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THE point we touched upon in our last, the support of the Charities by our youngest lodges, is a very serious matter. It must be quite clear to all who will think on the subject, that unless the younger lodges emulate the older bodies in their kindly sympathy and aid of the Metropolitan Institutions, a time may come when those who have borne uncomplainingly the "burden and heat of the day" for many years may fairly say, "let others take up and continue the work where we have left it." Many of our oldest lodges send up a Steward every year, one we know there is which has a Steward for all the three Charities yearly, and many of our good brethren make themselves Stewards, year by year, for one or more, some for all the Charities, for fear anything should serve to impede the progress or interfere with the acknowledged utility and benefits of these admirable institutions. Now we are not saying too much when we repeat that some of our lodges, and especially the younger ones, have never yet sent up a Steward, or remitted a farthing to any one of the Charities. It would be a most interesting statistical detail, if it were procurable, how many actually of our lodges and chapters have *not* yet done anything for the Charities. For we may assume it as a fact alike unquestionable and distinct, that if they have done little publicly for the Charities, they have done little for private lodge benevolence; if they have done nothing for our metropolitan Institutions, they have done nothing or next to nothing for home benevolence. There is another fact as regards general benevolence which we shall all do well to ponder over, a fact perfectly well known to all who have to do with charitable associations and organizations. It is this. That those who give the most never complain of giving, and those who give the least always do it grudgingly and querulously. We feel sure that our lodges only want "stirring up" to see the matter in its proper light, and we believe that the heart of Masonic charity is neither enfeebled, decayed, or quenched. We trust that our Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution festival will evince that, despite hard times and bad times, the hearts of Freemasons are still as warm, as loving, and as unselfish as ever; and that just as in the past, so in the present and the future, (God helping us), we will maintain in their full efficiency and reality those great Institutions of our Order, which loving sympathy has founded, reared, and developed, and which constitute alike a test of Masonic professions, and are in veriest certainty the pride and glory of our English Freemasonry.

SOME persons often affect to doubt the importance and to question the value of Freemasonry. Yet every day which passes over our heads surely more and more serves to attest its reality, and to develop its high significance for mankind. We live in a very desultory and disunited age. The cries of contending factions and the interests of seemingly antagonistic sections of society tend to sever man from his fellow man, and to introduce a general feeling of disquietude and discord. Freemasonry, which lives above and looks beyond, far beyond the petty controversies and passing solicitudes of the hour, ignores all these things and rejects them in her complacent and serener atmosphere, her more magnanimous outlook on society and the world. She lives entirely above them. What matter to her the "shibboleths" of angry hosts, the war cries of party passion, the ebullitions of sectarian animosities? In her peaceful philosophy, founded on Divine

morality and wisdom, she bids all combatants cease from their contest, and regard each other with mutual kindness. At her benign command the "sword" is turned into the "ploughshare," the triumphs of war are exchanged for the victories of peace, nations need no longer "rise against nation," and the arts of gentler civilization and refining culture smooth away the rugged acerbities of intestine strife and internecine struggles. It is this peculiar fact which constitutes alike the temptation, the danger, and the responsibility of Freemasonry at the present hour. A religious, a philanthropic, and a loyal association, based upon reverence to GOD, love to man, and devotion to the throne and lawful government everywhere, and above all most reverential to religion, most desirous of peace, most zealous for charity, and most obedient to law, it serves as a rallying point amid divergent and often vehemently opposing opinions, for all who revere their Maker and love their brother man. Deprecating the vehemence of party spirit, and holding itself aloof from all sectarian dissensions, it affords a shelter and a resting place for many, who, looking at the turbulent sea of human life, hear nothing and see nothing but separation, confusion, and strife. And therefore, just now, in all lands where rightly understood, and mostly so among our Anglo Saxon race, it is happily progressing, because true to its own teaching, it never ceases in season and out of season to profess and practice its sacred, its healing, and its generous principles. In some countries, unfortunately, leaving its own strait path, it has turned to the right or the left. In some regions it mixes itself up with politics, always fatal to it; in some lands it affects to deal with social questions, an equally objectionable procedure. A secret society everywhere, it has clearly no right by the constitutions of civil society, to discuss either political or social questions, and wherever it does so, it makes itself a snare to the subject and a fear to the ruler. Above all, ought Freemasonry in all times and places to keep away from public manifestations of any kind, which are not Masonic, and it should never affect to issue declarations about subjects alien to its own proper programme, because by so doing it renders itself obnoxious to authority, a seeming "fautor" often of revolution, and a laughing stock to society and the world. It ought to confine itself to its own humbler pathway of goodwill to all, of genial and particular and benevolence, while it should never pause in inculcating the genial principles of toleration and sympathy for all men. Thus and thus only will Freemasonry truly develop its proper mission, and thus and thus only will it eventually gain the goodwill of its many adversaries, while it retains the unchanging confidence of its friends, and the respect and gratitude of mankind.

THE discovery at Eleusis of an inscription alluding to the importation of the Eleusinian Mysteries into England, suggests many considerations for Masonic students to day. This is a new find and a new fact, and may be an important factor as regards the history of Freemasonry up to the present. Though it had been deemed not improbable that the Romans had introduced some Mysteries of their own into England, the general idea on the subject was very hazy indeed. Writers and students seemed to waver between the ceremonies and customs of the mysterious Colidei, or Culdees, who were assumed to come from the East, and the "aporreta" of Druidic Mysteries. But if the Mysteries of Eleusis were actually practised in England during the Roman occupation, it is impossible to say what traces of them remained, or how they became incorporated with the Guild system and Hermetic societies. As it is well known, many Masonic writers have leant to the Mysteries, have held that in some form or other accommodated or developed, traces of them are to be found in Freemasonry, and some have thought that the Druids preserved a development of them in their secret assemblies. Anyhow, here is a nice little question for the curious and the antiquary, here is a pretty "Crux" for Masonic students to study and to solve. Bro. GOULD in his recent work alludes to the Mysteries in connection with the "Compagnonage," but all seems to be tending, as we have ever held, to a form of actual English organization, though no doubt originally derived from alien sources and far off lands.

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Of this Institution will take place On WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1883, AT FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN-STREET, LONDON,

GEN. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B., P.G.W., R.W. Prov. G.M. FOR SURREY, 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.

At the Election in May next there will be 120 Candidates for Election, whilst at the present time there are only Twelve Vacancies.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BRO. ALBERT JONES.

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To Correspondents.

If "A Steward for Both this Year" will send his name his letter shall be published. The following have been received, but are not inserted owing to want of space:—G.B.A.—Charles Sackville. East Medina Lodge, No. 175. Ashton Lodge, No. 1140. Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901. Pattison Chapter, No. 913.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The New York Dispatch," "El Taller," "The Citizen," "The Hull Packet," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Transactions of the Sunday Society," "The Canadian Craftsman," "Report of the Property Defence Association," "Boletín Masonico," "The Freemason's Repository," "The Metropolitan," "The Court Circular," "The New Zealand Herald," "The Yorkshire Gazette."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 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.]

