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A NEW and untried year is again before us. What will it bring us all Masonically or otherwise? With respect to international questions or political complications, the *Freemason* has nothing whatever to do. Such things are utterly alien from the scope, the design, the mission of Freemasonry, and whenever and wherever this most important truth is forgotten or set on one side, there Freemasonry is in great danger. It may flourish for a few years amid the glare of fireworks, the flourish of trumpets, or the ephemeral applause of apparent success; but as assuredly a NEMESIS is at hand, and losing its vantage ground and foregoing its great prestige, that body or jurisdiction, so reckless of the fundamental principles of true Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, sinks into weakness, decadence, and oblivion. A new year, therefore, has an interest for all faithful members of our Order, in that it seems to point to and augur under favouring auspices, of much good work for Masonic fraternity and Masonic charity, of a faithful carrying out, as before the world and men, of the principles we profess, of the active results we seek to develop. Freemasonry,—English Freemasonry especially, commences a new year with everything in its favour, with all that can tend to inspire hope, or gratify anticipation. United and peaceful, prosperous and progressive, loyal, and yet independent, in fidelity to its head and faithful to its own principles, it marches on in serried ranks, and in goodly outcome. Never at any time were its rightful characteristics better manifested, or more soundly upheld. Those of us who have grown old in its service, those of us who are Neophytes in its arena, may equally feel proud of our "Alma Mater," as it stands out, as far as we can see or say, without self glorification or self conceit, in many marked respects from other jurisdictions, certainly "second to none," if not "primus entre pares." The friendships we have formed, and the companionships we have created, in cheerful confidence and heartiest sociality, are still very precious to us all, and as year follows year, and we ourselves grow older with each expiring 12 months, we can rejoice more and more to remember that our willing feet once led us to the friendly portals of a Freemasons' lodge, that sympathetic hands were held out to us, that warm hearts were expanded for us, and that we have never regretted the happy and peaceful moment when we were admitted to share in Masonic trust and comradeship, goodwill, benevolence, and light.

THE passage of time has often been a favourite topic for the philosopher and poet, preacher and sage. It is a fact we cannot doubt or dispute, explain or hinder. It is alike beyond the power or control of man. Affecting in its issue or reality, it almost passes out of that range of personal knowledge, which constitutes one of the greatest elements of human power and human happiness. "Time is, time was, time will be," is still the utterance of that Mystic Oracle, which startled the worshippers in Egyptian Arcana, just as it is proclaimed by modern Hierophants to-day, as the great mystery of life passes on before our eyes, speeds in its haste, or draws to its close. If twelve months constitute, as they do, a considerable portion of the actual life of any of us, how soon are they gone, how rapidly they have passed away. It seems but yesterday we were talking of and planning for 1883, and here we are in 1884. Let us repeat the operation from the reverse, and how true is the same realization of 10, 20, 30, 40 years which have run away with some of us. The *Freemason* has yearly a tale to tell of parted hours and vanished friends. The brethren, the companions, the comrades with whom we commence a new year do not always see its close. They leave us, or we leave them. What 1884 will witness for us and for our lodges who of us can venture to say or even venture to seek to predicate? Over the future that mysterious veil is hung which serves alike for the incentive of hope and trust, faith and work. Such is our appointed lot. With this we must be content.

THE results of our charitable efforts in behalf our great Metropolitan Institutions are now before us. The whole amount to the close of 1883 is £56,110 4s. 3d., and which is divided as follows: the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has received £18,449 6s.; the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has raised £12,650 1s. 2d.; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has got together the very abnormal amount of £25,010 17s. 1d.; in all, as we said before, of £56,110 4s. 3d. By this it will be seen that the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is a long way ahead of the other Institutions. Let us mark and inwardly digest these speaking figures, better than many speeches, truer than

countless orations. There is often a wide difference between words and deeds, profession and practice, figures and facts, but English Freemasonry can claim this peculiar merit, that while its figures are real its professions are true, and its practice is in concurrence with its teaching. We often feel inclined to say, "Oh happy and wonderful Freemasons," but not believing in "gush," and having little confidence in "sentiment" we confine ourselves to expressing the hope that in 1884, as in 1883, English Freemasonry will continue to set an example to other jurisdictions, and to Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, demonstrating to the Brotherhood and mankind that it is endeavouring to act up to its great teaching and that the principles it avows, the message it proclaims are not merely the outcome of impulse or excitement, but that crown of Masonic reality, fidelity, and benevolence which so distinguishes, (no doubt amid many shortcomings), the contemporary exhibition and yearly existence of Anglican Freemasonry.

By one of those unaccountable and regrettable mistakes which will somehow occur, the name of the Marquis of LONDONDERRY is substituted for that of Viscount HOLMESDALE as presiding over the very successful festival of the Boys' School in June last. We are sincerely sorry for the mistake.

We have been favoured with the following explanation in respect of a complaint about accommodation for Past Grand Stewards at the last meeting of Grand Lodge. The room set apart for Grand Stewards is only designed for the Grand Stewards for the year, and Past Grand Stewards could not be accommodated there on account of their numbers. Past Grand Stewards can clothe and leave their "belongings" in the general room, but it is impossible to give them access to the Grand Stewards' room. Besides which, it may be remarked that Past Grand Stewards only attend Grand Lodge in virtue of their status as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens of lodges, and therefore do not sign the Grand Stewards' attendance book, but that placed in the room where the London brethren sign and clothe.

AS IN a recent issue we were complaining of the paucity of Irish Masonic news, thanks to the courtesy of a well-known brother, we are pleased to be enabled to call attention to a Masonic gathering in Cork Cathedral. We agree with our confrère the editor of the *Cork Constitution* that such an event constitutes a red-letter day for the Freemasons of Munster. To use his words, "Through the ready courtesy of the Dean and the generous compliance of the Bishop, the spacious Cathedral was placed at the service of 'the Craft,' and a magnificent demonstration was made, without any failure or drawback. The organ, the choir, the procession of the brethren in their striking and symbolic attire, the overflowing congregation, filling the sacred edifice in all parts, and leaving outside almost as many as obtained admission, were all that could be desired. Appropriate lessons were read by the Rev. W. DAUNT, of Queenstown, and the Rev. JOHN STOKOE (both members of the Masonic Order); while the sermon, at once able and eloquent, was delivered by the Rev. ROBERT WILLIAM DELACOUR, also a Freemason. Altogether the service, from beginning to end, when the LORD BISHOP pronounced the Benediction, was a splendid success. The sermon was for the most part a defence of Masonry, and effectually freed it from the foul and flippant charges which have been hurled against it." We understand that the Irish Freemasons are very anxious to raise the sum of £10,000, to give to their Boys' School a "local habitation" fitted for a school, and we trust such a praiseworthy endeavour may be ere long successful.

WE hasten to announce a fact which will give satisfaction to all our readers, and will ensure, we think, a very successful gathering for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival. It is this—that the GRAND TREASURER has kindly consented to preside on that occasion, and we feel sure that in his hands the interests of that most valuable Institution are certain to be both cordially upheld and materially benefited.

WE understand that Bro. JAMES TERRY up to date is 35 under the usual number of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival. We beg respectfully to urge upon many friends of this admirable Institution, none more needed or valuable to relieve the most trying and touching cases of simple penury, to strengthen the hands of Bro. TERRY, by joining the Board of Stewards at once.

BRO. JAMES TERRY has had very hard work in finding a Chairman, owing to various conflicting causes, and deserves great credit for the zeal and perseverance with which he has overcome all difficulties. A very distinguished nobleman was unable for several weeks to give a decided answer, which has delayed matters considerably, but Bro. TERRY has reason to hope that, as Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT has kindly consented to preside in February next, he shall be favoured once again with the hearty and effective support not only of a numerous and energetic body of Stewards, but the still more effective encouragement of a goodly gathering, and of full returns.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1883.

The past year has been a year of great success in the aggregate to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, the total amount realised from all sources being £56,110 4s. 3d., or more than £6000 above the highest total heretofore reached. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys heads the list with a total of £25,010 17s. 1d.; the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution follows with £18,449 6s.; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls brings up the rear with £12,650 1s. 2d. The individual items of which the totals are composed are as follows:

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Donations and Subscriptions	£24,039 18 5
United Grand Lodge	£150 0 0
Supreme Grand Chapter	10 10 0
Legacy (less duty)	4 14 0
Sundries	2 3 0
	167 7 6
Dividends in Stock—"General Fund"	24,207 5 1
" " " "Building Fund"	569 1 2
	234 10 0
	£25,010 17 1

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

Donations and Annual Subscriptions	£14,787 14 0
Dividends	1867 6 6
Interest	26 5 6
Grand Lodge	1600 0 0
Grand Chapter	150 0 0
Rent of Meadow	18 0 0
	£18,449 6 0

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Donations and Subscriptions	£10,656 17 9
Dividends	1260 0 0
" Sustainment Fund	264 16 10
Grand Lodge	150 0 0
" Chapter	10 10 0
Musical Money	200 0 6
Sale of Old Pianos	32 0 0
Sale of Books of Subscribers	2 10 0
Sale of Old Stores	1 17 9
Interest	56 15 10
Legacy	4 14 6
	£12,650 1 2

It will be seen from the above figures that the donations and subscriptions to the Boys' School were about £9250 more than those to the Benevolent Institution, and nearly £13,400 above the donations and subscriptions to the Girls' School. But the Boys' School's weak point is dividends, which amount to only £800, whereas the dividends for the Benevolent Institution are nearly £1900, and for the Girls' School £1500. The Benevolent Institution has an advantage in getting £1600 from Grand Lodge and £150 from Grand Chapter, as against £150 from Grand Lodge and £10 10s. from Grand Chapter to each of the two other Institutions. Nevertheless it must be confessed that the subscriptions to the Boys' School were the great feature of the past year of that Institution, and which most materially affected the Stewards' lists for the other Institutions, and will probably unfortunately do so during the present year. The attractions of the Duke of Albany as chairman for the next festival of the Boys, and the double votes, will perhaps be too dazzling to enable the brethren to see the damage that will be done to the sister Charities. We give below the totals received for the past seven years.

1882.		1879.	
Benevolent	£16,595 7 7	Benevolent	£17,781 12 10
Girls'	15,969 15 8	Boys'	13,923 4 4
Boys'	14,879 15 8	Girls'	13,025 12 1
	£47,444 18 11		£44,583 11 9
1881.		1878.	
Benevolent	£17,736 14 6	Benevolent	£14,880 2 7
Boys'	12,993 9 11	Girls'	12,866 1 8
Girls'	12,557 4 7	Boys'	12,566 0 0
	£43,294 14 0		£40,312 4 3
1880.		1877.	
Girls'	£17,787 10 11	Benevolent	£16,411 19 5
Benevolent	16,301 4 10	Boys'	14,315 9 6
Boys'	15,673 15 8	Girls'	11,900 0 0
	£49,762 11 5		£42,627 8 11
1876.			
Boys'	£15,359 5 4		
Benevolent	12,540 15 7		
Girls'	11,435 6 7		
	£39,335 7 6		

Before 1876 the amounts were comparatively low, the total for the year being some £7000 above the previous year.

