. In donations and subscriptions the Girls' School received £13,927 8s. 4d., the Boys' School £13,614 18s. 8d., and the Benevolent Institution £13,351 10s. 9d. Interest, dividends, and a donation of £1200 from Grand Lodge place the Benevolent Institution at the head of the list for the year as regards income, with £16,595 7s. 7d. Next in amount comes the Girls' School with £15,969 15s. 8d., and lastly the Boys' School with £14,897 15s. 8d. In 1881 the Benevolent Institution was first, the Boys' School second, and the Girls' School third; while in the former year the Girls' School was first, the Benevolent second, and the Boys' third. The amount collected in 1880, viz., nearly £50,000, was acknowledged to be a most surprising amount, and it was doubted whether it would ever be approached by anything like so large an amount again. Although, however, the following year showed a falling off of nearly £6500, and the depression in trade raised the fear that there would be no extraordinary income for 1882, yet the result has proved that the income is on the increase. The executive of the institutions are not sanguine as to the results of the present year, but as their expectations have frequently been falsified in this respect, the efforts of the Craft will no doubt be directed to keep the institutions in their present enviable position. In 1882 the Lodge of Benevolence voted £9637 to 348 cases of distress, but in 1881 £9813 was voted to 328 cases. In both years the lodge exceeded the income of the fund, and consequently had to draw on its invested capital, which four years ago was more than £50,000. Trenching on the capital led to a motion in Grand Lodge for increasing the compulsory contributions to the fund by two shillings a year by the London brethren, and one shilling a year by country brethren. This was opposed by the country brethren, and the motion was lost at Grand Lodge on the 6th of December last by four votes.

The following are the lists of the income of the three institutions, and of the monthly grants by the Lodge of Benevolence:—

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Donations and subscriptions	£13,351	10	9
Dividends	1833	9	11
Interest on cash at call	33	6	11
Grand Lodge	1200	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Rent of meadow, one and a half year	27	0	0
	£16,595	7	7

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Donations and subscriptions	£13,927	8	4
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Dividends	1454	13	11
Purchase case	187	10	0
Music fees	186	7	6
Interest	44	14	2
Miscellaneous:—			
Donation box	1	12	0
Advancement fund	1	1	0
Books of subscribers	3	18	0
By sale of old stores	2	0	9
	8	11	9
	£15,969	15	8

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Donations and subscriptions	£13,614	18	8
Dividends	530	0	0
"Huyshe Devon Presentation"	525	0	0
Music fees	49	7	0
United Grand Lodge	150	0	0
" " Chapter	10	10	0
	£14,879	15	8

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

	Cases relieved.	Amount.
January	19	£682
February	35	1065
March	32	900
April	33	775
May	28	910
June	26	610
July	26	750
August	22	735
September	18	570
October	27	640
November	48	1340
December	34	660
	348	£9637

ENGLISH MASONRY IN EGYPT.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MARK LODGE.

One of the early effects of the British expedition to Egypt has been to revive the interest felt in Masonic bodies working under the Grand Lodge of England. As a matter of fact, English Masonry has been long predominant in Egypt, as its laws, rituals, and principles have been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Egypt, over which M.W. Bro. Borg, the British Vice-Consul at Cairo, now so worthily presides.

Ten years ago, one of the most prosperous lodges in Cairo was the Bulwer, No. 1068. It was consecrated by the late Lord Dalling when in Cairo, was the first English lodge ever visited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales when a F.C. Freemason, and was most efficiently ruled during two successive years by W. Bro. T. F. Reade, now G.M.M.M. for North Africa. By an unfortunate coincidence nearly all its active members left Cairo six years ago, and the meetings of the lodge ceased. About six weeks since, the five surviving members of the lodge met, under the presidency of Bro. Rogers Bey, the last elected and installed W.M., and decided to revive the lodge. This resolution was cordially supported by M.W. Bro. R. Borg, and Bros. Wilson Bey and Waller Bey. At the next meeting Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, and Bro. the Hon. Mark Napier, of the Isaac Newton Lodge, Cambridge, were elected joining members, and at a third meeting the lodge received an accession of strength in the persons of Bros. Lieut.-Col. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., Lieut. Freeman, Dr. Donovan, and Dr. W. H. Russell, all of Lodge 349, Malta. Two candidates for initiation were also proposed.

By an unlucky accident the letters announcing the resuscitation of the lodge only reached the Grand Secretary a day after the last meeting of Grand Lodge, at which the erasure of Lodge No. 1068 was voted on the recommendation of the Colonial Board. An official communication has since been received, which leaves no doubt as to this decision being rescinded, and even as it is it requires confirmation at the next communication of Grand Lodge. At the last-mentioned meeting, M.W. Bro. Borg, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, was unanimously elected W.M. of the Bulwer Lodge for the ensuing year, and his acceptance of office, coupled with many applications for initiation and joining, leave little doubt as to a new lease of life awaiting this once flourishing and popular lodge. After the election of the W.M., W. Bro. Rogers Bey expressed to W. Bro. Broadley the thanks of the lodge for the manner in which he had seconded and assisted in the resuscitation which had been accomplished.

Meanwhile several Mark Master Masons had applied for a warrant for a lodge to work under the auspices of the Bulwer Craft Lodge. Their request was at once granted, and the Lodge of Egypt, No. 311, duly chartered by Lord Henniker. A preliminary meeting was held on Monday, the 18th December, at the Masonic Hall, Cairo, in which the Degree was conferred by Bro. Broadley on Bros. Rogers, Napier, Wilson, Waller, and Goodall. M.W. Bro. Borg, who had taken the Degree under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Turkey, was re-obligated as a M.M.M.

The consecration ceremony took place on the 20th December in the presence of a good number of members, and with all the usual formalities. The Consecrating Officer was R.W. Bro. Broadley, P. Dist. G.M.M. of the Mediterranean, and all the usual formalities were gone through, Bro. Goodall presiding at the organ. R.W. Bro. Broadley delivered the oration, in which he explained at length the history, position, and status of the Degree, and its peculiar interest in Tunis, Malta, and Egypt. He alluded to this being the fifth Mark lodge he had consecrated in these countries, and exhorted the brethren to do their best to make the Lodge of Egypt an ornament to the Province of North Africa. The address was warmly applauded. The brethren having retired, the Consecrating Officer installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Norman Drummond Pringle, Bart., in the chair, conferring at the same time the P.M. Degree on M.W. Bro. Borg, G.M. of Egypt, by authority of the P.G.M. of North Africa. W. Bro. Sir Norman D. Pringle, Bart., having been duly saluted, invested the following officers: W. Bro. Borg, I.P.M.; Bro. Lieut. Freeman, S.W.; Rogers Bey, J.W.; Dr. Donovan, M.O.; Wilson Bey, S.O.; Quartermaster McKirwon, J.O.; Goodall, Sec.; Rogers, Treas.; Waller Bey, S.D.; Dr. Leader, J.D.; and Hon. Mark Napier, I.G. M.W. Bro. Borg expressed his warm admiration of the Degree, and promised for it all the support the Grand Lodge of Egypt could give. He hoped other Mark lodges would soon come into existence.

At the motion of Sir Norman D. Pringle, Bart., seconded by Lieut. Freeman, a written address was voted to R.W. Bro. Broadley for his assistance in founding the lodge, and especially for the attention he had paid to the interests of Masonry in the midst of his onerous and arduous duties in his successful defence of Araby Pacha and his associates.

The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a strong determination was expressed to make the Mark Degree as great a success as it has been in the Mediterranean districts of Tunis and Malta.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT CROYDON.

The New Year's entertainment to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in the asylum at Croydon was given on Wednesday last, when the following ladies and gentlemen attended to assist in giving a day's enjoyment to their aged friends: Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, Bro. T. Hastings Miller and Mrs. Miller, G. Bolton, Edgar Bowyer and Mrs. Bowyer, R. H. Halford and Mrs. Halford, Bro. H. Massey (*Freemason*), Mr. H. W. Massey, Miss A. R. Massey and Miss Florrie Massey, Bro. and Mrs. Charles John Perceval, Bro. Hirst and Mrs. Hirst, Bro. A. H. Tattershall, Mrs. Tattershall, and Master Tattershall, Bro. James Terry (Secretary), Bro. E. Davies, Charles W. Smyth, Mrs. and Miss Smyth, E. Garnstel, Bro. Robert Paget, Bro. H. Hollis and Mrs. Hollis, Mrs. Newton, Mr. R. E. Bowyer, Mrs. Constable, Bro. J. E. Terry, Mr. L. B. Newton, Mrs. E. Peterson, Bro. J. Mason and Mrs. Mason, Bro. W. H. Wallington, Mrs. and Miss Wallington, Bro. W. J. Crutch, Bro. G. P. Festa and Madame Festa, Bro. F. Binckes, Bro. Recknell, Mr. T. Slater, and Mr. A. T. Faull.

The South Eastern Railway put some special saloon carriages on the 12.57 p.m. train from Charing Cross, for the convenience of the visitors, and the company had an agreeable and smart run of twenty minutes between Cannon-street and East Croydon. Soon after their arrival at the Institution, where they were cordially welcomed by Bro. James Terry, the visitors and inmates of the Institution were conducted to the large hall, when Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon of the Institution, who had Mrs. Terry on his left, presided at a well prepared and liberal banquet consisting of magnificent turkeys, roast and boiled fowls, and roast beef, with the necessary followers, plum puddings and mince pies. Bros. Terry, Thomas Cubit and C. J. Perceval took the vice chairs and assisted as carvers, and the other brethren waited on the old people and lady visitors. The repast was most thoroughly enjoyed by all who partook of it, and those who ministered to the old folks' enjoyment entered as thoroughly into the pleasures of the day, as those for whom they were provided.

There was, however, one fact which marred the perfectness of the occasion. Some three or four of the annuitants were too ill to leave their apartments, and the new year's fare had to be taken by them in the solitude of their own residences. Among those annuitants the respected Warden of the asylum, Bro. James Norris, who is now ninety-three years of age, and whose infirmities have increased so much that although he was able a fortnight ago to be in attendance when the portrait of Bro. James Terry, by Mr. Paget, was presented and unveiled in the hall, he has ever since been confined to his room. The greatest regret was universally expressed at the circumstance, as Bro. Norris has always been a central figure at any visit to the institution.

At the conclusion of the repast Dr. STRONG proposed the three toasts of "The Queen," "The Founders of the Feast," and "The Institution."

In giving the toast of "The Queen," the worthy CHAIRMAN said he hoped from the liberality her Majesty had always shown to the Masonic Institutions, and from her having become chief Patroness of the Girls' School, she would soon take up that position with regard to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Bros. EDGAR BOWYER and THOS. HASTINGS MILLER responded to the toast of "The Founders of the Feast," Bro. Bowyer stating that there were many other brethren present who also contributed to the entertainment. Bro. Hastings Miller said he hoped to be a contributor on many future occasions.

Dr. STRONG, in proposing "The Institution," regretted the absence and illness of Bro. Norris, and said he had advised him not to be present. But he could not refer to that brother without mentioning the name of Miss Norris, his daughter, who was in the position of matron of the Institution, who had been of immense service by the assistance she had given in attending to the ladies whenever they were ill. He had also to mention her in connection with the preparation of the dinner, which had been admirably prepared, and which had been a perfect marvel, seeing the small accommodation there was at the Institution for cooking a large dinner. He looked upon it as a masterpiece of culinary art. At the request of Dr. Strong, the cheers which accompanied the drinking of this toast were loud enough for Bro. Norris to hear them in his own apartment.

Later on, when the annuitants had retired to their rooms, Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL proposed "The Institution;" and Bro. TERRY, in responding, gave the figures, which will be found in another page, showing the results of the working of the past year for all the Institutions; and, while thanking the brethren for their past support, entreated them not to relax their endeavours to place the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School in as favourable position as the Girls' School.

After tea Bro. George Buckland, assisted by Miss Blanche Paige, gave his new musical entertainment, entitled "Gossip and Song."

During the evening the audience were regaled with wine, cake, and other refreshments; and at the conclusion of the entertainment, thanks were given to Bros. Buckland and Terry, and after interesting speeches from those brethren, the visitors returned to town. The whole day's amusements were a great success.

Mark Masonry.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., Bro. Ed. Clarke, W.M., P.G.J.W., in the chair, supported by Bros. B. Craig, S.W., P.G.J.O.; D. Bell, J.W.; J. Harper, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., M.O.; F. T. Allatt, S.O.; J. Peel, J.O.; R. Wilson, Sec., P.G. Steward; J. Johnston, S.D.; Chas. Gowan, I.G.; J. Close, Tyler, P.P.G.T.; R. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. F. Kirkconel, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Foster, P.M.; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.C. Sec.; and others.

On the minutes being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Master and Treasurer, when Bro. B. Craig was duly elected W.M., and Bro. Jas. Harper, P.M., Treas. Afterwards the lecture was delivered by Bro. Dalrymple, and

a short address by Bro. Foster, entitled "A Day in Roslin Castle" and "Furness Abbey." A vote of thanks was passed to be recorded, when the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

1882 AND 1883.

Time, with its rapid hours has sped,
Another year is past and gone,
Fond hopes have faded and have fled,
And left us musing, one by one.
Yet as for us the year is new
Mid echoes still of Christmas glee,
Just as we hailed poor eighty-two,
We welcome eighty-three.
What will this blithe new year reveal
For mortals all who linger still?
What from our heart-joys will it steal?
Will ours be "signs" of good or ill?
And when another year grows old,
And we gather round a Christmas tree,
How then will its short tale be told?
What shall we say to eighty-three?
Shall all we love and all we prize
Have vanished from our earthly ken?
Shall gracious forms and loving eyes
Be seen on earth no more again?
Shall all the dreams we count divine,
Shall all that charms both you and me
Have ceased to bless, to grace, to shine,
When we bid good-bye to eighty-three?
Ah! the "world goes up and the world goes down,"
And weary is the march of men,
Though truth and faith our life may crown,
Who can forecast the "how," the "when"?"
Though ours be a steadfast heart,
Just as dear shadows flit and flee,
It may be ours to pass and part
From life and time in eighty-three!

Presentations.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. HENRY ERNEST PRICE.

