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WE published last week a letter relative to a recent visit to the Boys' School, and we take an early opportunity of saying that the statements therein contained are regrettable on many grounds. It has always been understood among the Craft that any Life Governor of the Institution and his friends were welcome to see the School, and that fact has been dilated upon in innumerable reports and authorised statements, and been forcibly dwelt upon by Bro. BINCKES in many of his able speeches. If the House Committee were of opinion that it would be advisable in future to have a fixed day for such visits, in order to interfere as little as possible with the School work and the time of the masters, we feel sure that any such arrangement would be gladly acquiesced in by the Life Governors. But we think it right to say, without at all professing to prejudge anything, that if a distinguished brother from India pays a visit to the School, with a formal introduction above all, it cannot be right as regards him, nor good for the School, that he should leave with the impression that such visit was an unwelcome one, or that there was any disposition on the part of the resident authorities, (for there clearly is none at the office,) to hurry over a fraternal inspection, or to grudge the exhibition of any portion of the School buildings, the educational arrangements, or the actual work.

It seems well every now and then to recall to the memories of Masonic students the position of Masonic Archæology and the prospects of Masonic enquiry. We are now, we think, fairly set out on a pathway of careful Masonic investigation and acute Masonic criticism. The theories which satisfied our forefathers do not satisfy us; the views which an older school propounded with so much vivacity and dogmatism are not accepted by us, except "*cum grano salis*." We are not affected by infallible authority, or dominated by a prevailing "*fad*." Let us look back a little. ANDERSON had a task given him to do, and he fulfilled it conscientiously, neither more nor less, which was, to reproduce the legends of the Craft in a readable and coherent form. It may be regretted that he did not, or was not permitted to exercise a little more commendable criticism on the documents, which he seems to have carefully studied, and, on the whole, fairly reproduced. HUTCHINSON started a fuller and more mythical view of the Masonic system, which has been followed, more or less, by all subsequent writers, and he leant apparently to the Mysteries. PRESTON, relying partly on ANDERSON and partly on HUTCHINSON, and adding to their conclusions his own independent remarks, and a use of documents which they had not, gives a history which still endures, if somewhat hazy in outline, and somewhat uncertain in outcome. He seems to have leant to the operative builders and the Guilds. OLIVER added to and improved on PRESTON, not always with the best judgment or the most accurate accretions, and seems himself to have gone through three phases of thought and theory, namely, the mysteries, the gilds, and the Hermetic societies. In his various works, from first to last, he seems to waver as regards these competing and conflicting sources of Masonic origin and Masonic life in the world. The French writers are none of them to be followed, except THORY, and he only for the documents he preserves for us. In Germany, the ALTENBURGH and later German school, greatly influenced by the Abbé GRANDIDIER's quasi sarcastic words (a fact not sufficiently realized), though they may be in effect true, have been practically divided into two schools,—those of the pure Germanic, those of the Romano-Germanic school. Much that FALLOU, HEIDELOFF, and others

have asserted so vigorously, rests apparently on no historical evidence, and cannot be accepted, as Bro. GOULD has irrefutably pointed out; and until the Strasburgh archives are properly edited, we shall still be in doubt and debate on many moot points. KLOSS was actually the first to endeavour to apply the canons of historical evidence to our Masonic annals, though we should not be right in forgetting the labours of KRAUSE and others. KLOSS's contributions are all marked by a spirit of true and careful criticism. FINDEL, followed suit in his remarkable work, which will always be read with pleasure. It is not however infallible, as he relies too much on FALLOU and others, and too strongly rejects any possibility of an Hermetic connection. We need not here allude to STEINBRENNER or many more who follow FINDEL, though we should be ungrateful if we forgot the Masonic Cyclopedists and the valuable contributions of D. MURRAY LYON, and the modern English school of Masonic students. FORT's is a striking and eloquent survey of Masonic history. It leans to a Scandinavian and Byzantine theory, and here and there is marked perhaps by little too hasty induction from somewhat unsafe premises. Still it is a charming book, and a credit to our age and Freemasonry. We owe to Bro. R. F. GOULD the commencement of the latest reliable, accurate, coherent, and lucid Masonic history. We wish it all success, and shall welcome each succeeding volume with eagerness and gratification. Something then has been effected towards taking from our Order the reproach of sterile tractates, unreliable authorities, and unveracious writers. And yet after all, though much is known, how much, very much, is unknown. We are still like Sir ISAAC NEWTON on the sea-shore picking up pebbles, we still are comparatively in the dark on many important subjects. It is just possible that when all evidence is sifted, and all facts are boiled down, the "*panning out*" may be a compound of various theories, and even seemingly antagonistic ideas. Probably no one explanation will be accepted, no one line may suffice for the onward progress of Freemasonry, but we shall have to seek for its origin, and realize its perpetuation through various bodies and by various means, all like streams separating from a common source, and yet converging and combining towards a common issue.

THE necessity for an alteration in the standard of the grants at the Lodge of Benevolence which has ruled the last two years is so clearly pointed out just now by several very striking facts, that we make no apology for venturing to press the remarks which follow, on the careful and fraternal consideration of all the members of the Board. For some time it has been clear to many of us, that there was prevailing an abnormally high system of giving which nothing could check, and which was actually encouraging applications for relief. All who have studied the lists must have been struck with the large, and apparently increasing, number of applicants who had for years left Freemasonry. Even if such did not receive a large grant, they would receive a grant, often entirely out of proportion to their services for Masonry, simply because they chose to apply, and the Fund of Benevolence was comparatively rich. At the last Board a case came up which exemplifies this mistaken system in a remarkable degree. The widow of a person who had been fifty-one years out of Masonry, and then only had just paid two years' subscription, made an application. Fifty-one years ago, our brother had left our Order, and had then paid, if he was a Londoner, 8s., if a Provincial brother, 4s., to the Benevolent Fund. What induced any one after such a lapse of time to think of Freemasonry? There can be but one reply, the encouragement given to such applications by very large grants. This applicant, after a long discussion, and great difference of opinion, and expressed unwillingness, on all sides, to encourage such petitions, received, we believe, £5. And in saying all this we blame no one. We are all, we who attend the Board, equally in fault; we become enthusiastic over special cases; we persuade ourselves that they have abnormal claims, and we "*go in*" for very large grants. With the New Year let us hope the thoughtful and prudential tone of the last meeting of the Board will be kept up, and that 1883 will witness a very sensible and sagacious reduction of excessive grants, of a mistaken use of

our Benevolent Funds, which only serves to create a fictitious standard of demand and supply, which only leads to undesirable applications, and which may result in a few years in grave financial embarrassments.

MANY of our readers will be pleased to hear that Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, the able editor of the *Keystone*, Philadelphia, has been recently elected Junior Grand Warden by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The ability which our brother displays in the literary arrangement of the *Keystone*, and the intelligent and Masonic and scholarly view he has taken of all leading questions affecting the Craft, have won for him many friends. We congratulate him sincerely on his well-merited honours.

TWELFTH NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The annual Twelfth Night Entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea-rise, to those of the pupils who have remained in the School for the Christmas holidays, was given on Friday night last, when several members of the Order and their families attended to assist in making a pleasant evening for the pupils. There were also present many members of the House Committee. The list of the company who signed the visitors' book included the names of—

Joshua Nunn, Mrs. Nunn, H. A. Dubois, Frank Richardson, A. F. Triggs, Shadwell H. Clerke, St. John Clerke, A. Clerke, W. J. Murlis, Mrs. Dicketts, Miss Venn, Herbert Dicketts, jun., Percy Dicketts, Mrs. Murlis, Mrs. Bowyer, Edgar Bowyer, R. B. Webster, Louis Hirsch, Mrs. Hirsch, Mrs. Fownes, Miss Alice Fownes, John A. Rucker, J. H. Matthews, Robert Grey, Mrs. Dubois, H. G. Dubois, Miss Dubois, E. Chartres, Charles Stevens, F. R. W. Hedges, Mrs. Hedges, G. S. Peachey, Charles Hammerton, E. C. Massey, Miss Massey, Colonel James E. Peters, Dr. Strong, Mrs. Strong, J. Mason, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, John Faulkner, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Company assembled shortly after five o'clock and found the building presenting a most comfortable and cheerful appearance, which was rendered the more comfortable and cheerful by the miserably wet weather outside. The halls and passages were decorated with Christmas and New Year's emblems and mottoes, and the bright, happy faces of the children gave practical effect to the "Welcome" which was exhibited on the walls.

Miss Davis, the Head Governess, was away for her well-earned Christmas relaxation, but Miss Jarwood (the Matron), Miss Shepherd, and the remainder of the staff of governesses, and Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, received all the visitors on their arrival.

The company sat down to tea at half-past five, and at six o'clock the celebrated Lieut. Cole gave his well-known ventriloquial entertainment in the schoolroom—an entertainment which convulsed the children and visitors with laughter. This part of the evening's entertainment took place at the early hour of six, in consequence of the professional engagements of Lieut. Cole, to which he had afterwards to attend. Dancing in the large hall was then engaged in for an hour, and at eight o'clock the pupils had their refreshments, including wine, fruit, cake, nuts, and a beautiful Twelfth cake, presented by Bro. Louis and Mrs. Hirsch, which was surmounted by a pretty moving figure of a girl. At a quarter to nine Dr. Lynn gave his clever conjuring entertainment in the schoolroom, and elicited the wonder and applause of the company.

The proceedings closed with an ample programme of dancing, without which the periodical visits to the Girls' School are not considered complete. The popularity of these visits and entertainments among the Craft may be judged of by the large attendance of visitors, which it will be seen from the above list was numerous. The weather, however, was so bad that had the number been smaller it would have been very excusable.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present:

Bros. Donald M. Dewar, Frederick Adlard, John L. Mather, C. F. Matier, William Roebuck, James Moon, Edgar Bowyer, A. J. Duff Filer, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D.; Brackstone Baker, Arthur E. Gladwell, G. P. Festa, W. Mann, C. H. Webb, Henry Young, George P. Gillard, W. Maple, George R. Ousey, W. Paas, W. H. Saunders, A. F. Godson, George Motion, Robert Martin, H. Venn, John Palmer, F. Binckes, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, and the reading of the House Committee's minutes for information, two presentation cases were examined and accepted. Eleven petitions were afterwards examined, out of which two were rejected. The remainder were placed on the list for the April election.

Applications for outfits for four former pupils of the School were then granted—one conditionally.

The list of candidates for the April election was recommended to the Quarterly Court of next Monday, as containing sixty-seven candidates. The vacancies recommended to be declared were twelve.

Bro. BINCKES said that at the October election there would probably be twenty-two vacancies.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER called the attention of the Committee to a letter printed in the *Freemason* of that day, signed "S. X.," in which the writer made complaint of what he considered incivility and rudeness on the part of

officials of the Institution on a visit he paid to the School at Wood-green. Bro. Bowyer enquired what would be done to ascertain the truth or falsehood of the statements in the letter, as it was the first time during his long acquaintance with the Institution that any such complaint had been made?

Bro. BINCKES said the letter in question was not properly before this Committee. The proper course would be to lay it before the House Committee on the 19th inst., and enquire into the matter. The letter would then be read in the minutes of that Committee at the next meeting of the General Committee on the 3rd of February, and would then be properly before the General Committee.

Dr. MORRIS said the letter was thoroughly censorious, ill-tempered, and petty, and it was false on the face of it. The writer, who said he was ten minutes at the School, wrote about the awestruck appearance of the boys. The boys were admitted to have been in school at the time of the visit. Did the writer expect them to be mirthful at such a time? He (Dr. Morris) at first felt inclined to answer the letter; but it was so petty, he resolved not to answer it. If the Committee thought fit to do so they might. During the eight years he had been at the School he had never received such indignity, except on one occasion, when he had to threaten to have a man turned out, he was so rude.

The CHAIRMAN was of opinion that the more dignified course for the Committee to adopt would be to treat the letter with contempt.

Bro. BINCKES said the letter had appeared in print, and there were certain charges made in it. The House Committee might enquire into the matter. It was hardly worth while to remain under these charges if they could get rid of them.

Bro. C. F. MATIER said the letter was an anonymous letter, and as such might be treated with contempt. The writer should write to the Committee and give his name, and the charges could be enquired into.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present

Bros. Charles A. Cottebrune, John Bulmer, W. March, Edgar Bowyer, John J. Berry, Louis Stean, William Stephens, George Jones, Raynham W. Stewart, J. E. Gordon Robbins, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Lacey, W. H. Goodall, C. H. Webb, John M. Stedwell, W. J. Murlis, Thomas W. C. Bush, Charles John Perceval, Nathaniel Geo. Philips, F. Adlard, W. Wilton, J. R. Gallant, G. L. Moore, J. Quitmann, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes,

Bro. TERRY reported the death of two annuitants, and one approved candidate. One of the deceased annuitants had arrived at the advanced age of ninety-five.

The Warden's report was read, and a vote of thanks was afterwards unanimously passed to the donors of the various gifts towards the New Year's Entertainment to the old people, reported in our last issue.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted, and authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for amounts named therein.

Sixteen petitions were examined. Two of these were not accepted; three were deferred; and the remainder were passed.

Bro. TERRY, in answer to a question, said that at present there were 131 candidates—80 widows and 51 men—for the next election in May; and that there were but 13 vacancies. The number of candidates might be slightly increased next meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the proceedings, which had lasted considerably over an hour, terminated.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The first meeting of the brethren who have accepted the office of Stewards of the forthcoming festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The following brethren were present:

Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; A. Clarke, P.M. 1227; Don M. Dewar, P.M. 1627; Albert Escott, P.M. 1593; Henry Glenn, W.M. 19; G. Lambert, W.M. 720; William Stephens, W.M. 1489; G. P. Festa, W.M. 1900; John P. Hale, P.M. 1414; William Clarke, P.G. Purs.; T. F. Peacock, 21; James S. Fraser, S.W. 174; Chas. Belton, W.M. 777; R. T. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; James Salmon, J.D. 1339; G. Anderson, P.M. 11; T. Bull, P.M. 145; Samuel G. Bake, P.M. 1157 and 1383; and J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer was elected President, and Bro. W. Stephens, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and the amount to be deposited by each Steward to the festival fund was fixed at £2 2s.

The following were appointed on the Musical Committee: Bros. W. Clarke, J. Salmon, J. S. Fraser, G. P. Festa, W. Stephens, Chas. Belton, S. G. Bake, and G. Anderson.

The meeting was adjourned to February 15th.

GLOVES.—The giving of gloves was an old custom of the operative guilds, when, either on admission to the Lodge or once a year, gloves and aprons were given to the workmen. In Scotch Masonic Lodges of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it was a rule that intrants should present so many pairs of gloves on their admission. The custom is still said to be retained Masonically in foreign countries; but we have no traces of the custom in speculative Masonry, except that Freemasons are expected to wear white gloves in Lodge meetings. There are many payments recorded for gloves to Masons in the old Fabric Rolls.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia*.

JUVENILE FANCY DRESS BALL AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

For some time the year's festivities at the Mansion House have been very appropriately inaugurated by a juvenile fancy dress ball, and nothing could have been more successful than the one which took place on the 4th inst., when, on the invitation of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Knight), over 900 guests, mostly juveniles, were present.

The character of the guests imparted a freshening atmosphere into the Mansion House apartments. Their finely-contrasting costumes, all brightness and colour, their chubby countenances overspread with a curiously mingled expression of wonder and enjoyment, their effervescent spirits, ceaseless motion, and never-tiring admiration, made the brilliant scene one of exceptional interest. An assembly of little ones under such circumstances possesses features of attraction peculiarly its own. There is apparent that all-pervading adoration of nursery lore that elevates its heroes and heroines far above every-day fiction, and endows their representatives with a halo of reflex glory from the realms of fancy. The walls of the ballroom become as limitless as those of the fairies' domain, or of its charming borderland, whence come Red Riding Hood and her relatives in elemental rhyme hand-in-hand with the dainty creations of Kate Greenaway and Richard Caldecott. And surely there is no more striking example of the eternal fitness of things than that a successor of Dick Whittington, himself a perpetual associate with mere ethereal beings, should prompt the pageant, and give its participants a temporary habitation. This year was specially marked by the fact that the family of the Lord Mayor actively shared the pleasures provided, no less than four of its younger members being numbered with the juvenile masquers, whilst their elders assumed part of the responsibility of the arrangements, and were indefatigable in stimulating the merriment of their nine hundred guests.

We regret that the pages of the *Freemason* will not admit of a full description of the fairy-like scene and endless variety of costume and character, and the marvellous kaleidoscopic effects produced by the incessant movement of such a mass of colour, but a few of the most noticeable we cannot omit. The reception by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress was itself a splendid spectacle. Wearing his robes and chain, Bro. Alderman Knight was accompanied by Mrs. Knight (who wore a lovely pink *broché* silk), Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Knight, Miss Knight, Miss Ada Knight (in ordinary evening dress), Miss Edith Knight as "Mother Hubbard," a younger sister as "Little Red Riding Hood," Master Sydney Knight as "Dick Whittington," Master Charles Knight in a handsome Court dress, and Master Louis Cottrell as "Tom Tucker." To swell the procession every country and every clime had been laid under tribute; "Dick Whittington and his sweetheart Alice," and of gay cavaliers of all periods, the slashed doublet of silk and flowing peruke predominating in popularity. In one family, that of Bro. Edward Terry, was brought together the ends of the earth; for one of his little daughters was made up with wonderful minuteness as an Indian hunter, looking remarkably picturesque in a deerskin costume, with head-dress of bright feathers and necklace of coloured beads, a rifle slung in true huntsman fashion across the shoulders; and a second daughter appeared as an Oriental slave girl, her sunbrowned visage half obscured by her envelopment of white lawn, against which her eyes shone out with piercing blackness. Another family group, comprising Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter, made a charming "ensemble."

With unflinching zest a long programme comprising twenty dances was footed merrily to the strains of the band of the Hon. Artillery Company, under the direction of Signor G. Tamplini, the music being the newest and liveliest. At the head of the room a set was now and then joined by the Lord Mayor, who even infused additional spirit into a schottische rendered to the quickest of time.

Considerable diversion was caused late in the evening by the introduction of Bro. Uffner with Chang, the Chinese giant, and Mite, one of the American Midgets, under his charge.

Drawing-room entertainments of a pleasantly-diversified description were given during the evening. Punch and Judy—that never-dying drama—was performed at intervals in the saloon, and never failed to elicit shrieks of laughter. The living marionettes of Professor Clarence appeared in numerous amusing characters, and their songs were keenly relished; and one of the drawing-rooms was occupied by Professor Daniels, whose vocal selections and banjo accompaniments always had an extensive auditory. But the climax was reached when Lieutenant Cole in the Egyptian Hall introduced his merry folk and talking automata and provoked peal after peal of mirth with his ventriloquial powers. Supper was served in the old ball-room by Messrs. Ring and Brymer.

Among those present we noticed the following brethren and members of their families:—

Bro. T. Beard.
Bro. and Mrs. A. Brookman; Master A. Brookman and Master E. Anderton, court pages of the sixteenth century; Miss Edith Anderton, Kate Greenaway dress.