The amounts voted during the year 1883 by the Lodge of Benevolence reached the total of £8675, the cases relieved numbering 334. The details are as follows:

Month.	No. of Candidates.	Amount.	Month.	No. of Candidates.	Amount.
January	24	£685	July	20	570
February	30	750	August	20	650
March	29	580	September	12	370
April	22	645	October	32	825
May	33	880	November	40	1060
June	39	885	December	33	775

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND, 1730-50.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

It is almost impossible to say exactly when a Grand Lodge was first formed in Ireland. We know there was either a *Grand* or *Provincial* Grand Lodge held for Munster in the third decade of the last century, and, according to present evidence, that body appears to antedate the records of the Grand Lodge of Ireland (Dublin) of 1729-30. It is a field of research which has had few explorers, and certainly the subject is far from exhausted. "Edward Spratt, Sec.," in his edition of the Book of Constitutions (Dublin, 1751,) is silent as to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster, and really commences his history with the election as Grand Master of James King, Lord Viscount Kingston, A.D. 1730, "the year after his lordship had with great reputation been the Grand Master of England." This issue of the Constitutions is in part a reproduction of John Pennell's Constitutions of 1730, which was a reprint mainly of the previous edition of 1723. Lord Nettirvill was appointed Deputy Grand Master on July 7th, 1731, and the Hon. William Ponsonby and D. P. Hamps on, Esq., were *elected* Grand Wardens. At the Grand Lodge on 7th December Lord Southwell, Sir Seymour Pile, Bart., and "Henry Plunket and Wentworth Harman, Esqs.," were present. On February 1st, 1731-2, Bro. John Pennell was "unanimously chosen and declared Secretary to the Grand Lodge." By desire of Lord Kingston, Lord Nettirvill was elected Grand Master on 2nd May, who, by letter, appointed Lord Kingsland to be Deputy Grand Master, the two Grand Wardens chosen being James Brennan, M.D., and Robert Nugent. On the nomination of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master was elected to the chair, and was installed on the 14th August by the retiring Grand Master. "Sir Marcus Beresford, Lord Viscount Tyrone," was made his Deputy, and Dr. Brennan and Capt. Cobbe, Grand Wardens. Lord Kingsland was re-elected for 1734, when the Senior Grand Warden was advanced to the office of Deputy Grand Master, Bros. Cobbe and Baldwin being chosen as the two Grand Wardens.

Lord Kingston, as an act of "condescension," amidst the "usual demonstrations of joy," was again installed as G.M. 24th June, 1735, the D.G.M. being continued and Bros. Baldwin and Corneille occupying the Wardens' chairs. Lord Tyrone was installed as Grand Master on 1st June, 1736; the D.G.M. was continued and Bros. Corneille and Sandford are recorded as Grand Wardens. The first mention of Treasurer occurs on July 6th 1736, when John Arabin, Esq., was chosen to that office. Lord Tyrone was re-elected for 1737, "was pleased to continue our worthy James Brennan, M.D., his Deputy; Cornelius Callaghan and John Putland, Esqrs., being chosen Wardens." The D.G.M. having died, and his lamented decease announced at the Grand Lodge, 27th December, 1737, the G.S.W. was promoted to D.G.M., the *Junior* to the *Senior* G.W., and Bro. O'Hara to the vacancy thus created. The officers installed on 24th June, 1738, were Lord Mountjoy, G.M., C. Callaghan, D.G.M., and R. Callaghan and E. Martin, Grand Wardens, Bro. T. Mills, *Genl.*, being appointed Treasurer. The only change on 16th May, 1739, was in the choice of Wardens, the G.S.W. being "willing to decline," the Brothers E. Martin and C. Annetty were respectively appointed Senior and Junior Grand Wardens accordingly. We read now of the accustomed salutes and congratulations "being received" by the Grand Officers "according to their Degrees." A new *Grand Secretary* was chosen on 30th January, 1739, in the person of Bro. John Baldwin, P.G.W., who on March 26th "appointed Bro. Richard Pindar to be his Deputy."

A change in the method of election of a Grand Master was exhibited in 1740, for the Deputy Grand Master proposed no less than three for the office, viz., "Lords Anglesey, Tullamore, and Donneraile," the Grand Lodge *unanimously* electing the last-mentioned. Lord Donneraile on 24th June, 1740, continued the Deputy Grand Master, and on his nomination Bros. Martin and Morris were "approved, declared, and saluted" as Grand Wardens. Lord Tullamore succeeded as Grand Master, and was installed on 24th June, 1741, in the presence of "Lord Mountjoy, several brethren of rank and distinction, and the Master and Wardens of thirty regular lodges." The officers were reappointed or re-elected, and on the re-election of the Grand Master they were continued on 24th June, 1742. On December 1st, Bro. Baldwin resigned as Grand Secretary, Dr. Anthony Rellban being elected on 27th December, 1742, in his place, Bro. Edward Spratt, then Master of No. 11, being approved as his Deputy. At the Grand Lodge on 24th June, 1743, Lord Southwell was installed as Grand Master, C. Callaghan again Deputy Grand Master, and E. Martin and K. Fitzgerald, Grand Wardens. E. Spratt became the Grand Secretary on the resignation of Bro. Rellban, M.D. On 4th July, 1744, Lord Allen was installed as Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master being reinstalled, and "H. Gorges, Esq., and Mr. R. Houghton," Grand Wardens. Bro. E. Martin, P.G.W., was elected Treasurer. The Grand Master was re-elected 15th May, 1745, but was not reinstalled, consequent upon his death a few days afterwards, "which deeply affected the Brotherhood." Lord Kingston was elected Grand Master "ad interim," and was also installed once more as Grand Master on 7th May, 1746, and the officers apparently continued. Sir Marquise Wyvill, Bart., was proclaimed the Grand Master on 24th June, 1747; John Rutland, Deputy Grand Master; Boyle Lennox, Grand Senior Warden; and Hans Bailie, Grand Junior Warden. The same officers were installed 24th June, 1748. At the deferred Grand Lodge—13th December—Lord Kingsborough was installed Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Senior Warden being reappointed; the Hon. K. Mackenzie, Grand Junior Warden. Prosperity now attended the Craft in many parts of Ireland beyond all precedent, and on 3rd January, 1749, the Grand Lodge decided that the new lodge, consisting of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Master, Sir M. Wyvill, Bart., the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, and others *be distinguished and known as the "Grand Master's Lodge,"* and takes precedence of all others on the roll. This distinguished Grand Lodge still exists at the head of the roll of lodges on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. On the 25th June, 1750, the Grand Master and all the officers were continued. A scheme was started for the building of Freemasons' Hall in 1750, and thankfulness to God for his mercies to the Craft concludes the account of the Grand Lodge.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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But satisfactory as was the result of this meeting, there were still obstacles to be overcome before the union was at length consummated. Bro. Hardwick, the then Grand Supt. of Works, sent in a report highly condemnatory of the site chosen, on the ground that it could not easily be drained, and Bro. Havers condemned the site as "unhealthy and altogether unfit for human habitations," and these reports would seem to have exercised some influence on the Annuity Sub-Committee, the members of which, though they did not look upon the question of site as an insuperable one, regretted they were unable at the moment to press forward their recommendation for the union. On this the Asylum Sub-Committee set to work to ascertain the accuracy or otherwise of these reports, and succeeded in obtaining a mass of evidence from residents in Croydon and the neighbourhood, as well as from the whole medical staff of the town, in favour of the site selected. It was consequently proposed that Bros. Hardwick and Daukes should appoint surveyors to draw up reports, which reports, if opposed to each other, were to be referred to an umpire whose judgment was to be final. As Bro. Hardwick refused to appoint a surveyor, the Annuity Committee ultimately obtained the services in that capacity of Bro. W. Tite, while to Bro. Pare were entrusted similar duties by the Asylum. Bro. Tite's report was satisfactory in all respects except as to the drainage, which, however, he pointed out, could be properly effected by the adoption of a plan he described. As a consequence, Bro. Hardwick's report, which the Asylum Committee had been unable to obtain a copy of, was thrown overboard. Mr. Pare's report was equally satisfactory, and as a result the Sub-Committee determined to do all they could to put an end to the differences which delayed the union, and to ask for a special meeting of the General Committee. In the meantime the progress of the building was delayed, and Mr. Patrick, the builder, wrote to the Secretary complaining of the suspension of the works, and stating he should expect to be remunerated for any loss he might sustain in the event of the building not being proceeded with at once. A question was also raised as to the power of the Sub-Committee appointed so far back as 1845 to enter into such negotiations and intercept the progress of the works which were under the control of the Building Sub-Committee, but the wise counsels of Bro. Alston prevailed, and it was agreed that Bros. Crucefix, Sangster, Wright, Faudel, Savage, and Wilson should continue their negotiations with the Annuity Sub-Committee, and subsequently that the work of building should be further suspended until the 11th June. At the Annual General Meeting on the 11th July, Bro. Crucefix, the Treasurer, was unable to be present in consequence of illness, and for the same reason the Auditors reported that they had been prevented auditing his accounts. He was re-elected Treasurer, however, with Bro. Hodgkinson as co-Treasurer, while, as regards the audit, it was agreed that the meeting at its rising should adjourn until the Treasurer's health enabled him to submit his accounts. This was subsequently done, the result being, as on all previous occasions, most satisfactory. The other officers and the Committee were elected, and it was reported that the Anniversary Festival, which had taken place on the 20th June, under the presidency of Lord Dudley C. Stuart, M.P., had turned out very productive, the exertions of the Cadogan, Universal, and Bank of England lodges being thought worthy of some special commendation. After passing the customary votes of thanks to the Chairman and the Stewards, the meeting accepted a resolution approving of the steps which had been taken to bring about the union of the two Charities, and referring the confirmation of their further proceedings to the General Committee.

We are now fast approaching the closing scenes of the Asylum as a separate Institution. No more meetings of any kind appear to have been held during the year 1849, nor is it till the 16th January, 1850, that the thread of our story is resumed. On that day the Quarterly Meeting took place, and the Building Committee submitted a report of their proceedings which was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. So much of it as relates to the difficulties they experienced at the commencement of their labours owing to the unfavourable reports circulated as to the unhealthiness of the site chosen and the improbability of draining it properly has already been set forth, as likewise has the triumphant disposal of all such allegations. It is unnecessary, therefore, to say more than that under the auspices of this Committee, the work of erecting the Asylum had been carried forward satisfactorily, and that, when this meeting was held, they were able to announce that the north wing and centre building were nearly completed and that it was hoped the dwellings would shortly be ready for occupation; that an effectual system of drainage had been carried out; and that a sum of £2000 had been paid on account to the builder, Mr. Patrick. On this it was moved by Bro. John Hervey and unanimously agreed "That the objections raised by the Sub-Committee of the Annuity Fund to an amalgamation with the Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, viz., the drainage, being now removed, the Sub-Committee of the latter Charity be requested to communicate with that of the former and take such other steps as may be deemed necessary for carrying the amalgamation into effect." These proceedings were confirmed at a Special Meeting on the 2nd February. At a second Special Meeting on the 27th of the same month, after the Auditors' statement respecting the Treasurer's account for the latter half of the year, 1849, had been submitted and adopted, a report of the General Committee was brought before those present and, on motion duly made and seconded, it was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The principal feature of this report, indeed, the only portion of it which need be specified, are the references, both direct and indirect, to the late Treasurer of the Asylum, Bro. Crucefix, whose death had occurred since the Quarterly Meeting in January, and his constant labours in behalf of the Institution. Thus at the outset and before directing attention to any other subject, the Committee observe "It is with emotions of the deepest sorrow that your Committee have to announce the demise of your late much esteemed and respected Treasurer, Bro. Crucefix, the benevolent founder of this Charity, a loss which will be deeply deplored not only by the Governors and Subscribers at large, but by an extended circle of Masonic friends, who knew and could appreciate the many virtues which adorned his life and character. By his death your Committee feel that this Institution loses a patron and supporter whose place will not be easily supplied. They trust, however, that this melancholy event will furnish an incentive to increased exertion amongst its zealous and tried friends, and that in addition to their devotion to its cause will be superadded a desire to emulate his unceasing

energy." And again, in concluding their observations, the General Committee, after stating that the funds of the Asylum do not appear as prosperous as might have been desired and expressing their conviction that all, however will go well and that it will not be long before the Institution takes its appointed place among the other Charities of the country, go on to justify this conviction in the following terms: "But whence it may be asked are derived these sanguine and pleasing anticipations? To this query your Committee would answer, from the history of the Charity itself, a source sufficient to justify hopes and expectations far beyond any in which they have ventured to indulge. The history of this Charity in every phase of its varied and chequered career, amidst all its struggles with opposition and prejudice, shows most brightly and vividly the virtue of steady perseverance. This one great attribute in the character of its late benevolent founder sustained and cheered him through the trying period of its greatest depression, provided him with a remedy for every exigence, and enabled him to avert every threatened danger, till at length prejudice began to fade, and opposition to grow weary, the 'wisdom, strength, and beauty' of its cause became patent to the minds of the Fraternity, and now, after a protracted struggle of nearly 15 years' duration, which nothing less than the most indomitable energy and determination would have sustained, your Committee have the proud satisfaction of believing that throughout the entire Craft there exists an unanimous feeling in its favour, and that hands and heads will not be wanting to complete the noble structure, which will at once be the best monument to him whose philanthropy designed it, and the happy resting-place of the 'Worthy Aged and Decayed Freemason.'" A handsomer tribute of respect to the memory of a brother in all respects so worthy it is difficult to conceive, and it is not surprising that, as soon as provision had been made for filling his vacancy by the election of Bro. John Hodgkinson as Treasurer, it should have been unanimously resolved "That, as a mark of respect due to the memory of the late Treasurer, it is desirable to erect a tablet or monument to his honour in some conspicuous part of the Asylum, and that the General Meeting do authorise the erection of such tablet or monument, and request the Building Committee to carry the same into effect in such manner as they may determine upon." The following resolution was also passed, namely, "That this meeting having heard with feelings of deep regret of the demise of their late much-esteemed and highly-respected Treasurer, Robert Thomas Crucefix, Esq., M.D., the benevolent founder of this Charity, do publicly record the expression of their warmest admiration for the talents and philanthropy which distinguished his public career, their love for the many virtues which adorned his private life, their respect and veneration for his public memory, and their grateful recollection of the untiring energy and perseverance he displayed in advancing the best interests of this Institution."

