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OUR Bro. the LORD MAYOR closed his year of office and remarkable hospitality by a most pleasant gathering of the Grand Officers for the year, a selection of Prov. Grand Masters, and the members of the Grand Masters Lodge. Such assemblies are both noteworthy and commendable.

THE proceedings at the meeting of the Montefiore Lodge are full of interest to the Craft universal. There is always a fear lest such meetings should drift into a meaningless declaration on the one hand, or an unnecessary assertion of admitted principles on the other. But on this occasion everything was fortunately free from any possible complaint or perversion, and the gathering of the evening sets Freemasonry before friends and foes alike in a most attractive and engaging form. It is, in fact, that "touch of nature which makes the whole world kin," which Freemasonry rightly interpreted ever illustrates and exemplifies. From that meeting goes forth to some the strange announcement that in a Freemason's lodge all men are on a level; that religious prejudices have no entrance there; polemical discussions no abiding. For the persecutions of other days, on so-called religious grounds, as Freemasons we can have but one voice of absolute horror and condemnation, and we gladly welcome within our tyled portals Christian and Hebrew, Hindoo, Parsee, Mahomedan, and even Buddhist. The Atheist alone we unsparingly reject,—and so may it ever be! May Freemasonry still speed on its beneficent mission "from Pole to Pole," there never weary of proclaiming its reverence for GOD and its love for man. To that venerable and exalted brother, that great benefactor of humanity, that lover of his species, and yet a man and eminent Hebrew, SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE! English Freemasons, ever admiring what is loyal and true in conjunction with the civilized world at home and abroad, tender their heartfelt congratulations, and abiding good wishes of fraternal sympathy, respect, and affection. All our readers will regret to hear of the serious illness of that worthy and distinguished brother, though rejoice to hear of his happy rally and improvement.

IN a recent discussion in the House of Commons our distinguished Bro. PLUNKET, member for Dublin University, used these words, as they appear in the *Times* of November 4th: "It was now said that Freemasonry was at the bottom of these unjust verdicts. He was himself a Freemason, and the idea that Freemasonry influenced jurors in their verdicts appeared to him to be a piece of the wildest imagination. (Cheers.) It was no disclosure for him to say that all matters of politics and religion were left outside the door of the Freemason's lodge. (Hear, hear.) He felt quite sure that he could not, at a contested election, obtain the vote of any single Freemason who was a Liberal (laughter and 'Hear, hear'); and it was absurd to say that Freemasonry considerations would influence jurors in considering the guilt or innocence of a prisoner before them." (Hear, hear.) Mr. KENNY replies to this, "That he thought that Freemasonry had to a great extent influenced the verdicts of the special jurors. Irish Freemasonry was very different from English Freemasonry (hear); in fact, as different as was English Freemasonry from Continental Freemasonry" (hear); and Mr. O'BEIRNE "Protested against what had fallen from the right hon. gentleman the member for Dublin University, with regard to Freemasonry in Ireland. It was a mistake to suppose that Freemasonry was the same thing in Ireland as in England. In Ireland it was simply equivalent to Orangeism." From what we know of the matter, we feel sure that Bro. PLUNKET is quite in the right.

THE proceedings in the Isle of Man seem to have been most successful and to have given the greatest satisfaction. We understand that the distinguished deputation of Grand Officers returned highly gratified with their visit, and duly sensible of the hearty hospitality offered to them. The conse-

cration of the two lodges (see our report) passed over "more Majorum" with great effect. We can cordially compliment our esteemed Bro. C. SPENCER STANHOPE, P.G. Chaplain, for his very effective oration, and the historical introduction of the GRAND SECRETARY was most interesting. Before long we shall not be surprised to hear of a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man.