Bro. E. Coleman.
Bro. and Mrs. D. Evans; Master Lauto Evans, "Boy Blue;" Miss Queenie Evans, "Bo Peep;" Miss Tibbie Evans, "Little Red Riding Hood."

Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Felton; Master C. Felton, "Young Marlowe;" Miss Ethel Felton, "Miss Hardcastle."

Bro. and Mrs. F. Green; Master F. Hadyn-Green, page of the Court of Charles II., costume of ruby velvet; Miss Kathleen Hadyn-Green, "Titania" ("Midsummer Night's Dream"); Miss Nora Haydn-Green, "Fairy Butterfly."

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hutton; Miss Clara Hutton; Master S. P. Hutton, Neapolitan fisher boy; Miss Gertrude Hutton, Italian contadina; Miss Sissyll Pritchard, Vendean peasant.

Bro. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones; the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, jun.; Mrs. W. Taylor Jones; Miss Dibdin; Master E. W. T. Jones, "Prince Hal," purple velvet tunic, green silk hose, cap and feather; Master H. G. T. Jones, "Robin Hood," green tunic, scarlet hose, buff boots, bow, arrows, and baldric, hat and feathers.

Bro. J. Judd; Mrs. Judd; Miss Judd.

Bro. George Kenning (master Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company), and Mrs. George Kenning; Master

F. R. Kenning, Neapolitan fisher boy; Miss Florence Kenning, "Lydia Languish."

Bro. U. Knell; Master A. U. Knell, gentleman Charles II. period, black velvet, gold trimmings, cardinal hose, bows, and feather.

Bro. H. B. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall; Miss Elsie Marshall, French flower girl.

Bro. and Mrs. Dresser Rogers; Miss Ethel Rogers, "Princess Too Too;" Miss Anita Rogers, "Winter;" Miss Marion Rogers, Kate Greenaway's "Pet."

Bro. and Mrs. E. W. Stillwell; Master Stillwell, sailor; Miss Stillwell, "Queen of the Roses."

Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell and Mrs. Singer; Master T. P. Singer, Zouave, blue jacket, braided red and gold, vest ditto, blue sash, red baggy trousers, and high white gaiters, red fez cap, and blue tassel; Master S. D. Sewell, "Patience," black velvet jacket and knee breeches, steel buttons, deep lace collar and cuffs, Tam-o'-Shanter cap, lily in hand.

Bro. and Mrs. C. Spurgeon; Master C. Spurgeon, jack-tar; Miss Ada Theresa Spurgeon and Miss Florence Spurgeon, fishwives, dresses made of fancy prints.

Bro. Alderman Staples and Mrs. Staples; Master S. Staples, Spanish muleteer in gala dress; Miss Ada Staples, vivandiere.

Bro. E. F. Storr.

Bro. and Mrs. E. Terry; Master H. Terry, "Dr. Pangloss," from Colman's "Heir-at-Law;" Miss Nellie Terry, Arab woman; Miss Maggie Terry, "Miami," an Indian huntress.

Bro. George Vickery; Mrs. G. Vickery; the Masters Vickery.

Bro. and Mrs. S. White; Master C. White, Incroyable; Master E. White, Puritan soldier; Miss C. L. White, Norwegian peasant.

Bro. Alderman Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead; Master W. J. Whitehead, "Sir Garnet Wolseley," British general's uniform; Miss Leila Isabel Whitehead, Spanish gipsy.

Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Walford, Miss Walford, Miss Agnes Walford.

FESTIVAL AND PRESENTATION AT NORTH SHIELDS.

The annual festival in connection with St. George's Lodge, No. 431, was held in the Albion Hotel, on the 9th inst. The banquet, to which nearly sixty brethren sat down, was of a most sumptuous character.

The chair was occupied by Bro. W. J. Ward, W.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. Henry Gibson, S.W. Among those supporting the W.M. were Bros. W. Tinsell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. G. Tulloch, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; John Harcourt, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; T. Robson, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Robinson, P.M.; Jas. Reddam, P.M., P.P.G.P.; No. 240.

The Worshipful Master gave the following toasts in succession: "The Queen," "The M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge of England;" "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, the Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. R. H. Holmes, and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland."

Bro. W. TINSZELL, in felicitous terms, proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Officers of Durham," coupled with the name of Bro. James Roddam.

Bro. RODDAM, in responding, complimented the W.M. on his accession for the second time to the chair of K.S.

Bro. TULLOCH next proposed in eulogistic terms "The W.M. of St. George's Lodge, Bro. J. W. Ward," a gentleman who, he said, was eminently fitted to guide the destinies of the lodge, and than whom there was not a more thorough-going and devoted Mason in the wide province of Northumberland, and, what was more, he lived and carried out the highest principles of the Craft, both inside and outside the lodge.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in responding, thanked the brethren for the heartiness and cordiality with which they had received the toast. St. George's Lodge occupied the premier position in the province, and it would be his study during his year of office not only to maintain that position, but to extend and solidify it.

Bro. ROBSON, P.M., proposed "The Immediate Past Master of St. George's Lodge, Bro. W. B. Maclean."

In the absence of that brother, Bro. TULLOCH responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Masonic Charities," "The Visiting Lodges," "The Past Officers of St. George's Lodge," "The Present Officers of St. George's Lodge," "Our Absent Brethren," and "Our Next Merry Meeting."

One of the most numerous attended, successful, and harmonious festivals in connection with St. George's Lodge, North Shields, was brought to a close by the brethren joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The installation of the W.M. took place on New Year's Day, the Installing Master being Bro. W. B. Maclean, there being a very numerous attendance of the brethren. The W.M. elect having been presented to the officiating Master, &c., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Gibson, S.W.; Alfred Robson, J.W.; J. W. Davison, Treas.; J. G. Tulloch, Sec.; W. Carnaby, S.D.; C. L. Taws, J.D.; T. Robson, Dir. of Cer.; W. Reed, Org.; G. P. Hepple, I.G.; G. H. Heslop and James Martin, Stewards; and J. Robertson, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Tulloch with a handsome set of provincial clothing and jewel, and a chaste and elegant Past Master's jewel, the latter bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Graham Tulloch, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., by his friends in connection with St. George's Lodge, No. 431, in recognition of his valuable services during the past thirty years. North Shields, Jan. 1, 1883."

Bro. Perkins also presented Bro. Tulloch with the balance of subscriptions which had been received from the members, amounting to £5.

This year's festival will be long remembered by all who were privileged to be present in the Albion Hotel on Tuesday night, and among one of the most pleasing memories will be the splendour and amplitude of the repast, and the courtesy and attention of the host and hostess, and their staff of waiters, which included members of the Craft.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN ALLEN, P.M. 1297.

As the *Freemason* goes to press early on Friday morning, we were unable last week to record the death of Bro. John Allen, principal sub-editor of the *Morning Post*, which occurred on the previous evening. Bro. Allen had been ill for a few weeks past, but a fatal termination of the asthma with which he suffered was not anticipated till two or three days before it occurred, and when it was known through the columns of the *Morning Post* on Friday morning, became the principal topic of conversation in newspaper circles. Bro. Allen during a connection of many years with the press had won the affection, esteem, and respect of all with whom he had to do; and a more faithful officer to his employers, a more just or generous colleague, was not to be found on the newspaper press. In the family and social circles, too, he won a sincere and lasting affection. He brought up a large family, the members of which have displayed great natural talent in the walks they have severally selected, and have followed in the footsteps of their father in knowing how to respect themselves, and so securing the respect of others. In whatever quarter Bro. Allen's death was mentioned it elicited but one feeling of regret and sorrow, and it was generally confessed that the press and society had never lost a better man.

Among Freemasons, by whom he was widely known, a similar feeling was exhibited, and it was immediately proposed that the lodges to which he belonged should follow his remains to the grave. Bro. Allen was the first initiate in the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, which was consecrated on the 26th of February, 1870, at Forest-hill. He was put into office in the next year, and he worked his way up till he became Master of the lodge in 1875—a rapid promotion, which was a proof of the assiduity with which he performed his Masonic duties. While in the chair he worked all the ceremonies, and he also installed his successor the following year. He remained true to his lodge till his death, and was present at its last meeting on 28th October, 1882. He was a founder of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, of which he was also a member to the last. When the Gallery Lodge was consecrated, on the 13th August, 1881, he was a visitor, and from his long association with newspaper men, for the convenience of whom this lodge was specially established, he felt that he could not allow such a body to be in existence without being one of its component parts. At the first emergency meeting of the lodge, the following week, he was therefore, at his own particular request, proposed and elected a member, and being a Past Master of the West Kent Lodge, was asked if he would accept the collar and perform the duties of Past Master of the lodge during the first Master's year. This he readily agreed to do, and not only so, but after his investiture he regularly discharged the duties of his office, which, seeing that there were thirteen initiates during that year, were not light. He attended the installation meeting of the lodge on the 9th December last, and assisted in the induction of his old friend, Bro. H. Bussey, in the chair, and lent his collar and jewel for the investiture of the I.P.M. At the banquet which followed at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Allen passed a most pleasant evening, having by his side, as his visitor, the brother who is his executor and trustee, Bro. Thomas Preston, a brother as well known and as greatly respected as Bro. Allen himself. Bro. Allen was one of the numerous brethren who were present at the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G. Master, in April, 1875, and he also attended the Grand Festival banquet which followed, sitting during the evening by Bro. Edward Ledger, the proprietor of the *Era*. Bro. Allen was always very proud of having been present at that wonderful assemblage of 8000 Masons, and when it was decided to have a commemorative jewel struck became one of the purchasers, and this jewel he always subsequently wore in lodge. While his loss is deeply mourned, the hope is fondly entertained that many men as good and true as he may join the Masonic Order, and if such be the case the Craft need never fear that it will become a thing of the past.

The funeral of Bro. Allen took place on Wednesday, at Nunhead cemetery. Besides deceased's family and relatives, deputations from each of his lodges were invited to join the mourning party at the house. Two brethren were appointed by each lodge to perform this duty: Bros. Gardner, W.M., and Woodrow, Sec. West Kent; Bros. John Hodge, W.M., and W.A. Barrett, P.M., Orpheus; and Bros. H. E. F. Bussey, W.M., and R. J. Albery, Secretary, Gallery. Bro. Allen having been many years a resident in the district of St. Marks, Kennington, at which church he and his family were worshippers, the body was first conveyed to that sacred edifice, and the first part of the funeral service was there performed. The brethren of the lodges, together with numerous representatives of the London and Provincial press not connected with Masonry, the proprietors, and all the staff of the *Morning Post*, attended the funeral at the cemetery, and met it at the gates, and followed the body to the grave where the last rites were performed. The coffin, which was of polished oak, was covered with floral wreaths, including, besides the family wreaths, a handsome cross from Sir Algernon Borthwick and wreaths from Mrs. Preston, Mr. T. S. Townend, Mr. C. Dunphie, Bro. Barrett, Mr. Christie, and others. The following are the names of some of those forming the procession: In the first carriage, Messrs. T. Y. Allen, John Allen, Charles Allen, Rev. Mr. Montgomery, Vicar of St. Mark's, Kennington (who performed the service); second carriage, Messrs. Joseph Allen, Thomas Allen, C. B. Cook, A. Christie; third carriage, Messrs. Thos. Preston, Dickson, Humphrey, Barrett; fourth carriage, Messrs. H. E. F. Bussey, R. J. Albery, W. F. Gardner, J. C. Woodrow, Mr. W. Hardman, chairman of the Surrey Sessions, followed in his own carriage. Among the others who met the body at the gates and followed the cortege were Sir Algernon Borthwick, Messrs. W. H. Langley, Montague Vizetelly, Collagan (Publisher of the *Morning Post*), Charles H. Scott, Charles Williams, Oswald Willson, E. Markwick, R. H. Crowden, R. S. Chant, Francis Duff, J. Thomas, George Welsh, H. Coulter, W. S. Seabrook, W. M. Duckworth, J. C. Duckworth, W. T. Perkins, John White, J. T. Townend, Jas. Walker, W. Macdonald, E. E. Peacock, Herbert Wright, Thomas Wright, Robert Redman, James Adair, Robt. Hancock, David Moffatt, E. C. Massey, H. W. Massey, and H. Massey (*Freemason*). The ladies who followed were Mrs. W. T. Perkins, Mrs. Seabrook, Mrs. H. Massey, and Miss Massey. There were also a large number of the employés of the *Morning Post*, amongst whom Bro. Allen was deservedly held in high esteem.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE.

CHIEF PATRONESS:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PATRONS:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M., President.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of JANUARY, 1883, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for the election in April next, and to declare the number of girls then to be elected.

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.E., 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.

Offices—5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
6th January, 1883.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on MONDAY, the 15th day of JANUARY, 1883, for the transaction of the Ordinary Business of the Institution.

To receive the recommendation from the General Committee for the adoption of a List of Sixty-seven Candidates, from which Twelve Boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 16th April, 1883.

The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Patron,
London, Jan. 6, 1883. Secretary.

* * The 55th Anniversary Festival will be held in June next, the Right Hon. Viscount HOLMESDALE, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, in the chair. The services of Brethren representing Lodges and Provinces as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Of this Institution will take place

On WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1883,

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Has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary.

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

To Correspondents.

The address of the R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, at the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Huddersfield, on the 10th inst., will appear in our next.

The usual entertainment to the Boys remaining in the Institution during the holidays took place on Thursday evening. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The following stand over:
Correspondence—M.M. Scotland—St. John's Day.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Citizen," "The Court Circular," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Hull Packet," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Keystone," "El Taller," "New York Dispatch," "Die Bauhütte," "Orient."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 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.]

THE RETURNS FOR THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very much struck by the returns to our excellent Charities, which appeared, I rather regret to say, in the *non-masonic* papers first of all. If they be correct, and deducting from each Charity Grand Lodge Grants, it would seem that the amount received by each Charity, through the energy of the officers, the zeal of the Stewards, and from existing dividends and all sources of income, is as follows:

1. Girls' School	£15,819 15 8
2. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	15,395 7 2
3. Boys' School	14,729 15 8

If you add to each amount the donations of Grand Lodge, then, by the donation of Grand Lodge respectively, the position stands thus:

1. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	16,595 7 7
2. Girls' School	15,969 15 8
3. Boys' School	14,879 15 8

I believe each of our Educational Institutions receives £150, or thereabouts, from Grand Lodge annually, which makes up their gross total respectively.

I think it right to ask to be permitted to make these few remarks on a subject interesting to all your readers, inasmuch as I think some considerations flow from such figures and facts which are very valuable to all the subscribers to our beneficial Charities.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,
AN OLD STEWARD.

FREEMASONRY AND VOLUNTEERING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, "Doubtful," can probably be best answered by information in relation to a lodge established in connection with a Metropolitan Corps, the 1st Surrey Rifles, in 1868. I allude to the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, of which I had the honour to be the originator and first S.W. Its title is derived from the late Lieut.-Colonel Macdonald, the then commanding officer of the corps, of which all its founders were effective members. The present Lieut.-Colonel (then Major) Irvine was its first W.M. for two successive years, and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser its first J.W. for a like period. Its by-laws (a copy of which I enclose for your inspection) were approved by the late Grand Secretary as "in accordance with the general regulations for the guidance of the Craft," and the sixteenth clause reads as follows, viz.: "Uniform and dress,—That members or visitors entitled to wear the uniform of the Regular, Militia, or Volunteer Services are expected to attend the meetings of the lodge in full dress uniform without side arms; and other members or visitors in evening dress."

This bye-law has always been observed. The working of the lodge has been everything that could be desired; its finances at all times good; and its members fully kept up and moderately increasing. Instead of the uniform being "prostituted" by being worn in a Masonic lodge, it has been an emblem of that discipline which is as essential to good Masonic work as it is to military organisation; and on no occasion since its institution has the Macdonald Lodge been spoken of in other than terms of respect and admiration for its perfect observance of ceremonial, ritual, and Masonic duty.

I am certain the members of the Macdonald Lodge, equally with those of other volunteer lodges, would never be "guilty of a piece of unmasonic conduct" of the nature alluded to, if it could be shown to them that their adhesion to bye-laws which have had the requisite approval infringed any Masonic requirement; and I must say, both as a volunteer for very nearly a quarter of a century and a Freemason for a yet longer period, that I can see no reason for such an apparent slur as is cast upon the connection of volunteering with Freemasonry by the letter of your correspondent.

In reply to "Doubtful's" last paragraph, I believe that the members of the lodges connected with the Hon. Artillery (the Fitzroy), the "Victorias," the "2nd Middlesex," and other volunteer corps, do wear their volunteer (I don't understand what is meant by "semi-volunteer") uniform in their own lodges, and at times when paying visits to their comrades-in-arms in lodges in which their presence is always so heartily welcomed.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
JAMES STEVENS,
Clapham, January 6th. P.M., P.Z.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am one of those who think the appearance of members of a lodge in uniform at an ordinary lodge meeting is a very doubtful proceeding in every sense.

Militarily, I am quite sure that it is wrong, and contrary to the spirit of the regulations (except in purely military lodges), and Masonically it seems to me to be completely opposed to the peaceful principles of Freemasonry. There is no occasion for such a wearing of the uniforms, unless, indeed, you assume that such lodges are only composed of volunteers. But is such the fact?—Yours fraternally,
A CHAPLAIN.

IS HE LEGALLY AND REGULARLY ELECTED? To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to have my doubts cleared upon the above question, and will state the case shortly. Bro. A left lodge B in 1876, joined lodge C, of which he duly became S.W. Subsequently he left lodge C, and went out of England, having previously paid his dues to that lodge up to the time of his leaving. He was away for several years, came back to England, and rejoined lodge B at the beginning of last year. Last month he was elected to the chair of K.S., not having gone through the Wardens' chair of lodge B.

This is the point I want to know,—if Bro. A, not having been a subscribing member to any lodge during the time he was away from his country, until he came back and rejoined lodge B, at the beginning of last year, is legally and regularly elected; and can he be installed into the Master's chair without going through the Wardens' chair of lodge B.

An answer in your next issue of the *Freemason* will greatly oblige.—Yours truly and fraternally,
4th January.

JOHN GAMBLE, P.M.

[The expression in the Book of Constitutions is, "having regularly served as a Warden in a warranted lodge." Bro. A had therefore a proper qualification for the chair of K.S., and is legally and regularly elected a W.M.—Ed. F.M.]

A VISIT TO THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys may, or may not, consider an anonymous communication deserving of notice, but I hope your readers will, at least, suspend their judgment on the sweeping denunciations contained in the letter under the above heading in your last issue until opportunity has been afforded to determine what course, if any, it may be desirable to adopt.

Your correspondent must pardon my remarking that it would naturally be imagined that anyone imbued with opinions so unfavourable would have evidenced the courage of his convictions by appending his name and address.—Yours fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

Office, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., Secretary.
January 10th.

A BEGGING MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A person holding a certificate from Lodge 62, I.C., has been seeking assistance from the brethren in the neighbourhood of Nottingham and elsewhere. He is strongly pockmarked, has a cast in the eye, and professes to be a schoolmaster lately returned from America. I believe the above statements are true, but have heard of other circumstances that would render it doubtful if he is a "worthy object" of Masonic Benevolence. Can any of your readers inform me on the subject.—Yours &c.,

J. K.

Nottingham, January 6th.