In May the amalgamation of the two Charities was effected, the following being the terms, which were submitted to, and approved by, the Committee and general body of Governors and Subscribers to the Asylum, and embodied in the scheme of the union:

1. That the united Charities be called "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows."
2. That each Institution retains its own Trustees.
3. The present Asylum Fund and any other sums which may be subscribed for that specific purpose shall be appropriated to building and repairing the Asylum, until the present building is completed, and a further sum of £1000 accumulated for the purpose of its sustentation.
4. An Annual Festival be held for the benefit of "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows."
5. The receipts of the Asylum Festival on the 19th June, 1850, shall be appropriated to the Building Fund.
6. At all future Festivals, until the above-mentioned sum is completed, the subscription list shall be prepared in such a form as to give the option of subscribing to the General Fund of the Institution or the Building Fund.
7. That when the Asylum is in a state to receive inmates the option of occupying it shall be given to the Annuitants in the order of their seniority.
8. That if a number of Annuitants, sufficient to occupy the Asylum, do not avail themselves of the above option, the Committee be empowered to offer a similar option to the unsuccessful candidates who shall respectively have polled the largest number of votes at the last election of Annuitants.
9. In the event of the building not being filled by the two classes above-named, the Committee shall be empowered to offer a similar option to the Female Annuitants on the proposed Widows' Fund, in the order of their seniority.
10. That, in case of any Annuitant accepting an apartment in the Asylum, the Committee shall have power to reduce his or her annuity.
11. That, with reference to the 32nd Rule of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund and to the rule of the Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons, all donors to the fund of either Institution shall be entitled to the privilege of a Life Governor for every £5 subscribed by each of them; for £10 to four votes, and so on in proportion according to the amount of their respective subscriptions as shown by the books of the two Charities.
12. The above law is applicable to all Lodges and Chapters.
13. The privilege of brethren who have served the office of Steward to a Festival, and at the same time subscribed £10, shall be preserved.
14. All annual subscribers to both Charities shall be considered subscribers to the united Institution, with one vote for every 5s. subscribed.
15. All brethren qualified to be Vice-Presidents of either Charity shall be Vice-Presidents of the united Institution and members of the Committee of Management, and shall be placed on the list in rotation, according to the dates when they respectively became Vice-Presidents.
16. That the Building Committee shall have the control of all funds submitted for building, and of the works until the Asylum is completed. And that such Committee shall then cease and determine after having provided for the remuneration of their officers.
17. There shall be but one President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Collector for the United Institution, the President and Treasurer to be the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer for the time being.
18. That the Right Hon. Lord Southampton, as President of the Asylum, shall hold the honorary title of Past President of the Institution.
19. All books, papers, and documents of both Charities to become the property of the officers and Committee of the United Institution when duly constituted.
20. That in every case not specially provided for the rules of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund shall be the rules of the United Institution.

It remains for us to add that the Annual Festival was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 19th June aforesaid. It was to have been designated the Fifteenth Anniversary Festival of the Asylum for Worthy Aged and Decayed Freemasons; but the title was subsequently altered to that of "Inaugural Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows." The chair would have been taken by the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., but unforeseen circumstances intervened at the last moment, and his lordship had to content himself with sending a handsome donation, his place being taken by R.W. Bro. W. Tucker, Prov. G. Master for Dorsetshire. The gathering was numerous, and as a result there was a liberal subscription list amounting to upwards of £700, which, seeing that only about one-half of the liabilities incurred in respect of building had been satisfied, must be looked upon as a welcome addition to the funds at the disposal of the Building Committee, as well as a most satisfactory conclusion to this section of our story.

(To be continued).

TESTIMONIAL TO BROTHER W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY, 5, 1884.

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.]

A GREAT MISTAKE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I am extremely sorry that by an almost inexplicable mistake I wrote the Marquess of Londonderry for Viscount Holmesdale in what I said in leaderette No. 2 in the *Freemason* last week. I sincerely apologise for the trouble I have given you. I equally regret the involuntary injustice rendered to a distinguished province and its noble and energetic head, whose zeal for Masonry, as well as his ability and amiability, are equally conspicuous.—I am, dear sir and brother, fraternally yours,
THE WRITER OF THE LEADERETTE.

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You will, I am sure, in common with a large number of brethren who admire the talents and appreciate the worth of Bro. Hughan, be glad to learn that I have received an anonymous subscription of £50 towards the presentation fund, as will be seen by the list of subscriptions published in another column.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,
GEORGE KENNING,
January 3rd. Treasurer.

PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I most heartily endorse every word in the letter inserted in your last issue signed "Justice." The giving of honours as at present is most unsatisfactory, and indeed, very unjust to a large number of most deserving brethren who are left out year after year to make room for Liverpool brethren. I know for a fact that a spirit of indignation is created whenever these honours are given out and if such continues the cry of "divide the province" will spread more and more. This matter I am afraid never comes under the notice of our very popular R.W. Prov. Grand Master, but it is high time it should do if the loyalty of the province is to be maintained. The honours most certainly ought to be offered to the lodge and not to any individual member whom the Prov. Grand Secretary thinks proper to select.—Yours fraternally,
AN OLD PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have noticed in your impression of December 29th last a letter from "Justice" complaining of the manner in which provincial grand honours are dispensed in this province. I do not intend entering upon a moral discussion of this subject, but merely to point out a few inaccuracies which if correctly considered, throw a different light upon "Justice's" complaint. He states 31 out of 81 lodges in this province are in Liverpool. There are 38 lodges that may be properly classed as in the Liverpool district, as the lodges in Garston, Bootle, Kirkdale, West Derby, and Tue Brook, have always been considered Liverpool lodges, for the reason that all of them are only a short omnibus ride from the centre of the city and are composed mainly of brethren who are residents of Liverpool, thus reducing the number of those out of the Liverpool district. Now I take it, as Liverpool is the centre of the Province of West Lancashire (Masonically), it is only proper for the expedition of the Masonic business of the province that both Secretary and Treasurer should be residents of Liverpool or the neighbourhood, thus in my opinion reducing the honour in favour of the country. The remaining offices (not counting D.P.G.M.) at the disposal of our extremely and deservedly popular Prov. G.M. being 21, this year these have been divided thus: Liverpool—S.W., Chap., S.D., J.D., D.D.C., A.D.C., Org., Purst., 3 Stewards, total 11; Country—J.W., Reg., S.D., J.Ds., S. of W., D.C., S.B., 3 Stewards, total 10. But last year the division was as follows: Liverpool—J.W., Reg., 2 S.Ds., Org., 3 Stewards, total 8; Country—S.W., Chap., 2 J.Ds., S. of W., D.C., D.D.C., A.D.C., S.B., Purst., 3 Stewards, total 13, thus giving for two years Liverpool 19, Country 23, a fair division taking the number of lodges into consideration.

But the main point I wish to call the attention of "Justice" to is that although the number of lodges in the country are more numerous than in Liverpool, yet the amount contributed towards the maintenance of the province is very much in favour of Liverpool, for according to the last balance sheet 38 Liverpool lodges contributed £384, whilst the 43 country ones paid only £230, thus showing that Liverpool should certainly have the preference of honours in consideration of paying over 50 per cent. more than their neighbours in the country. This no doubt will have a great weight (as it should have) in the disposition of the offices—at all times a difficult subject.

That the selection of officers ever has been and no doubt ever will be objectionable to many brethren, goes without saying—especially in a very large province—it is so in all societies. A thinks he is as good as B (and a great deal better), thus whatever services B may have rendered to the Craft and receive honours accordingly, he will still be the bugbear in the eyes of A. As to bestowing the honours on the lodge and allowing the members to decide who is to be the fortunate one, is entirely out of the question, as it would be a case of the Kilkenny cats over again, and cause more dissension than could be eradicated in years. It has always been the prerogative of the R.W.P.G.M. to appoint his own officers, and until Grand Lodge causes or sanctions a revision of this, I think the usual system will be constantly carried out. I am sure if any brother has rendered services to the province in particular and Masonry in general, he will not be long overlooked, whether he be in Liverpool or out of it, but brethren cannot expect, in so large a Province as West Lancashire, where there are so many enthusiastic Masons, to receive honours merely for correctly adhering to the ritual during their term of Mastership. Let them deserve honours, and it will come to them no doubt in due course.—Yours fraternally,
LIVERPUDIlian.

OUR SUMMARY FOR 1883.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your leaderette alluding to ceremonies performed during the past year you omit to mention the laying the foundation-stone of the New Sunday Schools here, by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire. Bro. Lawson, P.P.G.D. Derbyshire, second time W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, No. 1235, was on the occasion of his silver wedding presented with a massive silver loving cup and an address by the brethren of his lodge.—Believe me, yours fraternally,
E. C. MILLIGAN, P.M., P.P.G.D.
Buxton, Derbyshire.

HAVERSTOCK WORKING ORPHAN SCHOOL.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Can any brother kindly let me have some votes of this useful Institution?
By so doing he will greatly oblige.—Fraternally yours,
A. F. A. WOODFORD,
25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde-park, W.,
December 31st.



THE MAGAZINES.

The magazines are here for the first time in 1884 in great vivacity and striking form. We have hardly ever seen a more remarkable number than that of "The Century," remarkable, most remarkable, in its literary power and artistic excellency. We can specially commend "Edinboro' Old Town," "Log of an Ocean Studio," "Toru Dutt," "The Forty Immortals," "Husbandry in Colony Times," "General Sherman," "The Bread Winners," "Dr. Sevier." The portrait of General Sherman, one of the most remarkable men educated from the American Civil War, will have an interest for many of our readers.

"The English Illustrated Magazine" is clearly improving, though it is yet a long way behind "The Century." It is, however, a most interesting and effective magazine. "Dartmoor and the Walkham," "The Pianoforte and its Precursors," "The Emperor and his Marshal," "Matthew Arnold," "Rivers and River Gorges," &c., are all very readable, and most artistically illustrated articles. "The Armourers' Prentices" are progressing, though, as we said before, we cannot affect to understand why the tale is not illustrated, the more so, as it lends itself so thoroughly to the learner's art.

"Longman's" is again here with "Jack's Courtship," and contains some good average articles, but none out of the common way or order. Mrs. Oliphant begins a new story called "Madam."