Bro. Henry E. Price was recently entertained at a sumptuous dinner at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, by Messrs. Grundy, Kershaw, Saxon, and Sampson, the solicitors to the Manchester Ship Canal Scheme. In proposing the toast of the evening, "The Manchester Ship Canal," Mr. Sampson, in a well-chosen words, expressed the great satisfaction the firm felt with the indefatigable way in which Bro. Price had conducted the work, and with the zeal shown by the staff generally to second his efforts, which he believed would be brought to a successful issue by the Bill being passed in the next session of Parliament, and that the canal would become an historic fact. He concluded by proposing "Success to the Manchester Ship Canal," coupled with the name of Bro. Price and his staff. Bro. Price was on a subsequent evening presented with a handsome testimonial in the shape of a massive solid silver inkstand, weighing about fifty ounces, with the following inscription: "Manchester Ship Canal, 1882. Presented to Henry Price, as a mark of their respect and esteem, by those engaged with and under him in the preparation of the above scheme." Bro. Price is a member of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, and the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, in both of which he is held in high esteem by the brethren and companions.

PRESENTATION TO A LITERARY BROTHER.

On the 29th ult. the Prov. Grand Lodge of Wigtonshire and Kirkcudbrightshire met at Newton-Stewart, N.B., to say farewell to Bro. Cooke, late editor of the *Galloway Gazette*, and now editor of the *Hull Packet and Times*. Bro. George Maxwell, the R.W.P.G.M., presided. Resolutions thanking Bro. Cooke for his services to Masonry were adopted, and the compliment was gracefully acknowledged. In the evening the brethren entertained Bro. Cooke to a banquet at the Crown Hotel, and presented him with a Past Prov. D.G.M. jewel in recognition of his services to the Craft in Galloway. The jewel, which is of gold, bears the thistle and an appropriate design, with the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the recipient. Bro. Cooke suitably responded, and expressed his gratitude for the distinction which had been conferred upon him. The menu and toast list was a model of Masonic art, each dish and toast bearing an appropriate Shakesperian quotation. On Tuesday night Bro. Cooke was entertained at a public banquet, and presented with a silver salver and a purse of 130 sovereigns.

A MASONIC WEDDING PRESENT.

A handsome and valuable solid gold bracelet, set with pearls, was presented on Tuesday week last, to Miss Annie Jessup, daughter of the late Bro. A. Jessup, of Plumstead, Treasurer for many years of the Pattison Lodge and Chapter, No. 913, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. William H. Pryce, of the firm of Pryce and Son, Printers and Publishers, Woolwich and Plumstead; as a token of the regard in which her respected father was held by the whole of the Freemasons in the locality and Province of Kent generally. The presentation was made by Bro. A. Penfold, P.M. and P.Z. Pattison Lodge and Chapter, and P.P.G. 1st Assist. S. Kent; in the presence of Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. and P.Z. 913, and P.P.G.J.W., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; and H. Pryce, 913, and P.P.G.R.M. Kent; who were appointed as a committee by the subscribers to fulfil that important duty. We cordially wish the young couple every happiness in their wedded life.

Obituary.

BRO. THE EARL OF WEMYSS AND MARCH.

By the death of this nobleman Scotland has lost one of her most respected sons, and Scottish Freemasonry a venerable brother, who more than half a century ago filled the highest position it is in the power of the Craft to bestow. Nor was he the first of his family who had been similarly honoured. Eighth on the list of Scottish Grand Master Masons appears the name of James, fifth Earl of Wemyss, who was Grand Master in 1743. Four years

later the Hon. Francis Charteris, subsequently sixth Earl of Wemyss, held the same office, as did Francis Charteris, Lord Elcho, in the years 1786-87. The nobleman just deceased, Francis, eighth Earl of Wemyss and March, was Grand Master Mason in 1828-29. Since there have been no less than fourteen noblemen or gentlemen, exclusive of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, the present Grand Master, who have been chosen to preside over the destinies of Freemasonry north of the Tweed. The late earl, who died on New Year's Day, was born in 1796, and was consequently in the eighty-seventh year of his age. By his marriage, in 1817, with the Lady Louisa Bingham, fourth daughter of the second Earl of Lucan, he leaves Francis, Lord Elcho, M.P. for Haddingtonshire since 1847, who succeeds him, and a daughter, the Countess of Warwick and Brooke, mother of Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., who has been spoken of as the new Prov. Grand Master of Essex.

BRO. SIR HENRY MEUN, BART.,

Expired on Monday morning, at his residence in Grosvenor-square, at the age of sixty-five, having been born in the year 1817. The late baronet formerly represented the county of Herts in Parliament. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, and during his stay there was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in the year 1838. Among his contemporaries in the same lodge were Bros. the Hon. Sir A. F. O. Liddell, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Home Office; the late Lord Carew, and the Hon. F. F. Leveson-Gower, brother of Earl Granville, all initiated in the same year; and Bro. Sir W. R. Seymour Fitzgerald, G.C.S.I., and Bro. the Duke of Leinster, initiated in 1837 and 1839 respectively.

BRO. E. J. SCOTT.

We greatly regret to announce the death of Bro. E. J. Scott, P.M. 749, and Secretary of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563. Our deceased brother has been for some time in delicate health, and although little hope existed of any permanent recovery, his death has caused a deep feeling of sorrow among his numerous friends. He leaves no wife or family, his nearest relatives being three sisters, but few men had a wider circle of friends to regret his loss. His funeral took place at Kensal-green cemetery, on Wednesday. Bros. Hammond, W.M.; J. E. Shand, P.M. Treas.; and B. H. Swallow, P.M. founder, S.W., followed with the family as mourners, and many members of Nos. 1563, 749, and other lodges were present. Bro. Scott was P.Z. Hermes Chapter, No. 79, and Grand Sword Bearer for Kent, and served as Steward for the Girls' School at the festival in 1880.

BRO. DR. BOLTON BARTON, PAST PROV. G.M. OF WESTERN INDIA.

On Tuesday last the funeral of the late Bro. Richard Bolton Barton took place in Bradfield churchyard. The deceased gentleman, who died on Wednesday week at his residence, Stour Lodge, Bradfield, Essex, was well known in the district as a gentleman of refinement and kindly disposition. He was born on September 24th, 1810, and was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Barton, of Dublin. His mother was the eldest daughter of the late Col. J. H. Bolton, of Tullydonnell, Ireland. Educated at Trinity College, Dublin, he matriculated B.A. in the early part of 1844, and was shortly afterwards called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn. In 1855 Bro. Barton went to Bombay, where he soon acquired considerable practice in criminal law, and interested himself greatly in Freemasonry in India, in which Order he occupied the post of P.G.M. for the Province of Western India. He was afterwards appointed Chief Magistrate of Bombay, as well as Coroner for that city. So ably and delicately did he fulfil his official duties during exceedingly troublesome times, that twice the especial thanks of the Government were awarded him. In 1867 he returned to his native country, and a short time subsequently obtained the degree of LL.D. at his old College. In 1871 Bro. Barton settled in Essex, and three years later was made a Justice of the Peace for the county. In July, 1874, he was presented with an illuminated address, and a massive silver epergne and salver, by the Masons of Bombay, Bro. Munchegec Cowasjee Murzeban, Treasurer of the lodge with which Bro. Barton had identified himself, making the presentation at a meeting at Ipswich of the British Union Lodge of Freemasons. Dr. Barton had been for the past eight years an active member of the Tending Hundred Bench, from which he was rarely absent, and was in his usual place at the magistrates' sitting at Thorpe the last week in October. Subsequently he had an apoplectic attack, from which he never recovered, expiring at his residence, Stour Lodge, after a somewhat short period of illness, at the age of sixty-three. Bro. Barton was twice married—first, in 1852, to Caroline Harriet, daughter of the late Captain Richard Croker, R.N.; and, secondly, in 1861, to Eliza Anne, eldest daughter of the late Mr. James Dalton, of Bures House, Suffolk. The funeral procession left the late residence of the deceased at half-past two, and was preceded by the Rev. C. F. J. Norman, who officiated at the service, and by the Rev. W. G. C. Notley, the curate of Bradfield. The coffin was of polished oak, with brass furniture, and a simple plate with the inscription—"Richard Bolton Barton, Born 27th September, 1810, died 27th December, 1882." A number of elegant wreaths were placed upon the coffin. The deceased's two children, Mr. Charles Barton and Miss Barton, followed in the cortège, which contained a large number of mourners and carriages. The Church of England Burial Service was performed partly in the church and partly at the grave, and after Miss Barton had placed another handsome wreath of flowers upon the coffin, the funeral party returned from the churchyard.—*East Anglian Daily Times*.

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Also to consider the following notice of motion, upon recommendation of the house committee, by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron: "That the best thanks of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Lieut.-Col. LEACH, R.F., for his fraternal conduct in voluntarily superintending the sanitary works lately so successfully carried out at the School Buildings at Battersea; and that, as a small recognition of the services rendered by him, he be, and is hereby elected a Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges attached thereto."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

The Ninety-fifth Anniversary Festival, under the distinguished presidency of W. W. B. BEACH, Esq., M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, will take place on Wednesday, 9th May, 1883. Names of Stewards will be thankfully received by the Secretary.

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To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Key-stone," "Jewish Chronicle," "Monthly Notes Y.M.C.A.," "The Hull Packet," "The Public Ledger," "The Morning Advertiser," "The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar," "The Proceedings of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ohio," "The Organina," "The Masonic Chronicle," "The Court Circular," "Hyoutopæ" (Greek), "Boletin Masonico," "The Thirty-third Annual Convocation Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois," "The Independent" (Christmas Number), "New York Dispatch," "Masonia."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

FREEMASONRY AND VOLUNTEERING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be glad to know on the following matter. At the installation meeting of a certain lodge a few days ago several brethren appeared in the uniform of a semi-volunteer corps, and, of course Masonic clothing. As Masons were they justified in doing so? They were not invited as members of a military, or rather semi-military body, but as Masons, and I contend they were not justified in appearing in uniform, because they were not soldiers, and only soldiers appear at all times in uniform, because it would be against the Queen's regulations to appear otherwise, and when they attend or visit a lodge they do so only as Masons, and not as soldiers.

I ask this question because I think the members of this body were guilty of a piece of unmasonic conduct in prostituting their uniform in a purely Masonic meeting. They might as well wear Masonic clothing on parade, for it would be just as logical and regular as wearing uniform at a lodge. The body I refer to has its head quarters not far removed from Finsbury. I some time since heard of the consecration of a new lodge in connection with another corps, and I have ascertained that no uniform of any kind was worn, and this in a lodge intimately connected with a corps.

I wonder whether the members of the 2nd Middlesex, the Victoria Rifles, the Surrey, and other similar lodges always wear uniform in their own and other visiting lodges? Some of the members of the Wanderers do, because they are soldiers.—Yours fraternally,
DOUBTFUL.

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Thinking a few notes from this distant corner of the earth may be of interest to you and the brethren spread over the surface of the globe, and more especially to those who have the good of Freemasonry at heart, and take the greatest pleasure in hearing of the spread of its light and knowledge, must be my excuse for begging a small space in your valuable columns for a brief account of our lodge, The Union, No. 1951, established last year in this northern city of the Celestial Empire.

The R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. Thorne, and the W.M., Bro. Menzies, were indefatigable in their labour of love for the establishment of a lodge under the English Constitution. The resident Masons were of various nationalities, and from lodges situated in all the four quarters of the globe, but with that genuine spirit of brotherly love and fellowship which so distinguishes the Craft in general, and Masons in the East in particular, the brethren all most cordially united in supporting W. Bro. Menzies in his efforts to establish and build up a lodge in Tientsin, the city known amongst the Chinese as the "Celestial Ferry City," being the port of entry for the capital, and outer gate of Peking. The R.W. District Grand Master for Northern China, Bro. Thorne, took the most lively interest in the establishment of this lodge, and has manifested that earnest feeling for the good of his brethren here, and Masonry in general, by making a sea voyage of over seven hundred miles from Shanghai to install our Worthy Master, and a second to consecrate our lodge, which he did on the 20th of June, when we had received our charter from our M.W. Grand Master, a date dear to him and to all Englishmen everywhere.

The ceremony of the consecration of the lodge is probably well known to your readers, so that it is unnecessary to detail the same again in your columns. It was of great interest and value to the brethren assembled here, as few of them had ever witnessed the imposing and solemn rite of the consecration of a Masonic lodge, and all were impressed with the high aims and exalted nature of Masonry. At the conclusion of this sacred ceremony our brethren felt truly we were one united body. We are also greatly indebted to Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. J. L. Miller, for his great kindness in coming to our assistance, in undertaking an arduous voyage from Shanghai when in an enfeebled state of health, to install our Worthy Master, Bro. Innocent, into the chair of K.S. In fact our young lodge has received nothing but the most kindly treatment and assistance from these high officials and devoted brethren, and in the name of the brethren of our lodge we beg to express thus publicly our gratitude and thanks to them for all their kindness and assistance. Our lodge is composed of English, Irish, Scotch, Danes, Germans, and Americans, and now numbers twenty-two members, dwelling together in brotherly love, and well deserving the name of the Union Lodge. Visiting brethren will always find a hearty welcome to our lodge, and should you, dear brother, ever visit this distant part, none will have greater pleasure in introducing to you the brethren of the lodge than—
Yours truly,
THE SENIOR DEACON.
Tientsin, North China, 14th November, 1882.

REMUNERATION OF OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me through the medium of the *Freemason* to ask the Secretaries or Treasurers of lodges where either or both receive remuneration for duties performed for their lodge, to kindly communicate with me, stating the amount, if agreeable.—Yours fraternally,
The Crescent, Peterboro'. W. DIXEY, Sec. 442.

A VISIT TO THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Who made thee a judge?" will probably be the cry of many of the Authorities when they read these few lines relative to the Institution over which they preside, and for the maintenance of which the Craft in general so liberally provides. But I disclaim the province of judge, nor do I wish to constitute myself a censor, but simply request you, Mr. Editor, to allow me to place a few truths in plain words regarding the "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys" before your readers and the patrons and subscribers, and let them say whether they are satisfied with the present régime.