Late member of I.C.



HAND BOOK FOR TRAVELLERS. By H. BAEDERER. First Part—Northern Italy. Dulau and Co., 37, Soho-square, W.

At this time of the year, when the climacteric outcome of our fog-besidden capital, as the French say, "les brouillards de Tamise," affect many delicate chests, and aggravate inherited weaknesses, a flight of John and Jenny Bulls towards the more sunny plains of Italy generally takes place. It seems so delightful, as our young ladies say, to exchange the dull, grey, yellow, murky fogs of London, and the rawness and dampness of our Britannic Isles, for milder atmosphere and a bluer sky, for sunshine and mild breezes, for the exhilarating perfume of flowers and a gayer out-of-door's life. And yet "all is not gold that glitters" even in the "Morgen Land." There are dangerous winds and chilling blasts, and sudden alterations of atmosphere, which still serve to point to the regions and severity of a wintry regime. King Charles II. used to say the English climate was the best in the world, and no one was a better judge of most things; but still there can be no doubt that to many our normal temperature and our abnormal English winters are very trying, and, therefore, they are intent in our ungenial weather and under our gloomy skies, on seeking for health resorts in the Riveira, and other health resorts where, at any rate, they can see the sun, and do not live in a perpetual development of throat affections, and uncomfortable catarrhs. This handbook of Baedeker for Northern Italy, familiar and welcome to many of our readers for its useful hints, gay cover, and accurate information, takes us through many spots and scenes of historical importance, artistic pretensions, and personal interest. We hear, "inter alia," of the famous cities of Turin and Genoa, of Nice, and Pisa, and Milan, the Lake of Como, and Mantua, and Verona, of the Lago di Garda, Brescia and Modena, of Parma, Venice, and Bologna, of last, not least, Trieste and Corsica. Surely here is enough for the most travelled

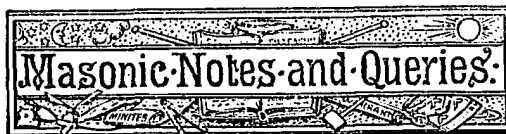
and travelling "Gourmet;" enough, in good sooth, of interest, novelty, excitement, and information. It is not a little remarkable how the taste for travelling grows on us stay-at-home and insular Britons? We forget the routine of town life and home life, the artificial wants of a still more artificial routine. All, as it were, floats away before us and departs from us, when equipped for the journey, with our faithful Baedeker, or sagacious Murray, and the unfailing "Bradshaw's Continental," we leave the shores of Old England for foreign climes or outlandish localities. It is all the same whether we are in the Desert or up the Righi, on the Bridge of Sighs or at the Invalides, in Amsterdam or Constantinople, Seville or St. Petersburg, we are proud to be reckoned among the "travelled host." How courageously we brave the many dangers of a foreign tour, and find ourselves complacently sitting at strange "tables d'hotes," and master the mysteries of continental railway arrangements. After a little we become hardened, reckless, and daring. We even can affect to be stern to the complaints of our own dear, confiding, and managing angel, and to condemn the complaints and moans of that uneasy cherub, Mary Elizabeth Jane. We are men and Britons, "Civis Romanus Sum," as Lord Palmerston liked to aver, and so we really cannot allow ourselves to be bothered about baggage or other "impedimenta;" and "women are always grumbling," and we go on our way rejoicing, and speak our bad French and worse Italian with equanimity, self-satisfaction, and even with "gusto." Have we not done Venice? have we not stood in the amphitheatre at Verona? Do we not remember how at the Lyceum we applauded Bro. Irving, and were sympathetic with Miss Ellen Terry? Such a jaunt is, at any rate, a pleasant tour for those who can go, who have money in their pockets, who have æsthetic tastes; and just now, for many reasons which we need not stop to particularize, we do not wonder at any one who can do so, seeking or enjoying a foreign trip. For all who travel for pleasure or information, we wish for their health all that pleasure and comfort and good luck which may carry them through all difficulties and dangers safe "out and home again." For those who seek for fine weather and more genial climes, under medical advice, or for reasons of happier hygiene, we trust that as they leave an ungenial climate behind them so they may find in many a sunny spot that wondrous and goodly blessing of health, without which all other earthly gifts are useless; and that when they see our colder shores again, theirs may indeed be, in the providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., renovated hopes and reanimated lives.

MAGAZINES.

The Century reached us later than general, but it contains its usual amount of first-class letterpress, and artistic illustrations. It certainly stands at the head of the serial literature of Great Britain and America. "Hydraulic Mining in California" is very good, and so is "The Planting of New England," both illustrated as only the Century illustrates, as a non-professedly art journal. "Who are the Creoles," is a well written sketch, and "The Rudder Grangers in England" most amusing. "Farming for Feathers" and "The Debt of Science to Darwin" are well worth perusal. The stories are "Through one Administration," the "Led Horse Claim," and the "Christian League of Connecticut."

BOOKS.

According to the "Publishers' Circular" there were 5124 books published in 1882, or about 200 less than in 1881. This number of 5124 is made up of 3978 new works and 1146 new editions. Curiously enough, in 1882 juvenile books and stories head the list with 987, or nearly double to 1881. Theology comes next with 789, or 200 less than in 1881; and in 1881, it is to be noted, theological works far exceeded all others. Educational, philosophical, Classical, &c., &c., return 682. Novels show a falling off of about 200, as in 1882 they were 420, in 1881 674. Biography and history are slightly in advance for 1882 over 1881; in the former year they amount to 452, and to 437 in 1881.



99] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

In answer to the inquiry made some few weeks since by "Masonic Dryasdust" as to "who was really the Charles Sackville commemorated on Natter's Florentine Medal of 1733," the same to whom is attributed the establishment of the first lodge under the speculative system in Italy, at Florence, I have been successful in finding a good deal of information. He was son and heir of Lionel, first Duke of Dorset, and for the greater part of his life, until his accession to the dukedom, bore the courtesy title of Earl of Middlesex—the earldoms of Middlesex and Dorset having been merged in the Sackville family by intermarriage, just as the Earl of Arundel is the courtesy title of the eldest son of the Duke of Norfolk, and the Earl of Lincoln that of the eldest son of the Duke of Newcastle. He was born in 1711, and died at Knole by Sevenoaks in 1769, in the fifty-eighth year of his age, after having held the dukedom of Dorset for only three years. While a commoner he was returned to Parliament at different times for the borough of East Grinstead and for the county of Kent. In 1743 he was appointed a Lord of the Treasury. In 1744 he married Grace Doyle, daughter and sole heiress of Richard Viscount Shannon, with whom he appears to have received a large fortune variously stated at from £30,000 to £130,000. In 1747 he became Master of the Horse to Frederick Prince of Wales, while his wife became a great favourite with the Princess, in whose household she filled the office of Mistress of the Robes. Charles Sackville was also somewhat of a poet, and some of his effusions, and especially a song entitled "Arno's Vale," are said to have been creditable. But his great passion was to play the part of an operatic impresario, and it was in his ambition to satisfy this that he squandered largesums of money, his father, the Duke, having several times to pay his debts. He died in the year stated in straitened circumstances, and was succeeded by his brother John's son, third Duke of Dorset, who died, unmarried, from an accident in the hunting field. His youngest brother was the Lord George Sackville, afterwards Lord Germain, who got into such hot water through his conduct at the battle of Minden in 1759.

In John Bridgman's "Sketch of Knole," published in 1817, Charles, the second Duke of Dorset, is described as one who "was a fine gentleman, and had an excellent taste for poetry and the fine arts; but was prevented exercising his benevolence and patronage by the straitness of his fortune." Horace Walpole, in his letters, is far less complimentary, and says many unpleasant things of him; while in his "Memoirs of the last ten years of the reign of George" (Murray, 1822) he speaks of him in the following terms: "His figure, which was handsome, had all the reserve of his family, and all the dignity of his ancestors. He was a poet, too, because they had been poets. As little as he came near them in this talent, it was what he most resembled them in, and in what he best supported their honour. His passion was the direction of operas, in which he had not only wasted immense sums, but had stood lawsuits in Westminster Hall," &c. In a footnote on the page from which the latter extract is taken are given as details from the public journals for 6th January, 1769, the day following the duke's death, still fuller particulars, from which I gather that he "received the first rudiments of his education at Westminster School, in which he was introduced by the late celebrated Prior, and there gave strong indications of genius. The duke afterwards visited France and Italy, with the latter of which he was particularly delighted, being accompanied by the late learned and very benevolent Mr. Spence, who cherished the love which his grace naturally bore to the polite arts. At his return from his travels, he encouraged learning and learned men. The duke was honoured with the esteem and affection of the late much-lamented Prince Frederick, and it was thought that his grace would have made a very considerable figure in the State. He was skilled not only in the learned languages, but also in the modern. He had not the talent of speaking in public, so was not distinguished in the House of Commons; but he was a fine prose writer, of which (among other pieces) his 'Treatise concerning the Militia' is a proof. Some few printed specimens of his poetry show his happy talent for that engaging art, and especially the manuscript pieces left behind him, which, it is hoped, will not be lost to the world."

G. B. A.

100] AUBREY'S OXFORD MS.

At page 148 of "Hawkins' Gothic Architecture," 1813, the "Antiquarian Repertory," Vol. III., page 45, is laid under contribution for an extract from Aubrey's MS., which discusses the now familiar subject of Bulls having been given by the Pope to the Freemasons. Unfortunately, the reference to the "Antiquarian Repertory" being incorrect, I have been unable to verify it. An interesting point, however, arises. The Oxford, or original copy of the Aubrey MS., which I have personally examined, contains on the right hand page the allusion to the Papal Bulls, whilst on the left hand page, which is really the back of the previous folio, is the subsequent entry or memorandum relating to Wren's approaching admission. It has been generally supposed that the letter was first published by Mr. Halliwell in 1844, and from the previous silence of all Masonic historians on a point of so much interest to the fraternity, this view is probably the correct one. It would, however, repay the trouble incurred to search the "Antiquarian Repertory" for the actual excerpt from the Aubrey MS. Therein embedded, whoever searched the Oxford MS. could not fail to have seen the mention of Wren's name, and if this incident or prediction was thought of inferior interest to the statement respecting the Bulls, the circumstance, to say the least, is a little singular.

R. F. GOULD.

101] CURIOUS BOOKS.

One of the most remarkable books which I have lighted upon for some time, is a collection of four Hermetic Tracts, in our volume, all printed at Frankfort on the Maine in 1625, by "Luca Jennis." The first is entitled "Vier Tractätlein Fr Basillii Valentini Benedicti Ordens," &c. This tractate contain four parts or divisions, all relating to the discovery of the Philosopher's stone, and of the availing and transforming, and transmutating "Tinctura." It is illustrated by some curious mystical and hermetic figures. The second tract is a very remarkable one indeed, also a quasi hermetic tract, in that it seems to foreshadow hermetically the triad form of mystical import, as illustrated by our Masonic traditions, of the three rulers of the Royal Arch Chapter. It is a remarkable fact, that this "Triad" is to be found in hermeticism, under almost apparently similar circumstances, though with some divergencies of arrangement. The tract is called "Lammspring, das ist ein herzlicher Teutscher Tractat Vom Philosophischen Steine" &c. It is said to have been written by a certain Lampert Spring, or Lammspring, a German noble, and a "Philosopher." The illustrations are most quaint and remarkable, and must strike every one. The third is called "Vom Philosophischen Steine, ein schöner Tractat, Von einem Teutschen Philosopho sur Jahre 1423 beschrieben" &c. By H. C. D. This has a curious title page. The fourth is, "Ein Kurzes Tractätlein," &c., by the same writer, H. C. D., called also "Liber Alze." Whatever the worth of these Rosicrucian and Hermetic works may be, they seem to me to point to the existence of a fraternity and distinct Hermetic teaching known only really and truly to the Adepts.

BOOKWORM.

102] OLD ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

I am now in correspondence with Comp. W. J. Hughan upon this subject, and hope in a short time, with his able assistance, to furnish your readers with some interesting information about the early working of the Royal Arch Degree.

MANCUNIAM.

"Sapo Carbonis Detergens" is a physician's name for a remedy prescribed for the past quarter-century for every variety of skin disease. The public have also adopted the same as a preventive of smallpox, scarlet fever, and measles. Purchasers should see that the Latin Brand is on every tablet, and WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP on each wrapper, without which none are genuine.

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Craft Masonry.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when the following brethren were present: Bros. L. W. Myers, W.M.; I. Benjamin, S.W.; Martin, J.W.; J. L. Lyon, Treas.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P., Sec.; Bean, S.D.; Wall, I.G.; Dewsnap, Dir. of Cers.; J. Wyman, Steward; E. P. Van Noorden, Org.; R. Baker, I.P.M.; P.M.'s A. G. Dodson, H. M. Levy, and L. Alexander. Visitors: Isaacs, 1614; C. Sims, 1558; John Faulkner, P.M. 1423; Thompson, 1095; H. Phillips, 205; D. M. Davis, 1017; S. Jacobs, P.M. 1327; R. Forge, W.M. 1050; I. Thomas Poore, P.M. 1260; G. W. Lazarus, P.P.G.W. Wilts; B. Kauffmann, 1732; E. Wood, 1950; A. Clark, P.M. 1227; F. Adlard, P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex; S. V. Abrahams, P.M. 1017; Possener, W.M. 15; Da Silva, W.M. 205; Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M. 185; N. P. Valentine, 1017; Lewis, P.M. 1261; Fletcher, W.M. 180; A. Myers, 185; A. J. Bignold, 1624; C. Braham, 946; H. Hollis, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Davis was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. Baker, P.M., installed Bro. Isaiah Benjamin as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. Martin, S.W.; Bean, J.W.; James Lyons, Treas.; E. P. Albert, Sec.; A. Botibol, S.D.; Wall, J.D.; Dewsnap, I.G.; Dodson, P.M., D.C.; S. B. Alexander, A.D.C.; Whennan, S. Steward; Van Noorden, Org.; and F. T. Woodstock, Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. Baker, P.M., seconded by Bro. M. Alexander, half a guinea was voted to a poor brother, and on the motion of Bro. L. Lazarus, P.M., seconded by Bro. Dodson, P.M., a vote of thanks for installing the W.M. was passed to Bro. Baker, who afterwards acknowledged the compliment.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed. Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., in responding on behalf of "The Joppa Lodge Benevolent Fund," said he had so often had the honour and pleasure of addressing the brethren on this subject, that he almost feared it must be irksome to them to listen to him; but there were, he was happy to say, many visitors present who perhaps had only just heard of the fund, and for their edification he would relate the course and progress of the fund. In 1849, the late Dr. Canstall, who had passed the chair of the lodge, promoted and founded the Joppa Benevolent Fund. Since which time, the Committee of the fund had had the melancholy pleasure of awarding very many large sums to those brethren who applied to it. Within the last few days he had the pleasure of meeting a brother who not long since received an award from the fund, who very happily and jollily expressed himself, "Thank God, I am getting on better with the assistance that I have received from your Benevolent Fund;" and he added, "I hope soon, at all events at some future time, to be able to refund that amount." He (Bro. Alexander) hoped that was not the only instance, and he did not think it was, for he was sure that more than one who had received assistance from the fund had progressed more or less since.

Bro. E. P. Albert read the balance sheet of the fund, which showed assets in hands of Treasurer £48 11s. 4d.; funds invested in Three per Cent. Consols, £832 os. 3d., or a balance of £880 11s. 7d.; liabilities, nil.

Bro. L. M. Myers, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, richly deserved the position he had attained to. He had commenced from the bottom of the ladder, and had gone gradually up, and at the end of the ensuing twelve months the brethren would all be proud they had placed him in that position. Bro. Benjamin had worked hard and done his work well, and it looked well for the future that the lodge had such a Master. He hoped the officers and brethren would afford him all the assistance which every W.M. required, and if they did it would be one of the most successful years of office any Master of the Joppa had had since the lodge was established. Anything he (Bro. Myers) could do to forward the object he should do with pleasure, and if the brethren pulled all together the year would be one they would have reason to recollect. The W.M. had come out of a good Masonic stock, who had reigned well in Masonry, and he would not be a disgrace to that family.

Bro. Benjamin, W.M., responded, and said he felt quite overcome by having the highest honours conferred on him that the lodge had it in its power to bestow. As his family had been in Masonry, it was his pride to have reached the highest pinnacle in the lodge which had been reached by his uncle. He found that by patience and industry the highest point could be attained. He was now representing King Solomon, who had wise counsellors, and he trusted the brethren would give him good counsel and consideration. He was a young Mason, and he looked on those worthy men who had preceded him with great respect. If he had not their ability he hoped his assiduity would make up for the want of ability. His heart was in his work, and he asked for consideration. He hoped the brethren would see no cause to regret having placed him in the chair, and they had his hearty thanks for electing him W.M.

In proposing "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," the W.M. said Bro. Myers left the chair with the funds of the lodge in a level condition. He welcomed the brethren to their new house, and their new Master, but they were not to forget the bridge that had brought them over. He had much pleasure at the same time in presenting Bro. Myers with a Past Master's jewel of the Lodge of Joppa, which showed that the brethren could well appreciate the work that had been done. In affixing the jewel to Bro. Myers's breast, he might say he trusted it would be as a badge of a Master Mason to afford instruction to the brethren of the lodge, and that Bro. Myers might be among them many years to wear it. He was sure that in handing it to his children he would be proud that he had such an article for an heirloom.

Bro. Myers, in reply, said he did not value the jewel for

its intrinsic worth, but for the spirit in which it was conveyed. He had in his time had many testimonials, but he received none with the degree of pleasure that he received the present jewel. It would be an incentive to him, and he hoped to his children, to look on Masonry as they should look on it. He had been a Mason for many, many years, although this was the first time he had ever received a Past Master's jewel. He should look back for many, many years on the time he had spent in the Joppa Lodge, and the pleasure he had had in it. The Joppa was not his mother lodge; but he was asked some few years ago to join it, and he was very glad Bro. H. M. Levy asked him to join, for when he came to it he found how well the lodge performed its work. He hoped he might be spared many years to wear the jewel in the lodge; and all he could do for the benefit of the lodge he should do. He was very pleased to have left the lodge in a prosperous condition, and now that they had removed to Freemasons' Tavern they would be able to keep up that condition of prosperity, and also support the Charities. Before this time next year he hoped to see several brethren acting as Stewards for the Charities of the Order, for it was with great reluctance they had hitherto been obliged to refuse such Stewardships when they had been asked. However, in future, when a brother became a Steward the lodge would be able to support him with a grant.

Bros. Da Silva, S. V. Abrahams, T. W. C. Bush, and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Baker, P.M., replied to a special toast, which was proposed and honoured in respect of his performance of the installation ceremony, and the other toasts concluded the evening's proceedings.

The jewel presented to Bro. Myers bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, to the Worshipful Bro. Lewis M. Myers, P.M., as a mark of esteem for his valuable services and the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during the year 1882, A.L. 5882. January 1st, 1883."

During the evening a beautiful selection of music was performed by Madame Pellitser, Miss Emily Dashwood, Bros. Arthur Thomas, Frank Quatremaigne, Signor Villa, Charles Braham, Walter Van Noorden (son of Bro. Van Noorden, Organist of the lodge, who also accompanied on the piano).