"Templar Bar."—"Belinda" ends sensationally this month, and we fear hardly with strict propriety or old-fashioned ideas of morality in the abstract or concrete. However, times change and we change with them. What suited our fathers does not sometimes suit us, though we are among those who believe that there is an unchanging importance and reality in the "eternal fitness of things." The rest of "Temple Bar" is taken up with Temple Barish stories. The account of Thalberg is very interesting.

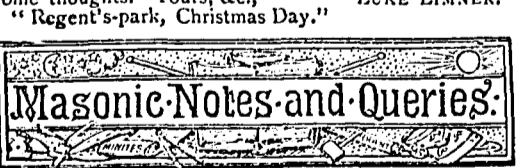
"All the Year Round" abounds in readable articles, and its Christmas number has much to interest and amuse. "A Glorious Fortune," by W. Besant, is a downright good story, and "What Was He?" is most weird and moving. Let none read it whose nerves are overstrung or weak, and let us recommend a cooling and upholding "Lemon Squash," which our "Mashers" affect so much, so that it be read with a cool head and calm digestion. "Jennifer" is moving on. Poor Jennifer, she learns what too many women learn, what a mistake they have made. "A Drawn Game" will have attractions for many.

"The Antiquary" is, as usual, very "antiquarian," and the "Bibliographer" full of special information.

As we put down our pen to-day there comes over us unavoidably the same idea which we have often sought to pourtray in this column,—the very serious amount of serial reading we have perforce to accept and assimilate, and the grave question which surges up and supervenes, as the French put it, "a quoi bon" the whole of it?

NEW YEAR CARDS, &c.

Like Christmas, the new year, after the French "Etrennes" and the Roman Strenua, is equally celebrated by cards, &c. It is curious to realize, as we remarked last week, that Christmas and New Year cards are ever within legal memory. The letter which follows and which appeared in the *Times* of the 27th ult., settles this question decisively, and gives us interesting information on the subject:—"Sir,—The writer of your article upon the origin of these missives is hardly explicit enough. Occasional cards of a purely private character have been done years ago, but the Christmas card pure and simple is the growth of our town and our time. It began in the year 1862, the first attempts being the size of the ordinary gentleman's address card, on which were simply put "A Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year;" after that there came to be added robins and holly branches, embossed figures, and landscapes. Having made the original designs for these, I have the originals before me now. They were produced by Goodall and Son. Seeing a growing want and the great sale obtained abroad by the small religious prints or images, this house produced (1868) a "Little Red Riding Hood," a hermit and his cell, and many other subjects in which snow and the robin played a part. At first these were printed in Germany, and sold at very high prices. For a long time the source of their production was unknown. In this country, possibly, Messrs. Marcus Ward, of Belfast, became the first producers, printing their own, being followed by De la Rue, Spottiswoode, and others. Foreign competition has now largely entered the field, and we should estimate that more than one-half of those disposed of are printed abroad. Most of the subjects are by English artists, they being the best able to depict home scenes and one thoughts.—Yours, &c., "LUKE LIMNER."



278] FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. PAUL'S.

Is it quite clear that we have as yet got the true history of this event? In the *Parentalia* it is, as far as I remember, simply said at page 292 "the first stone of this Basilica was laid in the year 1675." In Longman's work, reference is made to this preface in the *Parentalia*, but it has occurred to me that most writers have made a confusion between the first stone and the last stone, laid in 1710.

"Come now," the Master Builder cried,
"The many years of work are done,
Flaunt forth the flag and crown with pride,
The Glory of the Coping-Stone."

ANTIQUITY.

279] SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

I made a little mistake I find as regards the evidence of the *Parentalia* to Wren's Grand Mastership. Such reference is made by Elmes. All that the *Parentalia* alludes to is the existence of the Freemasons as a body and as of Italian origin, and also we have in the *Parentalia* a

distinct reference to the Freemasons as an organization of working Masons in the fragment of a paper by Sir Christopher Wren himself. Dugdale is in all probability (as is somewhere said), the authority for the original statement of Sir Christopher Wren.

280] DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Was Dr. Johnson, the lexicographer, a Freemason? In the Chandos edition of "Boswell's Life of Johnson," page 391, under A.D. 1780, I find this passage: "Mr. Langton and Dr. Johnson having gone to see a Freemason's funeral procession when they were at Rochester, and some solemn music being played," &c. We know that Boswell was an enthusiastic Mason, and I think this is the explanation of the remarkable interest taken by Johnson in the case of Dr. Dodd, viz., that Boswell requested him to do so.

ROB MORRIS.

281] THE ROYAL LODGE (EXTINCT) CHESTER.

I observe Bro. Hughan's note regarding the appointment of the first Prov. Grand Master for Chester and the county. Judging from the minutes, which Bro. Hughan has seen, the jurisdiction did not seem to extend beyond the city. There is no record, at any rate, of any lodge outside the walls communicating at Provincial Grand Lodge meetings. I should think the probabilities are that Bro. Newton was elected Prov. Grand Master and acted as such, with the consent of the Chester lodges, for the period named in the records, and that no patent was issued to him. If we remember the loose way in which Masonic business was transacted in those days, and the difficulties of communication, I do not think we need feel any surprise.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards took place on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Among the brethren present were Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Wm. Clarke, P.G.P.; William Stephens, A.G.P.; Horace B. Marshall, W.M. Brixton Lodge; Chas. S. Lane, P.P.G.D. Durham; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx., 1657; H. E. Dehane, P.P.G.D. Middx.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; E. E. Barratt Kidder, I.P.M. 12; H. H. Wells, W.M. 1671; S. Richardson, Chas. Volkman, Chas. Challen, R. J. Taylor, W.M. 1922; G. S. Brandon, G. P. Festa, P.M. 1920; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; Moreton Graham, W.M. 975; C. W. Reynolds, P.M. 1479; E. W. E. Wilde; H. Faija, P.M. 1540; John Hallett, I.G. 5; Chas. E. Keyser; S. Nowakowski, P.M. 534; Richard Barham; and F. A. White, P.M. 1437.

Bro. Terry announced that Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, would preside at the Festival on the 26th prox. Bro. H. B. Marshall was elected President of the Board of Stewards and all Vice-Patrons and present and past Grand Officers, Vice-Presidents of the same. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. James Terry, Sec. The Stewards fee was fixed at £2 2s.; brethren's tickets at £1 1s.; and ladies tickets at 10s. 6d. Messrs. Spiers and Pond's tender for the dinner at Freemasons' Tavern was accepted, and the following were appointed a Musical Committee: Bros. Horace B. Marshall, Edgar Bowyer, C. E. Matier, Chas. Challen, Wm. Clarke, Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Festa, R. Barham, and R. J. Taylor.

The Committee adjourned to Friday, February 15th.

Obituary.

BRO. EDWARD BARTLETT GRABHAM, P.P.G.S.W. MIDDLESEX.

With the close of the year, there passed from amongst us a well-known brother whose Masonic attainments and ardent exertions in aid of our Charities will cause his name to be long remembered by those with whom he was associated in the work of Masonry. Bro. Grabham was initiated in the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, in December, 1871, and passed the chair in 1876. He was a founder and the first Master of the Felix Lodge, No. 1494, and filled the chair a second time in 1878. In recognition of his services as Master and Secretary, the members of the Felix Lodge presented him with a handsome gold watch. For many years he discharged the duties of Preceptor in the City Masonic Club, his great delight having been to give encouragement to his younger brethren, and where his patience and urbanity won for him the esteem and regard of all its members. He was a P.Z. of the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, and for some years he acted as its Scribe E. He was also P.M.W.S. of the Invicta Chapter Rose Croix, No. 10. He was a Life Governor of all our Charities, and had served as Steward on many occasions. The Provincial rank of G.S.W. of Middlesex was conferred upon him in 1875. On the 21st ult., at the age of 42 years, he succumbed to the disease which had prostrated him for many months. He was interred at the Abney Park Cemetery on the 27th ult., surrounded by a numerous concourse of sorrowing friends and brethren, desirous of paying a last sad tribute of respect to departed merit. The funeral service was most impressively rendered by the Rev. H. C. J. Bevan.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

HALLORAN.—On the 30th ult., at Plas-y-n-penrhyn, Penrhyn-draeth, N. Wales, the wife of J. A. Halloran, B.A., vicar of Bolton-le-Clay, Lincolnshire, of a daughter.

RASSAM.—On the 31st ult., at Spring Grove, Isleworth, the wife of H. Rassam, Esq., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GOOCH—BUNNY.—On the 27th ult., at the parish church, Newbury, the Rev. W. H. Gooch, Vicar of Royton, to Edith, daughter of J. Bunney, Esq., M.D., of Newbury.

DEATHS.

GRABHAM.—On the 21st ult., at Stoke Newington, Bro. Edward Bartlett Grabham, P.M. No. 19, aged 42.

MILLS.—On the 30th inst., at Cambridge-terrace, Hyde-park, J. Mills, Esq., aged 66.

MASONIC BAZAAR AT SALFORD.

On Tuesday morning, the 18th ult., Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, the R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, opened a grand bazaar in the Town Hall, the object of which was to meet the sum of £400 for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the reconstructing and furnishing of the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi-street. Originally the three lodges, St. John's, the Harmony, and the Newall, which have been established in this borough, assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square. After holding the meetings here for some time, it was found that the accommodation was of too limited a character, and about five years ago the brethren took the building in Adelphi-street, which is now used as the Freemasons' Hall, on a lease for 21 years. The house was thoroughly reconstructed and adapted to meet the requirements of the brethren for the sum mentioned above. A few weeks ago it was determined to hold a bazaar to obtain the money, and with that object in view a committee was formed, with Bro. Thomas Southern, P.M. Harmony Lodge, as Chairman, and Bro. Alfred H. Allen, as Secretary. An appeal was made to the lady friends of the brethren, and the result was a most generous response. There were three stalls representing the lodges, every one of which was heavily laden with a choice assortment of useful and ornamental articles. The large hall in which the bazaar was held, was very tastefully decorated and presented a very handsome appearance, and the stalls were all prettily set out with Masonic emblems and flags. The whole of the arrangements were most admirably carried out. The bazaar was under the patronage of the following brethren: Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; George Mellor, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; Capt. Clements R. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.W., P.P.G.W.; Richard Husband, J.P., ex-Mayor of Salford; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Mason, Prov. G.S.W.; Charles Heywood, Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. E. H. Thomas, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; Councillor J. J. Meakin, Prov. G.S.D.; Samuel Porritt, Prov. G.D.C.; Joseph L. Fine, P.P.G.W.; J. H. P. Leresche, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Dr. Peter Royle, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. H. Shillito, P.P.G.D. of C.; Councillor R. Hankinson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Benjamin Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Ellis Jones, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Alderman W. Robinson, P.M.; Alderman Jenkins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Councillor John Roberts, P.M., P.G. Deputy D. of C.; Councillor B. Toulson, P.M., Councillor P. Keevney; Councillor Henry Lord, W.M.; Daniel Asquith, P.M.; and John Barker, P.M. The following ladies presided at the stalls: No. 7, St. John's Lodge, Mrs. Lord, Miss Williams, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Armstrong, Miss Moore, Mrs. Ollier, Miss Unsworth, and Mrs. W. Brown, jun. No. 2, the Harmony Lodge, Mrs. Ollier, Miss Ollier, Miss Preston, Mrs. J. Southern, Miss Ashton, Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. J. H. Clarke, Miss Hall, and Mrs. Holder. No. 3, the Newall stall, Mrs. J. B. Stansfield, Mrs. E. G. Stansfield, and Miss A. B. Stansfield. Refreshment stall, Mrs. Canavan, Mrs. Penwarden, Miss Greatorex, Miss Illingworth, Miss Nowell, Miss Ada Hall, and Miss Ancell. At the opening ceremony which was fairly well attended, Bro. Thomas Southern, P.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Charles Heywood, J. H. Shillito, S. Statham, F. Armstrong, E. Williams, A. H. Allen, W. Ollier, Henry Holder, Henry Lord, W. H. Malkin, and Henry Mainwaring.