I paid a visit to Wood-green a short time ago, in company with a Masonic friend of many years' standing—a "brother from abroad"—whose kindly disposition, knowledge of human nature, and devotion to the Craft has been duly recognised in one of the largest of the British Dependencies. The chief object of my friend's visit was to gather information, and pick up hints and details of the internal economy and management of the Institution, with a view to establishing a school on similar principles, though miniature in scale, in the far-off colony whence he hails. The day we selected was a bright and cheerful one, for this time of year, and we arrived at the gates in happy humour, prepared to be pleased with all we were about to see. But, alas, a change soon came over "the spirit of our dreams!" We were hurried through the dormitories, allowed to glance in at the class-rooms (but not to enter), shown the dining-hall, and informed that the pictures on the walls were "not works of

art," and were smiled at for asking to be allowed to see the kitchens, the laundry, and other offices. As, however, we had come for a specific purpose, we bore gracefully with the undisguised ill-humour of those in charge of the establishment, and penetrated those parts which in most schools are shown with so much pride and pleasure as evidences of good management in detail. It appeared to us—perhaps we were somewhat annoyed by our reception—that a want of system prevailed, and that several details of the domestic arrangements required more careful "surveillance" by the heads of departments at the School.

I cannot conclude without a slight reference to the awestruck manner of one or two of the poor little fellows who had occasion to address our conductor during our tour through the building. "I pity the poor boys here," said my brother from abroad. "How different is all this from the happy contentment I observed at the Girls' School, at Clapham, the other day." We ventured to remark in comparison, but received such a conclusive and authoritative reply that we were glad to avail ourselves shortly after of the pointed hint, if in reply to a query, that there would be a train "back to London in about ten minutes, and that, if we were quick, we might catch it." Thus, practically, we saw nothing of the School.

In reply to the question, which any visitor might naturally ask at such an establishment, "Do you assist the lads in any way when they leave the School to get placed in the world with a fair start?" we were answered in the negative. But, Sir, the answer was given so curtly, and expressed in such chilling terms, that I could not but feel sorrow that my kind-hearted friend should have heard it, and pity for the poor boys themselves, whose natures might possibly be influenced through life under such moral training.

Not long ago I spent a whole day at the Industrial School at Feltham. There the waifs of society are taught and trained under the strictest discipline. But, throughout the whole of that great Establishment I did not see an unhappy face, nor did I speak to a lad who did not look up to Captain Brooks with confidence and evident affection.

The difference at Wood-green struck me so forcibly that the question arose to my mind—"Is all right here?"

I may add that we have seen both the Girls' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, at both which places we were received with the greatest courtesy, and readily shewn over all parts of the buildings by those who took a pride in their Institution.

I should not have troubled you with this letter, but that I think it would be a pity for a worthy and distinguished brother to return to his far-off home feeling that no voice was raised against the unsatisfactory state of things as they appeared to us at Wood-green.

I may add that none of my remarks apply to the office, where we have received the greatest civility from the energetic secretary, Bro. Binckes.—I am, yours fraternally,
18th December. S. N.

CANDLES IN CRAFT LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Recently I visited a lodge of which I was once a member, and was very much surprised at the altered arrangements in the lodge. The Ionic candlestick was placed upon the W.M.'s pedestal, the Doric upon the S.W.'s, and the Corinthian upon the J.W.'s. As I had always seen them standing upon the tessellated pavement, I was led to enquire why the alteration had been made, and was informed that it was quite correct.

Will you kindly inform me through the medium of the *Freemason* if it is quite correct, and if it is the usual arrangement in the London lodges.—Yours fraternally,
[Quite correct.—Ed. F.M.] P.M. 1528.

MASONIC ROOMS IN THE CITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My name is not unknown to your advertising columns, and I am somewhat reluctant, therefore, to ask from you the further publicity of a letter, but as I am assured you sometimes relax the rigidity peculiar to journalism, I hope you will make a concession to me at this season of gifts. I have a matter of importance to bring before the Masonic public. At an expense of several hundreds of pounds I have built a suite of rooms in these central City premises thoroughly adapted to the requirements of a lodge or to lodges of instruction. The area, light, ventilation, furniture, decorations, access, cuisine, are pronounced by the critical as perfect; yet from some unaccountable cause the entire suite has been unoccupied and unprofitable to me for months. Of course I must follow the Ricardian maxim of "cutting my losses short," but I should be sorry to alienate premises so suited to the requirements of Masonry without a final effort to make them known and appreciated; hence the boldness of a letter to our leading journal. I should be glad to receive a call from any brother who would like to visit the site of one of the most ancient City lodges now re-built and modernised. For lodges of instruction, new lodges and chapters, and others seeking a change through the great re-building now current in London, I think these premises would, if known, be immediately appreciated; but I would wish it to be distinctly understood that I have no desire to disturb existing arrangements, or to interfere with the fair liberty of lodges or brethren.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally and obliged,

TOWNLEY PORTER.

Half Moon Masonic Rooms, 88, Gracechurch-st., E.C.



THE MAGAZINES.

With an opening new year the Magazines are necessarily to the fore, and it almost seems a Herculean labour to attempt even to read them, much less to do justice to their multifarious contents. When we realize, as realize we must, what an enormous amount of time, thought, and toil is involved both in the preparation and perusal of our serial literature, we may feel some doubts as to the lasting good, the prevailing effect, such a superabundance of ephemeral contributions can have on the progress of literature, and the education of our age. Still we have to deal with a fact, for a fact it is patent and incontrovertible, and therefore let us deal with it in a lenient spirit, and simply on the principles of true criticism.

"Longman's Magazine." No. 3 of this last serial venture is before us, and will be studied by many patrons. We confess that we are slightly disappointed at its general outcome. The papers are able and readable, the names of the contributors are well known in the literary world, and yet there comes over us a sense of incompleteness, a sensation of wanting something. We cannot honestly say, we cannot critically concede, that the articles are above the level of ordinary magazine articles. They are, no doubt, interesting and valuable in themselves, and as being in "Longman's Magazine," have a special stamp of merit in some form marked upon them. "Thicker than Water" (an old, old, story) progresses, and "The Lady Walk" is concluded. We do not like the latter, from the supernatural point of view; we are not greatly interested in the former, the more so as the promises of the opening chapters hardly seem to be fulfilled. However, as the Spaniards say, "Paciencia." "A Chat about Cricket" is nothing very particular, though easily written, and "Some points in American speech," &c., though it claims a great writer as its parent, hardly seems up to the mark. It appears to us to be both incomplete in its purview, and inconsequent in its conclusions. "Fraudulent Guests" is not at all bad, but "The New Pygmalion" is meant to be personal, though some may think it a fair skit. The article "About Sisterhoods" is not marked by novelty or power, and we should have preferred either "The Vicissitudes of Life" or "Some English Ballad Characters, which we are told the Editor is sorry he could not find room for. We note that other reviewers even speak more strongly than we do.

"Temple Bar" is certainly quite up to the mark this month. "Belinda," we confess, has many attractions for us, and "Unspotted from the World" and "Tone Stewart" are both above the average. "Monica" is a very pretty story, gracefully told. "The Captain of the Pole Star" is startling and weird; "Helena Modjeska" very well written. This month poetry is fully represented by "Elle est si Jolie," a sonnet, "In Memoriam—Geo. Eliot," and "The Death of Oliver Cromwell." We do not care very much for "The Two Ds," or "On Certain Lyric Poets."

"All the Year Round" is a double number, with Mr. W. Besant's touching story of "Let nothing you dismay." It will be eagerly read, and much admired. Poor Bro. Anthony Trollope's last story, "Mr. Scarborough's Family," is continued effectively, and we are told that the whole tale is completed. It is sad to think that that able pen is now still for ever. We cannot trace in this last and posthumous evidence of his clear intellect that his "coup d'œil" had grown "dim," nor "his natural force abated." There are three amusing and pretty short stories—"A Cabinet Secret," "By the Reeds of the River," "Christmas Roses,"—and "A Day in Chester," "Remarkable Comets," "Courage," and "Home from Egypt" are all worth reading. "Geoffrey Stirling" has many admirers.

"The Antiquary" contains some very interesting articles, among which we may mention "The Days of Good Queen Anne," "Ballad Lore," &c.

"Le Monde Maconique" is full of information this month, especially for French readers, and we may say the same of our old and valued confrere Hubert, in the "Chaine d'Union." We do not always agree with our worthy brother of "Outre Manche;" his views are not our views, nor his ways our ways, Masonically, for the most part, unfortunately just now; but we beg to offer him, and Bro. Grimaux, all the "Compliments of the Season," and tender to them both "Our Hearty good wishes" for "La Nouvelle Année."

The "Freemason's Repository," edited by Bro. H. W. Rugg, and published by Freeman and Co., Providence, U.S.A., is a well edited and interesting Masonic serial. This is No. 2 of the twelfth volume. Some most valuable papers have appeared in this our old friend.



[97] THE BRIDGE BUILDERS—PONTIFICES.

I have stumbled upon a curious tract on this subject, apparently unknown to most English Masonic writers, though mentioned by Kloss, and, if I remember right, by Mackey, published in 1818, at Paris, Baudouin Freres. It is written by the perhaps too well-known Abbé H. or M. Gregoire, Constitutional Bishop of Blois. As it contains one or two interesting facts and special statements, I think it well to give a sort of summary of the sixty-four pages. The Abbé assumes that these congregations, or corporations, existed from the Roman times; but his early proofs are rather his own assertions than proofs. The work is termed "Recherches Historiques sur les Congregations Hospitalieres des Freres Pontifes, ou Constructeurs de Ponts." He states that their existence is recognised by various bulls of popes and charters of kings, but, curiously enough, though they are termed "Freres Pontis," they are not termed "Pontifices" in any charter, &c., he quotes, and, therefore, the terms "Pontifices" and "Freres Pontifes" are of his own coining, apparently. He, indeed, alleges that Ducange allows that in mediæval Latin "pontificare" meant to make

a bridge, and pontifex a builder of bridges. He also quotes Jablonski, who states that in Egypt the High Priest, or Chief Priest, was termed Phon-em-Phre, from which he derives "Pontifex." He admits that though there is some evidence of a bridge at Maupas, and, therefore, called Bon Pas, in 980 or 1000, by a Benedict or Benezet, the earliest historical evidence is in 1177, when a Benedict or Benezet undoubtedly built a bridge at Avignon, and was termed "Pastor et Pontifex," though he gives no textual proof of the last assertion. He quotes a document of 1187, used by the Bollandists and others, which states that Joannes Benedictus, Prior of the Bridge, obtains for himself and his brethren a church, a cemetery, and a chaplain. This person is supposed to be the first Benedict's successor, he dying in 1184. Whether this Fraternity of the Bridge was founded in 980 or 1177, Benedict is said to have founded it, and it is alleged that the order was called "Pontifices Avenionenses," or "Pontifices d'Avignon," but there is no apparent proof of these statements, except the title of a book by Raynaud. Pope Clement is said to have given, in 1187, an Act of Confirmation to these Builders. Raynaud is quoted as saying that the head of the body was called prior, or procurator precursor, and Fantoni asserts, the Abbé says, that in 1234 this name was changed to Commendator or Commandeur. De Vaisset is quoted, as asserting that Benedict formed a community to take care of his bridge, to receive and aid pilgrims, and offer them hospitality as well as shelter and help. In 1207 an act of sale is mentioned, as made to Stephen, Prior of the brethren and monastery of the Bridge. In the thirteenth century this order of bridge-builders, Gregoire says, was in great reputation, and a certain William, Count of Forcalquier, in 1202, gives up all his rights to this bridge and in 1207 confirms this gift to the brethren of the bridge, called Bertrand, Rostagni, Isnard, &c., and gives them tolls over all his lands. In 1227 a deed is quoted as made to "Hugo Personna Preceptor domus Pontis, et Petrus Transacius et Petrus Garetis fratres ejusdem Pontis." In 1409 they are called Rectores Pontis, Recteurs du Pont, so says at least Gregoire. It seems that in 1277 the brethren of Bonpas gave a procurator to Petrus de Regesio to seek incorporation with the Templars, "Procuratio fratrum Pontis Boni Passus ad se transferendos in ordinem Templariorum." In the next year Pope Nicholas III. incorporated this house with the hospitallers of St. John. In 1300 it was made Carthusian, and apparently passes away. In 1265 the Bridge of St. Esprit (Lyons), was built by the Prior of a Cluniac body and members of the fraternity from Avignon were called in to keep it in order. In 1448 the Pope Nicholas sent a bull in favour of this new fraternity, confirming their statutes, and their privileges and their goods, and ordered them to wear a white habit with a border of red cloth on the breast, representing two arches with a cross. The building was destroyed in 1622; the brethren dispersed, but were reformed in 1676, and finally suppressed at the French Revolution. There are also traces of fraternities at Montpellier, Toul, Bar, Valenciennes, and Metz, the Abbé asserts. At Lucca, in Italy, there was also a hospital founded in the eleventh century, of which the chief was termed Magister, Dominus, Custos, Rector, Pleban; it assisted the sick and indigent, aided travellers against robbers, made roads, erected bridges. "Viarum pontium et fluminum trajectum procuracionem gerebant." Allucius, or Allucio, called St. Allucio, devoted himself to this work, erected several hospitals and bridges, and this, his fraternity, was of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. In 1322, Lamy declares, the Abbé Gregoire says, that the Order had a palace in Florence, and houses "per universon orbem." There seems to have been a similar Order in Paris, instituted by Philippe le Bel, the destroyer of the Templars, which was united to the Order of St. Lazarus, in 1672, by Louis XIV. In 1552, John de Medicis, son of the great Cosmo, and Archbishop of Pisa, was head of this hospital at Lucca. But it seems, in 1590, to have been incorporated with an Order of St. Stephen. Historically, we then are pretty much where we began in respect of the Frater Pontifices. There seems to be evidence of a fraternity of bridge builders, but they are few and hazy, and I do not yet see that we have advanced much beyond the statements in "Kenning's Cyclopaedia," page 81. The use of the term Frater Pontifices, or Freres Pontifes, despite the Abbé's vehement assertions, is not, I venture to think, at all established so far.

95] DR. STUKELEY AND OLD LODGES.