VOLUNTEERING AND FREEMASONRY. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— I did not reply to Bro. Stevens's letter in your last issue because I thought some other brother might have written upon the subject. As however no letter appeared I now with your permission will answer Bro. Stevens. He appears to have misunderstood my letter. Instead of answering my query as to whether it was strictly Masonic to wear uniform in a lodge that was in no way connected with a volunteer regiment (as mentioned by me) he gives us a long history of the Macdonald Lodge in connection with the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers. He tells us who were its first Master and Wardens, and quotes a bye-law respecting the wearing of uniform in that lodge by members of the lodge and also by visitors, who are entitled to do so; and I take it also that members of the 1st Surrey Lodge would wear their uniform if they visited the members of another lodge attached to a volunteer corp if invited as volunteers as well as Masons.

But does Bro. Stevens assert that they would be justified in wearing their uniform if visiting a lodge in no way connected with the service? I think not. My remarks apply to this case, and I again assert that any man who does so does prostitute his uniform by wearing it on an occasion when it is quite unnecessary, and as it appears merely for the sake of doing so.

I am sorry Bro. Stevens thinks I throw any slur upon the connection of the two bodies, because the aims of both are far too high for that connection to be in any way detrimental to either. Both will assist a man in the exemplary discharge of his civil duties, and I hope the connection will long continue. I think, however many of us are likely to become very much displeased, not to use a stronger term, with the way some members of what I called a semi-volunteer corps, i.e., one that is in no way part of the army, navy, militia, nor amenable to the regulations issued for the government of the volunteer force generally.—I am, dear sir, yours fraternally, DOUBTFUL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— "No military lodge shall initiate any person who does not belong to the military profession." I therefore question the validity of the bye-law of Lodge No. 1216. I am not aware, however, that it is contra to the regulations of the craft, or of the army, to appear in lodge in uniform, whether red or black.—Yours fraternally, A. M. D. Newcastle-under-Lyne, January 18th.

THE CRAFT IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,— Having just returned from two years of foreign travel I looked through the files of the Freemason for news of the brethren abroad, and finding no news of the brethren in Hungary, I think a few notes of my visit to them may be agreeable to you and your readers.

It was in Vienna that I first met any of our Hungarian fellow Craftsmen. It is known to you that Austria shares with Russia the reputation of refusing the right of free men to the Masons, who in every other land but these are noted for their loyalty. In England and Prussia the highest male members of the Royal Family belong to the Craft. In America the late President Garfield was one of its most devoted adherents. But it makes a strange impression on the foreigner that while in the country where Francis Joseph is king (Hungary) Masonry is free as in England, in the country where he is emperor (Austria) it is forbidden. In consequence, while the Austrian Masons belong to the very best men in the country, they are obliged to leave it and cross the Hungarian frontier in order to practise their ritual.

Coming to Vienna some weeks ago from the Electrical Exhibition at Munich, I had been invited to deliver a lecture on my American travels, and at a banquet at its close one of my hearers made himself known and invited me to a private meeting with some of our colleagues there, which was held in an upper room of the Vienna house of a Hungarian Freemason. I there met journalists, lawyers, members of Parliament, actors, authors, and others of high culture, of whom I had often heard in the profane world, but who are never mentioned in our papers on account of the peculiar position of Freemasonry in Austria. Their orphan asylums and charitable institutions are among the best in Austria, and they are extremely careful as to the character of those whom they admit to their fellowship. While their meetings had quite enough of the convivial element it did not, as too often in England and America, altogether exclude more serious converse, and at every meeting which I had the privilege of attending a good paper was read and discussed on some matter which if neither political or sectarian was of great social or literary interest.

I was invited to accompany them to their work in Hungary, and on the Sunday morning about 40 of us went by rail to Pressburg, which is about 90 minutes journey by the express, and is the nearest large town in Hungary. Sunday, which is not observed in Austria with the Puritanical strictness of England or Massachusetts, is the only day on which the brethren of the Craft could leave their profane occupations for the purpose.

Here we could work without interruption, and the solemn and religious feeling which pervaded the whole work in a body in which Jews, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Calvinists, and men of no church were present was peculiarly interesting to me.

At our banquet a few brethren from other Hungarian lodges joined us. The first toast was to the King of Hungary, and the orator expressed a desire that in the dominions where he rules as Emperor of Austria the Craft might also be permitted publicly to drink his health. Among later toasts was one to the Craft throughout the world, and to this the visiting brother from Chicago responded as well as the difficulties of a foreign language permitted him. He might, however, have spoken in English with little fear of being misunderstood, for I was surprised to find how large a number of the Craft spoke English well and fluently, and on several later occasions the toast to the visiting brother was spoken in English. After the banquet the Austrian brethren returned to Vienna, while I went on to Budapest. There the Craft being free from the fetters which interfere with it in Austria, I had the opportunity of visiting several meetings, both Craft and Royal Arch. It was interesting to remark the variety of languages spoken; while at one lodge German, at another Magyar was the official tongue. English, French, Magyar, German, Roumanian speeches were made at the banquets and understood by most of the hearers. Many of the leading members of the Hungarian lodges are well known in England.

Bro. General George Klapka, one who lived in exile among us, represents the Grand Orient of France and Egypt in the Scottish Grand Orient of Hungary, and the Grand Master of the Craft Lodges is Bro. Franz Pulszky, now Director of the National Museum of Hungary, who with his lamented wife Theresa Pulszky was in his years of exile an ornament to the literary world of London.

Bro. Franz Pulszky delivered two lectures while I was in Hungary, one before the English club on Italy; and the other in a German Craft Lodge on "Budapest fifty years ago." The latter interested me so much that I asked and obtained permission from the Grand Master to publish an English translation of my notes in one of our Masonic journals. I was especially gratified at the high intellectual capacity of most of the brethren whom I had the pleasure to meet; while the ritual and convivial part of the meetings left nothing to be desired, the intellectual part was far above the average, and I shall always remember with pleasure the few evenings that I spent in the Craft and Grand Orient Lodges of Hungary.—Yours fraternally, JOHN FRETWELL.

Charing Cross Hotel, January 13th.

IS HE LEGALLY AND REGULARLY ELECTED?—A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— In my letter to you of the 13th inst., and which appears in to-day's issue of the Freemason, I am made to say, no doubt through my illegible handwriting, "that he must have continued to be a subscribing member of some warranted lodge to preserve his work as a Past Warden." The sentence should have read, "to preserve his rank as a Past Warden."

I am sorry for giving you so much trouble, but if you will kindly insert this correction you will oblige yours faithfully and fraternally, JOHN GAMBLE, P.M. Lydney, January 20th.