Bro. SOUTHERN, addressing the company as "ladies and brethren," said he had great pleasure in introducing to them their Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, who had kindly consented to open the bazaar. They would be all very pleased to see him upon that occasion, more especially under the circumstances which had brought them together.

Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, who was received with applause, assured the ladies and brethren that it was very gratifying to him to be so intimately associated with an Order, composed of men who held such high and respectable positions, not only as Freemasons, but in their relative positions in life, who were so full of the cause of charity, and were trying to enhance the welfare of society. As Freemasons they naturally wished that their Order should be highly esteemed and regarded, but in order to receive that they must perform a duty themselves, which was to show to the outer world that they were worthy of their support and kindness, and were performing the duties which they held ought to be performed by them as a society. In these days of universal knowledge, when transit was so easy, and when the ends of the world, either by the electric telegraph or otherwise, were connected with one centre, by means of which information was disseminated, most institutions must either rise or fall. It was impossible for them to remain in one morbid state. They as Masons claimed that they had made rapid strides, which were for the benefit of their Order, and also for society generally. It was only last Saturday that their illustrious prince was exalted to another Degree in their Order, and they looked with great pleasure and no small interest to the fact that to him the future destinies of this great country would one day be consigned. He was very much taken up with the advancement of their Order, knowing full well that if they carried out their principles they would be better men at home, better relations and citizens, and more charitably disposed. It gave him great pleasure to see that the exertions of the brethren in endeavouring to clear off the debt had not been damped. He was thoroughly satisfied with the house; he congratulated the brethren on their having obtained so suitable a place for the celebration of their rites and ceremonies. He trusted that their friends would be charitably disposed, and come forward to remunerate the ladies for the beautiful articles they had made. He was certain that if they did so the debt would soon be wiped off, and the society benefited through it. He now declared the bazaar open, and he wished it every and very hearty success. (Applause.)

Bro. LORD said he thought it would scarcely be Mason-like if they separated without expressing their thanks to Bro. Col. Starkie, who had travelled from the other side of Lancaster to attend the bazaar, and his presence that morning was a sure augury of its success. They were at all times pleased to see him, and they wished to express to him their deep sense of gratitude for his sincere interest he always showed in Freemasonry. He had great pleasure in proposing that the best thanks of the assembly be given to Col. Starkie.

Bro. OLLIER seconded the motion, which was carried amid enthusiasm.

Bro. Col. STARKIE, in responding, said he was much obliged to them, but as he thought the credit was mostly due to the ladies, he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to them.

The motion was cordially received, and the business of the bazaar then commenced.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. AND MRS. E. DAWKINS.

On Saturday evening last a handsome presentation was made to Bro. and Mrs. Dawkins at the Horse Shoe Hotel, Tottenham Court-road. The presentation consisted of a valuable tea and coffee service and salver, and an elegantly illuminated vellum, framed and glazed, recording the object of the gift. This was signed by the subscribers to the testimonial, who were some of the most frequent visitors of Freemasons' Tavern (of which Bro. Dawkins has been the manager for several years), and the staff of the Tavern. It was as a testimony of their appreciation of Bro. Dawkins' urbanity and kindness in all his relations with these signatories, and further as a wedding gift to Bro. and Mrs. Dawkins, that the presentation was made. A very nice little dinner preceded the formal ceremony of presentation. Bro. A. J. Muir presided, having Bro. Dawkins on his immediate right, and Mrs. Dawkins on his immediate left. Bro. Palmer took one vice-chair, and Bro. Morley the other. About 30 ladies and gentlemen sat down to the dinner. In making the presentation, Bro. A. J. Muir said it had been his privilege to work with Bro. Dawkins for seven years, an apprenticeship during which full opportunity was afforded to find out a man's character. Some of those present had known Bro. Dawkins longer, and they could confirm the truth of what he said that it had never fallen to his lot to meet with such uniform kindness and courteous consideration for the feelings of others as he had witnessed in Bro. Dawkins. Bro. Dawkins had given 14 or 15 of the best years of his life to the service of Freemasons' Tavern, and it was astonishing no presentation had been made to him before; but this had no doubt occurred from the want of some one to start the idea. When it was taken in hand he (Bro. Muir) on mentioning it never met with anything but complimentary pleasing remarks upon it. No one said he could not afford to subscribe to it, but on the contrary every one said, "How much do you want! If you do not get enough come back to me." If he (Bro. Muir) had had more time and opportunity at his disposal the testimonial subscription would have been very much more. He had on many occasions had to take part in testimonials, but he had never met with such a hearty response as he had in this testimonial to Bro. Dawkins. It almost made him feel that begging was a very good trade, and he felt much inclined to make a profession of it. He had received one letter about it, which he thought particularly kind. The writer said he wished the testimonial could be more than it was, as everyone admired Bro. Dawkins for his kind and courteous conduct. Bro. Muir concluded by saying that if he could have seen all the brethren he knew about the presentation the table that the tea and coffee service was now on would not have been large enough to hold it; and in the name of the subscribers he begged its acceptance by Bro. and Mrs. Dawkins.

Bro. MORLEY added that Bro. Muir had not said enough, though he agreed with all he had said. It had been his pleasure to know Bro. Dawkins for a very long period, and there were only two gentlemen in the room who had known him longer. Whether in business or pleasure Bro. Dawkins was always the same. Having had a great deal to do with him, dealing with the staff of Freemasons' Tavern, which was a very large one, he had found that all of them said Mr. Dawkins was a gentleman. He did not know that he had ever met with a gentleman who was kinder to all who dealt with him in business. With regard to Mrs. Dawkins, it had been his pleasure to be associated with her in the business of the Tavern for a long time, and during all that time he had found she had conducted her portion of the business in a businesslike way. It was a pleasure to him to think she was mated with such a man as Bro. Dawkins, and he wished happiness and prosperity to them in their future life.

Bro. PALMER said he had been associated with Bro. Dawkins for 14 months and he thoroughly endorsed all that had been said with regard to Bro. Dawkins' courtesy and general kindness. He (Bro. Palmer) was an old servant of Spiers and Pond, and he would say after having travelled all over the country for the firm he had never met with so courteous and kind a gentleman and so tender hearted a man as Bro. Dawkins. He sincerely hoped that although his (Bro. Palmer's) place of business was some distance from Bro. Dawkins's, Bro. Dawkins would look upon him as a member of the Freemasons' Tavern staff, no matter what their relative positions might be, that they might meet at the central place, at the Freemasons' Tavern or the Auction Mart on the same footing as when he (Bro. Palmer) was under Bro. Dawkins, because from Bro. Dawkins' conduct he (Bro. Palmer) had never felt himself a subordinate, he was more like a companion. What that staff did was done not more for Spiers and Pond than for the manager, because he was the representative of the firm. He hoped the presentation would be a small souvenir of the feelings of appreciation not only of the servants of the Tavern, but of the customers, who had given in a liberal and spontaneous spirit. He was sure that Bro. Dawkins would look on it as if it had been worth far more in a pecuniary point of view, as coming from the hearts of those who presented it. He congratulated Bro. and Mrs. Dawkins on their union and hoped they would live long enough to see the tea and coffee service worn out, and that all that time they might enjoy every happiness in life, and meet the present company on many occasions. The presentation was then made by Bro. Muir, and Bro. Dawkins in acknowledging the gift said the company must excuse him if he could not return thanks as he would like to do for the great kindness that had been shown him, and also for the kind expressions right and left, which had been showered upon him. He could not express his feelings as he would wish, and therefore he would simply thank them—though most sincerely—for the very handsome present that had been made to him and Mrs. Dawkins.

The evening was enlivened with some beautiful singing and music, by Bros. G. S. Graham and Kift, and some wonderful feats of ledgerdmain by Bro. Charles Bertram.



Craft Masonry.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, on the 11th ult., Bro. W. H. Gulliford, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. G. Coleman, S.W.; J. Jacobs, J.W.; Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Redgley, S.D.; T. A. Dickson, J.D.; B. Solomons, I.G.; Bros. J. P. Ripley, Holditch, T. Wilson, W. W. Cousins, G. Keynolds, Frank Gulliford, G. H. Reynolds, Starling, J. C. Howard, R. Head, T. A. Thompson, G. Ralph, W. F. Thorpe, S. Mordecai, L. Alexander, Redgley, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. Cox, P.M. 190; W. Rorts, 1273; F. Davis, 34; Henry Carr, 1085; Samuel East, jun., 1348; Z. Mordecai, 1348; and H. Marks, 1349.

The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. James Bellamy and W. Unwin, which was unanimous in their favour. Lodge opened in the Second and then the Third Degree and the W.M. raised Bro. H. Cousins to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree, and Bros. J. Starling, Frank Gulliford, G. H. Reynolds, G. A. Holditch, and D. Mordecai, were passed to the degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree and Messrs. James Bellamy and H. Unwin received the benefit of initiation into Freemasonry, the whole of the ceremonies being rendered by the W.M. in a masterly manner, assisted by his officers. Bro. G. Coleman, S.W., was unanimously elected to fill the chair for the ensuing year. Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Potter, P.M., Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. W. H. Gulliford in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. for the past year, and Bros. G. Reynolds, G. Ralph, and W. Cousins were appointed as Audit Committee.

The Worshipful Master having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent dinner was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond.

After the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. S. Jacobs, I.P.M., said he always felt much pleasure in taking the gavel in hand to propose "The Health of their worthy W.M." They all knew how well he worked, of which they had had a grand specimen that evening. He had always the good of the lodge at heart, and no Past Master could remember the lodge so flourishing as at present.

The Worshipful Master suitably acknowledged the compliment, and afterwards gave the toast of "The Initiates." All must have observed the sincere and attentive manner and attitude of the Initiates that night, and he felt sure that they would be good and true brethren.

The Initiates returned their thanks in a few and well appropriate words, thanking the brethren for the honour they had done them in electing them as members of the Covent Garden Lodge. They both had many friends in the lodge and they would do all in their power to become good and true Masons.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the W.M. elect" asked if it was possible for any brother who was about to enter the chair to have better wishes. He traced with pleasure his antecedents. The W.M. elect was the first initiate in the Covent Garden Lodge. He was the son-in-law of the founder of the lodge, and all along he has devoted his time to the Craft. His adherence to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction was a great proof of his sincerity.

In proposing "The Health of their future W.M." he trusted the brethren would drink it most heartily.

The Worshipful Master elect thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which his health had been drunk. He had always received great kindness from the W.M., also the P.M.s and brethren of the lodge. The W.M. had always had good officers, and he only hoped he would be successful in having better officers than his predecessors.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the P.M.s, Treasurer, and Secretary, said no lodge could have more agreeable brethren. They were always ready to do all in their power for the brethren, and to further the interest of the lodge.

Bro. C. Jacobs, I.P.M., returned thanks for the P.M.s. Bro. Marks, 1349, in returning thanks for the "Visitors," thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the hearty manner in which their healths had been drunk. It was always a pleasure to him to visit Covent Garden Lodge, and on behalf of the other visitors and himself he could say they had visited many lodges, but had never seen the ceremonies so ably rendered. It was a great treat and not to be forgotten.

The Officers, having acknowledged the toast in their honour, the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening, to the pleasures of which Bro. Bassett, with an extraordinary entertainment with a pack of cards, and Bro. Ralph, Unwin, Mordecai, Bourne, and Mark, contributed by their vocal abilities.

SAINT MARY ABBOTT'S LODGE (No. 1074).—A meeting of emergency of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Town Hall, Kensington. W. Present: Bros. Capt. A. Nicols, W.M.; Capt. C. Compton, S.W.; James Green, Treasurer; Geo. Capper Harding, Sec.; Alfred Williams, S.D.; Francis Compton, D.C.; Thos. Friend, Tyler; D. Shorter Skinner, W. C. Glen, Capt. H. S. Andrews, F. Aylmer Lloyd, J. Peacock, J. H. Townsend-Green, C. E. Baker, C. W. Stephens, and C. B. R. Hunter. Visitors: V.V. Bro. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G. Chap.; W. Bro. George Read, P.M. 1767; and Bro. A. Hardy, 201.