LODGE OF CONFIDENCE (No. 193).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among the brethren present were Bros. John E. Fells, W.M.; James Smith, S.W.; Walter Wood, J.W.; William Cubitt, S.D.; William Saint, J.D.; F. Silvester, I.G.; W. D. Kershaw, P.M.; J. Shackell, P.M., Secretary; Robert Footitt, P.M. (a member of the lodge for thirty-one years, and three times Master of the lodge); Bedford Lemere, P.M., besides several other members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. F. L. Tinkley, 1772; William Diplock, 65; Chas. W. Cox, Secretary 1566; W. Fieldwick (Earl of Zetland), and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

After the confirmation of the minutes, the report of the Audit Committee was read and confirmed. The report showed a most satisfactory position of the lodge, there being a much larger balance in hand than previously.

Bro. John Grundy was raised by the W.M., after which Mr. James Heffard Clare was initiated. Bro. Sam. Webb, P.M., afterwards took the chair and installed Bro. James Smith, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the present year. There was a large Board of Installed Masters at the installation ceremony. The brethren appointed and invested as officers for the year were: Bros. Walter Wood, S.W.; William Cubitt, J.W.; W. J. Warne, Treas.; J. Shackell, P.M. Sec.; William Saint, S.D.; F. Silvester, J.D.; G. P. Nightingale, I.G.; Samuel Webb, P.M., D.C.; J. Morris, A.D.C.; H. Webb, W.S.; Smithers, A.W.S.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. Bro. Samuel Webb afterwards delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and received hearty applause when he sat down.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, provided by Bro. F. H. Clemow, and the customary toasts were then honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Fells, I.P.M., said he had known the W.M. three or four years, and the more he had of his company the better he liked him. They had worked together in lodges of instruction previous to their being in any position in that lodge, and from the time of their being officers in the lodge they had worked with a unanimity which had made it a great pleasure to him to be associated with such a man. His very heart and soul were in Freemasonry, of which he was a thorough master, and the brethren were to be congratulated on having elected him. During his (Bro. Fells') year of office which had just ended, Bro. Smith had been a great help and assistance to him. He had had a great and prosperous year as they all knew, and he hoped Bro. Smith would have a better one. He felt grateful to think that there was a better man to follow him (Bro. Fells') who could work the ceremonies better than he could.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was almost a wonder to himself in being unanimously elected by the brethren of the Confidence Lodge. It was eleven years since he was admitted, and he never thought he should have to take the exalted position of Master. He had had his doubts as to his ability to perform the duties; but having been elected he had but one object in view—the good of Freemasonry in general, and of the Lodge of Confidence in particular. From the hour he entered the lodge to the present moment he had experienced the greatest kindness and urbanity of feeling; and he hoped that evening's installation would carry with it a lasting impression and the happy knowledge that he had obtained the love and esteem of the Confidence brethren. Passing from a subject personal to himself, he had now to perform the much more pleasing duty of presenting to Bro. Fells a handsome Past Master's jewel. To Bro. Fells had fallen a most prosperous year of office; his heart and soul and voice had been in the work; and in saying this he was expressing the feelings of all the brethren of the lodge. In the name of the lodge he thanked Bro. Fells, and in the name of the brethren he presented this jewel, which he hoped Bro. Fells would live many years to wear in the lodge, where his assistance would be of great service to the brethren.

Bro. Fells, I.P.M., acknowledging the compliment, said he thanked the Past Masters and all the brethren of the lodge for their assistance during his year of office. He was

very well repaid for what he had done; but he should have been very well repaid by the approbation of the brethren of his humble endeavours to serve the lodge as Master. He thought his endeavours so far had been crowned with success. The jewel they had unanimously voted him he hoped he should live long to wear, and he hoped also he should long be connected with the lodge to wear it in the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed a special toast to Bro. Samuel Webb for installing the W.M., to whom he wished long life and health, in order that he might continue to perform the duties of the office of D.C., which he had held for a long time.

Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M., in reply, said he had had great satisfaction in finding what he had done that evening had been specially recognised. It was not the first time by a good many he had had the honour and pleasure of installing a W.M. in that lodge; but never before to his knowledge had his name been specially mentioned for that office. It was a very simple thing to install a W.M., more especially when you liked the man who was to be installed. He had had great pleasure in installing Bro. James Smith, whom he had known some years before he came into the lodge; but Bro. Smith knew him then better than he knew Bro. Smith. About twenty-seven years ago he (Bro. S. Webb) joined the lodge, and Bro. Smith joined about eleven years ago, so that he (Bro. Webb) had been in the lodge more than double the time Bro. Smith had. It was a great pleasure to him to see that the brethren so thoroughly appreciated Bro. Smith. In his humble opinion Bro. Smith deserved the appreciation. He had done hitherto all his duties well; he had done them to the satisfaction of the brethren generally. If he (Bro. Webb) had not performed the duties of Installing Master as well as he ought, he must say a man did not feel so ripe in performing a ceremony once a year as he did in ceremonies he was constantly performing. He had installed ten or eleven Masters since he was in the chair, and he believed he was the second Master of the lodge who installed his successor. The late respected Bro. Rogers, who was Secretary for thirty years, never knew a W.M. of the lodge to install his successor, except Bro. Robins, who installed him (Bro. S. Webb). The brethren were not to think he wished to arrogate to himself the position of Installing Master. Although he was one of the oldest members of the lodge, there were one or two older. Rather than perform the installation himself, he would much prefer that each Master should install his successor. It would give great éclat to the Master's year of office. There was no reason why it should not be done.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Past Masters, Bros. Fells, Reed, Shackell, Webb, Kershaw, Cubitt, Footitt, and Warne," the last of whom had been for twenty-one years Treasurer of the lodge.

Bro. Warne having responded, Bro. Footitt said it was thirty-one years this month since he was initiated in the lodge, and at that time the lodge was a very different thing to what it was now. There were fewer brethren round the table, which was provided with—pretty well bread and cheese. Every year he had attended since that time he had found an improvement, and there was no doubt the improvement would continue. The last year was a success with Bro. Fells, and from what they had seen that evening no doubt Bro. Smith's year would be a success. At the end of that year perhaps he would be able to say that the Confidence Lodge still succeeded, and was on the path of onward progress.

Bro. Reed, P.M., also predicted a successful year for the W.M., and he based his opinion upon the quality of the men who belonged to the lodge—men who practised out of the lodge the duties they were taught in it, without which Masonry was not worth much. He exhorted the brethren to be good men and true.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Initiate," said that Bro. Fells had had eleven initiates in his year.

The initiate (Bro. Clare) having responded, "The Charities" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said he had taken the Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution.

Bros. Kershaw, P.M., and S. Webb, P.M., replied.

Bro. C. W. Cox responded for "The Visitors."

The other toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on the 2nd instant. Among those present were Bros. W. P. Webb, W.M.; Cockburn, S.W.; Appleton, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Stranger, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Bates, I.G.; Cruse, D.C.; Meredith, W.S.; Plowman, A.W.S.; H. Higgins, acting I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; and Reinardt, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Buxton and Allan were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Lear passed as a F.C., both ceremonies being well performed. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted in favour of Bros. Cockburn, Mann, and Reinardt. Bros. Foalé, Coles, and Plowman were elected as Auditors to audit the accounts on the 22nd inst. Previously to the lodge being closed, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M., and the sum of ten guineas voted to his list as a Steward at the next festival of the R.M.I. for Boys.

The brethren then partook of refreshment. It being an off night there were but few toasts.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst. Statistics given show that at no previous period has Masonry been in such a flourishing condition in the city, the connection of the Earl of March M.P., Past G.W., with the lodge as Warden and Master having undoubtedly given it a great impetus. An important public engagement kept the noble lord away from the meeting to install his successor, and this duty was performed in the most efficient manner by Bro. J. St. Clair, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., who also delivered the charge to the newly-installed Master, Bro. Francis Wilton Gruggen. The charge to the officers was given by Bro. O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works. The W.M. invested as his officers for the year the following brethren: Bros. O. Lloyd, S.W.; W. H. Barrett, J.W.; Rev. S. Meredith-Brown, Chap.; J. St. Clair, Treas.; J. H. Hawes, Sec.; G. Smith, P.P.G.D., Dir. of Cers.; W. Dean, S.D.; J. Priestnall, J.D.; H. E. Breach, I.G.; Doman and Inkpen, Stewards.

A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. C. H. R.

Ballard, who had served the office of Secretary for three and a half years.

Subsequently about forty brethren sat down to a banquet, served by Bro. A. Purchase, at the Globe Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Gruggen, presided, supported by Bros. R. G. Raper, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; St. Clair, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.M., P.P.G.C.; G. Gatehouse, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; C. P. Henty, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Adames, P.M.; the Dean of Battle; and the following visitors: Bros. H. E. Thompson, W.M. 56; H. Rumball Cook, W.M. 811; W. Lanham Thomas, W.M. 1141; H. N. Travers, W.M. 1726; T. Mitchell, Sec. 56; E. E. Blaker, J. Ramsbotham, T. Dutton, 1726; C. Field, 1726; Ashley Gibbings, 63; G. Turner, 804; and others. The proceedings passed off very enjoyably.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The last regular meeting under the present officers, before the annual installation of the new ones, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 4th inst. Intimation had been received from the W.M.'s of two other lodges that they, with their officers and many members, intended to visit the Royal Cumberland Lodge on this occasion. In such universal respect and estimation is Bro. Cater held in the city, and especially by the Masons, that they were no doubt prompted by a desire to embrace the last opportunity of paying him a compliment while occupying the first chair of the lodge.

The W.M. opened the lodge, supported by the following: Bros. Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, P.M. 443, 958; as I.P.M.; Ashley, P.P.G.J.W., P.M., Treas.; C. W. Radway, P.P.G.S.W., P.M., as Sec.; T. Wilton, P.P.G.J.W., P.M., D. of C.; E. J. B. Mercer, S.W.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M., as J.W.; Ames, S.D.; W. Peach, J.D.; T. E. Wilton, I.G.; Foote, as Org.; W. L. Baldwin, and T. G. Brown, as Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler. Past Masters Capt. R. P. Floyd, P.P.G. Reg.; S. G. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Rubie, P.P.G.J.W.; T. B. Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; P. Braham, P.P.G. Org.; and many members. It is worthy of remark that ten Past Masters of No. 41 were present—that is nearly all at present residing in Bath. Visitors: Bros. W. Ellis, P.M. 599; Jules Guition, 1319; Rev. M. N. Nathan, P.M. 239.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. An announcement was made that the following officers of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, sought admission: Bros. J. W. Wilson, W.M.; Col. Ford, P.P.G. J.W., P.M.; B. Watts, P.M.; W. F. Collings, S.W.; J. B. Wilson, J.W.; E. Noke, J.D.; R. Fuller, I.G.; and many members. Almost immediately after a similar announcement was made as to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906, and there were admitted Bros. W. Williamson, P.P.G.D. of C., W.M., P.M.; E. L. Hill, P.P.G.D. of C., P.M.; G. Beckett, P.M.; L. Howes, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; T. S. Keene, P.M.; F. W. Dingle, J.W.; J. Knight, S.D.; and many members. As they entered and were conducted to their seats by the Director of Ceremonies, the brethren received them with due honours.

Bro. R. Sidwell was afterwards raised to the Third Degree, the first portion of the ceremony being performed by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who narrated the legendary history, and informed the candidate that he had intended to give him a charge and a special lecture on the Third Degree, but, owing to the lateness of the hour, they must be deferred to a future opportunity. The symbolism of the working tools was explained by Bro. Ames, S.D. A ballot was taken for the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, after the W.M. had mentioned that the Past Masters had held a meeting, when it was determined unanimously to recommend the S.W. to the favour of the members. The result was that Bro. Mercer was elected without a dissident. He briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and announced his intention to have a banquet on the day of his installation, February 1st. The choice of Treasurer by ballot, of course, fell on Bro. Ashley, who has so well and during so many years served the lodge in that capacity. Bro. Bigwood was re-elected Tyler.

The W.M. expressed his gratification at the compliment paid to the lodge by many visitors from Nos. 53 and 906, under their respective W.M.'s, as well by a few from more distant places; and proposed a vote of thanks to them, to which responses were made by Bro. J. W. Wilson, W.M., on behalf of No. 53, and by Bro. Williamson, W.M., for No. 906. The W.M. also desired to express his thanks to the acting I.P.M. for the assistance he had so efficiently rendered in working the ceremony, which was confirmed by the general acclamation of the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

NORWICH.—Union Lodge (No. 52).—The Mayor of Norwich (Bro. Charles R. Gilman), was on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., installed W.M. of this, the premier lodge of the province, at the Norfolk Hotel, in the presence of a large number of subscribing and visiting brethren, mostly the latter. The W.M. afterwards proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Courtenay Boyle, I.P.M.; P. E. Hansell, S.W.; C. A. B. Bignold, J.W.; H. G. Barwell, Treasurer; Charles Cubitt, Secretary; Harry Bullard, S.D.; Rev. W. Vincent, J.D. and Chap.; Rev. W. M. Pigot, I.G.; and W. Murrell, Tyler.

Certain formal business having been transacted, a banquet, supplied in host Tidnam's best style, followed, and the proceedings at the social board were of the most harmonious character. We may state, however, that the loss of Bro. Gardiner C. Stevens, who had long acted as Secretary of Lodge Union, was alluded to with much feeling.

DARLINGTON.—Restoration Lodge (No. 111).—The one hundred and twenty-first anniversary of this, the oldest lodge between the Ouse and the Wear, was celebrated on Thursday, the 4th inst., in a most successful manner. The brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, where the lodge was opened by Bro. R. Luck, the W.M., who was supported by a large assembly of Past Masters and Provincial Grand Officers, amongst whom were Bros. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; Babington Boulton, P.G. Treas.; J. Forster, P.P.G.R.; J. Bailey, P.P.G.W.; G. J. Wilson, P.P.G.W.; W. Lear, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; T. Bradley, P.P.G.D.; C. D. Hill Drury, P.P.G.R.; J. Cavanah, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; J. Watson, P.M.; H. Maddison, P.M.; G. N. Watson, W.M.;

Rev. C. G. Davies, Chap.; R. A. Luck, P.M.; Wm. Swales, W.M.; G. E. Pybus, P.M.; J. C. Martin, P.M.; S. Wilson, P.M.; W. Hobson, P.M.; H. Warwick, P.M., and others.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. J. Wilkes, S.W., was presented for installation, the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. R. Luck, there being the largest Board of Installed Masters present ever seen before in this lodge. After the usual salutations, the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Luck, I.P.M.; T. Bowman, S.W.; J. Graham, J.W.; R. A. Luck, P.M., Treas.; Rev. C. Jackson, Chap.; R. M. Wilkes, Sec.; E. J. Martin, S.D.; D. Brebner, J.D.; John Lambert, I.G.; C. H. Backhouse, M. of C.; Wm. Swales, P.M., Org.; E. Micklethwaite and G. Grocock, Stewards; and T. Prince, Tyler.

After other business had been concluded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Fleece Hotel to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. A sumptuous repast was served, under the direction of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert. At the conclusion of the banquet, "Non Nobis Dominie" was sung by Bros. Whitehead, Nutton, and Walker, of the Cathedral Choir, who greatly contributed to the harmony of the evening by the singing of songs, glees, &c. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The most interesting feature of the evening was the toast of "The Retiring W.M. and Installing Master, Bro. R. Luck," which was proposed by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Babington Boulton, who, in a very appropriate speech, reviewed the career of the W.M. during his year of office. He had won the respect and esteem of every member of the lodge, who, in appreciation of his valuable services, had purchased a very handsome Past Master's gold jewel, of a special design, which was then presented.

Bro. Luck having responded, other toasts and songs brought this very enjoyable evening to a close at a timely hour.

DURHAM.—Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. S. Wilson, W.M.; S. F. Bousfield, S.W.; A. Carr, J.W.; J. Lawson, Chaplain; G. Richardson, Sec.; R. Laverick, S.D.; W. Logan, J.D.; R. Robertson, I.G.; J. Carter, Tyler; W. Coxon, P.M.; S. Jenney, P.M.; S. Holdsworth, P.M.; W. Bignall, P.M.; J. Johnson, P.M.; T. Bell, P.M.; Colonel Monks, P.M.; R. Richardson, T. Thompson, A. Davison, W. Hearon, G. Dakers, and others. Visitors: Bro. Macnamar, W.M.; J. Watson, P.M.; and others from the different lodges in the province.

This being the night of installation, Bro. S. F. Bousfield, the W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. W. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., who duly installed him in the chair of K.S., performing the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Sam. Wilson, I.P.M.; Andrew Carr, S.W.; Robt. Laverick, J.W.; George W. Richardson, Sec.; Matthew Fowler, Treas.; William Logan, S.D.; William Robertson, J.D.; Rev. J. Lawson, Chap.; Thos. Bell, D.C.; Charles F. Dawson, I.G.; James Phillips and Geo. Bellerby, Stewards; and John Carter, Tyler.

After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet room for refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, being interspersed with harmony rendered by the brethren members of the Cathedral choir.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. Pears, W.M., presided and opened the lodge. The Past Master's present were: Bros. Charles Cousins, John Stedwell, John Cockburn, Lewis Bryett, Robert Roberts, J. Wilson, Treas., and John O. Carter, P.M., Sec. Visitors: Bros. Robert Bradley, P.G. Sec.; R. Y. Barton, P.G. Steward, W.M. 771; R. C. Mount, P.G.S.W., W.M. 414; F. Larner, J.D. 858; S. H. Powell, S.D. 771; E. Valeriani, S.D. 1687; Charles Lovibond, P.M. 1707; John Copen, 1719; G. F. Thomason, 1871; H. Jackson, 780; Thos. Hardy, 889; John Brill, 780; Frederick Eastwood, 333; John Edward Ginders, S.D. 1707; W. B. Robins, P.M. 996; R. E. Hannis, J.W. 771; Geo. Wm. Gower, 771; L. Lichtwitz, 1642; Rob. Nicholson, I.P.M. 1566; W. Biggs, P.P.G. Sec.; W. S. Cantrell, P.M. 1501, W.M. 1871; T. Goodchild, J.W. 1793; John Goddard, S.W. 771; Wm. H. Staff, Org. 1900; John Webb, P.M. 1223; Llewelyn Thomas, J.W. 969; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, and 1928 (*Freemason*).

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. C. Cousins, P.M., to whom Bro. Lewis Bryett, P.M., presented Bro. Dick Radclyffe, S.W., and W.M. elect. At the conclusion of the installation the following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. J. Andrews, S.W.; A. Apted, J.W.; J. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; J. O. Carter, P.M., Sec.; H. Perks, S.D.; H. J. Stollery, J.D.; C. D. Hume, P.M. Org.; G. Fisk, I.G.; W. Sevenoaks, D.C.; R. J. Ball, A.D.C.; C. Volckman, H. Brinjes, and H. T. Hobbs, Stewards; and C. Nowell, Tyler.

Bro. Cousins, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M. and Bro. Wilson, P.M., gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Pears, I.P.M.