KEEP YOUR TEMPER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— One of our great Masonic truths is the old adage with which I head my letter to you to-day. But it is an adage which is more honoured in the breach than in the observance. We all have our trials of temper to contend with. Heads of institutions, secretaries of charities, chairmen of meetings, officials in harness, members of a domestic circle, &c., &c., all have special temptations to give

way to one of the most inherent weaknesses of our common imperfect nature.

And yet how idle after all and worthless are most things for which we contend, about which we are so angry and so impatient, so hasty and so headstrong; those trifles which annoy, those difficulties which perplex, those childishnesses, which serve to move and to agitate so many of us hour by hour, amidst all the petty miseries of earthly life, and the shifting episodes, of our worldly struggles. The only one availing help and remedy for all these utter emptinesses, is that serenity of disposition which Masonic philosophy enjoins, that amiable and genial disposition which laughs down all the common troubles of public or private life, and which thus vanquishes, and thus alone vanquishes, the baser developments, (if any), of "envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness."

That, as a brother Mason, I may show that profession and practice go hand in hand, and that I mean what I say, and say what I mean, I beg to subscribe myself, yours most fraternally,
PEPPER POT.

THE ELEUSINIAN INSCRIPTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

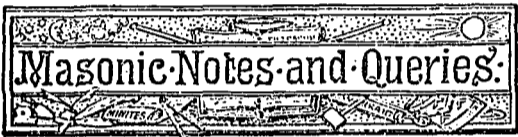
Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your impression of this week, you publish a note from "Masonic Student" anent the Eleusinian Mysteries, in which he gives a short extract from the *Times* together with a Greek inscription.

Perhaps either "Masonic Student" or some other brother will, for the benefit of those of the fraternity who are not acquainted with Greek, kindly give a translation of this inscription.—Yours fraternally,

F. WHEELHOUSE, 1237.

[We have forwarded the letter to Bro. "Masonic Student."—Ed. F.M.]



108] ECKERT.

I am much obliged to Bro. Speth for his note, the more so as I was not able when I wrote to collate the Abbe Gyr's book with Eckert's work. "Die Mysterien der Heidenkirche," published by Emil Eduard Eckert, at Schaffhausen in 1860, is apparently by the same writer. I believe that I have lent my copy of Eckert, "Freimaurer Orden," &c., to a friend, and I do not at present remember to have seen his work "Tempel Solomonis." Bro. Speth will observe that the exact dates of the alleged papal Bulls are in no way confirmed by the allegations of the quarrelsome Steinmetzen, though the fact of a papal confirmation of some kind seems possible and probable. Still I should like to see the document. It is not likely I think that Dugdale got his authority from the Steinmetzen declarations, which were private documents, as Wren's statement is clearly based on Dugdale. But the probability is that there were either papal bulls for building and restoring cathedrals, &c., or an incorporation of building fraternities with episcopal licenses, afterwards confirmed by Papal Bulls.

BOOKWORM.

109] DR. STUKELY.

As I feel strongly the value and importance of the facts as to Dr. Stukely, I hope my friend Bro. Whythead will induce Bro. Lukis to help us still further in the research.
MASONIC STUDENT.

110] A LATIN MAGAZINE.

Can any New York brother tell me if it be true that one of the colleges in or near New York is publishing an "Ephemeris" in Latin. If so, can he procure me a copy of same. Kindly direct to Editor, *Freemason*, 16, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.
BOOKWORM.

111] THE REV. DR. STUKELY'S DIARY.

I am sorry I cannot fully answer the No. 104 query of "Masonic Student," for after many years of labour with him in the wide field of Masonic research it is a real pleasure for me to afford him any information. Neither do I know of anyone who can enlighten him as to the continuity or even identity of the lodge held at the Salutation Tavern in 1721. I can however speak positively about the MS. exhibited by Grand Master Payne. If he will examine the extracts given by Bro. Whythead in the *Freemason* for April 17th, 1880, and compare the two portions with the beginning and end of the Cooke MS. (No. 2 Gould's numeration) I feel assured that he will agree with me that they are one and the same. "Masonic Student" has a copy of the MS. of 1728, evidently made from this MS. exhibited by Payne, unless we are to suppose that there were two exactly alike. I anticipate that Masonic Student will come across my reasons for such an opinion ere long, as I answered Bro. Whythead's query at the time.

W. J. HUGHAN.

112] LEWIS.

I very much regret that up to the present time but little has turned up to assist in arriving at the origin of the word "Lewis," but can assure Bro. Speth that the subject is not forgotten, and that I hope to have something to say on the matter shortly.
W. H. RYLANDS.

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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, presided. Bro. James Brett, P.G.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., occupied the Junior Vice-President's chair, in the absence of Bro. C. Atkins, who was unfortunately laid up with bronchitis. There were also present Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, Neville Green, Henry Garrod, Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Britten, William Stephens, W. H. Perryman, Thomas Cull, E. F. Storr, J. D. Collier, J. M. Klenck, H. G. Cusins, Charles Fred. Hogard, Charles Dairy, Brackstone Baker, Thomas Vincent, Reuben Pearson, Wm. Robinson, T. W. Lambert, Edward White, Wm. Wainwright, W. George Lemon, John S. Kinneer, T. Holleyman, W. F. Gardner, J. C. Haslip, Charles Searrell, Robert Martin, W. Smallpeice, Wm. C. Brown, Albert Jones, C. E. Spark, Thomas Harper, J. Peacock, Henry John, J. H. Taylor, P. McCarthy, A. Nicols, J. J. Berry, F. T. Millett, J. H. Thompson, L. Dethnees, J. H. Watts, G. Perkins, Edgar Bowyer, W. M. Stiles, Albert Percott, H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

The rules of the Fund of Benevolence were first read by Bro. Buss.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, President, informed the brethren that since the last meeting letters had been received from four brethren in the country who were then relieved thanking the lodge for the grants made. This was an unusual acknowledgment for the lodge to receive, but it was very gratifying to receive an acknowledgment. There were also two other acknowledgments, one of which was of a more formal character. It consisted of resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, signed by the Grand Master, Wardens, and Secretary, that the Grand Lodge of England be thanked for having granted assistance to an Illinois brother who when in England was in distress. It was also resolved that this vote of thanks be entered on the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Another acknowledgment came from a brother in Chicago, who wrote a letter thanking the Lodge of Benevolence for £10 granted to him 1880 to enable him to return to America; the brother also returned the £10. Bro. Nunn said that this was not the first time American brethren had gratefully acknowledged the assistance rendered by the Lodge of Benevolence, nor the first time they had returned the money given. It was exceedingly gratifying, and showed the brotherly feeling there was in the American brethren. Bro. Nunn then added that shortly there would be a meeting of Grand Lodge to settle the draft revised Constitutions. There were some of the Constitutions which he did not propose to give notice to alter, but he proposed to alter the time which a brother must have been a Mason to render him eligible for relief. He had therefore sent in a notice to the Grand Secretary that he should move that the time should be five years.