This emergency meeting was held for the purpose of clearing off the unfinished work of the year, and to lighten the agenda paper for the installation meeting, which will take place on the 24th inst. The W.M., Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, took the opportunity of remarking that the lodge had met nine times during the year, and had done a very considerable amount of good work in that sphere in which it

was originally established. He felt sure that the lodge had attained its prosperity and high standing in the Craft through the united endeavours of the officers and members to promote the original design of the founders, which was "quality rather than quantity." Three brethren were passed to the Second Degree, the tracing board being beautifully explained by Bro. Francis Compton, and two true and trusty Craftsmen, viz., Bros. J. H. Townsend-Green and J. Peacock, were duly raised to the degree of M.M., the whole of the ceremonies being worked in extenso by the W.M. There was a fair attendance of members, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and it being Christmas week.

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—The members of this large and influential lodge held their annual meeting on St. John's Day, at their Hall, Osborne-street, for the installation of officers for the ensuing year. There was a good muster of the members, and many distinguished brethren from York and the neighbouring towns were present, amongst whom were the following: W. Bro. J. Pearson Bell, M.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master of N. and E. Yorks; Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec., P.M. 250, 1040, 1511, &c.; T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611, S.P.G.W.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.J.W.; Walter Reynolds, P.M. 250, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Bryan, W.M. 294, P.G.D.C.; Charles H. Wright, W.M. 1605; H. H. Greaves, W.M. 1040; B. J. Tonge, W.M. 792; George L. Shackles, P.M. 1511, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Gooderidge, P.M. 458; F. A. Hopwood, P.M. 1010, P.P.G.S.B.; A. King, W.M. 57; R. Beever, P.M. 57, P.G. Supt. Wks.; Wm. Banks Hay, P.M. 57, P.P.G.D.; George Wilson, P.M. 57, P.P.G.D.; Morris Haberland, P.M. 57, P.P.G.D.; Henry Toozes, P.M. 57, P.P.G.D.; W. Tesseyman, P.M. 57, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; R. T. Vivian, P.M. 57, P.P.G.D.; Thomas Thompson, P.M. 57, P.P.G.D. and W. D. Keyworth, 57, P.P.G. Supt. Works.

The lodge was opened in form with solemn prayer. The W.M., Bro. A. King, vacated the chair, and the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in his usual impressive manner, installed, according to ancient custom, the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Hodgson, who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. King, I.P.M.; D. J. O'Donoghue, S.W.; M. J. Martinson, J.W.; H. Toozes, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Chap.; Thomas Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; W. B. Hay, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Lecture Master; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Almoner; John Cockin, Hon. Sec.; John Petch, Asst. Sec.; William Whincup, S.D.; Edward Corris, J.D.; John Walton, D.C.; G. D. Storry, P.P.G.O., Org.; John Dinsdale, Stwd.; W. J. Hall, I.G.; Wm. Cuthbert, Tyler; and J. Burdall, Asst. Tyler. A very hearty vote of thanks was moved and seconded to the W.D. Prov. G.M., Dr. J. P. Bell, and carried by acclamation. The several visitors from neighbouring and distant lodges having proposed the usual hearty good wishes, the lodge was closed in ancient form and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared and well served by Bro. J. Burdall. The W.M. was supported by a large number of Past Masters and other brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the loving cup was passed round, and a very pleasant and happy evening was spent.

To "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," the W.M.s. of 792, 1605, and Bro. E. Gooderidge, P.M. 558, replied.

During the evening, Bro. E. H. H. Brooke, the eminent and distinguished dramatist, now playing at the Theatre Royal the "Silver King," was introduced to the brethren by the W.M. and most heartily received. He gave several very effective recitations.

HEREFORD.—Palladian Lodge (No. 120).—The members assembled at the Green Dragon Hotel, on the 27th ult., to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and for the installation of Bro. John Marchant, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was ably rendered by Bro. T. Smith, P.M., assisted by Bro. W. Earle, P.M. The following officers for the ensuing year were appointed: Bros. John Davies, I.P.M.; William Rowe, S.W.; John Barnes, J.W.; the Rev. A. J. Capel, Chap.; H. C. Beddoe, Treas.; W. Wigley, Sec.; James Pembroke, S.D.; Thomas Blinkhorn, J.D.; C. Caldicott, Org.; G. J. Caldwell, I.G.; Edward George and J. S. Norton, Stwds.; E. James, Tyler. An excellent banquet, followed by the usual Masonic toasts, the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. Davies, the much respected I.P.M., and a most pleasant evening brought the meeting to a close.

RICHMOND (YORKS).—Lennox Lodge (No. 123).—The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by the members of the above lodge on Thursday, the 27th ult. The members assembled in the Masonic Hall in Newbeeggin in the afternoon, when there was a large attendance. Bro. the Hon. W. Orde-Powlett, P.M., was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. A. T. Rogers officiated as Installing Master. Bro. H. Procter was invested as I.P.M., and the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the year: Bros. R. B. Hall, S.W.; P. T. Heslop, J.W.; J. W. Smith, P.M., Treas.; James March, Sec.; T. C. Denham, S.D.; John Gibson, J.D.; R. H. Glenton, Org.; and Bro. James Newton was unanimously elected Tyler for the fifty-seventh time. Illness prevented him from attending, and it was the first occasion of his absence from the anniversary during that lengthened period. Bro. W. Grieves was appointed Assistant Tyler.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the King's Head Hotel, where the annual banquet was held. The spread reflected the highest credit upon Mr. and Mrs. Brasher. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett presided, and was supported by Past Masters Bros. Procter, A. T. Rogers, G. Roper, J. W. Smith, W. R. Walpole, W. F. Greathead, and others. The customary loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, at half-past five o'clock in the evening. Present: Bro. John Isherwood, W.M.; Edwin Melrose, S.W.; Peter Bradburn, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Chas. Crompton, S.D.; James Walker, J.D.; H. J. Briscoe, Organist; W. F. Chambers, I.G.; W. Siddon and R. Cuerden, Stewards; Thos. Higson, Tyler; Boothroyd, P.M.;

Morris, P.M.; Rutter, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Haslam, Chirnside, Bradley, Fletcher, Sugden, Makin, Swarbrick, Crompton, and Forrest. Visitors: Bros. R. Duxbury, W.M. 146; E. G. Harwood, J.W. 1723; R. H. Phillips, S.D. 348; Greenhalgh, 113; and W. Crankshaw, W.M. 348.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Crompton passed a satisfactory examination as to his proficiency as an Entered Apprentice, and having been entrusted retired. Proceeded to the Second Degree, when Bros. Makin and Swarbrick passed a satisfactory examination as Craftsmen, and being entrusted also retired. Opened upon the Third Degree, when Bros. Makin and Swarbrick were separately introduced and respectively raised to the Degree of M.M., the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Boothroyd, P.M., and the working tools of the Degree were explained to them. Closed to the Second Degree, when Bro. Crompton was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M.; the working tools of the Degree being explained by the Senior Warden, Bro. Melrose. Closed to the First Degree forthwith. Bro. Edwin Melrose, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. G. P. Brockbank was re-elected Treasurer. Bros. J. R. Haslam and R. J. Chirnside were elected Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts. It was agreed to celebrate the festival of St. John on the ordinary lodge night on the 16th inst. Lodge soon afterwards closed.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 348).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Bulls Inn, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Present: Bros. Wm. Crankshaw, W.M.; J. B. Taylor, I.P.M.; John Kenyon, S.W.; John Partington, J.W.; John Alcock, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Raby, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Phillips, S.D.; W. Chadwick, J.D.; John Harwood, P.M., Org.; Rob. Jones, I.G.; Jno. Higson, Tyler; Israel A. G. Greenhalgh, P.M.; Jas. Horrocks, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Samuel Barrett, P.M.; Henry Greenwood, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Jas. Eckersley, Geo. Barnes, Jas. Mantell, Wm. Greenwood, Joseph Wood, Wm. Green, Alfred Jones, John Hamer, Jos. Calderbank, J. V. Allen, G. W. Dyson, and Wm. Wood. Visitors: Bros. G. P. Brockbank, W.M. 37, P.P.G.S.D., Grand Steward Scotland; R. Duxbury, W.M. 146; Benj. Taylor, P.P.G. Treas.; J. W. Taylor, P.P.G. Org.; Rooke Pennington, P.M. 37; Wm. Heywood, Org. 146; Joseph Sutton, 484; Edwd. Bridge, 986; Robt. Latham, W.M. 1723; E. G. Harwood, J.W. 1723; John Priestley, 1723; Nath. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 1723; Thos. Taylor, Stwd. 1723; and T. Barber, 1250.

The lodge having been opened the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; it then proceeded to the Second Degree, when Bro. John Kenyon, W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Greenwood and Greenhalgh to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of Bro. John Alcock, P.M., and was duly obligated as regards the government of the lodge; and the lodge having proceeded to the Third Degree, Bro. Kenyon was duly installed and proclaimed, and saluted in the Three Degrees according to ancient form. Bro. Thomas Raby, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. James Horrocks, P.P.G. Stwd., re-elected Charity Representative in the East Lancashire Institution. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Partington, S.W.; R. H. Phillips, I.W.; John Alcock, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Chadwick, S.W.; Rich. Jones, J.W.; Jas. Eckersley, I.G.; R. Harwood, P.M., and Jno. Harwood, P.M., Dirs. of Cers.; A. Jones and G. W. Dyson, Stwds.; and T. Higson, P.M., Tyler. The newly-appointed were invested with the collar and jewel of their respective offices by Bro. John Harwood, who explained to them the nature of their several duties. The addresses to the W.M., officers, and the brethren were given by Bro. John Alcock, who has undertaken this duty for several years past. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.30, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

ROCK FERRY.—Rock Lodge (No. 1289).—A meeting of the members of the above-named lodge was held on Friday, the 14th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Royal Rock Hotel, for the purpose of installing the new Worshipful Master, Bro. Henry Bloomfield Bare, for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of brethren, members of the Rock Lodge and visitors from other districts, the latter including Bros. J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; Dr. Spratly, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; J. M. Lockwood, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks.; W. M. Lightfoot, P.M.; J. Lintorn Palmer; Charles Lancaster; L. F. Pearson; William Thorne; William Stewart; Thomas Munnerley; C. Wise, I.P.M. 756; G. F. Davis; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 425; and others. The members of the Rock Lodge present included Bros. C. S. Dean, retiring W.M.; H. B. Bare; Edward C. Friend, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; Francis L. Bolton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; Rev. G. F. Dean, P.P.G. Chap.; John Phillips, P.M.; W. S. Stanton, P.M.; Henry Jones, P.M.; T. Thorburn, J. R. Ross, J. Knight, and F. Banning, P.P.G.

Bro. H. B. Bare was duly installed Master of the lodge, after which the election of officers took place as follows: Bros. William Roberts, S.W.; A. Corelli, J.W.; E. C. Friend, Treas.; F. L. Bolton, Sec. (*pro tem.*); J. F. Dean, S.D.; S. H. Maddock, J.D.; W. G. Cronan, I.G.; and F. Holtaway, Tyler. Bro. C. S. Dean, I.P.M., acted as Installing Master, and discharged his duties in a manner for which he was highly complimented. A satisfactory account was given of the progress of the lodge, and a large addition of members was announced. The business having been transacted, the brethren subsequently adjourned to an excellent repast presided over by the new W.M., and at which the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

MALDON.—Blackwater Lodge (No. 1977).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 17th ult., at the Blue Boar Hotel, Bro. T. Eustace, W.M., presiding. Among the brethren present were Bros. A. Richardson, S.W.; Robt. Smith, J.W.; T. Rix, P.M.; G. A. Eustace, Sec.; S. H. Ellis, S.D.; S. Sawyer, J.D.; W. Strutt, I.G.; and a large muster of brethren and several visitors. The W.M. first raised Bros. W. Rudrura and W. M. Mead, passed Bro. G. Cocket, and afterwards initiated Bros. T. Willis and J. Turner. The next business of the evening was the presentation of a gold locket, bearing the lodge arms and the monogram of Miss Hast attached to a

ribbon of Masonic blue. In making the presentation in the name of the lodge the W.M. said he had then a pleasant duty to perform, which was to present to the Secretary, on behalf of Miss Hast, a gold locket, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of her great kindness in working the very handsome banner for the lodge, and trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare her life for many years to come to wear it. The Secretary acknowledged the same in a few well chosen and appropriate remarks. The lodge was closed in due form, when the visitors were entertained by the W.M. and members, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Ireland.