When the lodge closed the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where Bro. J. W. Darke, had provided for them an excellent banquet. When this was concluded the proposal of the toasts was made very short, on account of the early hour at which the last train on the South-Western line left for London.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch," regretted that that brother was not present.

Bro. Mount, Prov. G.S.W., responded, and felt proud to reply for such distinguished brethren as the Provincial Grand Officers. He had had no idea that he should have such a prominent position in Masonry assigned to him as that he held, but he could assure the brethren of this, that whatever little he had done for Masonry had been done from his heart, and as long as he was in Masonry he should act in the same manner.

Bro. A. Pears, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that doing so was a labour of love to him. Most of the brethren knew that Bro. Dick Radclyffe was one of the oldest friends he had, and he did not know of any other

toast that could give him greater pleasure to propose than this. With regard to Bro. Dick Radclyffe's Masonic ability, what he had done in other lodges was sufficient proof of ability. He was known to have been a most enthusiastic Mason, and if he lived to be as old as some other Masons in the lodge he would revolutionise the whole body.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, said the very enthusiastic way in which the brethren had received the toast had really taken the pluck out of him. He thought he was progressing very favourably, but to hear a man getting up and saying such violent untruths in the most unblushing way in which Bro. Pears did—of course holding the position he (Bro. Radclyffe) did, and knowing the tenets of Masonry as Bro. Pears said he did, the brethren could not wonder that the wind was taken out of him. He knew the brethren would have accorded him a hearty welcome, but they had really taken him by surprise by the very hearty way they had responded to Bro. Pears's call. Time was on the wing, but he looked forward to a future highly pleasurable evening with the brethren, and he hoped to let them hear his voice on the same subject again.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers of Berks and Bucks," a toast that could not be lightly treated. The brethren were all wrapped up in that province. They had a chief whom they were proud of and to whom they wished long life. They had a Secretary whom they all esteemed, and who did his duty as a most exemplary Secretary of any province. They had also their late Secretary, who did so much to bring the province to the high elevation it now held, and whose successor would endorse these remarks.

Bro. Bradley, Prov. Grand Secretary, thanked the W.M. and brethren on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers. It was not necessary he should say anything as to the working of the province, as every brother had had a report of the Prov. Grand Lodge and the Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement and the Charity statement. These would fully inform the brethren of the working of the province and its progress. Within the last two years they had added to the roll three lodges, and some of the lodges had been able to provide for the wants of the lodges' lodge rooms. That, he thought, was a step in the right direction. It was a very great thing to have buildings for lodges separate from taverns and hotels. Taverns and hotels supplied them with what they wanted, but it was very much better that as far as possible lodges should be held away from places of entertainment. The provincial returns would have informed the brethren as to the progress Masonry had made, and more particularly in the way of charity. He believed that the Province of Berks and Bucks, in proportion to its size, might hold up its head with any other province in the kingdom. They had a very successful meeting at Reading in June, and he was happy to be able to say that their next meeting would be at Windsor, and he had no doubt the two local lodges would do the best they could to provide for the wants of the Prov. Grand Lodge. There were two matters which had interested the province lately—the one, Bro. Clabon's proposal to increase the quarterages, which was lost by a much smaller majority than he (Bro. Bradley) expected; the other was the revision of the Constitutions. A meeting of the representatives of the different lodges in the province would be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday next, when he hoped some decision would be come to. He would only say, in conclusion, that he wished prosperity to the Etonian Lodge of St. John, the first lodge on the roll of the province, and to his friend, Dick Radclyffe, whom he was happy to have seen installed that night, and he wished him a successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The I.P.M.," said Bro. Pears made a very good W.M., but when Bro. Pears said that he (Bro. Dick Radclyffe) was able to revolutionise Masonry, he was looking very far ahead. But there was no doubt about this, that Bro. Pears had revolutionised advertising. He was a very old friend of his, and he had always known him as a most generous and worthy friend. Bro. Pears was going to prove not only a worthy member of the lodge, but he was going to do that which would please all the brethren very much, viz., give them a facsimile of the lodge's very old charter.

Bro. Pears, I.P.M., in responding to the toast, said the W.M. had treated him very unfairly, because it had been arranged that if he did not say much about the W.M., the W.M. was not to say much about him. Perhaps the brethren were not aware that he paid the W.M. a hundred guineas for the little advertisement he gave him just now. With regard to the warrant of the lodge, Bro. Dick Radclyffe had let the brethren into that which he wished to be a secret. It arose in this way. At the audit the Auditors and the Treasurer of the lodge—those who had charge of the warrant—thought it was getting into such a condition that it wanted preserving; it was about a hundred years old. He (Bro. Pears) had said he would have it copied; he thought it might be lithographed, and he also thought the brethren would like to have a copy. He should be glad to have it done, and he had hoped to let them have it that evening, but the Christmas holidays came in, and he could not get it from the lithographers in time. Lithographers required a ten days' or fortnight's holiday at Christmas. He had been a regular attendant at the lodge as regarded the alternate meetings, and there was no brother in the lodge could be more sorry than he was that business prevented him being present at the other meetings. It had not been his wish or his pleasure to stay away. But when he had not been with the brethren in body he had been in spirit, and as long as the Etonian Lodge existed he hoped to be with the brethren in the body or in the spirit.

The toast of "The Installing Master and the Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Cousins and Wilson, and "The Visitors" and "The Press" by Bros. Barton and Massey.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded an exceptionally pleasant evening.

BEVERLEY.—Constitutional Lodge (No. 204).—The annual installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge took place in the lodge room at the Assembly Rooms, Beverley, on Thursday afternoon, the 4th inst. Bro. John Sugdon, W.M., assisted by his officers, and a goodly number of members and visitors, opened the lodge at 4 p.m. Amongst the latter, were brethren from the following lodges, viz.: Humber, 57; Sykes, 1040; Londesbrough, 734; Alexandra, 1511; and Samaritan, 368, Sandbach, Cheshire. After the minutes of the previous meeting, had been read and confirmed, Bro. Stanilend was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Goulding,

J.W.; A. P. Wilson, P.W.; and M. M. Westerby, J.D. The W.M. then vacated his chair, which was taken by W. Bro. George Wilson, I.D.S., P.M., 57, P.P.G.J.D., and the W.M. elect, Bro. Eli Bryan, was presented to him for installation, which ceremony was most ably, efficiently, and impressively rendered by Bro. Wilson, assisted by Bros. J. L. Shackles, P.G.S.D., and Morris Haberland, P.G.J.D. Bro. George Wilson appeared on this occasion for the first time as an Installing Master, and, by the able manner in which he executed his task, justified the fame which he enjoys in the chapter, the Mark and other degrees, in which he is acknowledged to be so proficient. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. John Sugdon, I.P.M.; C. Goulding, S.W.; S. Smith, J.W.; G. Ford, Treas.; Rev. E. J. Barry, Chap.; F. W. Adams, Sec.; M. M. Westerby, S.D.; W. D. Blackman, J.D.; T. Foley, D. of C.; Kemp, P.M.; Almoner; C. Goulding, Org.; G. Knight, I.G.; J. Sharp and J. Cooper, Stewards; and J. Westerby, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Wilson, P.M., and the Wardens by Bro. Haberland, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. Shackles, P.M. Bro. Richard Bevers, the present W.M. of the Humber Lodge, most ably acted as D.C. Other routine business was transacted, and the lodge was closed in solemn form about six o'clock.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where refreshment followed labour, and under the gavel of Bro. Bryan, a very enjoyable evening was spent, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured. During the proceedings, a very handsome Secretary's jewel was presented to Bro. Fred. W. Adams by Bro. M. Wray, P.M., in the name of the members of the lodge for his services for several years as Secretary to the lodge; and the long and enthusiastic applause which greeted the worthy recipient as the jewel was attached to his breast, bore testimony to the high esteem in which he is held.

Some excellent vocal music was rendered by several of the brethren present.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Lodge (No. 317).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held and the St. John's Festival celebrated on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. H. Walmsley, W.M.; W. Nicholl, I.P.M.; R. Tomlins, S.W.; J. Wilson, J.W.; R. Smethurst, P.M. Treas.; J. W. Edwards, Sec.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; J. G. Elderton, and J. Garside, Stewards; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. R. Lever, P.M.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; Mark Vickers, P.M.; E. Smith, W. B. Akerman, Abraham Wild, Dr. Rix, John Church, Walter Wood, Jas. Eckersley, R. Bradshaw, Lawrence Hall, G. C. Frühling, and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. (Freemason.) Visitors: Bros. C. D. Pochin, P.M. 1375, P.P.G. Reg.; J.W.; P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C.; John Roberts, P.M. 204, P.G.A.D. of C.; Jas. Varley, P.M. 350, P.P.G. Org.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.J.W.; J. E. Lees, P.G. Treas.; Chas. Swinn, 1633; Hy. Paulden, S.W. 204; Samuel Studd, P.M. 1375; T. H. Glendinning, P.M. 1055; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 945; 1387, P.P.G.D.C.; Martin Thomas, jun., P.M. 350; J. R. Sowter, I.P.M. 815; Jas. Aldred, P.M. 1040; J. M. Sinclair, W.M. 163; Matthew Owen, 163; S. Sessing, 1717; Benj. Taylor, 204; Henry Pool, P.M. 44; Joseph Senior, S.W. 163; and Thos. Mottershead, W.M. 1011.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who forthwith raised Bro. Frühling to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, Bro. W. Nicholl acting as Installing Master.

The W.M. elect, Bro. James Wilson, after being presented, was, with due rite and ceremony, installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and was saluted in the usual manner. He then appointed his officers, and they were accordingly invested by Bro. Daniel Donbavand, P.M., as follows: Bros. W. J. Cunliffe, S.W.; J. W. Edwards, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; J. Smith, Sec.; R. R. Lisenden, S.D.; J. G. Elderton, J.D.; J. Garside, I.G.; G. C. Frühling, Org.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Dir. of Cers.; James Dawson, P.M., Reg.; A. Wild, Walter Wood, and W. B. Akerman, Stewards.

The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and to the brethren by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.

Before closing the lodge a vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried to Bro. John Smethurst, P.M., for his valuable services as Treasurer to the lodge during the past few years. Bro. W. Nicholl's notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was seconded and carried.

Bro. James Wilson, W.M., next presented the I.P.M. Bro. Henry Walmsley, in the name of the lodge with a P.M.'s jewel manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, for his appreciated services as W.M. during the past twelve months.

The Immediate Past Master acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John, with what was designated on the circular a supper, but which, with Bro. Phillips's magical wand, was transformed into a dinner, and gave universal satisfaction. When the cloth had been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Deputy P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," being responded to by Bro. J. E. Lees, P.G. Treas.

Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it gave him a considerable amount of pleasure to do so, inasmuch as he was well-fitted for, and fully deserved the position he now occupied. Bro. Nicholl went on to say there was something unique in the three principal officers of the lodge being partners in a firm in Manchester, especially so as the junior partner in the firm was now their W.M., the senior partner their J.W., and the S.W., Bro. Cunliffe, the happy medium in both cases. Bro. Nicholl, continuing, said they had all learned to love their W.M. as a Mason, socially and commercially, and he was one of those men whom not only Masons, but all the world delighted to honour, and he would conclude by asking the brethren to drink his health, and wish him health, wealth, and prosperity.

The toast was enthusiastically received and very heartily responded to, after which Bro. Martin Thomas, jun., sang with his well-known vigour "Here's to his health in a song."

Bro. Wilson, in reply, said he scarcely knew how to reply to the flattering eulogiums which Bro. Nicholl had passed upon himself and his brother Wardens. He felt very proud of his position, and would endeavour to do all in his power to make himself worthy of it, and without disparaging his predecessors' efforts would try to do even more than they.

Bro. J. W. Edwards proposed "The Masonic Charities." In the course of his remarks he said that as charity was the foundation of Masonry every brother should do his level best to support it.

Bro. W. Nicholl responded to the toast in a long and able speech, during which he set forth the claims of the three London Institutions, and also that in East Lancashire, and dilated upon the benefits derived therefrom by numerous recipients.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to, including "The I.P.M.," "The Installing Master and P.Ms.," "The Newly-Invested Officers," and the "The Visiting Brethren," and a very enjoyable though short evening was spent, which was enhanced by some good singing by Bros. Martin Thomas, P.M. 350; Thos. Shorrocks, W.M. 204; J. R. Lever, P.M.; Henry Walmsley, and others, whilst Bros. G. C. Frühling and Jas. Varley, P.M. 350, executed some brilliant morceaux on the new grand piano.

BODMIN.—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—The

annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 27th ult., Bro. Vercoc presiding. W. Bro. Rowe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., having for some time faithfully and zealously performed the duty of Treasurer of the lodge, the brethren, at a previous meeting, had decided to present him with a Past Master's jewel, as a slight recognition of his services and of their fraternal regard. The W.M., Bro. Vercoc, in presenting the jewel, expressed the pleasure it gave him; and Bro. Rowe suitably and feelingly replied.

The W.M. elect, Bro. John Treverton, was then installed in due form by W. Bro. Rowe, P.M., and afterwards invested the following brethren as his officers: W. Bro. Vercoc, I.P.M.; W. H. Angwin, S.W.; W. Rowe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; R. Edyvean, Sec.; T. H. Spears, S.D.; W. T. Davey, J.D.; T. Whale, D.C.; W. R. Brewer, I.G.; H. Jacobs, Org.; R. L. Randall, S.S.; T. B. Watson, J.S.; and Carroll, Tyler.

The brethren, numbering about forty, then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was provided by W. Bro. Sandoe, and a very pleasant evening spent. Bro. Jacobs presided at the pianoforte. Some excellent songs were given by Bros. Garland, Rowe, Angwin, and others.

HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 450).—The

brethren of this lodge met on the 26th ult. to celebrate their annual festival of St. John. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank John Vivian, was installed by the retiring Master, Bro. Mills, assisted by Bro. Pearce, P.P.G.S., who carried out the ancient ceremony very creditably, and with much satisfaction to the lodge. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of Bros. Frank Harvey, P.G.S.W.; Smith, P.P. G.S.D.; N. J. West, P.P.G. Reg.; Eustace, P.P.G. S.B.; Burrow, W.M. 1544; Rodda, P.M. 589; Kistler, W.M. 589; and James Pool, W. Huthnace, G. Stevens, H. J. Warren, and B. Spray, P.Ms. 458. At the close of the installation the W. Master invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year: W. Bro. T. Mills, I.P.M.; Bros. Richard Hawkins, S.W.; James Bazeley, J.W.; Frank Harvey, Treasurer; John P. Smith, Secretary; Nicholas J. West, Chaplain; W. H. Sope, S.D.; H. G. Richards, J.D.; Gilbert B. Pearce, D.C.; P. Broad, I.G.; James V. Bray, Tyler; and John Coombe, P.M. and P.P.G.S.D., Steward of the Charities, into whose hands the lodge voted five guineas to the C.M.A. and B.F., and ten guineas to the Boys' School.

The lodge being closed, the brethren repaired to the banquet at the White Hart Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—The

installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edward Humphrey, W.M., in the chair. There was an initiation and passing, the initiate being an American gentleman, Mr. B. Bicknell Young; additional interest was given by the presence of a distinguished American visitor, Bro. Washington Bennett, P.G.M. of Utah, U.S.A. Bro. John Skinner was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. Edward Wilson, and duly installed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. James Kench, P.M., and P.G.P., who gave the final addresses with much feeling. The officers installed were: Bros. Thomas Palmer, S.W.; L. G. Langdon, J.W.; J. W. Elvin, S.D.; R. Marner, J.D.; Conrad Walser, I.G.; T. W. Cooper, P.M., D.C.; Edwin Child, P.M., W.S.; and L. H. Plister, C.S.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel to a banquet. After the usual toasts and the presentation of a beautiful jewel to Bro. E. Humphrey, I.P.M., a most enjoyable evening was spent, thanks to the assistance of Bros. George Buckland, J. H. Pearson, and Arthur Oswald.

A large number of visitors were present, including Bros. C. W. Bennett, P.G.M. Utah; John Maclean, W.M. Asaph; Henry Venn, W.M. Globe and G.S.; W. Carrington, P.M. Acacia; S. A. Cooper, P.M. Unity; Geo. Buckland, P.M. Asaph; W. B. Date, P.M. Mount Moriah; D. W. Harrison, P.M. Loughborough; H. Dicketts, P.G.S.; E. Staunwitz, P.M. Adelphi; and J. Hurdell, W.M. Ebury and Preceptor of the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction.

CALLINGTON.—Loyal Victoria Lodge (No.

557).—The brethren of the above lodge held their annual Festival of St. John, on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. George Morgan, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. C. T. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., assisted by a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bro. W. Tamblin, the retiring Master; Bros. T. B. Richards, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. T. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. P. Coath, P.M.; J. Turner, P.M.; G. Crabb, P.M.; and others.

After the installation, which was most efficiently performed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his

officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Cousins, S.W.; Rabbage, J.W.; Tamblin, I.P.M., Chap.; Pearce, Treas.; Williams, Sec.; Bennett, S.D.; W. Bond, J.D.; Dawe, I.G.; T. C. Betty, D.C.; Edwards, Org.; Norington, Steward; Julian, Assist. Steward; Henwood, Tyler; John Turner, P.M., Steward to Cornwall B. and A. Fund.

The brethren (about thirty) retired to Golding's Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was provided.

NEWBURY.—Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope

(No. 574).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Temperance Hall on Friday evening, the 5th inst., when several interesting ceremonies were gone through, occupying the attention of the brethren for several hours. Bro. the Rev. R. Williams, curate of St. Nicholas, was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. J. A. Waterford Power was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Having performed these ceremonies, Bro. Stephen Knight, the acting W.M., proceeded to install the Senior Warden, Bro. Walter T. Toms, as W.M. for the ensuing year, after which the officers of the lodge for the coming twelve months were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. E. P. Plenty, jun., S.W.; W. H. Belcher, J.W.; A. Burns, Treas.; F. H. Marychurch, Sec.; the Rev. J. Atkins, Chap.; C. Chapman, S.D.; M. H. C. Palmer, J.D.; W. Knight, Dir. of Cer.; J. A. Johnston, S.S.; H. S. Hanington, J.S.; F. C. Fidler, I.G.; and H. Dodd, Tyler.

The best thanks of the brethren were tendered to the Master, Bro. S. Knight, on the motion of Bro. Ravenor, seconded by Bro. Lyon, for the very efficient and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony.

The satisfactory character of the report presented by the Treasurer, Bro. Burns, was remarked upon by Bro. S. Knight, and the report was unanimously adopted.

The lodge business having concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Chequers Hotel, Spenhamland, where a banquet was provided in a satisfactory manner by Bro. Mees. The newly installed W.M., Bro. W. T. Toms, presided, and there were also present: Bros. the Rev. H. Saunders, and R. Williams, the invested I.P.M. (Bro. F. H. Lyon), Bros. G. Boyer, S. G. Hunt, A. Burns, J. Bance, S. Knight, G. J. Cosburn, W. H. Belcher, Brindley (Wanderer's Lodge), Rawlings (King William's Town), W. W. Ridley, Petty, W. Knight, F. C. Fidler, J. A. Johnston, A. Judd, J. A. Waterford Power, M. H. C. Palmer, Richard Hickman, H. S. Hanington, F. H. Marychurch (Secretary), C. Chapman, Cousins, Tegg, and others.