Bro. W. H. SMALLPEICE said he had given notice to Grand Secretary that he would move that the quarterages to be paid to the Fund of Benevolence for both town and country brethren should be a shilling a quarter without distinction.

The brethren then proceeded to confirm the grants recommenced at the December meeting to the amount of £180. The new list contained 28 cases, 11 of which were from the provinces, one from Jersey, one from Madras, two from Scotland, one from Jamaica, and 13 from London. There was also before the lodge a Swedish brother who was not on the list. The brethren sat till near ten o'clock, and granted a total sum of £685. Four cases were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved as follows: one £100 (£100); three £50 (150); two £40 (80); five £30 (£150); one £25 (£25); five £20 (£100); two £15 (£30); four £10 (£40); and two £5 (£10).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 25th inst., when there were present Bros. Col. Creaton in the chair, J. H. Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, Col. Peters, Arthur E. Gladwell, Robert Grey, Peter de Lande Long, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*.)

The minutes of the General Committee of the 28th December were read and verified, and the minutes of the Quarterly General Court of 13th January, House Comm. of the 18th January, and Audit Committee of the 21st of January were read for information.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the tradesmen's bills, &c., for December, amounting to the sum of £1379 14s. 5d.

There being no other business before the Committee, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A grand chess match came off in Leeds on Saturday last between 80 representatives of Yorkshire and as many from Lancashire, this being the largest number of players ever engaged in such a contest. In the result Lancashire obtained a decisive victory with 85 wins to Yorkshire's 36. Eighteen games were drawn. Mr. Blackburne, the great blindfold player and winner of the first prize at the Berlin Chess Tournament in 1881, acted as umpire.

CONSECRATION OF THE MACDONALD LODGE OF ARK MARINERS.

A new Ark Mariners Lodge was consecrated on Saturday at the Guildhall Tavern, by Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary (Mark Degree), who was assisted by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.O.

The new lodge is attached to the Macdonald Mark Lodge, No. 104. There were present Bros. N. J. Bassett, George Yaxley, William P. Collins, G. Ward Verry, W. B. Scott, Josiah Manwaring, Ferrand Davies, W. H. Bale, M. Mildred, Alexander Allan, and H. Massey (*Freemason*). Bro. N. J. Barnett was installed W.C.N. The other brethren appointed to office were Bros. Alfred Williams, J.; George Yaxley, S.; Robert Berridge, Treasurer; G. Ward Verry, Secretary; W. Johnston, S.D.; Josiah Manwaring, J.D.; M. Mildred, I.G.; and G. L. Reinhardt, Warder.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. Dewar and Poore for the ceremony of consecration.

Bros. G. Ward Verry, G. Yaxley, F. Davies, J. Manwaring, A. Allan, F. B. Scott, W. Johnston, W. H. Bale, and W. P. Collins were elevated to the Ark Mariners Degree at the commencement of the proceedings.

Bros. Dewar and Poore were elected honorary members of the lodge.

THE GRAND LODGE OF GREECE AND MR. GLADSTONE.

We have been requested by the Grand Master of Greece, Prince Rhodocánakis, to publish this communication, which we do with pleasure:—

Mr. Gladstone has written the following letter to our Most Worshipful Bro. His Imperial Highness the Prince Démétrius Rhodocánakis of Chio, in answer to an address that had been presented to him by the Grand Lodge of Greece by H.I.H., who is the Grand Master, and at the same time the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33rd for Greece, an honorary Member of those for Scotland, Ireland, America, and Italy, and one of the five Grand Crosses of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland.

"10, Downing-street, Whitehall,
"22nd December, 1882.

"Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Imperial Highness's letter and the address of congratulation with which the Grand Lodge of Greece have been so kind as to present to me. I can assure your Imperial Highness that I am most grateful for the good wishes of the Grand Lodge, and I pray you to convey to them my best thanks.—I have the honour to be, sir, your Highness's most faithful servant,

(Signed) "W. E. GLADSTONE.

"H.I.H. Prince Rhodocánakis, Athens."

New Zealand.

LAYING FOUNDATION - STONE WITH MASONIC CEREMONY.

Caversham, a suburb of Otago, presented an unusually lively appearance the on 21st October last, there being a large influx of visitors to take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the proposed new Presbyterian Church. Nearly 1000 people were present at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the ceremony, was performed with Masonic honours. The District Grand Lodge of New Zealand South, Scottish Constitution, was opened in the Caversham Town Hall, at three o'clock p.m., by the R.W. Bro. Jas. Gore, Dep. Dist. G.M., and shortly afterwards the brethren were formed into a procession, headed by the band of the Industrial School, and marched in the following order to the site of the church: Tylers, Visiting Brethren, Lodge St. Patrick, I.C.; Lodge St. John's Kilwinning, S.C.; Lodge Celtic, S.C.; Lodge of St. Andrew, S.C.; Lodge Dunedin, E.C.; Lodge Otago Kilwinning, S.C.; Lodge of Otago, E.C.; the Dist. G. Tylers; the officers of the Dist. G. Lodge of Otago and Soutland, E.C.; the architect, Bro. Cameron, with the plans; Past Masters, with vessels containing corn, wine, oil, and salt; the Dist. G. Secretaries, S.C. and E.C.; the Dist. G. Treasurer, S.C.; G. Bible Bearer, Bro. G. Calder; the Dist. G. Chaplains, E.C. and S.C., Rev. W. Ronaldson and W. Bro. Barrett; the Dist. G. Wardens, S.C., with the working tools; the G. Steward, G. Lodge of Scotland, R.W. Bro. W. Caldwell; Stewards, G. Sword Bearers, the R.W. Bro. T. S. Graham, Dist. G.M. Otago and Southland; and the R.W. Bro. J. Gore, Dep. Dist. G.M., S.C.

On reaching the site of the church, the Grand Masters and officers of the District Grand Lodge were conducted to their respective stations, and a short service took place, conducted by the Dist. G. Chap., S.C., Bro. Barrett, assisted by the choir of the Burns Statue Fund.

Bro. H. NEILL, R.W.D.G. Secretary (S.C.), next read a scroll containing a description of the circumstances under which the church had been founded, together with the names of the minister, the members of the Deacons' Court, and of the Masonic dignitaries taking part in the proceedings. This, together with the several newspapers published in Dunedin, and a collection of the current coins of the realm, was enclosed in a hermetically-sealed case, and deposited in a cavity prepared for its reception. The contractor for the building then presented the R.W. Bro. G. W. Harvey, District G.M. (S.C.), with a silver trowel, bearing an appropriate inscription, and the latter having spread the cement, the foundation-stone was duly lowered into its place, the choir singing the Masonic anthem "When earth's foundation first was laid."

The R.W.D.G. MASTER declared the stone well and truly laid, and the consecrating elements were then presented, and the R.W.D.G. Master, Bro. G. W. Harvey, sprinkled corn; the R.W. Bro. Gore poured oil; the R.W. Bro. Kerr, wine; and the R.W. Bro. Caldwell sprinkled salt upon the stone.