In response to No. 96 of "Masonic Student," I hasten to state that from the time of the appearance of the Masonic part of Dr. Stukeley's Diary to now, I have, "every now and then," had a try at the lists of lodges in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges and their Descendants," and other lists that I have carefully noted from 1723, and the result is that I consider the lodge of 1721, held at the "Fountain," Strand, London, to be the same as the tenth on the engraved list of A.D. 1723. Bro. Gould identifies xii. on Constitutions of A.D. 1923 as the 46th on the official roll of the same year. I am not prepared to trace xii. myself, and so cannot accept the guess of "Masonic Student" as to its being the one held at the "Fountain" in 1721, when it was constituted, but am inclined to prefer the opinion of Bro. Gould, as he bases his statement on the registers of the members of the various early lodges still preserved in archives of the Grand Lodge. In the engraved list of 1725 (or rather in the two editions) the lodge held at the "Fountain" appears as No. 10 (including the two vacant Nos. 4 and 8). I have entirely failed to trace the lodge at Grantham, of A.D. 1726, in any engraved or printed lists, or in the "Four Old Lodges," and, therefore, it may be taken as proved that no such lodge is in any known register, though it may be still found, if held elsewhere, which might be the case, as removals were not uncommon in those days. On the other hand, the lodge may never have been regularly warranted, for it was many years after formation of the Grand Lodge before due order was observed. I consulted with Bro. Whythead soon after issue of the Masonic Diary, and from the information sent me, I have no hesitation in saying the MS. is that of "Cooke's." (See also "Gould's History," vol. I., page 60.) The two "Orders" mentioned by Stukeley I take it were harmless amusements—like the present "Order of St. Lawrence"—and furnished innocent relaxation for learned men. "Masonic Student" does well to draw attention once more to this matter, for the "Diary" and its contents are of special value. W. J. HUGHAN.

Bro. D. L. Parry was installed W.M. of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, at Kirkdale, on Wednesday last.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—The brethren of this ancient lodge assembled on Monday last at the Freemasons' Hall for the annual installation meeting under the able presidency of Bro. M. D. Loewenstark, the retiring Master, who, after opening the lodge in due form, raised Bros. William Guppy and Neil Wells in a most efficient manner. A ballot was then taken for the election of Bro. John S. Elliott, 1214, as a joining member, and was declared to be unanimous in his favour. Bro. T. J. Robins, P.M., then presented the S.W., Bro. Courtenay Wynne, for installation, and this ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Loewenstark. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. G. J. Moorcroft, S.W.; J. W. Harvey, J.W.; J. J. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; J. Dyte, P.M., Sec.; T. Hawkins, S.D.; A. W. Stead, J.D.; W. Ford, I.G.; W. J. Batson, Assist. Sec.; W. Wingham and G. Deaton, Stewards.

The visitors present were as follows: Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. West, P.M. 1815; C. Hunt, P.M. 194; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; H. D. Stead, P.M. 1297 and 1674; G. Clark, P.M. 263; J. Blundell, P.M. 742; C. Fardell, 1538; G. McLoughlin, 1706; J. Jones, 1297; E. Martin, 1476; R. Sly, 1625; T. Pargeter, 1598; W. Jaques, 1744; J. Hayes, 1457; M. Graham, 975; C. Sparrow, 975; W. Waring, 198; H. W. Little, 1706; W. Sharman, 1158; C. White, 1777; G. Cole, 742; and Bloom, Lafayette Lodge of New York.

The W.M. in a few well chosen sentences, presented the retiring Master with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him, and the gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Loewenstark.

The lodge was then closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the Crown room, where an excellent banquet was provided.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Shirley Hodgson, P.M., who was assisted by Bros. E. W. Collins, C. A. White, J. Woods, and Bro. H. Walmsley Little, who presided at the piano.

The grace having been sung the usual Royal toasts were proposed by the W.M., and it is needless to say most heartily received by the brethren. The National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" were sung, the solos of the latter by Bro. J. Wood.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," observed that it was quite unnecessary for him to occupy the time of the brethren by speaking in praise of the Grand Officers, because their good work was before the Masonic world, and the Craft were well aware that the Grand Master would not have selected them had he not felt sure that they were men well qualified for the high positions to which they were appointed.

Song—"Alice, where art thou?" Bro. E. W. Collins. The Grand Secretary, replying for "The Grand Officers," remarked that it was a very great pleasure and honour to be permitted to return thanks for the important toast of the Grand Officers, because the toast included so large a number of distinguished brethren whose names he might almost say were household words in the Order. He could assure the brethren of the Robert Burns Lodge that whatever services the Grand Officers had rendered to the Craft had met with hearty appreciation by all classes in Freemasonry. He wished to say a few words also respecting the illustrious head of the Order, the Prince of Wales. Every Mason was proud of him as Grand Master, but he (the Grand Secretary) thought that an impression prevailed that the Grand Master, by reason of his high station, did not take that practical interest in Freemasonry that might be expected of him. Now this idea was entirely erroneous, for the Grand Master took the greatest possible interest in all matters connected with the Craft, there being scarcely a matter, except the merest routines, that he did not express an opinion upon, and when in town during the season, the Grand Secretary had constantly to wait upon him at Marlborough House, to lay before him the details of all matters of interest. In conclusion, the Grand Secretary thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. This was the third occasion that he had been the guest of the Robert Burns Lodge, which had an illustrious history in the past, and had lost none of its lustre during the year just concluded under the able Mastership of Bro. Loewenstark, whom he most highly commended for his admirable working that evening of the Third Degree, and the beautiful installation ceremony. He felt sure also that from the able and impressive way in which their new W.M., Bro. Wynne, had invested his officers, he would be found a worthy successor of a long roll of Masters, and he could assure him of the "Hearty good wishes" of the Grand Officers, and at the same time tendered to him his sincere congratulations upon being the Master of such an eminent lodge as the Robert Burns Lodge.

Glee—"King Canute."

Bro. Loewenstark, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he called upon the brethren to receive in their heartiest manner. He said that he felt it both an honour and a pleasure to submit the toast to them. It was needless for him to dilate upon the excellence of Bro. Wynne's working, for that was already before the lodge, and he conscientiously believed that the W.M. was well qualified to perform all the duties of his high office. All had known him as a hard worker in the past; he had risen in the lodge step by step and had thoroughly earned his present position; he had done his duty earnestly, and in doing so had doubtless had before him as an incentive the unanimous election that had made him the head of the Robert Burns Lodge.

Song—"The Anchor's Weighed," Bro. C. A. White.

The W.M., replying to the toast of his health, said that he could not sufficiently express his appreciation of the great honour that had that day been done him, and he almost despaired of his ability to impart sufficient dignity to the position of W.M. It was quite true, as Bro. Loewenstark had said, that he had worked up from the bottom of the ladder; it was upon the pressing invitation of their

worthy Secretary, Bro. Dyte, that he first took office, and he could assure the brethren that he was not unmindful of the kind support they had always accorded to him. He would do all in his power to discharge his duties well and make the brethren happy during his year of office, and he solicited their kind indulgence for any shortcomings that they might see in him.

Piano solo by Bro. H. Walmsley Little, Mus. Bac., 1706.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," observed that it always afforded the brethren of the Robert Burns Lodge great satisfaction to welcome visitors amongst them, particularly on installation meetings, when the lodge was always honoured by the presence of many distinguished Masons, and this occasion was no exception to the rule. They had again the pleasure of welcoming to their board the Grand Secretary, whom he was quite sure the lodge would always feel it an honour to entertain, and there were besides a large number of Past Masters of other lodges, and numerous other brethren. He trusted they had enjoyed a pleasant evening, and hoped to see them again on future occasions. As there was such a long list he would call upon Bros. Bloom, of Lafayette Lodge, America, and H. D. Stead, P.M. 1297 and 1674, to respond.

Song—"Will o' the Wisp," Bro. J. S. Hodson, P.M.

Bros. Bloom and Stead responded upon behalf of the visitors.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. M. D. Loewenstark," who had, he said, that evening completed a most successful year of office by performing, in his usual effective style, a very beautiful, but most trying, ceremony—he alluded to that of installation. It would be waste of time for him to detail to the brethren the good work that the I.P.M. had done during his year of office; they all knew how well he understood his duties, and what good service he had rendered to the lodge in economising its funds, whilst, at the same time, looking after the comfort of the brethren; and it was with feelings of the greatest pleasure that he (the W.M.) had that evening presented to him the handsome jewel that had been voted by the lodge and so deservedly bestowed.

Bro. Loewenstark, in reply, assured the brethren that he was truly grateful to the W.M. for his flattering remarks, and to them for the cordial way in which they had received the toast. He thought that too much importance had been attached to his services, particularly to the work of that evening, for although, it being his last opportunity of working a ceremony, he had endeavoured to deliver the various addresses in an impressive manner, he felt that there was still much required before perfection could be obtained. He could not sufficiently thank the brethren for the honour that had been conferred upon him, in the shape of the handsome jewel he now wore. He had felt throughout his year of office that it was a great distinction to be the W.M. of such an old and eminent lodge as the Robert Burns, and he trusted that he might be spared for many years to be amongst them as a P.M., and to preserve to himself the esteem of which they had just given him such a substantial proof.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," which toast was responded to by Bros. Robinson, Dyte, Hodson, and Robins, the first of these brethren being the oldest member of the lodge, he having been initiated in the year 1844.

Glee—"When evening's twilight."

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," regretted that Bro. Wilson, by reason of living so far off, had been compelled to leave before this toast could be brought forward. He was so well known to the brethren, and had held the office of Treasurer for so many years, that words in his praise were quite superfluous. He trusted that Bro. Wilson's life might long be spared, and that the lodge might have the benefit of his valuable services. The same remarks would apply to Bro. Dyte, their esteemed Secretary, who was almost their oldest Past Master. The way in which he discharged his arduous duties was beyond all praise. He was thoroughly practical, always punctual, and his long experience of Freemasonry rendered him a most valuable adviser to the presiding Master, to whom at all times Bro. Dyte's advice and assistance were cheerfully accorded.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," which was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Moorcroft, Harvey, and Stead.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No 47).

—The annual festival and installation meeting of this time-honoured lodge took place under auspicious circumstances on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street. The lodge was opened by its popular W.M., Bro. John Toplis, supported by the following Past Masters and officers of the lodge: Bros. T. W. Robinson, P.P.S.G.W.; R. C. Sutton, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Davis, P.P.S.G.D.; S. Jackson, Prov. G.J.D.; H. J. Norris, Prov. G.D. of C.; J. Derry, I.P.M.; G. Chapman, S.W., W.M. elect; E. C. Patchitt, J.W.; J. C. Banwell, Sec.; H. Vickers, S.D.; A. J. Barber, J.D.; J. Brown, I.G.; R. Bingham and H. C. Eden, Stewards. Among the visitors present were Bros. Joseph Young, P.M. 523, Prov. G.D.C. Leicestershire and Rutland; F. Thomas, P.M. 272, Prov. G.P. Lincolnshire; H. W. Burton, W.M. 1493; W. J. Gardner, W.M. 1794; G. H. Hibbert, W.M. 1852; T. Turner, P.M. 506; G. Alderson, S.W. 1435, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly read and confirmed, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Ed. Watson, was then announced and received according to ancient custom with the honours due to his rank. The retiring W.M. proceeded with great taste and judgment to install his successor in the chair of K.S., working the whole of the ceremony without assistance, including the accurate delivery of the subsequent addresses to the newly-installed W.M., Wardens, and brethren.

The following were the officers appointed and invested by the W.M., who gave suitable and felicitous congratulations to each: Bros. John Toplis, I.P.M., Treas.; E. C. Patchitt, S.W.; H. Vickers, J.W.; J. C. Banwells, Sec.; J. Davis, P.M., D. of C.; A. J. Barber, S.D.; H. E. Wilson, J.D.; C. Rogers, Org.; R. Bingham, I.G.; R. T. Mountney and H. Eden, Stvds.; and H. Glover, Tyler.

After some further transaction of business, and "Hearty good wishes" from the representatives of the numerous lodges present having been tendered, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren adjourned at half-past six o'clock to the spacious banqueting room of the Masonic Hall, and partook of an exquisitely served dinner (the antique menu

card of which was a novelty in itself), under the presidency of the W.M., who subsequently proposed the usual loyal toasts, which, having been duly honoured, he gave, with considerable taste, "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," calling upon W. Bro. E. Watson, the Deputy P.G.M. of the province, to reply, by whom some very pertinent remarks were uttered.

Before resuming his seat the worshipful brother proposed the toast of the evening, viz.: "The Health of the W. Master," which, was enthusiastically honoured.

The recently-installed brother gave the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," who was also the Installing Master; and, referring to the almost enviable prosperity which the old Newstead Lodge had enjoyed during Bro. Toplis's rule, he stated that the lodge had resolved upon recognising the valuable services which the I.P.M. had rendered to this, the mother lodge of the province, by expressing, in a somewhat more substantial form than a mere formal vote of thanks the regard and high esteem in which he was held by the whole lodge, and the expression of their opinion had taken the shape of an oil portrait of the worthy brother of whom he was speaking, which he now begged to offer for his acceptance; whereupon the Deacons entered the room with a large covered picture, which, upon being unveiled, revealed a most happy and striking portrait of Bro. Toplis, in full Masonic clothing, the frame of which bore the following inscription:

"To Bro. John Toplis, W.M. 1882 of the Newstead Lodge of Freemasons, No. 47, as a mark of the respect of the brethren of his lodge, and an acknowledgment of the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties during his year of office. 19th December, 1882."

The portrait, which measures 36 in. by 28 in., was painted by F. Warsop, Esq., a well-known artist of the neighbourhood, and was enclosed in a most handsome and massive 5½ in. gilt frame.

The I.P.M. (who was evidently deeply affected and much surprised), on rising to acknowledge the toast and the generosity of his brethren, declared himself quite unable to adequately express his thanks and astonishment; but assuring them, as well as he was then able, that in his desire to serve the "old Newstead," either as P.M. or in any other capacity, his services would be always at the disposal of the lodge. For the most handsome present before him, which he accepted with heartfelt gratitude, he could not find words to express his present feelings, but hoped that it would serve as an heirloom, and some evidence to his family of the opinion his brethren of the Newstead entertained of his endeavours to serve the lodge. The Worshipful brother resumed his seat visibly affected by the interesting dénouement which had so taken him by surprise.

The toast of "The W.M.'s of the Province of Notts" was eloquently proposed by W. Bro. J. Derry, and duly responded to by W. Bro. W. J. Gardner, W.M. 1794.

W. Bro. R. C. Sutton, P.P.G.S.W., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was humorously acknowledged by Bros. Jos. Young, P.M. 523; and F. Thomas, I.P.M. 272.