GRAND MASONIC CHORAL SERVICE.

The brethren of the province of Munster, on the 27th of last month celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist, by attending a special choral service at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. Being the first public display of Freemasons as a body held in Cork for many years, the ceremony was looked forward to with a considerable amount of interest not only by members of the Craft, but the public, who have learned to regard the Brotherhood with a share of mystery. The fact being made known that the Masons would appear in their vey attractive and symbolical regalia was sufficient to draw a vast concourse of people, who appeared not only curious, but interested in the entire proceedings. Long before the entrance to the Cathedral was opened, large numbers of ladies and gentlemen crowded up to the doors, and when the bars were removed the spacious wings were rapidly filled with a dense mass of people packed as closely together as possible, and still there was not room for hundreds outside eager to gain ingress to the building.

Shortly before three o'clock the brethren representing the several lodges of the province assembled in the ambulatory aisle of the cathedral, where they clothed themselves according to the different orders of the Craft to which each belonged. A procession was then formed, headed by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and followed by the officers and members of the subordinate lodges, taking their positions according to the numbers of their lodges, No. 1, being immediately after the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the higher numbers in their order following. The procession thus formed marched up the centre aisle of the sacred edifice and took their seats at a quarter past three o'clock in the nave, which was reserved from the public. The brethren who joined in the procession numbered about 700, and when they took up their position they lent a magnificent appearance to the handsome edifice. Dr. J. Christopher Marks presided at the organ with his usual ability, and the music selected for the service was from Masonic composers. The Dean and members of the chapter officiated. The first lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. Wm. Canon Daunt, A.M., and the second by Bro. the Rev. John Stokoe, Chaplain of No. 1 Lodge. Bro. the Rev. Robert William Delacour, M.A., having ascended the pulpit, selected as his text the fifth verse of the 1st chapter of St. John, "And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not." The speaker, in the course of an eloquent address, alluded to the grand objects of Masonry, the great foundation on which it rested, and the eminent services it had rendered to Christianity. The foul charges made against the Craft he would not desecrate the pulpit by alluding to as they were both malicious and unfounded, and were only the creations of ignorance and bigotry. Freemasonry was an ancient institution, which had silently borne the calumnies heaped upon it from time to time, and was to-day as it had ever been, the nursery of religious character, cultivation and love for literature and the fine arts. He urged the brethren to adhere closely to the principles and characteristics of the grand old order, and by individual life set an example to the world. Each brother should feel as if the credit of the entire order rested on his individual conduct; thus fortified, the whole body would ever be able to maintain the glorious character they had earned in the past. The Craft had ever been liberal in their contributions towards raising edifices to the glory of God and in providing for the education of the children of deceased brethren, and he trusted that they would on the present occasion contribute towards the Masonic Orphan Schools and the Cathedral in which they were assembled.

A collection was taken up to be applied to the Masonic Orphan Schools, and the Cathedral Fund.

The benediction was pronounced by the Lord Bishop, after which the brethren retired to the ambulatory aisle, where they divested themselves of their regalia. The demonstration was one of the most successful which has been witnessed in Cork for many years, and the Cathedral never contained a larger assembly of the general public.



Mr. Wilson Barrett is not only to be congratulated, but thanked for the magnificent drama he has put on the stage of the Princess's. Nothing like it nor surpassing it has ever been played in recent times. He has struck out a new path, and if the public respond liberally and kindly to what he now puts before it, we may say a new era will have been inaugurated in the annals of the drama. Shakespeare's plays are usually looked upon as the highest forms of art for the stage, but Messrs. Herman and Wills's scholarly and classical drama runs very close on our national poet's plays and quite puts all competitors into shade. If those people who have an inherent prejudice against the stage are ever to be won over to see the beauty and elevating influence this form of art has on the human mind it will be by such pieces as "Claudian." Mr. Wilson Barrett told the public he was going to strike a new vein, but kept very dark what this was to be until the public should judge of it for themselves. He also said that dramas like the "Silver King" would again be produced, and that the "Silver King" was still in the height of its prosperity, but we hope Mr. Barrett will get such support from the public and find authors like Messrs. Herman and Wills that he will keep for some time to come to dramas like "Claudian." Instead of the vulgarisms and sensation-

alism of modern dramas we now have refinement and all that which appeals to the higher faculties. The plot is very easy to follow. We are taken back to the early days of Christianity. The scene takes place on the shores of the Bosphorus, where Constantine founded that mighty city which has borne his name through all ages down to the present time. When the curtain rises for the prologue one discovers a scene that Alma Tadema might be proud to be the painter of. The time is A.D. 362. The city is Byzantium, a city of white marble, situated in a lovely blue sea. Art and nature are well combined, the former in its marble terraces, the latter in her sunshine and blue sky and sea. It was at this time that Julian the Apostate was in power, and when Christianity struggling with Paganism. The luxury of the Romans had spread here and brought with it its train of profligacy and slavery. "Theorus," a sculptor, has come to purchase his beautiful wife "Serena," at the slave market. He has saved enough money to buy off his wife and child; everyone is congratulating him on what seems his coming happiness, but the lustful eyes of "Volpas," an old man, have fallen upon this lovely woman, and he outbids the husband, who thereupon turns to his friends and borrows more money, and from 3000 drachmas he bids 5000 drachmas. While this is going on there comes on the scene the hero of the drama, one "Claudian," a rich, powerful, noble, and sensual man. His beauty strikes every one, for he is muscular, and not effeminate, as one reads the Romans were when they became so grossly sensual. "Claudian" is a slave to himself; though wealthy and able to buy up slaves, his own passions and profligacy make him a slave to them. He has been born into luxury of every conceivable kind, his very wish is law. And now he pretends to have some compassion for the girl and to save her from Volpas, and he bids against Volpas and Theorus, and, of course, the woman becomes his property. The people cannot stand this; they take up the side of the husband and attack Claudian and his attendants. In the scrimmage Serena escapes, but where to hide is the question. She and her husband have become Christians. She flies to the care of the holy Clement. But Claudian judged she would go there and himself enters the hermit's cell. His passion is aroused at she, his slave, escaping from him. The Christian priest, whose face is angelic, warns the voluptuous man not to touch her, and that he shall only do so by killing the saint. The proud noble, not used to being thwarted, draws his dagger and in a moment the holy Clement falls at his feet murdered. But before his spirit departs from his body he raises himself feebly and utters to Claudian a fearful curse and prophecy. Mr. Willard's enunciation of it sends a thrill through the audience. So important is it as the key to the whole drama that we give it at length: "Be young for ever through the centuries; see generations born and age and die, and all who flattered, served, or loved thee, dust; but thou live on. Thy course, like a baneful star across the sky, shall blight and wither all upon thy track. To love thee, or to be beloved by thee, alike shall poison, maim, and kill. The innocent sunshine shall die out before thee, and the black shadow of misfortune follow. Thy soul shall hunger, thirst, and famish to do good, and try in vain to do it. The happiness as pure as crystal well, touched by thy lips shall become muddy at its course. Thy pity shall envenom what 'twould soothe, be poison to the wound till thou couldst pray for the hard heart again thou hast to-day. Thy charity, which might have comforted one-half the kingdom's poor, breed pestilence and ruin until the vaulted rocks shall split, a gulf be struck 'twixt thee and me, then thou shalt choose either to die or live accurst till doom. From dying lips this curse from heaven has fallen." The saint then dies. Claudian goes to Serena to give her her liberty, who has fallen on the floor, but only to find the first part of the curse fulfilled. She is dead. Claudian now takes out of the saint's dead hand the cross it clasps, he kisses it as if to show he has embraced Christianity. The curtain falls. In the first act a hundred years have elapsed. Claudian still lives, but in misery. Wherever he goes evil follows. He enters a vineyard near Charydos where the people are happy at their work. One of the villagers, Agazil, a blacksmith, is about being married to the prettiest girl, Almida. But the curse falls on her. No sooner does she see Claudian but she is drawn towards him and loves him. She is bound by a spell. Her love for her lover, her parents, her village all depart before this mysterious hold which is on her. Almida is struck blind; she follows Claudian everywhere like a dog, in spite of his warnings. "To love thee or to be beloved by thee alike shall poison, maim, and kill." St. Clement's prophecy all is coming true. A terrible earthquake takes place; what was once lovely is now all confusion; the stately palaces and buildings are all laid low; ruin everywhere. As the curtain falls on this fearful scene Claudian is seen emerging from the ruins, the only being one can see who has escaped, groaning out these words, "But I shall live on." In the last act the spirit of the holy Clement is seen coming out of the ruins and meets Claudian, and bids him choose "either to die or live accurst till doom." At first, when he finds that Almida has not been killed, he chooses life; but he makes a noble struggle, and when he knows that his death would remove the spell from Almida, and that her love for her betrothed would return, he sacrifices himself and chooses to die. He falls back, a vivid flash of lightning quivers over the ruins of his palace, and he departs life supported by Almida and Agazil. The poetic play is finished. "Claudian" is necessarily a one part play. When Mr. Wilson Barrett is off the stage the interest flags a little, but when he is on one might hear a pin drop. Miss Eastlake, who plays Almida, has a good part. She touches the hearts of her audience with her pathos, and makes them interested in Almida. Mr. Barrett has never played better; his classical face, his noble bearing, and his eloquence hold the audience spell-bound. Sir Julius Benedict's song in the vineyard comes in and enlivens the dialogue. The scenery of Messrs. Hann, Hall, and Telbin is lovely. We have already said it is more like gazing on some lovely pictures of a renowned painter; but we suppose nothing has before been attempted like the earthquake scene. In a moment after a flash of lightning has been seen and a rumbling noise heard an upheaval takes place, and down come all the beautiful capitals, and everything once lovely is chaos. This may be said to be the sensational part of the drama; but as it is so necessary to the stage, we are sure that no one can say it has been introduced "to draw." We trust Mr. Wilson Barrett will have such encouragement from the public to continue in the line he has adopted in "Claudian."



Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., will deliver an address on "Lodge Duties" before the Humber Installed Master's Lodge of Instruction at Hull, on Jan. 29th inst.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey has returned to his official duties at the Admiralty, having terminated his yachting cruise.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., was elected a Governor of the Foundling Hospital at the Quarterly Court held at the Hospital on the 26th ult.

The chancel walls of Truro Cathedral are now within three feet of completion. About 160 men are at work on the building.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has consented to preside at the anniversary dinner of the London Orphan Asylum, Watford, to be held at the Albion Tavern on the 26th February next.

Bro. William Clarke, P.G.P., Dir. of Cers. for the province of Suffolk, had the honour of installing Major General Hesty as W.M. for the ensuing year of the Doric Lodge, No. 81, Woodbridge. A large number of brethren were present.

The annual entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Wednesday last. Owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over a report which we have in type until next week.

The twelfth annual ball of the Masonic Fraternity of Barrow-in-Furness in aid of the Charities takes place in the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 24th inst., under most distinguished patronage. The brethren will appear in full Masonic clothing with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England, and M.P. for Worcester in the last Parliament, has consented to act as Chairman at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 26th February.

Bro. E. F. Hubbuck, in connection with his brother, Mr. Augustus Hubbuck, has issued a notice announcing the death of their father, Bro. T. Hubbuck, and that the business will in future be carried on by them under the same style as heretofore, Thos. Hubbuck and Sons, at 24, Lime-street, London. The firm has a worldwide reputation as colour makers.