WE can hardly discuss the alleged action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec with any seriousness. When we realize that almost the youngest of Grand Bodies, and the least influential in some respects, should seek to adopt Roman Catholic or Fenian tactics, and "boycott," "excommunicate" the English Masons and the Grand Lodge of England, it must be a subject of almost uncontrollable merriment to all the jurisdictions of Cosmopolitanism. The question in dispute is so simple, it all so "lies in a nutshell," that it seems well to put before our readers at home and abroad, once for all and once more, a clear and correct statement of all the facts of the case. To do this, we must go back a little. When, in years gone by, the Canadian Freemasons, for reasons "good, bad, or indifferent," determined on "secesh" from the mother Grand Lodge of England, three lodges in Montreal specially declined to join the movement. Lord RETLAND, in his acknowledgment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, stipulated for the legal position and acknowledgment of the Montreal lodges, and this fact was agreed to "nem. con.," the then Grand Lodge of Canada, Bro. WILSON, Grand Master, going out of his way, as an extant printed correspondence attests, to admit the right of the Montreal lodges so to act, the reasonableness, the Masonic correctness of their position; their inviolability as lawful lodges under the English jurisdiction, from which it was not unnatural they should not wish to separate themselves. This is all so plain, and clear, and incontestable, that we need not take up any more space with dilating on these indisputable preliminaries. And so all went on until the Quebec Body was set up in "secesh," in turn, from the Grand Lodge of Canada, which for a time vigorously resented and loudly denounced any such procedure. And even then, at first, the Quebec Grand Lodge did not deny the legality of the English lodges. When the Grand Lodge of Canada and Grand Lodge of Quebec were forming their concordat of recognition, the legal position of the English lodges was admitted by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, (reserving to themselves the right to open friendly negotiations with the Grand Lodge of England thereanent), and nothing was said in any way intimating the unjustifiable position of later years. However, the Grand Lodge of Quebec is recognized and established, and then asks also for recognition from England. The English Grand Lodge, remembering Lord ZETLAND's guarantee, says—"Certainly; but you must place the English lodges in the same position they were by 'treaty-compact' under the Grand Lodge of Canada." To this the Grand Lodge of Quebec, unwisely advised, demurred, and from that moment the troubles began. Since then a disposition has been openly avowed and evinced to "repudiate" the old treaty and arrangement, and to claim even for the Grand Lodge of Quebec a power to overrule the legal and Masonic action of the Grand Lodge of Canada originally "in the premises." No doubt other matters have cropped up, and other subjects have intervened, until we find ourselves threatened with a "Bull of Excommunication" from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, after ceaseless allocutions and endless long-winded manifestoes. There is, however, a question which might supervene, which we beg to commend to the careful attention of our Quebec brethren. When Lord ZETLAND undertook to conserve an existing jurisdiction for a time, and not to perpetuate it, he did so conditionally. If his clear and precise words are carefully read, it will be seen that this abnegation on the part of the English Grand Lodge was dependent on the courteous and peaceful recognition of the English lodges. If, by any act of violence or intimidation, such legal position is jeopardized or undermined, the original unquestioned rights and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England are revived, and there can be no doubt had Lord ZETLAND been living, (as we know from the best authority on the subject), he would so explain his own act and his own words. If any of our readers will be kind enough to peruse Lord ZETLAND's speech in Grand Lodge, they will see at once what we mean more clearly than here we need to indicate. We shall be very sorry if the authorities of the Quebec Grand Lodge have committed such an act of unmitigated folly and un-Masonic "rowdyism;" it can only re-act upon themselves, and may pave the way for complications of a very serious kind. "Verbum sat sapientibus."

WE often hear just now of the American law of Grand Lodge formation and recognition, but as it is as often ignorantly appealed to and unsafely applied, we think it well to dwell for a short space on the fact such as it is. The American law is novel, exclusively American, "sui generis," and has