Bro. J. Davis, P.P.G.S.D., gave "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. H. J. Norris, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer., replied.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by W. Bro. T. W. Robinson, P.P.G.S.W., and duly acknowledged by Bro. H. Vickers, J.W.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close, the brethren separating, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, but happy to meet again."

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 67).—On the 27th ult. the members of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Osborne-street. Bro. R. Beevers, the Worshipful Master, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of the members of the Craft. The first business was to present an illuminated address to Bro. W. Banks Hay, M.D., P.M., P.P.S.G.D., on his resigning the Treasurership of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, which post he has held for over thirty-years. Bro. W. Tesseyman, P.M., presented the address, and Bro. Dr. Hay acknowledged his thanks to the brethren for their kind expressions contained in the address. The installation of the Worshipful Master elect (Bro. Andrew King), was then proceeded with. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed according to ancient custom by the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Dr. Bell. Bro. Andrew King, on taking the chair, was supported by the Worshipful Masters of the Minerva, Kingston, Alexandra, and Pelham Pillar Lodges, and many distinguished Masons of rank.

The following brethren were invested to their respective offices: Bros. R. Beevers, I.P.M.; George Myers, S.W.; G. D. Storry, P.G.O., J.W.; H. Toozes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Chap.; Thomas Thompson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; William Tesseyman, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Treasurer of the Benevolent and Pension Fund, and Charity Representative; W. B. Hay, M.D., P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treasurer of Sinking Fund, and Lecture Master; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Almoner; J. D. O'Donoghue, Hon. Sec.; E. Carris, Assist. Hon. Sec.; J. W. Holmes, S.D.; J. R. Forman, J.D.; Robert Hodgson, D.C.; W. Riby, Org.; C. T. Ganderton, Librarian; John Cockin, I.G.; William Whincup, Chief Steward; William Cuthbert, Tyler; and J. Burdall, Assist. Tyler.

The banquet was afterwards held in the banqueting hall, at which the newly-installed Master, Bro. A. King, presided, and there was a large attendance of the brethren. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

FALMOUTH.—Love and Honour Lodge (No. 75).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge (the mother lodge of the Province of Cornwall) took place at the Masonic Hall, Royal Hotel, on Friday, the 29th ult., and was in every respect worthy of the high character the lodge possesses, both for its good harmony and brotherly love. In the presence of a goodly assembly of brethren and visitors Bro. Richard Carter, W.M., opened the lodge, and Mr. Joseph Smith Dunn was balloted for and unanimously elected and initiated a member of the Order. Bro. Walter F. Newman, P.M., Prov. G. J.W., was then placed in the chair as Installing Master, and in a most masterly style proceeded to install Bro. James P. Polglase into the chair of K.S. Bros. Past Masters R. Carter, Francis Dennis, W. H. Dunstan, Wilson, Fox, M. Little, T. C. Polglase, W. D. Rogers, and Joseph Wallace assisted in the ceremony. Bros. E. D. Anderton, P.M. 331, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Christoe, P.M. 331, P.P.G.S.B.; Grant, P.M. 318; G. Appleby Jenkins, P.M. 967, P.P.G.R., occupied seats on the dais.

The W.M. elect being installed in the chair of K.S., was saluted and greeted, and the Board of Installed Masters was closed. The working tools in the Third Degree were presented and explained by Bro. T. C. Polglase; in the Second Degree by Bro. Wilson Fox; and the First by Bro. R. Carter, the out-going Master. The following officers were invested by the newly-installed W.M.: Bros. R. Carter, I.P.M.; George Carter, S.W.; Richard C. Richards, J.W.; Rev. J. J. Great Rex, Chap.; W. F. Newman, P.M. Treas. (unanimously re-elected at the last meeting); S. Tresidder, Sec.; John M. Carne, S.D.; James Jeffery, J.D.; James C. Benny, M.C.; T. E. Dinner, Org.; G. H. Baynes Reed, I.G.; James Day Richards and Willie Carne, Stewards; and W. Rusden, Tyler. The final charges having been delivered by the Installing Master, the ceremony was completed. It should be specially mentioned that the ceremony was throughout performed in a very able and efficient manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet in the assembly-room adjoining the lodge, at which about forty brethren sat down, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master. This large room was most tastefully decorated by Bro. James Francis with flags of all nations, evergreens, and flowers. The dinner, &c., was first-class, and served in first style, and great credit is due in this respect to the host (Bro. Carter, I.P.M.) and hostess. The excellent catering was supplemented by a splendid display of bouquets for table decoration.

When ample justice had been done to the repast and the waiters had retired, the characteristic feature of the lodge developed itself. Bro. Robinson presided at the piano, and the intervals between the toasts, &c., were filled with good singing and recitations.

Bro. J. P. Polglase in rising to propose the first toast on the list said, I have the honour and pleasing duty to-night of proposing the first toast on the toast list, "The Queen and the Craft." Now, brethren, I am sure you would not forgive me were I simply to give the Queen and the Craft and pass on to the next, without in some way displaying our loyalty to the Crown in drinking the health of our beloved sovereign. It is one that is received with the greatest enthusiasm in every assembly of Masons. I think that as Masons we should drink this toast even more cordially than other persons, because three of her sons are distinguished members of our Craft; it is indeed a very gratifying fact to realize that three of her sons, herself the only daughter of an old Grand Master, should never "be ashamed to hear themselves named with a Free and an Accepted Mason," and she is ever ready to bear witness to the value of those gallant men who uphold the dignity of the land. Queen Victoria holds an exalted position in the world, not merely because she rules over many nations of mixed religions and of diverse languages, but because she enjoys the high privilege of reigning in the hearts, as well as over the destinies of the freest, and, therefore, the most loyal people in the world, and I do not hesitate to say that British loyalty, although, perhaps, roughly expressed, is not to be found more genuine throughout her Majesty's dominions than amongst the inhabitants of the somewhat remote and rugged county of Cornwall. We must not forget that our beloved sovereign is the patron of all Freemasonry, hence our privilege to couple her honoured name with our Craft. She has never exceeded the constitutional limits assigned to her, and by her life she has earned the affection, the esteem, and the love of her people. Her name alone brings into every English home, and carries with it wherever it is mentioned all that is noble, gentle, true, and all that is good, under whose rule this country has prospered more than in any other period of its existence. Brethren, these are my true expressions of loyalty, and I am sure they must be yours, and let us all hope that she may be spared for many years to honour our Craft, and to rule over the destinies of this great and prosperous country. Brethren, be upstanding, and drink to "The Queen and Craft."

The W.M.: Brethren, the next toast is "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." I do not think I could propose a more popular one. It is one that is always received with the greatest enthusiasm by the Freemasons of this country. We all know that he has the vital interests of the Craft at heart. The indefatigable manner in which his Royal Highness discharges the various duties and functions which devolve on him as Prince of Wales does not prevent him finding time to discharge his duties as Grand Master, which does much to promote the happiness of the brethren and the welfare of the Craft, and I venture to assert that when, in the course of events—although I hope the day is far distant—he ascends the throne, his popularity will be so great as to throw a shade on the halo which surrounded the fame of his illustrious ancestors; and I think that I shall be within bounds in stating as my opinion that the title of Grand Master of the Freemasons of this country, the mother Grand Lodge of the world, is one which he bears with the greatest pride, and as such I call upon you to drink his health, and I include with the toast H.R.H. the Princess of Wales.

The toast was heartily received. In giving "The Health of the M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Latham; and the Grand Lodge of England," the W.M. said: We are all aware of the vast amount of interest they all take in the welfare of the Craft. As to the working of Grand Lodge, no doubt but what it is done to perfection. The Grand Master is undoubtedly most ably represented by those noble brethren just mentioned.

Bro. Hughan, who should have responded to this toast, was unfortunately absent through ill-health.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall, and the W.D.P.G.M., Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., and the Officers, Present and Past," said: This toast, I am sure, is one that all present here to-night are anxiously waiting to do honour to. He has shown himself in the highest degree a true and honest Mason, worthy of the high and dignified office which he fills an honour to the Craft. Ever earnest in promoting its welfare, by him the affairs of our province are rightly governed and superintended. He urges us not to deviate from the ancient landmarks and the rules and regulations of the Order, thereby encouraging us to succeed; and while we have such an able Prov. Grand Master, we need not fear as to the future of this province. His zeal in Masonry has made him loved and revered by all Masons with whom he comes in contact. He is the right man in the right place. Brethren, be upstanding and do all honour.

Bro. E. D. Anderton, Prov. G. Sec., in responding,

rivetted the attention of the brethren by a very appropriate, instructive, and in every way a truly Masonic speech, and expressed himself satisfied with all he had seen, both in the business of the lodge and at the festive board. He congratulated the W.M. on the great honour the lodge had conferred on him that day.

Bro. G. A. Jenkins, P. Prov. G. Reg., also responded in suitable terms, and congratulated the W.M. in very complimentary language.

The Senior Warden then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a neat and eulogistic speech, and he asked them to drink to his health and future success.

The W.M. in a long and excellent speech expressed his feelings of pride for the great honour conferred upon him in being made their W.M. He was proud to see such a gathering around him, and for such greetings and well wishes he heartily thanked them, especially the Past Masters for their kindness in supporting him in such strong numbers, and thereby making the ceremony of installation a perfect success, and having their confidence he would do his best to discharge the duties of Master to the best of his ability during his year of office, and would endeavour to sustain the reputation which had been so admirably upheld by the Past Masters, many of whom were honouring him with their presence that day. He drank "Hearty good health and long life to all."

The W.M. then proposed "The Initiate," who he was very glad to welcome into the lodge.

This toast was suitably responded to by the initiate, Bro. Joseph Smith Dunn.

The next toast, "The Visitors," was in a suitable and humorous speech proposed by Bro. Fox, P.M. He was pleased to see so many old faces and gave them a cordial welcome and hoped they would leave with a favourable impression of their visit.

Bro. Grant, P.M. (Helston) briefly responded for "The Visitors," and thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had met with. Other visitors followed.

The next toast, "The Immediate Past Master," was proposed by the W.M., and he asked the brethren to drink upstanding "The Health of their I.P.M.," which was done with great enthusiasm.

The Immediate P.M. responded to the toast in appropriate terms, acknowledged the cordiality of the brethren in drinking his health as they had done, and the cordiality of the W.M. in the manner in which it had been proposed. He hoped the Master would have as happy a year of office as he had been privileged to enjoy. He spoke a few encouraging words to those who were that day honoured with collars of office; There were not collars for all. This was always a difficult matter the Master had in dealing out the collars of office, some must be disappointed. However, he was of opinion there was a selection of officers which the lodge might feel proud of. While in the chair he had the hearty support and assistance of the Past Masters, and he was sure his successor would have their assistance, and he assured him nothing should be wanting on his part to support him in his labours during the ensuing year.

"The Past Masters," "The Wardens and Officers," "Brethren out of Office," and "Absent Members," were given and briefly responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful meetings this old lodge had witnessed under its banner for several years.

Some excellent songs were given by Bros. Robinson, Saunders, Keene, Benny, Olive, Christoe, Tito and Betherini; also recitations by Bro. J. D. Richards, which did not fail to call forth rounds of applause.

WEYMOUTH.—All Souls Lodge (No. 170).—The brethren of this lodge, in accordance with ancient custom, assembled on St. John's Day, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. R. Greenwood, S.W., was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by W. Bro. W. Smith, P.P.G.J.W. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the year, viz.: Bros. Z. Milledge, S.W.; C. G. Targett, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Scott, P.G. Chap., Chap.; H. Hill, Sec.; H. Gibbs, S.D.; T. J. W. Downes, P.G. Steward, J.D.; S. Whetham, I.G.; Keates, Org.; W. Bro. E. T. Targett, P.M.; and Bro. J. E. Bennett, Stewards; Bro. R. Simmonds, Tyler; W. Bro. J. A. Sherren, P.M., P.P.G.P., having been previously re-elected Treasurer.

After the ceremony the customary banquet was served in the spacious hall attached to the lodge. W. Bro. R. Greenwood presided, being supported by W. Bros. Morgan, Smith, Graham, Targett, and Bros. Rev. Scott, Milledge, C. G. Targett, Hill, Downes, Whetham, Bennett, Allen, Ryan, John Ford, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, that of "R.W. Bro. W. Eliot, P.P.G.M. of Dorset," being very feelingly given by W. Bro. Smith, P.P.G.J.W., and most enthusiastically received by the brethren. The venerable brother is believed to be the oldest subscribing Mason living, and was initiated in All Souls Lodge. Later a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by W. Bro. Smith, P.M., on behalf of the brethren, to W. Bro. Morgan, I.P.M., as a slight recognition of his energetic working during the past year.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281.)—The installation meeting of this lodge and celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist, was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the afternoon of the 28th ult., a good number of brethren being present. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. R. B. Pilkington, and after the minutes had been read and other routine business transacted, the chair was taken by the Installing Officer, Bro. J. Atkinson, who inducted Bro. Benjamin Gregson into his office as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year with the usual ceremonial. The newly-installed Master afterwards appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. Pilkington, I.P.M.; T. Bayley, S.W.; R. Stanton, J.W.; J. Hatch, P.M., Treas.; John Hatch, P.M., Sec.; James Taylor, P.M., Org.; A. McRaith, S.D.; Richard Nicholson, J.D.; J. Thistlethwaite, I.G.; J. Heald, S.S.; J. S. Shaw, J.S.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. The lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

The brethren, to the number of about thirty, afterwards assembled at the King's Arms Hotel, and sat down to an excellent banquet, which was exceedingly well catered for and served by the host, Mr. Ducksbury. The newly-installed W.M. presided, supported by the I.P.M. and Installing Officer, the Mayor of Lancaster (Bro. Fenton, P.M.),

Bros. Past Masters E. Simpson, P. Prov. G. Purst.; Jas. Hatch, John Hatch, T. Atkinson, W. King, W. Warbrick, G. Kelland, and others; the vice-chairs being occupied by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The visitors included Bros. J. Cutts, S.W. 1051; J. E. Oglethorpe, S.W., and J. D. Bell, J.W., of 1353; E. Johnson, S.D. 104, Prov. G.A. Dir. of Cer. Cheshire; and Wakinslaw, 424.