The following dinners have been held during the past fortnight at Freemasons' Tavern: Dec. 21st—Jordan Lodge. Dec. 25th—Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution. Jan. 1st—Old Concord Lodge; Albion Lodge. Jan. 3rd—St. Andrew's Lodge; Universal Chapter; J.A. Tolerance Lodge. Jan. 4th—Fidelity Chapter; Odd Volumes; Swedish and Norwegian Society Ball.

Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G. Registrar N. and E. Yorks, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year at the meeting of the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, at Richmond, Yorks, on the 27th ult. At the same time Bro. Jas. Newton was elected Tyler for the fifty-seventh time, his absence for the first time during that long period from the anniversary meeting being caused by illness.

The Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction held its first meeting at Bro. W. Smith's, the George, Lewisham, on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. Batty, W.M.; Ovenden, S.W.; Bonner, J.W.; Broadbridge, S.D.; H. Shaw, P.M., Preceptor; and several other brethren. The Third Degree was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate, and the traditional history given. Bro. Ovenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

In our report of the Great City Lodge, on the 22nd ult., the W.M., Bro. Keeble, was made to say that Bro. Capt. Nicols, who was present as a visitor, was about to sail for the Punjab. The numerous friends of Capt. Nicols in London will be gratified to learn that such is not the fact, no such journey is contemplated by our worthy brother. It is due to the W.M. to say that the mistake was made by our reporter, who must have in some way confused Bro. Nicols with Bro. Kelsey, who was present, and who is about to leave for New Zealand.

Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M., &c., of the Panmure M.M.M.'s Lodge, 139, asks us to notify that this Mark Lodge will hold an "emergency" meeting at the head quarters of Grand Mark Lodge, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C., on Monday next, the 7th inst., at five p.m. There are some ten candidates on the agenda for "advancement." Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M., &c., the veteran exponent of this honorable Degree, will assume the chair of A., and with the assistance of the W.M., Bro. John Walmesley, Prov. G. J.D., and officers, will perform the ceremonies. A full report will appear in our next.

The Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will resume its weekly meetings at the Prince Regent Hotel (Bro. Monk's) Dulwich-road, East Brixton, on Tuesday evening next, 8th Jan., at 8 o'clock p.m. The Preceptor, Bro. E. A. Francis, in the chair. After the close of the meeting the monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association will be held, and two or three ballots in connection with the Charities will be taken. The second annual festival of the lodge will be held on the fourth Tuesday, namely, on the 22nd inst., at the above address. As the accommodation is somewhat limited, early application is necessary for tickets.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health or Wealth.—No sane person would hesitate an instant in the choice between these two conditions. Now is the season to secure the former, either by restoring or confirming it. These Pills expel all impurities from the system which fogs, foul vapours, and variable temperature engender during winter; this medicine also acts most wholesomely upon the skin by disorganising the liver of its accumulated bile, and by exciting the kidneys to more energetic action; it increases the appetite for food and strengthens the digestive process. The stomach and liver, with which most disorders originate, are fully under the control of these regenerative Pills, which act very kindly, yet most efficiently, on the tenderest bowels.—[ADVT.]

At the last meeting of the Lodge of Antiquity, Bro. Lieut.-Col. James Peters, Grand Sword Bearer, was unanimously elected a joining member.

Bro. Gillwood Milledge was, on the 27th ult., installed W.M. of All Soul's Lodge, No. 170, at Weymouth.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J. East Lancashire, delivered a lecture on "The Early History and Primitive usages of Royal Arch Masonry," in the Affability Chapter, Manchester, on Thursday, the 20th ult.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough leaves the palace for the South of Europe this week. He has issued a pastoral to the clergy of his diocese with reference to his recent serious and prolonged illness, in which he speaks of the benefits received from it.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will be present at the annual ball of the Cripple-legged Pension Society at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., and will take the chair at the supper. The Hon. Sec. of the society is Bro. W. Knell, of 11, Jewin-crescent.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Bishop of London, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, and Mr. Isaac Braithwaite support an appeal for £4500 to erect a Sunday school and mission room in the parish of St. Simon, Shepherd's-bush-green, Hammersmith.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in the year 1805, styled its Grand Master Right Worshipful, but it has since abandoned this title for Most Worshipful. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has always adhered to Right Worshipful, believing it to be right to make no innovations in Masonry.

Sir C. G. Zeroudacchi, K.C.M.G., a Greek merchant at Alexandria, has sent to the Duke of Cambridge, as president of the Patriotic Fund, a cheque for £1300 to be expended for the benefit of the soldiers' widows and children in such manner as may be deemed most advisable. This gentleman has always shown the most friendly feeling towards the British Army.

The remains of Lieutenant De Long, commander of the Jeannette, and of his ill-fated comrades, lost in the Arctic regions, were, on the 21st December, borne in procession through Irkutsk, escorted by a detachment of troops. A considerable number of people joined the cortege, and several wreaths were placed upon the coffins. The remains are to be taken to America.

The brethren of the province of Munster celebrated St. John's Day by attending a special choral service at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork, conducted by members of the Craft. The sacred edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity. The Rev. R. W. Delacour, M.A., in the course of an eloquent sermon, pointed out that the prejudices against Freemasonry, born of bigotry and ignorance, were unfounded, and it rested in the hands of the Craft to prove that charges brought against the Order were false.

The first meeting in the new year of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, 902, was held at Bro. A. F. Austin's, 25, Charterhouse-street, on the 2nd inst., there being present Bros. Selzer, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Fidler, S.D.; Venning, J.D.; Melbourne, I.G.; Field, I.P.M.; and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Williams, of the mother lodge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the brethren attending will receive a Masonic treat.

Bro. William James Hughan is probably an honorary member of a greater number of Masonic bodies than any other brother in the world. In 1871, when he published his "Memorials of the Masonic Union of A.D. 1813," he dedicated that work to thirteen lodges and six chapters, in England, Scotland, and America, which had previously honoured him with membership. One of these was Jerusalem R.A. Chapter, No. 3, of Philadelphia. A number of others have since added his name to their roll.—Keystone.

A great and most important accession has been made in the number of West-end establishments where one can call at any ordinary hour and find a decent dinner or supper to eat. Bro. Pinoli, who has been eminently successful as a restaurateur in Oxford-street, Edgeware-road, and subsequently in Newgate-street, has opened at No. 17, Wardour-street, a first-class café restaurant, established on a principle which may be designated as Bro. Pinoli's own. The ground floor is essentially a café restaurant, but in the basement and underneath the long dining room a grotto bar is about to be opened, where oysters and fancy drinks will be dispensed in the surroundings of a comfortable lounge. On the first floor are large and small private dining rooms, while every convenience is furnished in the shape of lavatories, &c. Bro. Pinoli has, above all objects, one especially in view, viz., to cater nothing but the very best of food and the most excellent of wines.

The personal property of the late Mr. Thomas Holloway will, it is stated, probably be sworn under £1,000,000. His will, which is of the simplest possible character, can be summarised in a very few words. Contrary to the general expectation the testator has made no specific charitable bequests. The executors, Mr. George Martin and Mr. Driver, who are also the trustees of the fund (£300,000) with which Mr. Holloway endowed his college for the education of women in August last, are entrusted with the task of carrying out the testator's wishes in respect to the whole of his benevolent schemes. It is understood that although the completion of the college and sanitarium will be the first care of the executors, their charitable disbursements are by no means limited to the furtherance of the objects these institutions have in view. During his lifetime Mr. Holloway gave large sums of money for benevolent purposes on the condition that the name of the donor should not be discovered, and the executors are given a wide discretion in the continuance of such subscriptions. Mr. Driver will continue to carry on the business of the deceased. The whole of the testator's property, with the exception of that set apart for charitable purposes, is bequeathed to a near relative. The funeral of the deceased gentleman took place to-day (Friday).

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Bro. the Earl of Jersey, R.W. Prov. G.M.M. Berks and Oxon, spoke at the New Year's gathering of the Druids at Oxford, on Tuesday night.

Bro. G. H. Mason, late C.C. for the ward of Farringdon Without, has given a packet of tea to each of the inmates of the Printers' Almshouses, Wood Green.

The Industrial Art Exhibition, at the Palais des Beaux Arts, at Brussels, was opened on Monday last by the Minister of the Interior.

The Christmas entertainment to the City Police will be given on Thursday and Friday, the 17th and 18th inst., at the Oriental Restaurant, New Bridge-street.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., has promised his support in the working of the new Conservative club recently opened at Salisbury, and in his letter to the president refers to the successful operation of a similar institution at Byfleet.

The Keystone says the Grand Lodge of Ohio has decided not to make provision for a Masonic Library, because the Grand Lodge has no "permanent home of its own." It ought to have a permanent home, and it ought to have a library, too.

A correspondent of the City Press, who has written to the Postmaster-General on the subject of the extensive trade in postal and fiscal forgeries, says that the postal authorities have put in motion the Act of Parliament of 1840, whereby the possession of, or attempt to sell or dispose of any forged stamp, or the means of producing a forged stamp, is constituted.

The committee of management of the Working Men's Convalescent Home, Morley House, St. Margaret's Bay, have issued an "appeal to the workshops" for further support. The institution, which is in debt to the bankers, has received since its opening a steady stream of working men, convalescents from disease or accidents, from all parts of London to reap its great advantages.

The first meeting of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, after the consecration was held at 33 Golden-square, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the W.M., Bro. J. S. Lavies, M.D., in the chair. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and three new members were initiated. The brethren afterwards dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

The following circular has been issued by the Postmaster-General: "The Postmaster-General wishes to make known throughout the service his high appreciation of the energy and zeal displayed in successfully meeting the unprecedented pressure of Post Office business experienced throughout the United Kingdom during the last few days.—General Post Office, 1st January, 1884."

Lady Brassey, during her voyage in the Sunbeam, has established a centre of the St. John Ambulance Association at Jamaica, under the presidency of the Governor, and has held preliminary meetings for the same purpose at Trinidad, Nassau, Bermuda, and La Guayra in Venezuela. After examinations held at Portsmouth last week 11 officers and 20 petty officers and seamen of the Royal Navy were declared eligible for certificates of proficiency in "first aid to the injured."

The building for the Parcels Post which has been for several months in course of erection by Mr. Shaw, on behalf of the Great Northern Railway Company, and which is situated on the open space in front of King's-cross Terminus, is completed. The structure, which is composed chiefly of wood, measures about 150 feet in length, with a breadth of about 70 feet. This building forms the central receiving office for the district, and has been erected at a cost of about £5000, for which the Post Office Department will pay a rental of £875 per annum.

There are now upwards of 116,000 miles of road in England and Wales which are maintained at the public expense, at a cost of little short of two millions sterling per annum. Of these the main roads count only 14,508 miles, the remainder being "ordinary highways." The highway rates are of course the chief fund for keeping up and repairing these ways. The contributions from the county authorities, however, amount to nearly £218,000. As a source of income available for their original objects turnpike tolls, once so important, have become quite insignificant, the total amount received from these last year being only a trifle over £4000, or less by £1784 than the actual amount expended in repairing the roads upon which these tolls were levied.

Canada is a prosperous and progressive community. Land is abundant, cheap, and fertile; labour is in good demand, and for those who are strong and willing to work there is plenty of employment. At present the most profitable occupation is that of agriculture, but there is already a good demand for handicraftsmen, and there is abundance of mineral wealth in various parts of the Dominion. With such advantages to offer, it is no wonder that Canada receives an annual influx of 50,000 emigrants from the old world, and chiefly from the British Isles. It is hardly necessary to recommend emigration to Canada when the tide has already set in so steadily. But Lord Lorne does a good service to his countrymen by telling them in simple and straightforward language what Canada is and what they may expect if they decide to go there. It has, no doubt, formidable rivals in other British colonies, and in the vast unpeopled territories of the United States. But its resources and advantages are great; it offers a home easily reached, and a fair promise of prosperity to all who are able and willing to work; and its prospects, even in the near future, are great enough to stir the imagination and quicken the ambition of all who are really fitted to bear their share in the making of a new civilisation.—Times.

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