no pretence whatever either to precedent or authority, (outside America), or to be of universal application. It has arisen, "ex necessitate rei," out of two matters, "State Rights" and the "Extension of States." Therefore it is, and it is convenient enough for them, but it is purely American. Though the old law of occupation was that of priority, the English Grand Lodge in the Colonies now sought to question the concurrent jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland. Thus the American idea if there be three concurrent jurisdictions there is no dominant one, even if one of the jurisdictions has been in occupation for 130 years cannot be accepted in England. But in America this is how it acts. Take Montana; three American State Grand Lodges have warranted three lodges in what they, for instance, a new state, "Unoccupied Territory," and so it may be. There these lodges meet and form a Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge is recognized. Well, we do not say that under normal cases, this may not be correct legally and Masonically, but supposing there is a fourth or a fifth lodge, and one or both refuse to come in, and cling to the warranting Grand Lodge, what is to be done? A short time ago, if we remember rightly, "Old Missouri" had a similar case, and its Grand Lodge (if we are correct as to the Grand Lodge) took exactly the same view as we do, in old, stupid, "used up" Mother Country. It said as we say,—it is a matter purely for the lodge. We might think it better for peace and order, if there be no other valid objection, for the outlying lodges to go in. But if one or both refuse, we are bound in honour to uphold the interests and rights of our own children, to defend their Masonic character, and to protect their legal status. All the glosses in the world will not persuade us that you can divorce a legally warranted lodge from the "warranting authority," without the consent of the "warrantee." And thus the matter stands. The English Lodges in Montreal have done no wrong. They have simply adhered to Masonic law and an honourable Concordat, and the Grand Lodge of England cannot in honour desert them, especially by appeals to a law which is purely local if national in its bearing, and has neither Cosmopolitan authority, nor ancient precedent in its favour.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. James Glaisher presided as M.E.Z.; Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, as H.; and Comp. Robert Grey, as J. Comp. H. Buss, Asst. Grand Scribe E., officiated for Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., who was unfortunately absent through illness; Comps. J. Sampson Peirce, acted as S.N.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, as P.S.; H. J. P. Dumas, as 1st Assistant; and Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., 2nd Assistant. The other companions present were

Comps. Thos. Fenn, Joshua Nunn, H. Brooks Marshall, Grand Treasurer, J. Smith Eastes, Wilhelm Ganz, J. H. Matthews, Edgar Bowyer, E. Letchworth, John Messent, C. Greenwood, E. M. Lott, as Organist; Griffiths Smith, A. Lucking, P.Z. 1000, Provincial Grand Dir. of Cers. Essex; W. H. Kempster, M.D., M.E.Z. 890; A. Fish, M.E.Z. 95; G. Drysdale, Z. 7; J. H. Casson, Z. 1615; S. Brooks, H. 95; H. S. Goodall, P.Z. 874, P.G.S.B. Kent; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1384; H. Edwards, P.Z. 1385; J. Purrott, H. 1385, P.S. Herts; T. J. Ralling, P.G. S.E. Essex, P.Z. and S.E. 51; H. Massey, P.Z. 619; A. J. Dickinson, M.E.Z. 452; G. P. Festa, J. 77; J. C. Radford, J. 766; A. Clark, H. 1524; T. S. Curteis, Z. 1414; W. H. Cronk, H. 1414; W. H. Boswell, J. 1339; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1066; C. F. Hogard, P.Z. 10 and 142; H. E. Frances, P.Z. 452; W. Dodd, P.Z. 1104; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169; L. Cornelissen, P.Z. 1201; W. F. Smart, H. 766; and W. Hirst, Z. 1602.

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, on the motion of Comp. LETCHWORTH, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. The report was as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th July to the 14th October, 1884, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1653 16 1	By Donations to the 3 Masonic Charitable Institutions	£1500 0 0
" Unappropriated Account	198 13 4	" Disbursements during the Quarter	212 16 0
" Subsequent Receipts	214 9 10	" Balance	167 6 11
		" Unappropriated Account	186 16 4
	£2066 19 3		£2066 19 3

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

On the motion of Comp. LETCHWORTH, Grand Chapter granted the following petitions, the same having been recommended from the Committee of General Purposes:—

1st. From Comps. Henry Edmund Frances, as Z.; Thomas Holland, as H.; William Henry Harris, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, London, to be called the St. Ambrose Chapter, and to meet at the Barons Court Hotel, West Kensington, London.

2nd. From Comps. Edwin Matthew Lott, as Z.; Theophilus Thomas Phillips, as H.; Henry Joseph Lardner, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, Croydon, to be called the Mozart Chapter, and to meet at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, in the county of Surrey.

3rd. From Comps. Edward Masters, as Z.; William Webster, as H.; Alban Gee, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Parramatta St. George Lodge, No. 1943, Parramatta, to be called the Cumberland County Chapter, and to meet at the St. George's Masonic Hall, Parramatta, New South Wales.