During dessert the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, including that of "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "Installing Officer," "Mayor of Lancaster," "Newly-Invested Officers," "Visiting Brethren," &c., a very enjoyable evening being spent.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 348).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Bull's Head Inn. Present: Bros. J. B. Taylor, W.M.; W. Crankshaw, S.W.; J. Kenyon, J.W.; T. Raby, P.M., Treas.; John Alcock, P.M., Sec.; John Partington, S.D.; R. H. Phillips, I.G.; T. Higson, P.M., Tyler; W. Barnes, W. Hennifer, A. Jones, J. F. Ryley, H. Stevenson, T. G. Orrell, J. Eckerley, R. Jones, J. Wood, W. Wood, W. Green, J. Calderbank, J. Allen, G. Walker, John Hamer, John Harwood, P.M.; J. Horrocks, P.M.; R. Harwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; and John Wolstenholme, P.M. Visitors: Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G.D., W.M. elect 37; W. Cooper, P.M. 146; Jabez Boothroyd, W.M. 221; Wm. Court, W.M. 1723; J. L. Aldred, P.M. 221; John Mitchell, J. W. Forbes, 1723; C. Crompton, J.D. 221; R. Latham, S.W. 1723; and William Nicholson, P.M., Treas. 146, Prov. G. Swd. Br.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. William Crankshaw, S.W., was presented by Bro. John Harwood, P.M., to a Bbard of Installed Masters, under the presidency of Bro. John Alcock, P.M., Sec., and having been duly obligated, was subsequently installed, proclaimed, and saluted as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, and proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. B. Taylor, I.P.M.; John Kenyon, S.W.; J. Partington, J.W.; R. H. Phillips, S.D.; W. Chadwick, J.D.; T. Raby, P.M., Treas. (elected); J. Alcock, P.M., Sec.; J. Horrocks, P.M., Charity Representative (elected); G. Walker, I.G.; R. Jones and W. Wood, Stewards; R. Harwood, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, M. of C.; W. H. Alcock, P.M., A.M. of C.; J. Harwood, P.M., Org.; and T. Higson, P.M., Tyler.

The newly-appointed officers were invested by Bro. John Harwood, who severally instructed them in the duties pertaining to their respective offices, and the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were very effectively rendered by Bro. Alcock.

A candidate for initiation was proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visiting brethren. A portion of the ancient rules and charges were read by the Senior Warden, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then proceeded to banquet, and a somewhat long toast list was duly honoured. Bro. Nicholson responded for "The Present Provincial Officers," and Bros. Brockbank and Robt. Harwood for "The Past Officers."

Bro. Crankshaw, in responding to the toast of "The W.M.," expressed his determination to work assiduously during his year of office, and thus repay the confidence the brethren had placed in him by diligent attention to his duties.

Bro. James Horrocks, charity representative, in proposing "The Masonic Charities" made a forcible appeal to the brethren, exhorting them to use greater efforts to support the Masonic Institutions and pointedly referring to their claims upon the members of this lodge, inasmuch as one member was now an annuitant on the Benevolent Institution, a widow of another old member who was also at one time in receipt of pension, and herself subsequently a recipient from the funds of the society until her recent decease, and another deceased brother's child was also being educated by the East Lancashire Charity Fund.

A generous response was given to the request made and doubtless will result in a substantial donation to one of the charities.

The "Visiting Brethren" was responded to by the Worshipful Masters of 221 and 1723.

"The Installing Master" was duly honoured, and replied to by the veteran Secretary, who for many years has single-handed discharged this important and onerous duty.

The vocal talent displayed added considerably to the success of this well ordered meeting, and the brethren were indebted to Bros. Allen, Wood, Partington, and John Harwood for their contributions to the harmony of the evening.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., at the Swan Hotel. Present: Bros. J. Senior, W.M.; J. Baker, S.W.; J. Mottram, J.W.; F. Woolley, Secretary; E. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Wooldridge, J.D.; S. E. Fowke, D.C.; T. Rigby, I.G.; H. Thorn, Stwd.; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; T. Wood, P.P.G.R., I.P.M.; S. S. Plant, W. T. Moss, W. H. Ridge, T. B. Mottram, A. C. Podmore, J. Hayes, A. F. Whitorne, J. Taylor, S. Scott, F. Espley, and S. Moss. Visitor: Bro. R. M. Jary, 88.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read, Bro. Ridge was passed by the W.M. to the Second Degree, and the working tools were explained by Bro. Baker, S.W. Bro. H. Thorn alluded, in feeling terms, to the death of Bro. Grylls, at Ostend, and proposed that a letter of condolence be sent from the lodge to Mrs. Grylls, in her distress. This was seconded by Bro. Wood, I.P.M., and supported by the W.M., and upon being put to the vote, was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in ancient form and perfect harmony.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The annual installation meeting and festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Bro. G. Dalrymple, W.M., P.P.G.D.C., presided, supported by seventeen Past Masters, besides a good muster of members and visitors, of whom were the following: Bros. C. Morton, P.M., P.P.G. S.W.; J. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Spittal, P.M., P.P.G. J.W.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Cowman, P.M.; Ed. Rose, P.M.; F. Hodgson, P.M.; C. J. Dalton, P.M.; J. M. Salisbury, P.M., P.P.G.T.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; J. J. Robson, P.M. 1267; J. Eilbeck, P.M.; W. L. Towerson, W.M. 1267; J. Hodgson, W.M.

1400; W. Carlyle, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Glessal, S.W. and W.M. elect; R. Twentymen, Sec.; H. Burns, J.D.; W. Carmichael, Wm. Lewis, W. Holloway, T. Robinson, J. S. Braithwaite, J. S. Moffatt, J. McGowan, J. Jackson, I. Jaques, T. F. Mayson, R. D. Metcalf, J. S. Wilson, Thos. Ellwood, T. B. Williamson, J. Sewell, J. T. Ray, J. Nixon, J. McArthur, J.W. 119; R. W. Moore, J. Rothery, Geo. Sparrow, W. A. Davies, J. C. Thompson, 962; J. Pateron, S.D. 962; R. Tyson, J.W. 1267; Geo. Douglas, W. Burnyeat, H. Winn, J.W. 1400; J. Rubery, I.G. 1400; D. Bell, S.W. 1660; Chas. Gowan, I.G. 1660; and others. Bro. Thos. Glessal, W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Gibson, assisted by Bro. Kenworthy, in which ceremony they are undoubtedly the chiefs of the western division. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. G. Dalrymple, I.P.M.; H. Burns, S.W.; W. Carmichael, J.W.; J. Spittal, Treas.; Robt. Twentymen, Sec.; J. Jackson, S.D.; Thos. Robinson, J.D.; J. Townson, P.P.G. Org.; Organist; T. B. Williamson, I.G.; J. M. Salisbury, Tyler; and R. D. Metcalf and T. F. Mayson, Stewards.

With a round of "Hearty good wishes" from so many visitors, the lodge was closed in due form, and, at the invitation of the newly-installed W.M., adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent spread awaited them, provided by mine host and hostess of the Albion Hotel, which received well-merited praise. A long toast list followed. The W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with considerable ability.

Bro. Morton, the senior P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was well responded to.

After a few charming songs from Bros. Bell, Hodgson, and Carmichael, Bro. Salisbury gave the Tyler's toast.

ULVERSTON.—Furness Lodge (No. 995).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., Bro. the Rev. F. G. McNally presiding. Amongst the number of visitors were Bros. H. S. Alpass, G.S.B. and P.G. Sec.; H. Bagot, P.P.G.S.W. Cumb. and West.; J. Mills, P.P.G.S.D. Cumb. and West.; R. Pearson, P.P.G.R. Cumb. and West.; G. Remington, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. L. R. Ayre, P.P.G. Chap., and a number of P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and Wardens of neighbouring lodges.

The W.M., assisted by Bro. R. Pearson, P.M., installed Bro. James Spedding, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. in a dignified and impressive manner. After the newly-installed Master had received the salutations according to ancient custom, he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. the Rev. F. G. McNally, I.P.M.; T. Watts, S.W.; C. Pennington, J.W.; Rev. F. G. McNally, Chap.; F. J. Blacklock, Treas.; W. H. Todd, Sec.; Jos. Todd, S.D.; J. S. Berry, J.D.; J. Swan, I.G.; W. Hartley, S.S.; E. N. Lewis, J.S.; J. Case, P.M., D. of C.; R. Casson, P.M., Org.; and J. Robinson, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the house of Bro. Clayton, Queen's Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The proceedings, which were most enjoyable, were interspersed with songs and recitations.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, on Thursday, the 21st ult. There were present: Bros. T. F. Barrett, Prov. G. Reg., W.M.; W. D. Merritt, S.W.; D. F. Dorrel Grayson, J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M. and P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; C. Floyd, W.M. 1817, as S.D.; G. R. Dawson, J.D.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., I.G.; A. Martin, Tyler; J. W. Harris, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.; W. Gregson, H. Beecher, J. M. Farr, I.P.M. 1817, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Waterhouse, S. Penny, L. Warren, jun.; J. R. Brightwell, H. Lucker, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Cox, J. Ayling, 1817; Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambert, W.M. 1400; W. Bridgeland, J.W. 933; Church, S.W. 1817; and others. The business consisted in the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, with the following result, in each case unanimous:—Bros. W. D. Merritt, S.W., elected W.M.; F. Wood, re-elected Treas.; A. W. Martin, re-elected Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M., Bro. F. F. Barrett, for the ability he had displayed during his year of office. A candidate for initiation was proposed and the lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, the 18th inst., the installation meeting.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult. The lodge was opened in due form, but there was a gloom cast over the whole proceedings by the knowledge that the J.W., Bro. J. Kenworthy, was dangerously ill. The chair was taken by Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.G.S., as W.M., and he was supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. W. Ibberson, P.M., as S.W.; T. Lang, P.M., Treas., as J.W.; R. Lister, Sec.; A. A. Stott, P.M., as S.D.; G. Armitage, P.M., as I.G.; W. Bailey, Org.; W. Booth, Tyler; J. T. Barras, P.M.; James Wright, and S. W. Anderson. The visitors present were Bros. W. Guager and L. F. Shaw, of 149; T. Richards, W.M., T. B. Fox, P.M., and W. Whiteley, of 208; A. Macaulay, S.D., and T. Pickles, P.M., of 258; J. H. Rayner, P.M. 380; E. Poppleton, P.M., F. Landmann, S.W., and E. Lee, of 827; J. Wordsworth, P.M. 1019, P.P.W., Chairman of Charity Committee; and J. L. White, 1573.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. S. W. Anderson was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. Bros. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Barker, S.W.; E. W. H. Anderson, S.D.; J. H. Simpson, I.G.; and several other brethren now entered the room. The W.M. elect, Bro. James Barker, S.W., was presented by Bros. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., and A. A. Stott, P.M., and obligated by Bro. John Barker, P.M. Bro. T. W. Tew, P.P.G.M., then entered the lodge, and was duly saluted. The Board of Installed Masters was opened by Bro. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G.R., and Bro. J. Barker was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Walmsley, Bro. T. B. Fairclough was invested I.P.M. for him. Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., gave the working tools in the Third and First Degrees, and Bro. J. Ibberson in the Second Degree.

The following brethren were then invested with the collars of their different offices as under: Bros. J. Kenworthy, S.W. (by proxy); R. Lister, J.W.; T. Lang, P.M. Treas., (re-elected); John Barker, P.M., P.G. Std., Sec.; E. W. H. Anderson, S.D.; J. H. Simpson, J.D.;

W. Bailey, I.G.; R. L. Rayner, Org.; A. A. Stott, P.M., D. of C.; S. W. Anderson, Stwd.; and W. Booth, Tyler (re-elected).

Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., delivered the addresses to the W.M. and the brethren, and Bro. A. A. Stott, P.M., to the Wardens. Bro. J. Tew, D.P.G.M., addressed a few words of congratulation to the members of the lodge on the admirable manner in which the ceremony had been performed, and also in a feeling manner alluded to the sad cause of absence of the newly-appointed S.W.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, under the presidency of the W.M., at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and in every way was the comfort and happiness of the brethren promoted.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall on the 21st ult. Bro. Charles W. Duke, W.M., P.M. 40, 1184, P.P. G.J.D., opened the lodge, supported by Bro. William Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P., acting S.W.; J. B. Sargent, I.P.M., acting J.W.; E. R. Currie, Chap.; R. Hughes, acting Sec.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Treas., S.D.; J. F. Richardson, J.D.; W. C. Till, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; C. Martin, C. Armstrong, J. Walder, T. Jordane, Bolingbroke, and Henry Kimm (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. John Hirst, P.M. 338, P.P.G.D. Herefordshire; Capt. Edward W. Hennah, W.M. 40; R. J. Reed, 40; and W. M. Skinner, 40.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and after the usual preliminaries, Bro. Bolingbroke was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., who also explained the tracing board and working tools with much care and effect. Some formal business was next disposed of, and the lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to a collation. The W.M. presided most genially, and gave the customary toasts briefly but pertinently.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The ceremony of installation was worked in this lodge at its meeting, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Friday, the 29th ult., when there was a good attendance of members and friends. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor, officiated as Installing Master, and carried out the ceremony in full, installing Bro. J. N. Bate as W.M., Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., acting as Dir. of Cer. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. F. Thurston, P.M., Treas., S.W.; Klingenstein, J.W.; M. E. Stokes, S.D.; C. H. Wiltshire, J.D.; and H. H. Wiltshire, I.G. At the conclusion of the business of installation, a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was carried and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Thurston was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554)—The opening meeting of the New Year of the above old lodge was held on Tuesday last at the Green Dragon, Stepney, when Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, assumed the duties of the chair, and was ably supported by Bros. J. Taylor, S.W.; J. R. Shingfield, J.W.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor; W. Cross, W.M. elect 554, Hon Sec; W. Hawes, Deacon; A. Symes, I.G.; and Bros. Dorey, Hancock, P.M.; Austen, M'Carthy, P.M.; W. Evans, P.M.; B. Stewart, G. H. Stephens, G. Price, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. L. Crowe, 1076, and Nicholas, 554.

The evening was primarily devoted to the working of the ceremony of installation, which Bro. Berry performed in a very praiseworthy manner, Bro. Cross being placed in the chair and rehearsing the appointment and investiture of officers. Bro. Cross next worked the ceremony of initiation with great success, Bro. Price acting as candidate. Bro. Barnes, the esteemed Preceptor next occupied the chair, and the Seventh Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Taylor, S.W., the brethren assisting. Bros. Nicholas, 554, and Crowe, 1076, were admitted members of the lodge, and Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening, Bro. Barnes asking a good attendance of brethren on that occasion to hear Bro. Taylor's working. Lodge was formally closed amid hearty and fraternal greetings for the New Year.