The customary Masonic toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master, all of which met a most cordial reception. In giving "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," the Worshipful Master referred to the kind interest which his lordship took in the town of Newbury and also in the Lodge of Hope. He had received a note from Lord Carnarvon stating that he could not make it convenient to attend today or he should have felt great pleasure in doing so.

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.; the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg; and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was suitably proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. F. H. Lyon.

Bro. S. Knight then proposed what he felt might be considered the toast of the evening, namely, "The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M." It gave him double pleasure to give this toast, inasmuch as he had the satisfaction of introducing Bro. Toms into Freemasonry, and he had that day enjoyed the privilege of installing him as W.M. of the lodge. He felt quite sure that in Bro. Toms they had a Master who would thoroughly do the work of the lodge and study the best interests of the lodge and the brethren generally. Bro. Toms undoubtedly possessed all the qualifications indispensable in a Master of a Masonic lodge.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had accorded to the toast, and expressed his hope that the kind remarks which had been made by the Installing Master would be thoroughly and fully justified. He also acknowledged the invaluable assistance given by Bro. Stephen Knight, who had so ably installed him into the chair. He assured the brethren he would do all he possibly could for the welfare of the lodge and its members.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Newly-Invested I.P.M., Bro. Lyons" alluded in feeling terms to the severe loss which the lodge sustained last year by the sudden death of the W.M., the late Bro. Walter Wilson.

Bro. Lyon feelingly replied.

"The Health of the Visiting Brethren" having been drunk, Bros. Ridley, Judd, Rawlings, Petty, and Brindley returned thanks.

Bro. W. Knight gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. Belcher responded, furnishing interesting particulars as to the liberal support given to the various charitable institutions connected with the Masonic body, and mentioning that the sum subscribed for the Masonic Charities during the past year had been no less than £47,000.

To the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Boyer responded.

Bro. Bance gave "The Health of the Newly-Initiated Brethren," and Bros. the Revs. H. Saunders and R. Williams, and Bro. Power severally replied, expressing the pleasure they had derived from joining the Order.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" having been drunk and responded to,

Bro. the Rev. H. Saunders proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," thanking Bro. Stephen Knight for the very able and efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony.

Bro. Knight suitably returned thanks.

Several other toasts, including "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," were also honoured.

The musical arrangements, which devolved on Bro. Cozens, largely contributed to the pleasure of the company.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—

More than ordinary interest attached to the monthly meeting of the members of this lodge at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 2nd inst., as a presentation was then made to Bro. Councillor Joseph Ball, I.P.M., in recognition of services which have proved valuable to this lodge and the Craft generally. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors. After the ordinary business of the

lodge had been disposed of, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. C. Marsh, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where the chair was taken by the W.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed,

The Worshipful Master rose and, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. J. Ball, I.P.M., with a most elaborate and handsome silver dessert service, as a token of the respect in which Bro. Ball was held by the members of the lodge, and as a small token of appreciation of his services to the lodge whilst he occupied the chair. During that time Bro. Ball had been a tower of strength to the lodge, and every member of it wished him the greatest prosperity as a member of a great Fraternity, and a prominent citizen of the city of Liverpool.

Bro. Ball appropriately returned thanks for the handsome testimonial just presented to him, and said that it was an evidence to him that whatever efforts he had made on behalf of the lodge, and Freemasonry in general, had been more than appreciated. Their lodge, he felt, might lay claim to have done its best for the Craft. It was twenty years since he was initiated into the lodge, and during that time it had held its own, and many other lodges had been grafted from it with the greatest success. It had, therefore, he need hardly say, done much to promote the cause of Freemasonry, and he trusted it would go on in the same way doing good and adding to a great and popular Order. The testimonial just presented to him would be handed down to his children as an incentive to them to follow in his footsteps.

Other toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above influential lodge took place at the High School for boys, at Fox Hill, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. H. Mason, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. R. J. Cook, I.P.M.; J. McDougall, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; R. Edmunds, S.W.; E. C. Coupland, P.M.; P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M.; P.P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; W. Rees, S.D.; E. Palmer, J.D.; G. Litton, I.G.; T. Holleyman, W.M. 1536; W. Hodgkinson, P.M. 13; W. L. Rowan, 199; C. Jolly, J.D. 1472, &c. (*Freemason*), and others.

The usual lodge business having been transacted, Bro. Buckley was raised to the Sublime Degree with the full ceremonial, which is so elaborately and well worked in this lodge. It was then unanimously resolved to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent to hold its annual meeting at Plumstead next July, as the guests of the Pattison Lodge, and there being no further business before the lodge it was duly closed.

After partaking of a well-served repast the brethren sat down to spend a few hours in harmony, the only toast proposed being that of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Holleyman and Rowan responded, and shortly afterwards the brethren separated.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Station-street, Bro. T. C. Robinson presiding. The lodge having been opened the Provincial Officers were announced and admitted, and the D.P.G. Master was saluted according to custom with fire. The minutes having been read and confirmed, preparations for the installation of Bro. H. Peacock, the W.M. elect, were immediately made, and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.P.S.W. and P.P. Sec., delivered the usual orations to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. Thomas Mason, S.W. and Treas.; E. L. Waugh, J.W.; Wm. Paisley, Sec.; H. Carruthers, S.D.; John Armstrong, J.D.; J. C. Fearon and G. Fidler, Stewards; R. S. Marsh, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. The lodge then proceeded to ballot for Mr. John Thompson Donald as a candidate for initiation, proposed by Bro. Wm. Paisley, seconded by Bro. R. W. Robinson. The result was in favour of his admission, and therefore he was admitted in due form and initiated into the First Degree of Freemasonry by the newly installed Master and his officers, which fact speaks well for the working of this lodge.

During the sitting of the lodge a very handsome testimonial was presented to Bro. J. C. Robinson, who is leaving England for Australia, as a token of respect in which he is held by the members of the lodge. The testimonial was in the shape of a Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London), bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.M. 1002, as a token of regard and esteem, by the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002. December, 1882."

The presentation was made by the D.P.G. Master, Bro. Dykes, in a genial speech, in which he dwelt on the good qualities of Bro. Robinson, and wishing him many years of health and prosperity in which to wear this token of esteem in the new home he was about to proceed to.

Bro. Robinson acknowledged the gift in a suitable speech, and said that every time he looked upon it it would remind him of the many happy hours he had spent in the lodge, and of the kindness which he had always received from the brethren.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. C. Gowen, 1660; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Taylor, P.M. 310; J. Wood, P.M. 962, P.P.G.S.B.; G. B. McMullen, 962, P.P.G. Tyler; W. Hetherington, 962; C. Bradbury, 962; J. G. Hartley, P. Prodmore, 962; W. Bedford, L. Ward, T. Rueling, A. Osbaldeston, Rees, Thomas, H. Irving, P.M. 962; H. Mylion, S.W. 1400; S. Burwin, 962; and Jos. Hodgson, W.M. 1400.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors, numbering thirty-six, adjourned to Bro. Peacock's for the banquet, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The annual installation and banquet of this lodge was held on New Year's Day at the Keswick Hotel. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., who had been asked to act this year, as last, as Installing Master, not being able to attend, Bro. John Banks, P.M., officiated as Installing Master. The lodge being opened in the usual Degrees, Bro. Charles Gore Ring was duly installed in the chair of K.S. as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Hodgson, S.W.; Joseph Hall, J.W.; W. Wilson, Treas.;

Edwin Jackson, Sec.; Thomas Usher, S.D.; J. Coward, J.D.; W. Atkinson, I.G.; and C. Thompson, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared by the proprietresses, Misses Frank and Cole. After doing full justice to it, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through and responded to. Songs, recitations, &c., filled up a most enjoyable and happy evening for the brethren.

Under the able presidency of Bro. Dr. Ring we doubt not that the lodge will prosper. Bro. Christopherson, the outgoing W.M., retires much respected, and to Bro. John Banks the lodge owes a good deal. The new W.M. has wisely introduced among his officers some new blood.

ST. GERMAN.—Eliot Lodge (No. 1164).—The brethren of the above lodge held their annual meeting in their lodge room on the 28th ult. The gathering was a large one. Bro. Samuel Warrack, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed by his predecessor (who has on two occasions filled the chair in Lodge Eliot), assisted by Bros. J. B. Kerswill, P.P.G.J.W.; and Past Masters J. Rawling, 1071, P.G. D.C.; N. Hengood, P.P.G.S.; and H. Pole, 1164; and supported by the following Installed Masters: Bros. H. W. Maynard, F. Johns, W. F. Creber, P.G.S., and Richard Parken, of 1164; W. Foxwell, P.P.G.J.D., and E. Herring, of 1071; and John Baxter, of 594, P.P.G.S.B.

At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. B. Kerswill, I.P.M.; W. N. Foreman, S.W.; R. Betty, J.W.; H. Pole, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Creber, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Hawke, P.M., Org.; G. Trethewey, S.D.; J. C. C. Kinsman, I.G.; R. Parken, P.M., I.G.; and J. Hawke, Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Eliot Arms and was a most successful one.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—The monthly meeting of this rising lodge was held at their rooms in Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. C. Freeman, and the following officers were present: Bros. Kerfoot, S.W.; Charlton, J.W.; Horrocks, S.D.; Pennington, J.D.; Banks, I.G.; Bryce, Treas.; Yarwood, Stwd.; Coupe, Tyler. The Past Masters present were Bros. Mort, Sec.; Evans, Chap.; Jackson, P.G.A.D.C.; and Starkie.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, two candidates were balloted for, accepted, and duly initiated into the Order, the first by the W.M. and the second by Bro. Jackson. The beautiful music in use at the lodge (arranged by Bro. Hall, P.M.), was well given at both ceremonies, and added much to the impressiveness of them. The working tools were explained to the candidates by Bros. Evans and Starkie.

After the lodge had been closed in due form the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room for supper. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well received and drunk with the customary honours.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Officers of the Lodge," and complimented them on their regular attendance and good working, and further expressed the pleasure it gave him to have such assistance from the Past Masters. He relied much upon their support and attendance at the meetings as a means of increasing the prosperity of the lodge.

An enjoyable evening, enlivened by some excellent singing and recitations, was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The anniversary festival of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on the 3rd inst., when Bro. J. D. Murray, the S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. by Bro. C. B. Holmes, P.M., assisted by Bro. J. E. Barlow, I.P.M. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. H. T. Byrom, S.W.; A. H. Crossley, J.W.; S. A. Oliver, P.M., Treas.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; W. Johnson, Sec.; R. B. Seddon, S.D.; W. Wall, J.D.; Jon. Marsden, I.G.; Jno. Browne, S.S.; H. Bouchier, J.S.; C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O. Bucks and Berks, Org.

After the business of the lodge was over the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, and sat down to a banquet, which was well catered for, admirably served, and reflected great credit on Bro. J. H. Stringer.

The visitors present were Bros. J. F. Roberts, P.M. 1313, P.P.G.A.D.C.; James Platt, P.M. 1313, P.P.G.J.W.; P. Murray Hunter, W.M. 613; A. Ainsworth, W.M. 580; J. M. Ashurst, W.M. elect 178; James Smith, and J. Barnes.

During dessert the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and Bros. Gray, H. T. Byrom, Johnson, Marsden, and Dawber entertained the company with several well-rendered songs.

WITHINGTON.—Architect Lodge (No. 1375).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place and St. John's Festival was celebrated at the Town Hall on Friday, the 5th inst. There were present Bros. A. G. Collins, W.M.; J. G. Bromley, I.P.M.; John Bradshaw, S.W.; G. Whitehead, J.W.; Samuel Studd, P.M., Treas.; James Laidlaw, Sec.; A. P. Graves, J.D.; W. D. Phillips, I.G.; H. Heap, Tyler; Philip McLachlan, P.M.; G. D. Pochin, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; B. P. Howell, Frank Buckley, Alex. Harvey, Peter Fulton, and James Jackson. Visitors: Bros. J. Beresford, P.M. 104, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; Eli Winterbottom, P.M. 1773; J. Crompton, P.M., Sec. 1387; William Batty, 1387; David Reed, P.M. 78; Thomas Fallows, I.P.M. 1052; Samuel Davies, P.M. 1052; C. E. Austin, P.M. 1009; J. Wood, P.M. 1140; J. M. Sinclair, W.M. 103; Joseph Senior, S.W. 163; John Studd, Sec. 163; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. John Bradshaw, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year by Bro. Samuel Studd, P.M.

The W.M. then named his officers, who were thereupon invested by Bro. G. D. Pochin, as follows: Bros. George Whitehead, S.W.; P. Howell, J.W.; S. Studd, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Peter Fulton, Sec.; A. P. Graves, S.D.; W. D. Phillips, J.D.; Samuel Studd, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; Frank Buckley, I.G.; James Laidlaw and Philip McLachlan, P.M., Stwds.; and H. Heap, Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Reed, and to the brethren by Bro. C. E. Austin.

The ceremony of installation was thoroughly well performed throughout, and reflected credit on the two brethren (Studd and Pochin) who took part in it. When "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Whilst the banquet table was being prepared, the newly-installed Worshipful Master called the brethren together in an adjoining room, and, addressing Bro. A. G. Collins, the I.P.M., said it gave him exceeding great pleasure to present him, in the name of the lodge, with a Past Master's gold jewel, for the zeal and great interest he had taken in the lodge during his year of office, and he fervently hoped Bro. Collins might long be spared to wear it amongst them.

The jewel, which was much admired, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester. Whilst Bro. Bradshaw pinned the jewel upon the recipient's breast the brethren expressed their approval by loud applause, finishing with "Masonic fire."

Bro. Collins, who was much moved by the kind remarks that fell from Bro. Bradshaw, said he really did not know how to thank them for their kind appreciation of his humble services, which he could not help feeling had not (through the force of circumstances) been as beneficial as he would have liked. He should value their present much, and always look upon it with pride, and whenever it was possible for him to come amongst them he should always do so, and they might rest assured that as long as he could raise sufficient money to pay his subscription, they might always reckon upon him continuing a member of the lodge. Bro. Collins concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M.," whom, he said, had rendered him valuable assistance during his tenure of office.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given; that of "The V.W. D.P.G.M. and Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers" being responded to by Bros. J. Beresford, P.P.G.D. Cheshire, and G. D. Pochin, P.P.G. Reg. West Lancashire.

Bro. Whitehead, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sorry it had not fallen to the lot of their late W.M., Bro. Collins (who had been obliged to leave them early) to propose this toast, but at the same time he (Bro. Whitehead) had much pleasure under the circumstances in so doing. The W.M. and himself had known one another for many years in business, and he would inform the brethren that a mere accident was the cause of their W.M. and himself becoming members of the lodge. Having occasion to call one evening and ask a favour of it, and being favourably impressed with the members, he soon afterwards decided to join the lodge, and persuaded Bro. Bradshaw to do so; and from the time of their joining he determined, so far as laid in his power, to make every effort to ensure Bro. Bradshaw's being sooner or later W.M., a position he was very pleased to see him now occupy. Bro. Whitehead went on to say that in lifting Bro. Bradshaw into his present position he now found himself on the threshold, and from that eminence he cordially congratulated the W.M. on his elevation to the chair of K.S., and wished him every success.

The toast was drunk with every manifestation of pleasure, after which Bro. D. Reid, P.M. 78, sang with great taste and feeling, "Here's to his health in a song."

Bro. Bradshaw, in reply, said it would be a cold heart indeed that did not feel grateful and enthusiastic for the kind remarks that had fallen from Bro. Whitehead, and the manner in which the toast had been received by the brethren, because both exhibitions of feeling were far more than he deserved or expected; but he sincerely trusted he should in some way realize the expectations and hopes formed of him, and he assured them he should certainly do his best to realise them, believing the old saying that "He who does his best does well." Bro. Bradshaw, continuing, said the flattering praise of our fellow men was gratifying, but the praise of our friends was doubly so; and in receiving such as he had done that evening was the greatest pleasure he had experienced.

Bro. C. E. Austin, P.M. 1009, proposed "The Past Masters of the Architect Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. S. Studd, P.M.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. S. Studd, P.M., was responded to by Bros. J. M. Sinclair, W.M. 103; David Reid, P.M. 78; and Councillor Batty, 1387.

Other toasts were proposed, including that of "The Masonic Charities," "The I.P.M., Bro. Collins," &c.; and a pleasant evening was spent, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened with songs from Bros. David Reid, Joseph Senior, R. R. Lisenden, J. Laidlaw, and others.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge took place at the Three Crowns, Bro. West's comfortable house, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., and was presided over by the W.M. Bro. J. A. Elder. The following officers and others were present: Bros. J. Burgess, I.P.M.; W. Vance, P.M.; E. West, P.M. and P.P.G.P. Herts; V. J. Holloway, S.W.; C. Lewis, J.W.; A. J. Manning, P.M. and P.G.S.D. Essex, Treas.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; A. Ives, S.D.; C. Jolly, J.D.; C. Guy, I.G.; J. Savage, G. Plume, Paul, and others to the number of thirty.

The only business before the lodge was the passing of Bro. Milliard, which was happily effected by the W.M. in good style. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren after partaking of a neatly served supper, passed an hour or two in social harmony, and parted after cordially wishing one another a happy and prosperous new year.

LIVERPOOL.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620). The annual celebration of the St. John's festival in connection with the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the Derby Hall, Tue Brook. This was the seventh installation meeting of this flourishing lodge, and the large attendance of members and visitors testified to the sound management of its affairs. The W.M., Bro. J. Henderson, took the chair, supported by a full complement of officers. Among the visitors were Bros. Major G. Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; W. C. Erwin, I.P.M. 1393; Thomas Hutton, W.M. 203; J. C. McGuire, W.M. 1547; W. Hiles, W.M. 1299; W. Ladyman, P.M. 1547; W. T. Bottomley, P.M. 1570, and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. Peter Croft Asbury, S.W., a popular member of the lodge, was presented by Bros. J. Henderson, W.M., and Henry Hindle, P.M. The excellent rendering of the installation ceremony by Bro. Dr. H. Pitts, P.M., much enhanced the pleasure of those present. After the usual honours the

following officers were invested by the newly-chaired W.M.: Bros. J. Henderson, I.P.M.; T. Delamere, S.W.; R. Armitage, J.W.; Luke Bagnall, Treasurer (re-elected for the seventh time); Dr. O. Limerick, Secretary; E. T. Ingham, M.C.; Dr. R. F. Owen, Organist; R. Stirzaker, S.D.; R. Bennion, J.D.; F. Kitchen, I.G.; J. M. Harvey, S.S.; and W. J. D. Pitts, J.S. Bro. R. Neville was re-elected Tyler.