The Rev. Mr. FRASER then addressed the assemblage, after which the Masonic procession then formed, and returned to the Town Hall, and another short service was conducted by the Rev. R. WADELL.

Bro. W. W. Lake, of Social Lodge, No. 93, was on the 9th inst. duly installed as W.M. of his lodge.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The presentation of a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Hopwood then took place. Previously to the lodge being closed a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to W. Bro. Sanders.

The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed. W. Bro. J. Stevens responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Raymond Thrupp replied to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was cordially proposed by the I.P.M.

Bro. Walls having acknowledged the compliment then gave "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Sanders, who responded.

"The Installing Officer" came next, and was fluently replied to by Bro. Stevens.

"The Officers," acknowledged by Bro. Briggs, terminated the proceedings.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. B. Craig, S.W., P.G.I.G., as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a good muster, and with one exception all the newly-appointed officers were present for investiture. Bro. E. Clarke, W.M., P.G.I. of Works, occupied the chair, supported by the following Past Masters: Bro. R. Baxter, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Walker, P.P.G.J.D.; Jas. Harper, P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; and Geo. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec., Installing Master.

On the minutes being confirmed, Bro. Clarke presented Bro. Craig, who was duly installed and greeted according to ancient custom, and afterwards invested the following as his officers: Bro. E. Clarke, I.P.M.; D. Bell, S.W.; F. T. Allatt, J.W.; J. Routledge, M.O.; Geo. Lowden, S.O.; J. Black, J.O.; Rev. W. Thwaites, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Harper, P.M., Treas.; W. Swain, Reg. of Marks; J. Peel, Sec.; Chas. Gowan, S.D.; W. J. Harvey, J.D.; A. Crawford, D. of C.; J. Johnston, I.G.; and J. Close, P.P.G.T., Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" was then given from Lodges 151 and 213, and Bro. Dalrymple intimated that it was his intention, if approved of, to offer himself as a Steward at the next annual Grand Mark Festival, which was well received. The lodge was then duly closed, and at the invitation of the newly-installed W.M. the brethren dined and spent a very pleasant evening together.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

PORTSMOUTH.—Royal Naval Chapter (No. 9).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on the 10th inst. Bro. G. Felton Lancaster was installed as M.W.S., by Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M.W.S., and the following officers were appointed, viz.: Bro. H. Martin Green, High Prelate; E. E. Street, 1st Gen.; W. M. Marshallsay, 2nd Gen.; W. Maybourn, Grand Marshal; J. Gieve, Herald; R. J. Rastrick, Captain of Guard; H. J. Guy, Recorder; M. E. Frost, Treas.; Major F. S. Terry, D.C. The Auditor's report was read and approved, and votes of thanks passed to Bro. George Bond, as M.W.S.; H. J. Guy, as Recorder; and Mark E. Frost, as Treasurer, during the past year for their services.

The chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where the banquet was held with the usual formalities.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).—This old and distinguished encampment held a meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square, on the 12th inst., when there were present among others Sir Knights T. C. Walls, P.E.C. in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Sir Knight Alfred Williams; C. Driver, P.E.C., P.G.A.D.C., acting Prelate; W. Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; D. M. Dewar, P.C. of G., &c., Reg.; Dr. Sanders, 1st Captain; F. Driver, Expert; Graveley, C. of Lines; Glynn, 1st Std. Br.; J. H. Dodson, 2nd Std. Br.; H. J. Lardner, D.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; R. Stewart, and others. The visitors were Sir Knights Matier (Scotland); Lott, Kemeys-Tynte; and H. Dicketts, Holy Palestine.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. D. Harris, 1560, and W. J. Freer, 1560, were, by permission of the E.C., most ably installed into the Order by Sir Knight Dewar. The installation of Sir Knight Sanders, M.D., into the chair was performed by Sir Knight Charles Driver.

The officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing are as follows: Sir Knights A. Williams, Prelate; Beridge, 1st Captain; Driver, 2nd Captain; Graveley, Expert; Paas, Almoner; Dewar, Reg.; Glynn, C. of Lines; Dodson and A. Tisley, Std. Brs.; Stohwasser and Lardner, Heralds; Stewart, D.C.; and Rawles, Equerry.

The report of the Audit Committee having been read and a resolution passed as to the affixing of a tablet to the banner recently presented to the encampment by Sir Knight Williams, in order that the donor's name should be transmitted down to future members, the encampment was closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served under the genial presidency of the E.C., whose subsequent speeches were characterised by their pertinency and commendable brevity.

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

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

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PEEBLES AND SELKIRK.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Galashiels, Bro. James Wolfe Murray of Cringletie, P.G.M., presiding. The other P.G. office-bearers present were: Bro. Dr. Middleton, D.P.G.M.; James T. S. Elliot, S.P.G.M.; Captain Black, P.G.S. Warden; Robert Sanderson, P.G. Secretary; John F. Walker, P.G. Treasurer; Andrew Sword, P.G. Dir. of Cers; A. S. Lawson, P.G. Jeweller; William H. Cook, Stephen Oliver, Robert Melrose, P.G. Tyler. The following lodges were represented: Kilwinning Lodge, No. 24, Peebles; St. John, No. 32, Selkirk; St. John, No. 104, Jedburgh; St. John, No. 111, Hawick; St. John, No. 216, Stow; St. John, No. 262, Galashiels. The P.G. Lodge was opened at 3.45 by the P.G. Master, Bro. Thomas Hogg, R.W.M. No. 32, acting as P.G. Junior Warden.

The minutes of last quarterly communication and P.G. visits having been read and confirmed, the P.G. Secretary submitted a letter apologising for absence from Bro. the Rev. Alex. J. Murray, P.G. Chaplain.

The resignation of Bro. George Pott, as P.G. Junior Warden was accepted by the P.G. Master, and the P.G. Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the P.G.M. and lodge to Bro. Pott for his services during the time he had held office.

The P.G.M. intimated he had much pleasure in appointing the Rev. Bro. Workman, Chaplain of No. 216, Stow, to the vacant office, to whom a commission would be made out forthwith.

The next business was the election of non-commissioned office-bearers for the year, when the following brethren were elected, and those of them who were present were installed in their respective offices: Bro. John F. Walker, Stow, P.G. Treasurer; Thomas Hunter, Hawick, P.G. Senior Deacon; Wm. Munro, Galashiels, P.G. Junior Deacon; A. S. Lawson, Hawick, P.G. Jeweller; Andrew Green, Peebles, P.G. Bible Bearer; David Towns, Selkirk, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; James B. Mercer, Stow, P.G. Sword Bearer; Rev. John Thomson, Hawick, P.G. Bard; George Thomson, Selkirk, P.G. Dir. of Music; Andrew Smith, Selkirk, P.G. Pres. of Stewards; Wm. Hall and Wm. Waldie, Wm. H. Cook, Stow, Homer A. Milroy, Galashiels; Alex. Hodge, Peebles; and George S. Dunbar, Jedburgh, P.G. Stewards; Stephen Oliver, Galashiels, P.G. Inner Guard; and Robert Melrose, Galashiels, P.G. Tyler.