Knights Templar.

PORTSMOUTH.—Royal Naval Preceptory (No. 2).—The annual meeting of this old preceptory, whose patent of constitution was issued in 1791, was held at the Phoenix Lodge Rooms, High-street, on the 13th ult. There were present the following members: Sir Knights G. Felton Lancaster, P.E.P., Past Prov. Constable (acting as E.P., in the absence, through indisposition, of Sir Knight H. Reed); R. W. Bradley, P.E.C., P.P. Chancellor; R. L. Loveland, P.E.P., Prov. V. Chancellor; H. M. Green, Constable; J. Ridd Hayman, Marshal; F. Newman, Sub-Marshal; Rev. J. N. Palmer, Chaplain; E. E. Street, Std. Br.; H. R. Trigg, Rev. Dr. Ring, R. J. Rastrick, and others.

The preceptory being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the auditors received and adopted. Sir Knight H. Martin Green, the Eminent Preceptor elect, was then regularly installed by Sir Knight Lancaster as E.P. for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed as follows: Sir Knights J. Ridd Hayman, Constable and Treas.; Francis Newman, Marshal; G. F. Lancaster, P.E.P., Reg.; Rev. Bartholomew Ring, L.L.D., Chap.; Rev. J. Nelson Pal; mer, Sub-Marshal; Eugène E. Street, Capt. of Lines; R. W. Mitchell, Std. Br.; E. S. Main and R. J. Rastrick-Heralds.

Votes of thanks were cordially given to Sir Knight Reed for his services as E.P. for the past year, and to Sir Knight G. F. Lancaster for his services to the preceptory generally, but especially for his rendering of the ceremony of installing the E.P. that evening.

The preceptory having been closed, a Priory of Malta was opened, and Sir Knight H. Martin Green was installed as Eminent Prior by Sir Knight G. F. Lancaster. The sir knights named above were appointed as officers of the priory in the same order.

At the close of the proceedings a banquet was held, and the usual toasts were honoured.



"Valentine and Orson," the fifth of the series of burlesques brought out by Bro. Hollingshead at the Gaiety, will not tend to the reputation of Mr. Reece, its author. Literally, it is last and least; and not only is it least in merit but also in length, as it occupies barely two hours—too short a time for the habitués of this popular house, who having been used to a long evening's amusement, find it not palatable to sit for so short a time admiring the occupants of the stage. Mr. Reece has possibly thought "brevity is the soul of wit." There is little of the latter and too much of the former in "Valentine and Orson." The plot is very poor, but Gaiety audiences on this point are not too fastidious; provided plenty of pretty faces, graceful dances, twisting of words, puns, and comic songs are supplied they will not grumble at all. But even this dish is not well served up. There are the pretty ladies, lovely scenery and dances, but the music and songs are not the best that might have been selected, especially as the story is so weak. King Pepia (Mr. Henley) has taken into his court a good looking (K)night of the day, —Valentine (Miss Farren)—who falls in love with the king's niece Eglantine (Miss Kate Vaughan). The king's consort had early abandoned him, and is believed to have given birth to twin sons in the forest. One is Valentine, the other Orson (Bro. Terry), the latter is brought up by a foster mother in the shape of a bear. Orson in the garb of a "simple child of nature," or rather not dressed at all, astonishes the king by battering against the gates of his palace. Valentine encounters the wild man and challenges him. Bro. Terry puts great fun into the piece here by appearing for the fight, got up in a gaudy costume of civilisation. A yellow coat, hat on side of the head, large rings on every finger, and of course a crutchstick. When he proceeds to strip for the fight, great is the laughter throughout the house at the discovery that his shirt front is only a "dickiey." He is vanquished by the brilliancy of Valentine's shield, wherein he sees himself. All ends happily when the bear comes between the parties and declares that the men should not fight for they are brothers. No doubt as time goes on the performers will add to the puns and songs and so make this burlesque popular, but this will add nothing of credit to the writer. It seems a pity that such a company as Bro. Hollingshead's should have poor stuff to represent. However, almost every play-goer knows they are capable of better things, and even now, were it not for them the piece could not live a day. But having been able to say so little for Mr. Reece, we cannot, happily, say ditto to the cast. We miss poor Royce and Bro. Dallas, but we have brilliant talent to play to us. Bro. Terry is the only gentleman who can be said to have a leading part; indeed, on our brother and Miss Nelly Farren the burden of the piece rests. All the other characters are more or less employed in sustaining these two. Mr. Wyatt, with his clever dancing, of course, is encored, as he should be, so is Mr. Warde (the Bear) in an original dance. Mr. Henley says what little he has to say well, and sings a very good song. Bro. Terry, Miss Farren, and Miss Vaughan go through some charming dances. Bro. Terry's songs are but poor, but of course laughable as sung by him. His studies from the antique are extremely amusing during his duel with his brother, Valentine. Ajax defying the pawnbroker, Agamemnon borrowing threepence, and a professional beauty admiring herself in her boudoir, being specially good. In the latter, Orson is devoid of clothing, and while on the ground is looking up at Valentine and sees himself reflected in the shield. Miss Farren wears several gorgeous dresses, and dances and sings as only Miss Farren can. Her best song is—

"If she told me to go to Jericho,
I think that I would do it;
If she told me to tackle the grand old man
I'd do it for Mary Ann."

This has a catching air, but only two verses, probably more will be added. There is no vers to brook the fact that Miss Farren, with her wonderful versatility, is capable of keeping together the thinnest of writings. Miss Kate Vaughan runs her very close on this ground. She and Miss Gilchrist are two of the bulwarks of this home of the sacred lamp of burlesque. Miss Vaughan now appears in three sumptuous costumes, the admiration of the gentlemen, and the envy of the ladies. Her last dress, lavish in costliness, is, we think, the one of many which graces her best. Hardly sufficient of her particularly graceful dancing is accorded to us, but in this, as in other things, we must be thankful for small mercies. Miss Connie Gilchrist, as a rebellious courtier, has more scope for her undoubted talents in acting and dancing than she has lately had. She appears a number of times on the stage, and sings with much fervour, "It's very nice to feel yourself in love;" but at present it is her dancing which is most admired by the public, consequently this comes in for an encore in two places. She is decidedly clever, and being so young and already on the ladder of fame, it is more likely than not that she will at some future day be one of the leaders of burlesque, should she remain in this style of acting. There can be no doubt that in any occupation those who enter it early have the best chance of succeeding. "Experientia docet," and the earlier experience is obtained the better. Miss Gilchrist, like many others who have self-confidence and know of dormant talent being in them, always does more justice to a leading than a minor character. Her zeal and cleverness are not enhanced by being curbed in a "small" part. Bro. Lord Wolseley has recently written a letter, which has been freely quoted and even ridiculed, on "success." He says, "that from a boy he has always made a practice that what he did he did thoroughly, and he thinks it is to this that he owes his success in life. Had he begun life as a tinker he would have made it his business to have turned out better pots and pans than any one else." A wag has said of this, it is well he was not a tinker, for it would have gone hard with householders had he been "our only" tinker, as he is our only general. Bro. Lord Wolseley holds that a person of average ability and indomitable perseverance may fairly look forward to success in life. Miss Gilchrist seems to have somewhat anticipated this conclusion, for she is known to possess ability and perseverance, and having the advantage of being very young, may fairly look forward to success.

Miss Phyllis Broughton, a young lady who is rapidly coming forward to take her place in the front ranks, fulfils the requirements needed in her character as Henry. She dances with agility and vigour, and will be welcomed back after being left out of the last Gaiety piece. Miss Broughton and Miss Gilbert go through two very pretty dances, but why the former did not come in for a bouquet and basket of flowers, as did Miss Gilbert, and the three ladies we have already spoken of, on the opening night, we are at a loss to know. It seems to us a senseless custom, and has developed into a formal farce to hand on to the stage a great basket of flowers to each of the chief characters. We have heard it suggested from the stage itself, that these doings are not often genuine, but if they are let them be sent through the stage door. We may add the dresses of the ladies of the chorus are rich and tasteful. On the whole, though the new burlesque is in itself weak, yet in the hands of an efficient and talented company, it makes the Gaiety a place where an evening may pleasantly be spent. A farce, "Bachelor's Hall," precedes the burlesque.

Mr. Thorne has, we hear, presented his able and indefatigable manager, Mr. Sidney Alport, with a gold watch, as a token of his esteem for him as manager of the Vaudeville, where he has gained the good will of every one by his assiduity to business and his courteousness.

Mr. Baum has re-opened what was once the "Connaught" as the "Alcazar," and, from his long experience as manager at different places, ought to do well in the new venture, considering the lavish way he has brought out "Cinderella." The house has been newly decorated, and is altogether an ornament to the London theatres. We hope Mr. Baum may find the Alcazar of more use to him than the same building was to its late lessees. Mr. Shiel Barry is in himself worth all the money paid for a visit. It is to be hoped that when Miss Rozie Lowe's cold has left her the pantomime will go on even more smoothly than now. Mr. Fordham and Mr. Goodrich, who take female characters, are two of the mainstays of the piece. They sing some good songs, popular with the "gods," judging from their demands for encores. We would rather not have heard a verse ridiculing one of the Royal dukes, considering there is not the slightest foundation for what is raised at his expense. Like many men who act as women, they a little overdo their part, and made it at times almost vulgar. The chorus is for the most part composed of the late employes at the Alhambra; this is sufficient to make it understood that the ballet is perfect and beautifully rendered. Miss Vance and Miss Clifton are two others who add a great deal to the success of the pantomime. Of course there is the usual clown and pantaloon and acrobatic business. All fees are rigidly and wisely abolished. "Cinderella" is one of the pantomimes to go and see, and to take the children to. There are two daily performances.



It appears from letters recently received by the Mayor of Liverpool from Mr. Morby, honorary secretary of the Royal College of Music, that it is intended to establish two kinds of scholarships in the said college. The Free or Open Scholarship, providing education in the college and maintenance for one pupil in perpetuity, will necessitate the payment by the founder of £2500, and will be obtainable by open competition among all classes of her Majesty's subjects. The Local or Close Scholarship, which also provides education and maintenance and for which the sum of £3000 must be paid, is obtainable by competition restricted to the district or class preferred by the founder.

The old organ in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, which included choir swell and great organ arrangements, is being remodelled and altered to a C instrument, the new arrangement comprising choir swell, great and solo organs, with pneumatic action, and four manuals.

The Christmas programme provided by the Mohawk Minstrels in their quarters at the Agricultural Hall was of an extensive and appropriate character, and has been greatly appreciated by a succession of crowded audiences, who have testified to their enjoyment by frequent outbursts of applause. A capital burlesque of a well-known popular opera, and Mr. Clement Scott's new patriotic song were among the items which found most favour. In Christmas week there were three afternoon performances in addition to those which take place of an evening, namely, on Boxing Day, Wednesday, and Saturday. There was another on New Year's Day.

It is authoritatively announced that Gounod's oratorio, "The Redemption," will be performed, with full orchestra, in Westminster Abbey, some time before Easter, the day being not yet fixed.

The Mayor of New York has refused to grant a license for the production in that city of the "Passion Play."

We beg to remind our readers that Mr. Boosey's annual morning ballad concert will take place at St. James's Hall to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at three p.m. Madame Sophie Menter (piano) is announced to play an "etude," by Chopin, Mendelssohn's "Fileuse," and Liszt's "Les Patineurs," and Madame Norman Neruda (violin), Beethoven's "Romance" in F, and a "Fantaisie Caprice," by Vieuxtemps. The ballad portion of the programme should prove a rich treat.

The Saturday Popular Concerts at St. James's Hall will be resumed on Saturday next, the 13th inst.

The seventy-first season of the Philharmonic Society, of which Bro. W. G. Cusins, Grand Organist, is conductor, will commence on Thursday, the 15th inst.



Mr. Cator Woodville, who is now in Egypt making studies for battle pictures in connection with the recent campaign, has received a commission from her Majesty to paint one of the storming of Tel-el-Kebir for the Royal collection.

A native Japan journal announces that a porcelain maker of Kioyto, who has studied photography in Paris, has succeeded in producing photographs in colours on porcelain with a perfect perspective. His works are said to have excited the admiration of foreigners.

Professor Tyndall gave the first of his series of six lectures, adapted to a juvenile audience, on "Light and the Eye," at the Royal Institution, Albemarle-street, on Thursday week. Fifty-five years have passed since Faraday gave his first series of juvenile lectures in that institution, and they have been continued up to the present time. The professor said that, though no one could tell when fire was first discovered, it must have been discovered long before history began to be written; it was probably used in the first instance as a means of heating and then for lighting purposes. Thus there was the common rushlight still in use in some parts of Ireland and Scotland, and thence they passed on to lamps, and now an idea prevailed that electricity could be turned to account in lighting our streets and houses. For three quarters of a century electric currents had been sent through platinum wires and rendering them incandescent, but now it had become necessary to find something that could be heated more intensely than platinum without fusing; and Mr. Swann had given him some fibres of carbon which could be heated so as to give a far greater amount of light than platinum wire, as shown then and there by his incandescent electric light. Dr. Tyndall brought his lecture to a close by a number of experiments illustrating the electric light.

On Saturday afternoon last Professor Tyndall gave the second lecture of the course. After informing his young audience that light travelled at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, emphasising the fact by the comparative statement that a train travelling thirty miles an hour would require 258 days eight hours to accomplish the same distance, Professor Tyndall went on to the subject of refraction, confirming the theory by a number of varied and beautiful experiments. The effect of converging and diverging lenses was explained and shown, and some beautiful magic lantern views were exhibited from photographs of Niagara, icebergs, and Alpine scenery. The last experiments were performed with sensitive flame, it being proved that sound waves could be converged and diverged. This experiment was to prepare the minds of the juvenile company for the theory to be dealt with in the next lecture—that light as well as sound might be wave motion.