The Committee having recommended that the Excellent Comps. Sir Albert W. Woods, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, be added to the Committee appointed by Grand Chapter on the 6th of August last to revise the Royal Arch Regulations,

Grand Chapter made the appointments.

Comp. Buss informed the Grand Principals that he had received telegrams from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., and Col. Creaton, P.P.G. Soj., stating that they were too ill to attend Grand Chapter and hoping for the indulgence of the companions.

Comps. JAMES GLAISHER said he was sure that all the companions present would join with him in a sincere feeling of regret at the illness of Grand Scribe E., and Col. Creaton. Grand Chapter was then closed.

MASONIC BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

On Wednesday evening, Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, M.P., G.J. Warden of England, gracefully concluded the series of splendid hospitalities which have characterised his tenure of the civic chair, by entertaining his brother Grand Officers, and other distinguished leaders of the Craft of Masonry at a special banquet at the Mansion House. This is now the third time that a similar compliment has been paid to the United Grand Lodge of England. Both Sir F. W. Truscott and Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., held the office of G.J. Warden of Grand Lodge during the years in which they respectively presided as Chief Magistrate of the City of London. Both of them were elected to fill the Master's chair of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, during their Mayoralities, and both of them signalled this simultaneous occupancy of their eminent positions of civic and Masonic dignity by receiving and entertaining the members of Grand Lodge at the Mansion House, Sir F. Truscott being especially fortunate, as the banquet he gave was graced by the presence of his Royal Highness the Grand Master. That Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, who has done so much in other respects to enhance the reputation of our Civic Magistracy, should follow the bright example established by his two worthy predecessors we have named, may be said to have been almost a foregone conclusion. At all events, it will be said hereafter of his Mayoralty, as it has already been said of those of Bros. Sir F. Truscott and Sir J. Ellis, that the closing festivity of his year of office was neither the least appropriate nor the least brilliant and successful. Indeed, from our point of view, Wednesday may be set down as one of Lord Mayor Fowler's brightest and most particular days. There was a goodly company assembled within the hospitable walls of the great civic mansion. The presence of so distinguished a body of Masons showed that the Craft fully reciprocated the great compliment paid them by their brother Grand Officer in his civic and Masonic capacities; and both host and guests vied with each other in their desire to do honour to the occasion. Of course, it goes without saying, that the banquet partook of the character of most other banquets, whether civic or Masonic, but it will perhaps be permitted to us to remark that of the many able and agreeable speeches which were delivered during the evening, that in which Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W. and P.G.M. Gloucestershire, proposed the health of the Lord Mayor was among the best of the many it has been our privilege to listen to. It is difficult to say whether it reflected more honour on the distinguished brother who spoke it, or on him in whose behalf it was spoken.