A statement of the income and expenditure of P.G. Lodge was then read, and the same remitted to the Audit Committee.

After some other matters of business were disposed of the P.G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Abbotsford Hotel, where dinner was purveyed by Bro. M'Lagan, Bro. Dr. Middleton presiding. After the cloth was removed a varied programme of toasts, songs, and addresses was given, the songs, &c., being contributed by Bro. Hogg, Cockburn, Mercer, Melrose, Wood, Workman, Hogg (Selkirk), Middleton, and others. The lodge was closed about ten o'clock.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN JONES.

The interment of the mortal remains of the late Bro. John Jones, for a long series of years connected with her Majesty's Probate Office at Bangor, took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., at Glanadda cemetery. The deceased was a member of our Order, and in length of service the second lay clerk of Bangor Cathedral. The ceremony partook of a semi-public character, and was very largely and respectfully attended. The surpliced choir of the cathedral and the Welsh parochial choir, headed by Archdeacon Evans (canon in residence), Minor Canons Foulkes, Jones, and Evans, the Rev. T. R. Walters, curate of Llandegai, and Dr. Roland Rogers, organist of the cathedral, preceded the hearse, there being amongst the cortege several brethren of St. David's Lodge, No. 384, and other lodges, wearing Masonic mourning. The St. David's Lodge was represented by Bro. M. Roberts, W.M.; John Hughes, S.W.; D. Griffith Davies, J.W.; D. Wynn Williams, P.M., Sec. and Dir. of Cers.; J. A. Wilson, I.G.; Capt. Roberts, acting S.D.; Captain Rowlands, acting J.D.; J. Jones, P.M.; R. Owen, P.M.; Robert Roberts, P.M.; E. W. Thomas, W. Rowlands, W. Edwards, J. Williams, Ellis Roberts, T. Mills, S.S.; R. P. Evans, H. P. Stubbington, Tyler; Fred. Jones, P.M. 1113; J. Ellis, P.M. 565. The large attendance of the general public testified to the respect which the deceased brother enjoyed. The service was read by the Rev. Daniel Evans, M.A., vicar of Bangor, and Canon Owen Evans. Upon the coffin were a number of beautiful wreaths sent by friends.



Mr. Harry Paulton has written a new comedy for Bro. Toole, who will shortly produce it.

Mr. Coghlan has accepted an engagement at the Haymarket on the withdrawal of "Caste."

As we anticipated last week Bro. Toole has found "Dot" in such request that it is being played for a few more nights than was at first intended.

Mdlle. Sarah Bernhardt (Madame Damala) is about to sell her valuable jewels to discharge her debts. It is probable she will not visit England this year.

Mr. Leader will open Her Majesty's with Mr. H. S. Leigh's "Voyage to the Moon" on Easter Monday, for which Miss Fanny Leslie has been engaged.

Bro. Taylor's "Fast Coach" has been withdrawn, and "Paradise Villa" now precedes "Rip Van Winkle" at the Comedy.

Bro. Clayton, owing to a domestic affliction, has been absent from the Court the last week; his place in "Comrades" has been taken by Mr. Macklin with much success.

Bro. Byron's new three act comedy for the Vaudeville is called "Open House." We only hope it will bring as great a fortune to the author and lessee as did "Our Boys."

Miss Marie Litton, we regret to say, is still very ill. A contemporary says very little hope is entertained of her recovery. Her last appearance in London was in "Moths," when she played Vera.

Bro. Edward Swanborough's wife's (Miss Fanny Hughes) farewell benefit will be taken on the 8th prox. at the Vaudeville, when a number of prominent artistes will give their services.

It is reported that two new theatres are to be erected in the West End, one under the ownership of Mr. Addison, of the Comedy. No definite particulars are yet announced.

Mr. Charles Reade's "Dora" now succeeds "Love and Money," by the same author, as the after piece at the Adelphi. In a few weeks Mr. Reade's tenancy of the theatre ceases and the Messrs. Gatti will bring out a drama by Mr. Robert Buchanan.

Bro. Sims is writing his first comic opera, and Mr. Clay is composing the music. Much interest will be attached to this. It is to be entitled "The Merry Duchess," and brought out by Miss Kate Santley at the Royalty about Easter.

Mr. Gilbert Farquhar is about to take up the stage as a profession, and will make his debut on the 31st inst. He is connected with the banking firm of Herries, Farquhar, and Co., and is well known in aristocratic circles.

Mrs. Parkes Goodtry, better known as Miss Amy Sedgwick, read a selection before the Queen and Princess Beatrice at Osborne House. The ladies and gentlemen-in-waiting and the servants of the household were invited to hear the readings.

Her Majesty's is now under the management of Mr. Farnie, Mr. Alfred Thompson having gone to Paris. We understand that there has been a general shuffling of the characters, and all for the better. We are glad to learn that Mr. Vance, to whose impersonation as a woman we took exception to in our notice of the "Yellow Dwarf," now plays a man's part.

Occasionally the second time an opera is brought out it does not take as at first, but this cannot certainly be said of "Olivette," which the Avenue has produced. It was played with enormous success at the Strand a few years ago and judging from its favourable reception has lost none of its charms. This may not be a matter of much surprise when we state that M. Marius is still the Captain de Merrimac, and Miss St. John Olivette. Bro. Ashley is the Duc des Iles, Miss Minnie Byron the Countess Bathilde, Bro. Henry Bracy Valentin, and Mr. de Lange Marvej. M. Marius we noticed was labouring at a disadvantage owing to hoarseness, but he and Bro. Ashley threw so much drollery into the opera as to cause it to go down well. Bro. Ashley of course introduced new fun, as for instance allusions to "the grand old man," the Belt case, and the Egyptian heroes. But we sadly miss Bro. Harry Cox as the foster brother. Mr. Clifton plays it in a very different style and make up from our lamented brother. Miss St. John is herself throughout; we may specially mention her duet with the Countess, her solo in the first act, and the "Torpedo and the Whale" in the last act. M. Marius has seen to the mounting of the opera and nothing is left to desire except that it may be lucrative to the house. Bro. Chas. Morton is still as from the opening of the theatre a year ago the acting and most obliging manager.