It appears that one of the results of the observations made during eleven years off the coast between Chesapeake Bay and Labrador, by the United States Fish Commission, as described by Professor Verrill at the recent annual meeting of the United States National Academy of Sciences, is that in maps and charts the warm belt or Gulf-stream is placed too far from the shore by thirty or forty miles. Hitherto the hundred-fathom line has been taken to mark the border of the Gulf-stream, but it would be more correct to say the sixty-five or seventy-fathom line. Further, the Professor holds that though there is some variation in the surface water of the stream in summer and winter, there is none in the body of the stream, as has been supposed, the proof lying in the distinct line of separation of the two kinds of life in the bottom, while, if there were variation the sub-tropical life with which the bottom of the Gulf-stream teems would be destroyed. From these and other facts which have come to light, Professor Verrill has been led to doubt the negative evidence in geology.

The Ferranti Dynamo Machine, a combination of the inventions of Sir W. Thomson and M. Ferranti, has at length been made public, and bids fair to far outstrip anything yet produced for incandescent lighting. All the details are not yet available however, but the proprietors consider their patents will be secure in about a month, when we shall be able to give a description of the new dynamo. Whilst on the subject of electric lighting, we may add that during the recent extraordinary fog, the Edison Electric Light Company maintained their dynamos at Holborn-viaduct in continuous action from three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the 9th ult., till eight o'clock on the following Tuesday morning, a run, we believe, hitherto unprecedented. The current was supplied alternately from two large dynamos, the change being made without any perceptible interruption in the lighting.

Mr. Macfarlane, M.P., has been elected a Vice-President of the Federation of Celtic Societies of Glasgow, and will shortly address meetings in Glasgow on the depopulation of the Highlands.

An object of considerable interest—a bronze doorstep from the great temple of E-Saggil at Borsippa, a suburb or division of Babylon—has recently been placed in the Egyptian and Assyrian Gallery at the British Museum. It not only has inscribed on it the name of Nebuchadnezzar, but also mentions his health or restoration to health. The temple of E-Saggil, to which the doorstep pertained, was a famous seat of Babylonian idolatry, and remained such till the time of Nabonidas, the last Babylonian king.

During the year just closed there were reported twenty-eight mining explosions, fifteen of which were fatal, the number of deaths reaching 241, exactly the average for the past thirty-two years. Of thirty-two warnings issued nineteen were justified by subsequent events, twelve were followed within three days by the loss of 139 lives in fifteen explosions, and sixty-six lives were lost on the fifth and sixth days after the issue of warnings. In each case these warnings denoted a continuance of dangerous changes.



We regret to have to record the death of Bro. Joseph Kenworthy, S.W. of the Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, who will be greatly missed by the brethren of his lodge.

The usual annual ball held in connection with the Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, will take place on the 12th inst., when Bros. Horsfall and Bailey's Band will supply the music. The children's dance will take place the succeeding evening.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, M.A., Grand Steward Middlesex, presided at the anniversary festival of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution, held at the Albion Tavern, last week, the donations amounting to nearly £2000.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, B.A., of Christ's Hospital, and Professor Buchheim, of King's College, Strand, were the respective examiners in French and German in connexion with the competition for the Prince Consort's prizes at Eton College.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk, P.M. and Treasurer Manchester Lodge, 179, and P.M. Upper Norwood Lodge, 1586, is the W.M. Designate of the Honor Oak Lodge, the warrant for which has just been granted.

There are twenty-two vacancies in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for which there will be twenty-nine candidates at the next election, which takes place in April.

At the invitation of Captain Hobson, about sixty children of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls remaining in the school during the holidays were present at the performance of the pantomime of "Jack the Giant Killer" at the Imperial Theatre, Westminster, on Monday afternoon.

The Mayor and Corporation of Maidstone were on Monday last presented by Bro. Sir John Monckton, Town Clerk of the City of London, and President Board of General Purposes, on behalf of the past and present residents of that town, with a well-executed portrait of the late Earl of Beaconsfield by Mr. Sidney Hodges, Maidstone being the borough which first sent Mr. Disraeli into Parliament.

Bros. Spurgeon and Stevenson have returned to their original premises, 48, Milton-street, of which the rebuilding after the fire which took place has just been completed.

The Mason who only regards his lodge as a place where certain rites and ceremonies are to be hurried through, that the trilling labour may be adjourned for long and often little needed refreshment; who has no higher conception of the Craft than that of a select Free-and-Easy, even though he may be no drunkard, glutton, debauchee, or cheat; who may even be "a respectable man" as the world goes, but one who never felt a higher wish than that of making a honest living, is an intruder where more glorious aspirations are required.—*Bro. George Markham Tweddell.*

Mrs. Gladstone has contributed a preface to the new edition of "Early Influences," (Messrs. Rivingtons), in which she offers some observations on the training of the young, observing that it is "the step by step training—the learning a child's disposition by means of hourly watchfulness—which is too often neglected;" and directing attention to "the way in which children are often over-noticed and over-petted, and considered in every conceivable way; and again, the dangers attending the very advantages of charming by interesting hooks." All this, she adds, "unless regulated and checked by proper home influence, may become an actual snare." So much the more is it necessary that, from very early childhood, the mother should guide and shape the child's mind and heart."

Twenty years ago the annuities paid by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution amounted to £2600; whilst last year they reached the sum of £11,000. At the earlier date there were 91 annuitants, the highest of whom got £36, and the lowest £15; while the annuities granted to the widows ranged from £25 to £15. At the present time there are 325 annuitants, the men receiving £40 and the widows £32 annually. At that time the investments amounted to something like £32,000; they are now £64,000, so that while the institution has widened the basis of its operations it has doubled its reserve fund and at the same time increased the number of the recipients.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Melbourne Lodge, No. 747 (E.C.), on Monday, November 20th, the following notice of motion was tabled by a P.M.: "That Melbourne Lodge hereby places upon record its protest against, and disapprobation of, the continued letting of the Masonic Hall to the freethinkers and secularist associations, as being a direct contravention of the constitutions and landmarks of Freemasonry; and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the directors of the Masonic Hall Company forthwith."

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Bro. George Vickery is the architect for the two large buildings in Aldermanbury-avenue.

Bro. T. Duckham, M.P., one of the members of Herefordshire, is, we regret to say, lying very seriously ill at his residence, Bayshaw Court, Ross, Herefordshire.

Bro. Col. James Peters, Past Senior Grand Warden for Middlesex, has become a Vice Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Broadley left Cairo for his return to Tunis on Monday evening, taking with him the gratitude of many and the respect of all the officials with whom he had been brought in contact.

Bro. William Jarvis, P.M. and P.G.S.B. North Wales and Shropshire, sailed on the 3rd inst., in the Garth Castle, for Port Natal, en route for Pietermaritzburg and Bloemfontein. Bro. Jarvis has been advised to winter in these districts, and we hope he may be soon restored to health, and be able to send us some good reports of the lodges and brethren in these remote regions.

It is the wish of the Prince of Wales, the *Standard* understands, that Prince Albert Victor, when his education is completed, should join the Army as a duty officer, starting in the junior ranks, and working his way up gradually, as his uncle, the Duke of Connaught, has done.

A Masonic ball, under distinguished patronage, is announced to be held at Barrow-in-Furness on the 25th inst. An influential committee has been formed, which contains the names of well-known brethren in the district, and as the public as well will be admitted, there appears to be every element of success in connection with the affair. Bros. Bagot and C. W. Roll are the joint Secretaries.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has invited the Loriners' Company, represented by the Court, to dine at the Mansion House on the 30th inst. The Lord Mayor is Master of the Company. The Chaplain (the Rev. J. H. Smith, P.G. Chap. Hants), the Clerk (Major T. D. Sewell, P.G.S.), Sir John Bennett, Bro. George Kenning, P.D.G. Middx., and several other members of the Court, besides a large number of the Livery, are members of the Craft. It is probable we shall have something further to say respecting this interesting meeting of this ancient guild.

Bro. Sir William John Clarke, Bart., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Victoria (I.C.), was on Wednesday, 20th December, tendered a complimentary ball in the Town Hall, Melbourne, in honour of his return to the colony. The proceeds were to be applied to the endowment fund of the Victorian Masonic Charities.

We have had submitted for our inspection a very ingenious portable music stand, manufactured by Harrow and Company, of Portland-street, Wardour-street. It is thoroughly strong, light, and extremely portable. A score or two may be stowed away in a very small space, while a single one can be carried as easily as an umbrella. They need only to be known to be in general use among the musical world.

Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, P.G.S., S.W. 1527, has been presented this week by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser and Mr. Sheriff Savory with a handsome silver gilt claret jug and two goblets, of most delicate and magnificent workmanship, in token of their esteem for our brother, chiefly in connection with his indefatigable services in assisting them with their inauguration banquet and arrangements of the shrievalty office since September.

A vote of thanks has been passed to Bro. Edward Dresser Rogers, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the City of London, as follows: "Resolved unanimously, that the best thanks of this Committee be and are hereby presented to Bro. Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq., for the able manner in which, during the past year, he had discharged the duties of Chairman, being the second time during his long connection with the Corporation he has been called upon to undertake those responsibilities, and for his general courtesy and genial hospitality. Recognising the large amount of public work done by their Chairman, his colleagues tender him their best wishes for his continued health, usefulness, and happiness."

The following resolution was passed at a recent board meeting of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's-inn-road: "That the weekly board desire to offer to Mrs. Mary Ann Dacombe Scharlieb their congratulations at the results of the late examination of the University of London, that lady having not only passed in the first division of the M.B. Examination, but in the subsequent examination for honours, having obtained the gold medal and the scholarship in Obstetric Medicine, and having been placed in the first class in forensic medicine and in the second class in medicine. The board are of course aware that the studies of Mrs. Scharlieb, which have gained for her such well merited eminence, have not been solely prosecuted at the Royal Free Hospital; but as this is the first occasion on which University honours have been conferred on a student of the hospital, as such, the board feel it to be a fitting opportunity of expressing their pleasure and pride that the hospital has been associated with the name of Mrs. Scharlieb in a way which reflects honour on that institution. They wish Mrs. Scharlieb every success in her future career, and request the chairman of the general committee of the hospital to communicate this resolution to that lady."

A full meeting of the Victoria Institute took place on Monday evening, when a paper upon "Design in Nature" was read by Mr. W. P. James. It was announced that her Majesty the Queen had been graciously pleased to accept a complete volume of the "Transactions" of the Institute, with a list of its members, and that the total number of home, foreign, and colonial members at the close of the year was 998. It was further stated that Professor Stokes, F.R.S., would read a paper at the next meeting.

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.]

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke has been succeeded as Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, M.P., brother of the Marquis of Lansdowne.

Lord Enfield has resigned the Under Secretaryship of State for India, such step being rendered necessary by the appointment of Bro. the Earl of Kimberley to be Secretary of State for the same department.

Among the guests at the annual Druids' dinner at Oxford, on New Year's Day, was Bro. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W. and Prov. G. Mark Master of Berks and Oxon, who responded for "The House of Lords."

On the evening of New Year's day the Baroness and Mr. Burdett-Coutts gave a dinner at the Shoreditch Town Hall to the tenants of the Columbia estate and the various institutions at the east end, including the old-established Columbia Costermongers' Club, with which her ladyship is connected. The guests numbered close on eight hundred.

Bro. the Emperor William of Germany received the congratulations of his generals on New Year's Day, and in reply, expressed a hope that they would have a year of peace. The day following, at Potsdam, his grandchildren, the Prince and Princess William of Prussia, entertained the foreign diplomatic body in Berlin.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, left Highclere Castle for town on Tuesday. The Countess and her infant son are both doing well.

The Queen's New Year's gifts were presented to the servants at Osborne on Monday. Christmas trees were prepared in the Steward's Room and Servants' Hall, and visiting each in succession her Majesty personally handed a present to each servant. The Queen was accompanied by Princess Beatrice, and attended by the Dowager Marchioness of Ely.

The thirty-fourth annual Masonic ball takes place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday next, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. These annual gatherings have in the past largely benefited the Institution in question, and we have no doubt the coming one will be equally successful. The list of Patrons is headed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool, followed by the Pro Grand Master and the Countess of Carnarvon, and many other names of distinction.

Bro. John Richardson, of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, and P.P.G. Purst. West Yorkshire, is, we notice, the inventor of a very clever contrivance for coupling and uncoupling railway carriages. Being self-acting it entirely obviates the necessity of a man going between the buffers, or even crossing the rails to do their duties. All must have noticed the present dangerous method of performing this operation, and we trust Bro. Richardson's useful invention will soon become universally adopted.

At the present season of the year, when so many pleasant festive gatherings are being organised, we have very great pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the arrangements which have been made for the next annual ball of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278. This event will take place, under the distinguished patronage of the Baroness Burdett Coutts, on Tuesday, the 30th inst. Bro. A. Jones, W.M., has secured an excellent list of Stewards, including Bros. R. J. Chitson, J. W. R. Hammond, E. Stewart, S. G. Bonner, Dr. J. E. Defriez, P.M.; G. Ward Verry, P.M.; A. Weston, G. A. Payne, W.M. 933; and R. L. Sturtevant, I.P.M. 1278, Hon. Sec., Bonner's Hall Fields, Victoria-park, of whom tickets and all information may be obtained. Permission has been obtained for Craft Masonic clothing to be worn. As the proceeds of the ball will be devoted exclusively to Masonic charities, the kind support of lodges and friends is earnestly solicited.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., is, we are glad to say, still improving, his condition being considered much better. We believe there is no truth whatever in the statement made that Sir Watkin will leave for the south of France, as no place as yet has been fixed by his medical advisers where he shall go to recruit his health.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has issued particulars of the lifeboat service in 1882, from which we learn a total of 731 lives have been saved by the boats of the institution during the year, beside twenty-three vessels saved from destruction and brought safely into port. In addition to these services, the lifeboats were called out during the year, in replies to signals of distress, ninety-eight times—when no positive results followed. On such occasions, however, lifeboatmen have no time for hesitation; for the signal of distress always means urgency, and very often, in the absence of the lifeboats, death to those on board the distressed ship. During the year the institution also granted rewards for rescuing 143 lives by fishing and other boats, making 874 lives saved last year mainly through its instrumentality. Altogether since its formation the society has contributed to the saving of 29,000 shipwrecked persons. Thus the committee of the Lifeboat Institution feel justified in appealing with renewed assurance to the public for their support and sympathy on behalf of an institution whose operations have been attended with such marked and gratifying results. We will only add that contributions are received for the Lifeboat Institution by all the London and county bankers, and by the Secretary, Richard Lewis, Esq., 14, John-street, Adelphi, London.

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