Amongst the numerous and distinguished company present were:— Lord Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk; Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Col. Lyne, P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. South Wales (East Division); Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Col. Le Gendre Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire; W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire; Rev. Canon Tristram, G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Robbins, G. Chap.; Horace B. Marshall, G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Ernest Emil Wendt, D.C.L., G. Sec. Ger. Cor.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., G.D.; F. Davison, G.D.; James S. Eastes, G.D.; E. Letchworth, G.D.; Horace Jones, G.S. of W.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C.; A. Richards, Dep. G.D.C.; Griffiths Smith, A.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, G. Std. B.; Lieut.-Col. S. E. Taylor, G. Std. B.; Professor E. M. Lott, G. Org.; H. Garrod, A.G.P.; Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; Æ. J. McIntyre, P.G.R.; Sir John B. Monckton, P. Pres. Board General Purposes; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; R. H. Giraud, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Frank Green, P.G.D.; P. De Lande Long, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Alderman Savory, Hon. Justice Strait, Ald. Sir Henry Knight, Ald. Sir Reg. Hanson, Ald. John Staples, W.M. 2020; Ald. Isaacs, Sir C. Hutton Gregory, K.C.M.G.; Ald. Evans, Col. Haldane, Ex-Sheriff Bayley, Ex. Sheriff Clarence Smith, Under-Sheriff Crawford, Under-Sheriff Metcalf, Major T. Davies Sewell, W.M. 1827; Sutton Gover, C. E. Soppet, E. Dresser Rogers, George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; L. C. Lumley, T. Flight Smith, A. B. Friend, A. C. Veley, E. Fenner, Bradshaw Brown, R. M. Bishop, J. W. Fuller, G. C. Boor, Gaywood, E. W. Stillwell, A. G. Medwin, H. Wilkinson, J. Langton, G. H. Salisbury, J. D. Langton, R. C. Belt, A. C. Graystone, T. B. Muggeridge, T. P. Griffin, S. Gooding, J. Rock, E. H. Sharp, Crawford, Gerard Ford, J. L. A. Monckton, Dr. Ramsden Wood, C. C. Black, J. Ford, T. Lough, J. Holah, R. Eve, S. T. Day, A. J. Pritchard, Bateman, Peebles, G. Payne, Captain R. G. Hall, Farnan, Cheston, Dr. B. H. Paul, A. J. Altman, T. Beard, E. Jex, T. J. Thomas, J. Corke, Malthouse, R. Clutton, F. H. Goldney, Rev. C. H. Awdry, G. Prior Goldney, Major D'Albiac, H. Greene, C. Sawbridge, H. J. Godden, Noon, C. D. Miller, Perkins, G. Martin, T. Loveridge, S. Mullens, J. Dimsdale, F. Bennoch, B. Scott, Puleston, M.P., W. Burdett-Coutts, Dr. Gordon Brown, W. H. Trego, Dep. Edmeston, George Shaw, George Manners, Robins, W. Nott, Thorne, Dep. Saunders, E. W. Rushworth, S. Hill, J. J. Boyd, E. C. Stebbing, W. Schloesser, R. E. Pixley, Chappell, Dr. A. Meadows, W. G. Lemon, Spratling, Minstrell, G. N. Johnson, W. H. Wilkin, C. O. Tagart, F. West, J. Hallett, A. E. Craven, Lane, Eyres, Alfred Brookman, E. M. Morriss, A. P. Youle, J. G. Hemmerde, W. C. Watson, Greenwood, C. Belton, de Montmercy, Dinwiddy, C. W. Thompson, H. F. Youle, R. J. Pawley, J. E. Turner, R. B. Lumley, G. N. Chambers, J. H. Fitch, A. Halford, W. A. Colls, G. R. Steel, T. M. Watson, R. Creed, F. Sharp, W. L. Baker, J. E. Walford, J. Wilcox, J. While (*Times*), and W. Lake (*Freemason*).

After the banquet the ancient custom of drinking from the "Loving Cup" was observed with full honours, and the Right Hon. brother and

host, the Lord Mayor, was warmly cheered when he rose and gave his brethren welcome to the palace of the Chief Magistrate of London.

The Egyptian Hall, after the withdrawal of the band and servitors, was tyled by Bro. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The LORD MAYOR, on rising to propose the first toast, was again received with warm cheers. He proposed the toast of "Loyalty to our Sovereign and Patroness of our great Order, her Majesty the Queen."—

The toast was fully honoured in Masonic form.

The LORD MAYOR then proposed "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and, in doing so remarked that that assembly drank the toast both as Englishmen and as an honour to one to whom they were all personally deeply indebted as their Grand Master. (Cheers.) His Royal Highness had taken the deepest interest in all that concerned the Craft, and as Englishmen they knew that he took the deepest interest in all that concerned the welfare of the country. (Cheers.) They would all, his Lordship remarked, acknowledge, both from their feelings as Englishmen and other feelings as Masons, the deep indebtedness in which they all stood to the Prince of Wales as the constitutional ruler of the Craft and as the future constitutional ruler of the Empire. (Loud cheers.)

The toast was also received with acclamation and duly honoured.