The brethren, to the number of eighty, afterwards dined together in the large hall. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

The anthem and service (by Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.), as well as the banquet music, was carefully rendered by Bros. A. Child, 1756; W. Quayle, 1325; T. Hatton, W.M. 203; Thos. Foulkes, P.M. 1325; J. Muir, I.G. 203; and R. N. Hobart, 241; accompanied by the P.G.O. During the evening a very handsome jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The meeting of this lodge of instruction, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Friday, the 5th inst., was well attended. The lodge was opened punctually by Bro. F. Thurston, as W.M., supported by Bros. M. E. Stokes, S.W.; Richard Poore, J.W.; C. H. Wiltshire, S.D.; A. J. Style, J.D.; E. C. Percy Stevens, I.G.; Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; J. N. Bate, A. Jones, and others. Labour was entirely in the first degree, the first four sections, including ceremony of initiation, being worked in a most perfect manner. Lodge was called off for "entry drill" and called on for further despatch of business. Bro. M. E. Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed in due form.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on the 8th inst., at the Norfolk-square Hotel, Paddington. Present: Bros. Mickelburg, P.M., W.M.; Chalfont, S.W.; Davis, P.M., J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; Snell, S.D.; Wickens, J.D.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; Hardy, Stwd.; Craig, P.M.; Sugg, P.M.; Tribbel, P.M.; H. Cotter, P.M.; W. Poulter, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; R. D. Smith, D. Stroud, J. Webb, Sinclair, Foskett, Thomas, W. C. Williams, J. H. Taylor, J. H. Smith, Matthews, Appleton, Hatton, Mitchell, Perry, Cursons, Dutton, Burton, Holland, Goswell, and Watkins. Visitors: Bros. J. Dehane, 1052; T. Williams, 221; I. E. Rogers, 1818; Robinson, 1681; Job Windle, 753; F. R. Hayes, 1767; J. Collinson, 862; and C. J. Fox, 1743.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens with a few appropriate remarks. After a very earnest acknowledgment of the reception recorded to him, Bro. Stevens entered upon his lecture, and for over two hours kept his listeners thoroughly interested, and frequently amused by the explanations afforded in relation to ceremonial and ritual as practised in metropolitan and provincial lodges. The brethren unanimously expressed their entire satisfaction with the remarks of the lecturer, who gave direct answers to many important questions arising from the diversity of working in certain localities.

At the termination of the lecture, Bro. G. Read, P.M. and Preceptor, moved, and Bro. G. Davis, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, and a request that he would accept honorary membership. This proposition was carried nem. con. The lecturer having briefly responded, the following brethren were elected joining members: Bros. Robinson, Snell, Cotter, F. T. C. Keeble, C. J. Fox, Hayes, Thomas Williams, and Job Windle. A vote of thanks was then proposed, and carried unanimously, to Bro. H. Dehane, W.M. 1543, P.G.S.D. Essex, the Hon. Sec., for his gift of the ashlar. The lodge was then closed.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on the 8th inst. The following were present: Bros. Forss, Preceptor; I. Cren, W.M.; Boyce, S.W.; Gray, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; Hildreth, Sec.; Frankel, J.D.; Hunt, I.G.; and nine visiting brethren.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Evans acting as candidate. Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and worked, and Bro. Forss worked the First Section of the Lecture. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and finally closed in due form.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—The above flourishing lodge, which also embraces the dual character of a social and harmonic club, now holds its meetings at the Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, of which Bro. Sims, 1558, is the host, and he certainly has made excellent accommodation for these gatherings. On Saturday last about forty brethren were present. The business is commenced on these nights with great punctuality, and on this evening it was the working of the ceremony and lectures of the First Degree. The officers were filled as follows: Bros. Stunt, W.M.; Spencer, S.W.; Maxted, J.W.; Stokes, S.D.; Appleton, J.D.; Spicer, I.G.; Preceptor and President, J. R. Stacey; and Dawson, Treasurer.

The ceremony of initiation was very correctly worked by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Luckhurst being the candidate, and afterwards the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sections of the Degree, the whole of the brethren being well up to the work. Bro. Tisley, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, was elected as a joining member. Bro. Maxted was elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing week.

Several announcements of coming events having been made, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then resolved themselves into a social party, Bro. Webb, of the Kennington Lodge, being called to the chair. A number of excellent songs and recitations were given, and an hour or two was spent in complete harmony and the genuine spirit of Masonry.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—This lodge of instruction held its usual meeting

at Hornsey Wood Tavern on Tuesday evening last, Bro. Bird, P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., in the chair; Bro. Davis, Preceptor, and several other brethren. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, and at the close of the proceedings a special vote of thanks was unanimously carried to Bro. Bird for the very excellent manner in which he had carried out the work.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at Bro. Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when Bro. R. W. Pooler, W.M., was supported by the following brethren: Bros. Warren, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, Treas., J.W.; Richardson, S.D.; Richard Poore, J.D.; E. Bye, junr., I.G.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; H. Hooper, acting Sec.; Hy. M. Williams, Sec., Org.; also Bros. Amsden, Monk, Wright, Napier, Robinson, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Amsden proved his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was opened in the Third and regularly closed down to the First Degree. On the motion of the Preceptor, Bro. Warner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the W.M. for the very efficient manner in which he had for the first time in his Masonic career carried out the duties of the chair, the resolution to be entered on the minutes.

"Hearty good wishes" being expressed, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The first festival of the lodge is to be held on the 23rd inst., when Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.S. of W. Middx., and W.M. 1949, will preside.

Royal Arch.

MANCHESTER.—Chapter of Affability (No. 317).—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on the 21st ult. The following were present: Comps. J. Dawson, Z.; W. Nicholl, H.; J. E. Stewart, J.; John Bladon, E.; H. Walmsley, N.; Oldham, P.S.; R. R. Lisenden, 2nd Assist. Soj.; John Smethurst, J. Wilson, E. L. Littler, J. Garside, R. Tomlins, Abraham Wild, J. J. Lambert, and J. Sly, Janitor.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which an adjournment was made for tea. On reassembling the election of officers was gone on with, and the following were declared elected: Comps. W. Nicholl, Z.; J. E. Stewart, H.; J. Wilson, J.; R. R. Lisenden, S.E.; J. W. Edwards, Treas.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.N.; and Oldham, P.S. Comps. R. R. Lisenden and J. J. Lambert were appointed Auditors. There being no further business, the chapter was formally closed.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Chapter (No. 903).—The installation meeting of the principals of this chapter was held on Tuesday week, at the India Arms Hotel, when Comps. R. W. Mitchell was installed as Z.; R. W. Downing, H.; and F. Powell, J.; the remaining officers being invested as follows: Comps. W. Brunwin, E.; the Rev. Dr. Ring, N.; J. Senior, P.S.; Irons and Miller, A.S.; G. Darby, Treas.; and Cauvin, Janitor.

The ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. Valentine Brown, the retiring Z., who was subsequently presented with a handsome P.Z.s jewel for his services as First Principal during the past year.

The companions afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Mr. Kingswell, at the India Arms Hotel, the newly installed Z. presiding, and a pleasant evening was spent. The following visitors represented neighbouring chapters: Comps. R. J. Rastrick, Z.; W. Palsgrave, H.; and R. W. Beale, J., 487; G. F. Lancaster, Z.; W. Johns, A.; and G. P. Arnold, J., 1428; J. W. Wilmott, Z.; and R. Barnes, H., 342; J. K. Hayman, J., 257; and others.

Mark Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above excellent lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street on Tuesday, the 19th ult. Bro. A. Penfold, P.P.G.J.D. Kent, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. D. Coupland, P.P.G.S.W. Kent, P.M.; W. Weston, P.P.G.O. Kent, P.M.; H. Shaw, P.P. G.D.C. Kent, S.W.; T. Holleyman, P.P.A.D.C. Kent, M.O.; J. W. Kennedy, P.P.G.A.S. Kent, Sec.; P. Moulds, P.P.G.I.G. Kent, J.D.; T. Ovended, as S.O.; J. Whiteheart, as J.O.; J. Bilton, as J.D.; and G. Nichols, as I.G. Among those present were Bros. E. West, M.O. 173; G. Spinks, H. Kerridge, C. Jolly (Freemason), and others.

The usual preliminary lodge business having been done with, Bro. J. Savage, 1472, was balloted for, and the result being unanimous, he was, with the full ceremonial, advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M. The beautiful ritual was admirably rendered by the W.M., and the working of the officers was as near perfection as possible. Several candidates for admission were then proposed, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren having partaken of an excellent dinner at the Earl of Chatham Arms, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts; and then that of "Bro. Robinson, Grand Mark Master of Kent, and the Present Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Holleyman, who, in response, said he felt it a great honour to have his name coupled with so important a toast. The distinction conferred upon him at the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was not so much conferred upon him for any merit of his own, but as an honour to the Excelsior Lodge, and as such he looked upon it. He was sorry that Bro. Hayes, who received the purple at the same meeting, was not present, because in his hands the toast would have been done justice to. He should make it his duty to convey to their esteemed Grand Master the deep regard in which he was held in that lodge, and also the rapid strides the lodge was making under the prosperous rule of their popular W.M. Every meeting night since the installation of their W.M. had seen advancements, and now there was a good handful of candidates to be disposed of. There was another

thing he should like to tell the Grand Master, and that was that there were other good and distinguished Masons in the lodge worthy of the purple, and he trusted yet to live to see them all achieve Provincial Grand honours. He cordially thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Weston then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke in glowing terms of his untiring industry for the good of Freemasonry generally. His fine rendering of the ceremony that night had quite taken the wind out of the sails of his predecessor, and he cordially wished him and his a prosperous new year.

Bro. Penfold said it was very gratifying for him to think that they appreciated his efforts, and he and they might congratulate themselves upon the fact that they had turned over a new leaf, and were going on prosperously and steadily, but surely increasing in numbers. There had been several joining members and candidates proposed that night, and while they did not crave for numbers, yet they wanted a paying lodge, and he thought they were on the high road to get one. He thanked them all, and heartily wished them the compliments of the season.

"The Health of the Advance" was next drunk, and in response Bro. Savage expressed his thanks for being so unanimously admitted to the Degree, and could assure them that nothing on his part would ever, he trusted, make them regret admitting him to the lodge.

The toast of "the Past Masters" followed, and in putting it, the W.M. said it had been often said that the Past Masters were the backbone of a lodge. Now they had not a very strong backbone, for of the five or six Past Masters of the lodge they seldom indeed or never had more than two present, but those two were a host in themselves. He was thankful to say as long as they had Bros. Coupland and Weston with them as Past Masters, the back of the lodge would certainly never be broken.

Bro. Coupland, in the course of an eloquent response, said that when he first went in for Mark Masonry he was rather dubious about it, but now that he had gone thoroughly into it, and thoroughly understood its excellent teachings, the more he saw of it the more he liked it. He then referred to the great progress Mark Masonry was making in the Province of Kent; a new lodge had lately been opened at Erith, and it behoved them all to work heartily and maintain their own lodge upon a sure and proper foundation. For himself, he meant steadfastly to work for that end, and felt sure the Past Masters would do the same. Bro. Weston said he would not leave a stone unturned to be with them, and he, the W.M., during his year of office might depend upon every assistance that he, Bro. Weston, could render him.

The Worshipful Master in the name of the lodge welcomed amongst them again their esteemed Bro. G. Spinks, who, before his departure to South Africa some four years ago, was the S.D. of the lodge. This was his first appearance in the lodge since that time, and now that he was here in person they would do what they often did when the toast of "Absent Friends" was proposed—drink his health with all the honour it deserved. After warmly eulogising the services to Freemasonry of Bro. Spinks, not only here but in Natal, the W.M. called upon the brethren to pledge the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Spinks, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their reception of the toast. Every lodge he had visited since his return had offered him the same cordial reception. He then entered into a description of Masonic work at Natal, where Bro. Deeves was making headway as a teacher of Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry, and concluded by again thanking them all for their hearty good wishes.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the W.M. paid a high compliment to Bros. Holleyman, Moulds, and Whitehart for their excellent working.

Those brethren having replied, the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasure of the evening.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The first annual meeting of this lodge, the youngest born of the province of Northumberland and Durham, was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on the 2nd inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Wood, P.G.S.O., supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bro. T. Y. Strachan, P.G.D.M.; R. B. Reed, I.P.M.; W. C. Franklin, P.M., Treas.; M. Frampton, P.M. 124; C. S. Lane, P.M. 39; F. Maddison, P.M. 124; D. Sinclair, S.W., W.M. elect; M. Corbitt, J.W.; J. G. Smith, M.O.; C. B. Ford, S.O.; R. G. Salmon, as J.O.; W. F. Carmon, Sec.; A. Simpson, S.D.; J. T. Harrison, J.D.; Robt. Whitfield, as I.G.; Jos. Curry, Tyler; M. H. Dodds, John Mould, W. Brown, T. Thompson, W. Smith, T. Dinning, and others.

After the ballot was taken for a candidate, the ceremony of installing Bro. David Sinclair as W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the work being done in a most careful and satisfactory manner by the retiring Master, Bro. John Wood, who also gave the charges of the degree in an impressive way. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; M. Corbitt, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; C. B. Ford, M.O.; A. Wilson, S.O.; John Page, J.O.; W. E. Franklin, P.M., Treas.; W. Smith, Chap.; W. F. Carmon, R. of M.; J. T. Harrison, Sec.; Alfred Simpson, S.D.; Robt. Whitfield, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; T. Thompson, S.S.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

The proceedings then terminated, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where a recherche dinner was provided by Bro. John Phillips. After a satisfactory repast the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. C. S. Lane replied on behalf of Grand Lodge; the D.P.G.M., Bro. Strachan, acknowledged the toast of the P.G.M. and officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Wood, and Bro. Sinclair responded. Bro. John Wood's health was then toasted, and afterwards followed "the Officers" and "Visitors," Bro. F. Maddison responding for the visitors.

The general condition of this young and lusty lodge was found to be satisfactory when the Treasurer's financial statement was read and adopted.

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Bro. George Kenning had the honour, on Tuesday last, of submitting to Her Majesty the Queen, at Osborne, the sword of honour manufactured by him to the order of the Corporation of the City of London for presentation to Admiral Sir Frederick Beauchamp Paget Seymour, G.C.B., now Lord Alcester.

Bro. Davis, Preceptor, will rehearse the installation ceremony in the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, at Hornsey Wood Tavern, on the second Tuesday in February, when brethren are invited to attend.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has been gazetted an honorary Sub-Lieutenant of the Royal Naval Reserve.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Kilmorey are about to visit the Dowager Duchess of Montrose and Mr. Sterling Crawford at Cannes.

The Prince of Wales has sent a present of pheasants for the inmates of the West-end Hospital in Welbeck-street.

Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson was at the last meeting of the Court of Aldermen elected on the Visiting Committee to Newgate Prison, and Bros. Alderman Whitehead and Waterlow were elected to fill vacancies in the Visiting Committee of Holloway Prison.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.W. Herts, will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Royal Commemorative Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585, at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, on Monday next, at seven o'clock p.m.

We regret to announce the death, on Wednesday last, of Bro. Thomas Entwistle, P.M. 221, Bolton, and P.P.G.D. East Lancashire.

Bro. Andrew McDowell, P.M. 948, P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, will be installed W.M. of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday next.

Bro. G. M. Felton presided on Tuesday last at the first meeting of the Commissioners of Sewers held after the Christmas recess.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, has arranged to address his constituents at Bacup on Friday next, and at Darwen the day following.

The State Apartments at Hampton Court Palace have been again opened to the public. There are, however, still signs apparent of the late fire, and the tapestry which was so wetted, though it has been re-dried, has not yet been re-hung.

Bro. Philip Saillard, of Aldersgate-street, prosecuted the manager (J. Kennett) of his farm near St. Leonard's Forest, at the Sussex Sessions, on a charge of defrauding him of moneys in connection with alleged estate disbursements, and defendant being found guilty was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

Bro. Sir John Bennett attended the funeral of M. Gambetta, and was invited by the family to follow as a friend. Sir John was well received by the authorities, and was taken to the hall in which the magnificently-decorated catafalque stood.

At the annual meeting on Tuesday of the Royal Humane Society, the gold medal was presented to Constable John Jenkins, of the E Division, who, in July last, jumped, in full uniform, from Waterloo Bridge into the Thames and rescued a would-be suicide from drowning, in spite of the resistance offered by the latter.

The medals for the Egyptian campaign were distributed at Brighton on Tuesday to the 4th Dragoons, among those present as spectators being Bro. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., and among the recipients Bro. Col. Shaw-Hillier, commanding the regiment. The distribution was made at the Preston Barracks by Major-General Newdigate, in command of the south-eastern district.

According to the programme issued by the London Society for the extension of University teaching for the ensuing session—January to April—courses of lectures, accompanied by high class teaching, will be given in eighteen different centres in the London district, the lecturers being appointed by a joint board of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and London.

On Wednesday evening, the 24th inst., Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.W. Herts, &c., will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922, held at Bro. Charles Sims's, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E. Lodge will be opened at six o'clock precisely. Brethren are invited to attend, and in full Masonic clothing. After lodge is closed a supper will be held, the tickets for which will be five shillings each. Brethren desirous to stay to the latter must signify their intention to Bro. Sims not later than the 20th inst.

Sir Samuel Martin, formerly a Baron of the Exchequer, died at his residence in Piccadilly, on Tuesday, in the eighty-second year of his age. The late judge was a son-in-law of the late Lord Chief Baron Pollock, and was raised to the bench in 1850. He resigned in 1873, on which occasion he was made Privy Councillor.

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Bro. J. Ninness, P.M., P.P.G.R., has been re-elected Treasurer for the twentieth time of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater.

The annual grand Masonic ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution took place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., under distinguished patronage. The report of the assembly will appear in due course.

An emergency meeting of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, takes place to-day (Friday) at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The proceedings will be reported next week. Many musical and dramatic brethren are expected on the special occasion.

The Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, holds its annual ball on Tuesday next, the 16th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Brethren from other lodges desirous of attending the ball, by applying to Bro. J. Roberts, W.M., 32, Lawrence-lane, Cheapside, can receive full particulars.

The report of the special committee appointed by the City Commissioners of Sewers recommending that application should be made under the Act for a special licence of a positive form to light a small area of the City with electric light, and for permissive powers as regards lighting a larger area, has been adopted.

The Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, meeting at the East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, Wandsworth, will, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., receive a visit from the brethren of the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, No. 1339, accompanied by Bro. Frances, P.G.S.D., Surrey, the Preceptor, for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely. The Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, inaugurated in 1880, has proved one of the most successful in the South of London, and has contributed largely to the Masonic Charities.

On Thursday evening, the 4th inst., at Bro. E. Gilbert's, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., the anniversary dinner of the Orpheus Harmonic Club was held. The chairman was Mr. W. F. Craig; vice-chairman, Mr. W. H. Rogers; and the honorary secretary, Mr. George E. Higginson, was as usual indefatigable in his exertions to make all happy. About fifty partook of the banquet.

Monday, the 8th inst., being Plough Monday, was kept in the City with the usual observances. Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a wardmote in the Guildhall, when were presented the ward returns of the recently-elected Common Councilmen. The City Marshal, Bro. Major Campbell, and the ward beadle and special constables were sworn in, and in the evening Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner at the Mansion House the official members of the household and the officers of the Corporation.