The "Comedy of Errors" is one of Shakespeare's plays which has seldom been seen on the stage; perhaps this makes it all the more attractive now it has been brought out at the Strand. We believe it was last played in London in 1864 at the Princess's. It just suits Mr. J. S. Clarke's drollery. The confusion between the twin masters and the twin Dromios excites the risible organs of the audience. The whole company was called before the curtain after the play, but the two Dromios, Messrs. J. S. Clarke and Harry Paulton, were also compelled to show themselves after each act. Mr. Clarke brings to bear upon his character his extraordinary contortions of the face and quaint humour he is so justly celebrated for. By far the loudest laughter burst forth from the audience when he gave vent in his droll way to "Master, you certainly have been married, and forgot it." His acting by itself is bound to secure a successful run of the piece. But Mr. Paulton, though very different in his Dromio, adds a lot to the fun. We thought he failed occasionally in parts where another would have succeeded, but he amply made up for this by causing amusement in other places. The Hon. Lewis Wingfield, brother of Bro. Viscount Powerscourt, has designed the dresses. "Toodles" follows, and every one should sit the whole performance out. Mr. Clarke again here brings out his wonderful comical vein. Altogether the Strand may be said to be settled for some little time to come.



His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany will install Lord Brooke as Prov. Grand Master of Essex, at Colchester on Friday, the 2nd prox., at 12 o'clock.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Knollys, the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt Wilson, Bro. F. Knollys, and Mr. Holzmann, arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Saturday last.

The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, has accepted the Vice-Presidency of the Royal Army Coffee Taverns Association.

On Monday, Ismail Pasha Ezrab visited Sir Edward Malet; and handed to him two swords of honour which have been presented by the Arab notabilities to Admiral Lord Alcester and General Bro. Lord Wolseley, as well as a case of pistols for presentation to Major-General Drury-Lowe.

The second annual Parliamentary dinner of the Brighton Debating Society took place at the Royal Pavilion, on Monday evening. There was a large attendance, among the guests present being Bros. Holland, M.P., Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and Alderman Smith, one of the Conservative candidates for the borough.

An Exhibition is proposed to be held in Cork this year, with a view of developing the industries of Ireland, and of improving the condition of the industrial classes throughout the country.

The Balloon Society of Great Britain has received intelligence from Paris to the effect that the balloon *Saladin* with the car attached, which with the ill-fated Mr. Powell, M.P., was lost about 12 months ago, has been found on the mountains of the Sierra del Piedroza, in Spain. Instructions have been sent to Paris to have what remains of the balloon forwarded to London.

The Prince and Princess of Wales received Bro. Count Nigra on Tuesday at Marlborough House, on his appointment as Italian Ambassador to the Court of St. James's.

Bro. G. J. Goschen, M.P. for Ripon, addressed his constituents in the Public Rooms in that city on Monday evening.

Bro. Lord Londesborough presided at a meeting on Monday last of the Executive Committee of the Alhambra Relief Fund, when it was resolved that there should be a treasury on Thursday for the payment of two-thirds of their accustomed earnings to all the unemployed whose salaries did not exceed two guineas per week, except musicians, stage carpenters, and property men. The receipts were reported as, in round figures, £3033, and the amount distributed £1795.

The ceremonies which were to have taken place on Thursday in honour of the silver wedding of the Imperial Crown Prince and Princess of Germany have been postponed to the 28th February, in consequence of the death of Prince Charles of Prussia. Consequently the visit of the Prince of Wales to Berlin has been deferred.

Bro. Albert Meyers was installed W.M. of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, on Thursday last at Stratford. An account of the proceedings will appear next week.

Bro. Charles Lorkein was installed W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, on Thursday evening. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House for the purpose of raising a fund towards relieving the distress caused by the late terrible conflagration at Kingston, Jamaica. His lordship stated that one-fourth of the city was destroyed, and that out of a population of 30,000 there were 7000 in distress. It was subsequently mentioned that the loss of property amounted to £650,000, of which only about £150,000 was covered by insurance. A list of subscriptions amounting to between £4300 and £4400 was announced, of which £2750 has already been forwarded to Jamaica. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for presiding.

A lady has given a donation of £500 to the Chelsea Hospital for Women, for the purpose of naming after her deceased sister one of the memorial wards in the new building, which is situated in the Fulham-road. The Princess of Wales laid the foundation stone of the new building for the hospital two and a half years since, and it will be ready for occupation in the coming spring. The same lady has given £50 for the furnishing of the ward. There are now but three out of the seventeen wards remaining to be furnished by special donations of a similar amount.

The annual ball of the Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, was held on the 12th inst. at the Town Hall, Mirfield, where the brethren of the lodge and their friends and ladies spent a very enjoyable evening, the W.M., Bro. James Barker, assisted by the rest of the Stewards, doing everything possible to promote the comfort of the brethren. Bro. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., again acted as M.C., and Bro. Bailey, of the firm of Horsfall and Bailey, of Huddersfield, presided at the piano and conducted the band. The hall was decorated under the superintendence of Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.G. Stwd., who had been particularly successful in giving a light and airy appearance to the room. The children's ball, as customary, was held on the succeeding evening.

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Bro. the Earl of Derby has appointed Mr. Reginald L. Antrobus, of the Colonial Office, to be his private secretary.

The third anniversary supper of the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction will take place on the third Monday in February, at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney.

A new Royal Arch Chapter, to be called the Norman Chapter, will be consecrated by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. Grand Superintendent, on Friday, the 2nd prox., at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.

Bro. A. Tisley, one of the founders and Secretary since its consecration, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, has been elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

An exhibition of a somewhat novel character is announced to be opened at the London Art Galleries, 23, Baker-street, Portman-square, in March next, being an Exhibition of Amateur Art by Ladies. Prizes are offered for the most artistic work. We wish Bro. Forsyth all the success he deserves in his undertaking.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, M.P., has consented to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Asylum for Idiots on the 7th March.

The Royal Asiatic Society held its first ordinary meeting this year at 22, Albemarle-street on Monday evening. Sir Bartle Frere presided. There was a large attendance, and abstracts of three papers on Oriental history and language were read by Mr. R. N. Cust, honorary secretary.

Lord Aberdare presided at a meeting in Chester Town Hall on Tuesday in connection with the proposed establishment of a University College for North Wales.

Bro. Chas. E. Sexton, of Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, was on the 16th inst. duly installed as W.M. of his lodge.

Ex. Comp. J. B. Bridgman, P.G. Stwd., was installed as M.E.Z.; G. Green, P.G. Stwd., as H.; and T. J. Mackley, as J., of the Cabell Chapter, No. 807, Norwich, on the 11th inst.

The installation meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, took place on Thursday evening, when Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M. and Secretary, was presented with a testimonial. A report of the interesting proceedings will appear next week.

M. Gustave Doré, with whose fine illustrations of the works of Dante, Ariosto, Milton, and other works the public are so well acquainted, died in Paris early on Tuesday morning, having only just completed his fifty-first year. His death will be very generally regretted, especially in the world of art.

Bro. R. P. Forge, W.M. of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, Canonbury, upon which occasion the lodge will be opened at eight o'clock sharp (instead of 8.30, the usual time), and will be closed at nine o'clock, after which the rest of the evening will be spent convivially.