The LORD MAYOR said the next toast was one that would be accepted with pleasure by all, because every citizen and every Englishman knew the vast indebtedness of their country to the great services of the State. He regretted that there was no one present to respond for the Navy; but he had pleasure in reminding them that that day was the anniversary of a day which would always be impressed upon the minds and memories of the entire British race, in the fact that on that day the battle of Inkermann, when our noble band withstood a host of their enemies, and added a lustre to the profession of arms and to the glorious annals of this nation in war. (Cheers.) It happened that in that room, and sitting at those tables, were several representatives of the British Army who took part in that great battle. He referred to their brethren Gen. Brownrigg, the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey; Viscount Holmesdale, and Bro. Giraud. (Cheers.) There was a fourth eminent member of the Craft who was also at that battle, and who would have been present at those tables that evening but for sickness, and that was Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary. Upon that day the honour, and indeed the integrity, of this Empire depended upon those who heroically withstood the onslaught of the enemy, and well they bore their responsibility. (Cheers.) The brethren present would be grateful to those who represented that evening the forces present at that memorable event, and would cordially join him in drinking that toast. (Cheers.) Having selected Lord Holmesdale's name for response to another toast, he would ask Gen. Brownrigg to reply for the Army, and Lord Waveney to speak for the Reserve Forces. (Loud cheers.)

The toast was received and honoured in Masonic form.

Gen. BROWNRIFF remarked that he did not know how better he could show his gratitude for having his name coupled with this toast than by speaking as shortly as possible of the events of that day. He had in his mind a scene which he could not describe, but which he well remembered, and he well remembered also the difficulties of the day. One of the events was a fog which arose in the thick of the battle, and that was a very acceptable ally to the British forces. The men who took part in that battle were men in every sense of the word, and the Army was not then composed of knock-kneed boys. (Laughter and cheers.) He returned his sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which they had accepted the toast of the Army, and remarked that the hearts of soldiers were ever sustained by the thought that they had the sympathy of the nation—(cheers)—for whom they hazarded life, home, and all they loved. (Cheers.)

LORD WAVENEY, who was cordially received, in returning thanks for "The Reserve Forces," spoke of his long connection with the artillery branch of the Volunteer force, and remarked that the earnestness with which the members of the force underwent the monotony of drill, and took the trouble to learn the intricate manoeuvres which they did, was an instance of the patriotic feeling of the great mass of Englishmen. It was fitting that he should mention that he considered the manner in which the Volunteers would do their duty was to be seen in the fact that some of the best soldiers of olden times were drawn from the trained bands of the City of London. (Cheers.) He thanked the brethren present for having drunk this toast.

The LORD MAYOR then proposed "The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master—Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale," and in doing this remarked that the great success which had attended upon Freemasonry had been greatly heightened by the manner in which the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been assisted by the Pro Grand Master and his Deputy.

The toast was received with all honours.

The LORD MAYOR then proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Masters," and pointed with pride to the fact that there were eleven of these high officers in the Craft present that night. With the toast would be coupled the name of the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, a nobleman who had served the country, as he had remarked before, in the ranks of the Army and the most trying moments in her history—(cheers)—and had now devoted long years to the service of peace as one of the rulers of this ancient Craft.

VISCOUNT HOLMESDALE expressed his pleasure at returning thanks for this toast at such a large and important gathering of representative Freemasons, and remarked that those who held the positions of rulers in the Craft had to give no inconsiderable amount of time and attention to the discharge of those duties. He for one, as well as all those who were in the higher ranks, considered that that Craft was worthy of all the attention and of all the time they bestowed on it. (Cheers.) However high their social rank, they would not be true Masons if they neglected those duties, and an instance of that was seen in the events of that night, for the Lord Mayor had given his brother Masons what the British Army gave the enemy at Inkermann—a warm reception. (Laughter and cheers.) He thanked the brethren most heartily for drinking the toast.

The LORD MAYOR then proposed "The Grand Officers Past and Present," and in doing so dwelt upon the confidence which the Grand Officers possessed amongst the brethren of the Craft.

Bro. MCINTYRE, M.P., esteemed it a very high honour to be called upon to respond to this toast. He had had the honour of being a Grand Officer for a great number of years, and now he had retired from the active duties of Grand Registrar he was gratified to find that the duties of his old office were being discharged by his worthy brother Philbrick, who he trusted would live long in the confidence of the Craft. (Cheers.) He was rejoiced to know that those who did their duty in the Craft would never have their services forgotten. (Cheers.)