To the true fancier, a certain quiet charm belongs to the small but select pigeon show annually held at the Crystal Palace by the National Peristeric Society. In the absence of prizes and judgments, the carping and contention almost inseparable from even the fairest of fairs are absent also. But though the shows are non-competitive and therefore peaceful, the honour of the fancy never fails to bring together a collection of birds that would for the most part distinguish themselves at any prize exhibition. Six hundred specimens were sent in to the exhibition recently held. The exhibition was in the tropical department at the north end of the palace.

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

The brethren of Filey and others, we are glad to note, propose presenting Bro. R. R. Richardson with a handsome testimonial, in the shape of a purse of gold, together with a Royal Arch companion's suit of clothing and the 18-carat gold jewel of the Degree, in recognition of his energetic and brave conduct in saving the lives of eleven persons at various times, and this at great risk to himself.

The steamship Sailer, which sails from this port to-morrow, will convey another shipment of books donated to the Imperial University and National Library at Strasbourg, in Alsace. This is the thirty-first case of valuable works collected through the instrumentality of Bro. Col. M. Richards Muckle, of the *Philadelphia Ledger*, since the destruction of that world-renowned library by the Franco-German armies in the war of 1870. The library, which at that time numbered over 300,000 books, has been restored by purchase and liberal gifts of friends in all parts of the world, and it now counts over 400,000 volumes. It might also be mentioned that all the books collected in the United States have been forwarded free of charge by the Express Company of the Reading Railroad to Hoboken, from whence they are shipped by the North German Lloyd Steamship Company through the generosity of their agents, the Messrs. Oelrichs and Co., in New York, to their destination without any expense whatever.—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

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Bro. George Vickery is the architect for the new range of buildings from Aldersgate-street, to Falcon-square.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., has left England for the Continent, where he will enjoy a brief, but well deserved rest.

Bro. John Hughes will on Monday next be installed W.M. of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

Bro. F. P. Allison entertained two hundred friends at a fancy dress ball at his residence, at Beckenham, on the same evening as Bro. the Lord Mayor gave his calico ball at the Mansion House.

The first festival of the Brixton lodge of Instruction, is to be held on the 23rd inst., when Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.S. of W. Middx., and W.M. 1949, will preside.

Bro. P. de E. Collin, G.J.D. (Grand Mark Lodge), who has been seriously ill at his residence, Brooklands, near Maryport, is, we are glad to say, very much better and improving.

Our readers our requested to observe that the Bank of London, 71, Fleet-street, and its branches 88, High-street, Islington, and 113, Church-street, Edgware-road are in no way related to a London Bank recently the subject of inquiry in a Metropolitan Police Court. Bro. Read attends as usual to the business of the head office in Fleet-street.

Bro. E. Bennett has been elected W.M. of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater.

Miss Minnie Bell closes, at the Egyptian Hall, her very successful entertainment on the evening of to-morrow (Saturday.) During the time that she has been at the Hall she has met with nightly ovations. Her talent as an elocutionist is beyond dispute.

We understand that it is proposed by the three lodges of which the late Bro. John Allen was a member, that they shall subscribe amongst themselves the funds necessary to place over his tomb at Nunhead Cemetery, an unpretentious gravestone as a mark of their high esteem of him as a Freemason. No monument, however costly, can make Bro. Allen's memory more endeared, but the proposed tribute is thoughtful, and worthy of the Craft.

Bro. the Hon. Frank Lyon, second son of the Earl of Strathmore, was on Wednesday evening last installed as Provincial Grand Master Mason of Forfarshire. The ceremony took place at Forfar, in the presence of the Earl of Mar and Kellie and about 300 Masonic brethren from Edinburgh, Arbroath, Montrose, and other towns in the county. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which took place in the Masonic Hall, the brethren marched in procession through the principal streets of Forfar to the Reid-hall, where a banquet was held, presided over by the Hon. Frank Lyon. Ex-Provost Wyte, Forfar, and Mr. Berry, Carnoustie, officiated as croupiers.

A meeting of the metropolitan commanding officers was held on Tuesday at the offices of the National Rifle Association, in Pall-mall East. Lieut.-Col. Ranelagh presided. On the motion of the chairman it was unanimously agreed that a review of the volunteers should be held on Easter Monday. Letters were then read from the Town Clerk of Dover and the president of the Local Board of Aldershot, offering Dover and Aldershot as available places for the review, and the deputy-mayor of Brighton, Bro. Alderman Davey, stating that that town would be very glad to receive the volunteers at Easter. A committee of officers were appointed to select the locality they might consider the most suitable, and to report to an adjourned meeting. The meeting was then adjourned until the 23rd inst.

It is related at the time of the Franco-German war that some German officers were one evening ridiculing Gambetta and his armies, when Count Moltke, who was standing near, remarked, "Yes, gentlemen, that is all very well; nevertheless it took us no more than a month to beat the great disciplined army of France, but it took no less than five months to beat recruits and mobiles. Indeed, M. Gambetta's levée en masse so astonished us soldiers, that we shall have to study this question during long years of peace." The interest is now necessarily revived in the details of that tremendous struggle between France and Germany, the issue of which still forms the key to the present state of Europe. In view of this, the publishers have determined to issue immediately, in monthly parts, at 7d., a new illustrated edition of *Cassell's History of the Franco-German War*, with about 500 illustrations.

The Wolsley Lodge, Manchester, we are authorized to state, is in course of formation, and will, by permission, be named after Lord Wolsley of Cairo, and will be consecrated (should the warrant be granted) some time in March next. It is to be carried on upon strictly temperance principles, and no intoxicating drink will be allowed on the premises. The home of the lodge will be at the Collegiate Church School Rooms, Corporation-street, Manchester, and already some forty brethren, including several P.P.G. Officers, P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and Officers of other lodges, have consented to become members. The petition, which the R.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, has signed, has already been sent to head-quarters, and the R.W.P.G.M. has promised to support the new lodge. Bro. Daniel Edwards, P.M. and Treasurer 1952, is to be the first W.M.; Bro. George Hunt, S.W. 1909, the first S.W.; and Bro. P. H. Davis, 1055 (who is now the Provisional Secretary), the first J.W.; whilst our talented Bro. Professor Thomas Campbell will be appointed Organist. The meeting nights will be the first Tuesday in every month. There is every prospect of this new lodge becoming un succès complet, and we trust that it may be so.

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Miss St. John to-night takes her original part in "Olivette," at the Avenue.

Miss Camille Dubois has returned to the stage, and is appearing every evening in "Rip Van Winkle," at the Comedy.

"Dot" has taken the place of "Girls and Boys," at Bro. Toole's Theatre. Bro. Byron's "Dearer than Life," will be put on next week.

Bro. Byron has, we are glad to say, somewhat recovered from his illness, and is busy writing a new play, which will make its appearance at the Vaudeville, on the withdrawal of the "Rivals."

The Novelty has closed its doors. This is not unexpected, considering the poor piece it opened with. It is said that Mr. Edgar Bruce has become its lessee. He will make it pay.

Miss Kate Santley is rebuilding the theatre which some of her admirers made her a present of—the Royalty—and intends to reopen it with comic opera of the first class about Easter.

At the Adelphi Messrs. Gatti have resolved to bring out a pantomime next Christmas. The subject is already chosen, and will be "Dick Whittington and his Cat." This is taking time by the forelock.

Bro. Augustus Harris has again kindly given the use of Drury Lane Theatre for the annual benefit of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, which will be held on 15th March.

"The Happy Return," by Mr. Law, now precedes "Comrades" at the Court, in which Mr. Arthur Cecil, Mr. Bouicault, jun., and Miss Francis play. To-day and next Saturday matinees will be given, an unusual feature here.

Bros. Swanborough are soon going to fulfil their promise and put "The Comedy of Errors" on the stage of the Strand, with Mr. J. S. Clarke as the principal character. We also understand that an opera has been acquired for this house, to be brought out later in the season.

Her Majesty's has been taken by Mr. Leader, once the manager of the Alhambra, and later a large shareholder in the house now burnt down. Mr. Leader proposes to open it with opera bouffe of a high class, making the ballet a prominent feature.

Our distinguished Bro. Edward Terry on Christmas Day gave a dinner of roast beef and plum pudding to a number of poor children in a suburb of London in which he resides. The rector said grace, and after the repast, proposed three cheers for Bro. Terry. Before the little ones left Bro. Terry gave each of them toys, and sweets, and fruits.

On the 20th inst. "Caste" will be revived at the Haymarket for the last time, in which Mrs. Bancroft will play Polly Eccles; Bro. Bancroft will play Hawtree; and Mr. Conway George D'Aloy. Mrs. Stirling and Miss Gerard have been engaged for the Marquise de St. Maur and Esther respectively. Bro. Bancroft has in preparation a new comedy by Mr. Pinero, and an adaptation of M. Sardou's latest work, "Fédora."

Mr. Rowley Cathcart, the esteemed stage manager of the St. James's Theatre, was, on the 2nd inst., the recipient of two New Year's gifts. The first was a walking stick with gold band inscribed "From Madge Kendal; 1882," with monogram "R. C.;" and the second consisted of a handsome gold chain and hunting watch, inscribed inside the case "To R. Cathcart, from John Hare and W. H. Kendal; January 1st, 1883;" and outside the case the monogram "R. C."

Mr. Edgar Bruce hopes to commence his new theatre shortly. Its name will be "The Prince's," by special permission of our M.W. Grand Master. It will take the place of the Prince of Wales's, now pulled down, but on a very different site, the new theatre being the corner of Coventry-street and Oxenden-street, Leicester-square. Three flats of residential chambers will be built over some portion of the house. The architect is Mr. Phipps, F.S.A., the designer of the Gaiety, Avenue, and several other London and provincial theatres.

We understand that Miss Mary Dickens, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Dickens, and granddaughter of the celebrated late novelist, is about to join the theatrical profession. Miss Dickens, who is nineteen years old, will make her debut at the Kilburn Town Hall, as Anne Carew, in the late Tom Taylor's "Wolf in Sheep's Clothing," for the benefit of the Home for Invalid Children. We hear that Miss Dickens has a strong liking and natural aptitude for the stage, and with earnestness of purpose, added to her own brightness and intelligence, we may hope to find her well sustaining the reputation of the name she bears.

"Puss in Boots," the pantomime at the Surrey, is well acted, and certainly the audiences there get their moneys worth. There is no break from the rising of the curtain at half-past seven until its fall, at half-past eleven.

Miss Lizzie Claremont, the Edmonds family, Mr. Monkhouse, Mr. G. Conquest, junr., chiefly causes the merriment. Mr. Monkhouse is specially good as the Miller's Widow, and sings some capital songs, as also do the others we have spoken of. The marching past of the Egyptian troops composed chiefly of boys dressed as English and Highland regiments, and the sailors come in for loud applause, not unmerited. The Japanese acrobats are wonderful, specially a lad who performs feats of marvel at the top of a ladder, balanced on a man's shoulder. "Puss in Boots" is worth visiting by those on the north side of the Thames.

"The Yellow Dwarf" at Her Majesty's Theatre, pending the completion of "The Pandora" is going much better than it did the first few days. It is calculated to please old and young. Though Mr. Vance is the prominent feature we cannot but think he might have been left out very well. He is not at all times, in a woman's part, as refined as might be, and his voice we thought not quite suitable to the building. Master Charles Ross, the Yellow Dwarf, deserves every compliment he gets from press and public. We shall expect to see him in a pantomime every year. But by far the most interesting and amusing portion is the Dolls Quadrille, danced by Mdlle. Rosa, the Misses Abrahams, (2) and Master Abrahams. They are brought on the stage as dummies, and until they are wound up show no life. But when the key is put to them they one and all commence dancing in a most comical and formal manner like machines. We understand they are encored night after night. It was these four who some time ago performed at the Gaiety with much satisfaction to lessee and audience. Nor should the performing elephants be forgotten. This is an instance of the sagacity and faithfulness of this huge animal. They do almost anything but talk. Besides playing an organ, beating a drum, and walking on the tops of bottles, they can ring for dinner and also pay for it. No wonder the children go away delighted with Alfred Thompson's entertainment. It is a thing to be seen at this season of the year.

Miss Bronte's novel, "Jane Eyre," has been dramatised by Mr. Wills, and made its appearance under Mrs. Bernard-Beere's management at the Globe. Mr. Wills has taken a different course from that of the authors who have dramatised the story before him. The maniac, Bertha, has been generally the heroine, but Mr. Wills, though unable to dispense with her, has put her in a small place, and Jane Eyre is now the heroine. Mrs. Bernard-Beere, who plays the governess, Jane Eyre, is not like the character in the novel, indeed she could not be, her appearance and manner are against the lady in the novel. Miss Bronte's governess is a pale, short, insignificant woman—Mrs. Bernard-Beere cannot be this. While in the book it is by her great strength of character that Jane Eyre makes herself felt, in the play one cannot be surprised that her person has a deal to do with it. It seems quite natural that Rochester, in whose house she has come to be governess to his little ward, should fall in love with her, and prefer her to the haughty Miss Blanche Ingram, to whom he is engaged in the first act. The first act is chiefly concerned by her introduction to Rochester and his guests, Lady Ingram and her daughter, who treat her coldly and rudely. The second act shows these aristocratic people setting traps to annoy her, but here they are frequently paid back in their own coin. Lord Desmond gets one for himself in trying to catechise Miss Eyre, in geography; and Blanche Ingram a decided, but quiet rebuff, in a question as to the translation of a French sentence, which causes Lady Ingram to insult the governess, and followed by her daughter leave the room. Rochester has now given up Miss Blanche and declared his passion for Jane, who has loved him fondly for a long time. After she has given her promise of marriage, she is startled by a fiendish shriek and hideous laughter, when a door opens and the horrible maniac appears and causes Jane to faint at the sight. Miss D'Almaine who plays this character and only appears for this moment, is to be congratulated upon her wonderful success in dealing with this. The keeper of the mad woman has told Jane that she is Rochester's half-sister, and it is left in the play to Lady Ingram to tell her that she is really Rochester's wife. This is told not out of friendship but jealousy. Perhaps the finest scene now occurs between Mrs. Bernard-Beere and Bro. Charles Kelly (Rochester) when Jane reproaches him with making love to her and yet having a wife. She yet loves him, and after a severe verbal chastisement, kneels at his feet and assures him of her forgiveness. He again appeals to her, and she is nearly consenting, when once more the fiendish laugh is heard, and she bids him farewell. A fire occurs after this, and the maniac is burned to death; but in trying to save his wife, for whom Rochester has respect, he loses his sight, and calls for Jane. She comes to him to nurse him, not knowing the stumbling block is removed. The curtain falls on her promise renewed to marry him now it is no sin to do so. The end seems to us abrupt and wanting in something. It certainly is not satisfactory. Mrs. Bernard-Beere is too well known to require any further comments on our part than to say she acts admirably. We have seen Mr. Kelly often play far better; but we believe he was suffering from indifferent health. We hope he has now recovered. Miss Kate Bishop, as Blanche Ingram, has a character unsuited to her. Miss Carlotta Leclercq, as Lady Ingram, Miss Maggie Hunt, and Miss Alexis Leighton all play well their respective minor parts.



The second performance of Bro. Willing's newly-instituted choir is announced for the 30th inst., at St. James's Hall.

The series of Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden Theatre begun on Boxing Night will be continued during the present month, and probably for a much longer period.

On Monday last the Monday Popular Concerts were recommenced before a large and expectant audience, Madame Norman-Néruda re-appearing as leading violinist, and Herr Pachmann as solo pianist.

Arrangements have been made by the Crystal Palace Company to hold the Handel Festival at the Palace on Friday, June 15th; Monday, June 18th; Wednesday, June 20th; and Friday, June 22nd.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of New York and formerly of Dunfermline, N.B., has presented a subscription of £5000 towards the fund being raised for the Royal College of Music. The Prince of Wales has acknowledged the gift.

It is improbable that German opera will be produced at Drury Lane Theatre or at Her Majesty's for some time to come, as the large money losses last season will doubtless prevent, or at least delay, a recurrence of any similar speculation.

The new series of Mr. Henry Holmes's "Musical evenings," which entertainments deserve recognition for the generally classical nature of their programmes, usually including string quartets or quintets and other chamber music by the great composers, led by Mr. Holmes himself, begins on the 24th inst.

The 145th anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians will be celebrated this year. The society deserves large support in its unostentatious exercise of its benevolent purpose—many decayed members, or their widows and orphans, being supported from its funds at a minimum cost of administration that contrasts strongly and favourably with the arrangements of some establishments of the kind. The event takes place at St. James's Hall, under the presidency of Mr. Arthur Sullivan, on the 13th March.



Earl Fitzwilliam opened a School of Art in connection with the South Kensington Department, at Peterborough, on Saturday last.

Mr. Conrad Cooke, the electrical engineer retained by the Corporation of Sheffield, has delivered a report, in which he recommends that the streets of the town should not be lighted by electricity but by gas.

A marble bust has recently been placed in the City Liberal Club, Walbrook, in memory of the late Sir Francis Lycett, who took a prominent part in the formation of the Club.

Dr. Farquharson, M.P., attended a meeting on Friday last, in Aberdeen, of the Scottish Educational Congress, at which he strongly advocated the appointment of medical inspectors of schools.

The Institution of Civil Engineers musters 1321 members, 1585 associate members, 525 associates, and twenty honorary members. If to these are added 759 students, there will be found to be a total of all classes on the roll of 4210.

At a special meeting of the Court of Aldermen on Saturday last, Bro. the Lord Mayor presiding, Alderman Finnis resigned his position as a trustee of Sir John Soane's Museum and Library, and Alderman Sir Robert Carden, M.P., was elected in his stead.

M. Clésinger, a distinguished French sculptor, among whose most prominent works were his equestrian statues of Francis I. and Napoleon, died on Saturday last, aged sixty-eight. He was engaged at the time on a statue of Carnot, which, with those of Marceau, Hoche, and Kleber, are to decorate the courtyard of the Ecole Militaire.

A highly interesting addition has been added to the exhibition works by Mr. Alma Tadema, R.A., now on view at the Grosvenor Gallery, in the shape of a picture of "Cleopatra," who is represented on board a galley, attended by a female flute player, and a negress, there being also two priests who bow their heads and kneel as they thrust before their sovereign their silver incensebearers. Apparently, the Queen has gone forth to meet Antony, whose galley with tossed oars is alongside.

In the third of his lectures on "Light and the Eye," delivered at the Royal Institution, Albemarle-street, on Saturday last before a juvenile audience, Professor Tyndall referred to the substances which had the power of drinking in the light and giving it out again, and he expressed a hope that an invention might some day be forthcoming which might be used in coal mines, and so put an end to the horrible accidents which now so often occurred through the use of lamps.

Dr. Huggins, of Tulse-hill, informed the members of the Royal Society at their last meeting that he had succeeded in photographing the solar corona with a Newtonian reflector, using violet glass. He obtained between June and the 20th September a series of twenty photographs, in all of which the characteristic rays and structure of the corona are apparent, while in the most successful plates the definition is sufficiently clear to admit of measurement and drawing from. Professor Stokes, on seeing Dr. Huggins's plates, expressed his belief that the corona had been photographed and not the glare round the sun, and this opinion has since been confirmed by comparison with the photographs of the corona obtained in Egypt during the solar eclipse in May last, there being a marked agreement between the two series as to the rifts and streamers.