Bro. H. S. Holdsworth was installed W.M. of the Fearnley Mark Lodge, No. 58, Halifax, on the 10th inst. by Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G. J.W., P.G. Stwd. Bro. C. L. Mason, D.P.G.M., P.G. Stwd., visited the lodge on that occasion, and on behalf of the brethren of the Fearnley Lodge presented Bro. W. Cooke, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., P.G.O., with a splendid gold watch as a token of their esteem and respect on his resigning the office of Secretary after 18 years' service.

In the Norfolk Province we live in the age of resuscitations. About two years since the Cabell Chapter was resuscitated, and is now one of the most flourishing chapters in the kingdom; then came the restoration of the Cabell Preceptory of Knights Templar, which seems in a fair way of success. We are now promised the resuscitation of the Walpole Mark Lodge, No. 92, and already a large number of brethren have promised their names as candidates. We wish the movement every success.

The aged and working people of Chorlton-cum-Hardy were on Saturday, the 13th inst., entertained by a few members of the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, in the large lodge room of the Chorlton Masonic Hall, when over 60 persons sat down to an excellent knife-and-fork tea. Afterwards the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Rains and a selection of music, glees, songs, and recitations was admirably rendered by members of the lodge and other friends. Before the close of the entertainment coffee, sandwiches, plum cake, and fruit were served to the aged guests, papers of tobacco and pipes to those who smoked, and a new half-crown given to each one of the age of 60 years and upwards. Short addresses were made by Bros. Butcher and W. H. Milner, and the company dispersed at half-past 10 o'clock.

At the annual meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee last Friday evening, the following motion was submitted by Bro. A. Tobias:—"That a sum not exceeding £1000 be borrowed to complete the furnishing and decorations of the Masonic Hall, on security of the lands and buildings, from the trustees of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, at 4 per cent. per annum, to be repaid in sums of not less than £150 each year." From the balance statement in connection with the hall for the past year, prepared by Bro. Tobias, hon. treasurer, it appears that the income from the rent of the 23 lodges meeting in the building amounted to £433; rent from chapters, £116; emergencies, &c., £153 10s.; club, £35; which, with cash in bank (£492) and other items, gives a total of £1324 10s. 10d. The payments amounted to £923 14s. 3d.; and there remains in the bank £389 15s. 4d., with £11 10s. 3d. in treasurer's hands.

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Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., is expected to arrive in London from the south of France on Tuesday next, the 30th inst.

The Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, now meets at Bro. Townley Porter's Grand Avenue Masonic Hall, Gracechurch-street.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge at their last meeting unanimously voted, on the motion of Bro. J. Murlis, a donation of 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the Steward's list.

The annual dinner of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction took place at the lodge rooms, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, on Tuesday last.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the Annual Ball of the Burdett Coutts Lodge on Tuesday night at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., under the patronage of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who it is hoped will be present. Full particulars are given in our advertisement columns.

The St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, now meets at the Langham Hotel on the second Wednesday in February, April, June, October, and December, and the St. Marylebone Chapter at the same place the second Wednesday in January, May, and November.

The French Ambassador will take the chair at the 15th annual dinner, to be held this (Saturday) evening at Willis's-rooms, St. James's, in aid of the funds of the French Hospital and Dispensary.

At the last ordinary meeting of the brethren of the St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, held in the Freemasons' Hall, South Shields, Bro. J. H. Thompson, W.M., read a circular from Bro. Robt. Hudson, P.G. Sec., drawing attention to the effort now being made by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, to establish a college of music. After a brief conversation the lodge voted the sum of two guineas towards the object in view. The brethren of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643, have generously subscribed six guineas to the same movement.

A select ball was given by the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, on Friday at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Louis Beck conducted a capital band, and dancing was enjoyed until an early hour. Over 200 brethren and ladies partook of an elegantly-served supper, well superintended by Bro. Dawkins.

On the 5th inst. Bro. Roberts, P.M. 209 and 742, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, and Mrs. Roberts, superintendent and matron of the West London District School, were presented by the officials of the school with an address and testimonial, upon their resignation and appointment to the situation of superintendent and matron of the Sutton District Schools. The presentation was made by Bro. Hume, P.M. 209 and 742, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, the clerk to the board of managers.

A most successful "First Ladies' Night" in connection with the Epping Forest Musical Society took place at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Saturday last, and was largely attended by an appreciative audience. The programme was varied and interesting, and the arrangements generally reflect the highest credit on those who have carried them out. Masonry seems to have identified itself very closely with all that concerns the Royal Forest Hotel. The president of the Musical Society is Bro. Alfred Buck, W.M. of the Chigwell Lodge (the well-known publisher of *Hansard*), and the vice-president is Bro. T. B. Gale of the *Licensed Victuallers' Gazette*. Amongst the list of members we also find the names of many well-known brethren. We congratulate Bro. Gordon on this and all his other efforts to increase the pleasant associations always surrounding this charming place of resort.

As a symptom of the vigorous condition of Freemasonry in York we may mention that a movement is on foot to secure the establishment of a third lodge in this ancient centre of the Craft. All over the country, in fact all over the world, Freemasonry is making extraordinary and unprecedented progress, and in York its vitality is being well exemplified. Some of the very earliest records of Freemasonry are preserved in this city, which is said traditionally to have been the birthplace of the art, and during the last and present centuries many lodges have been formed and worked in York. The present York Lodge was formed in 1777, and was then called the Union Lodge, but changed its title in 1870 to York. The Eboracum Lodge was formed in 1876. Both lodges are exceedingly prosperous, and are doing good work for the Masonic Charities. A petition for a third lodge has been recommended by both the existing lodges, and has been forwarded to head quarters. Its title, we understand, will be the *Agricola Lodge*, the Emperor *Agricola* having been a great patron of the building art during his residence here, and having contributed largely to the fame of the Roman city of Eboracum, the magnificence of whose public buildings won for it the appellation of "*Altera Roma*."—*Yorkshire Gazette*.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781, of which Bro. J. H. Pringle, S.D. 781, is the Preceptor, and Bro. C. Breden, P.M. 781, Hon. Sec., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., on Wednesday, the 31st inst. Lodge to be opened at seven o'clock prompt. Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, will preside, and will be supported by the following eminent workers: Bros. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, S.W.; G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, J.W.; and J. H. Pringle, S.D. 781, I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Kennett, S.W. 1716; Second, Bro. Ellingford, W.M. 834; Third, Bro. Loane, D. of C. 1421; Fourth, Bro. Richardson, 174; Fifth, Bro. Moss, S.D. 1275; Sixth, Bro. Stewart, 1278; and Seventh, Bro. Stephens, J.W. 1623. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Rave, P.M. 781; Second, Bro. Bull, W.S. 781; Third, Bro. Ould, W.M. 781; Fourth, Bro. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445; and Fifth, Bro. Pringle, S.D. 781. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Robinson, J.W. 781; Second, Bro. Job, P.M. 1076; and Third, Bro. Taylor, J.W. 554.

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