Bro. Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, M.P., who was received with warm cheers, said he esteemed it a high honour in the presence of so many "most potent, grave, and reverend signiors"—many of them vastly his seniors in the Masonic world, to propose what, he felt, would be accepted there as "the toast of the evening." He wished, indeed, that the task had fallen into the hands of one who could do full justice of the merits of what he had to propose; but his difficulties were lessened, because he knew that the toast was one which could commend itself to them without a word—and that was the toast of "Their Brother and Host, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor." (Cheers.) It was unnecessary, as indeed it would be out of place, to say a word of flattery in proposing that toast. It was a well-known circumstance, in regard to those who were brothers in kin, that all were painfully alive to each other's defects, and, similarly, those who were brothers in Masonry occasionally experienced the same feelings. But this characteristic of union of blood and union of Masonry was not experienced in reference to their Right Hon. Brother, who, they would all admit, approached as nearly as possible to being the embodiment of some of the principal Masonic attributes. (Cheers.) Sir Michael proceeded to say that he had had the honour for many years of an acquaintance with their Right Worshipful Brother and host, and those who had been so fortunate as to know him, would know that it was no flattery to say that his unvarying kindness, which could not be surpassed, his ever-flowing hospitality—given irrespective of class, opinion, or of creed—and last, but by no means least, his charity—unbounded in measure, and more especially forthcoming on behalf of his weakest and most necessitous fellow creatures—were characteristics which had not been simply brought forward by the high position which he had held during the last year. (Cheers.) Those who had known him in his Mayoralty, and who were able to judge from a long experience of governing of that great city, would say that their host's year of office had been singularly and properly crowned by that night's reception of his brother Masons—(cheers)—and that it very appropriately concluded a year of office which they knew, if it had been equalled, had never been surpassed in the annals of the City of London. (Cheers.) Sir Michael said he considered he was fully warranted, on behalf of his fellow Masons who had the good fortune to be present that evening, in venturing to return to the Lord Mayor their deepest and warmest thanks for his kindness towards them—a kindness which was only part of his universal hospitality—(cheers)—and to wish him many and prosperous years of life, during which he might be gratified by the recollection that in this great City of London he had done a work which would live in the memory of his fellow-citizens, and during which he might continue to do service to his Freemasonry and to his country. (Cheers.)

The toast was received with all enthusiasm, and

The Lord Mayor, in response, in the first place thanked his Right Worshipful Brother for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the guests for the hearty reception they had given to it. Having been placed—however unworthily—in the position of Junior Grand Warden, and having also been elected as Worshipful Master of No. 1 Lodge, he felt he could do no less than follow the noble example set him by his brother Alderman and brother Mason, Sir Frederick Truscott, and ask his brother Masons to meet him at the Mansion House. His brother Truscott was fortunate, indeed, to have the honour of the presence of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and on this occasion there was a like great gathering to the first. His Lordship proceeded to say he could not but remember that that was the last occasion on which he should meet his friends as Lord Mayor, for on Friday he gave up his office to his worthy successor, and he was gratified, indeed, to think that his work as Lord Mayor and as a Mason had received the stamp of approval from his fellow citizens, from the public, and from his brethren in the Craft. (Cheers.) The post of Lord Mayor of the great City of London was a peculiar one. The public were kind enough to accept with confidence the election by the citizens of one man to that position, and anyone elected to that position felt that he was bound to rise to the occasion, and to discharge to the utmost of the abilities which had been given to him the important duties of that post. He was extremely thankful, the Lord Mayor continued, that he had been enabled to discharge those duties, and he was warmly sensible of the kindness he had received during his year of office, from the highest to the lowest in the land. (Cheers.) His Lordship then proposed prosperity to No. 1 Lodge, and drew attention to the fact that Brother Giraud had been a member of that lodge for upwards of 60 years. Brother Giraud was one of a few alive who took part in the stirring battle of Waterloo, and for 50 years he had held the high position of Treasurer to that lodge. (Cheers.) His lordship had personally to give his thanks to his Bro. Martin, the Senior Warden of the lodge, who, indeed, would have been the Master of that lodge this year but for his lordship's election to the position of Lord Mayor of London. Under the circumstances, which they all knew, Bro. Martin came to him, and asked his lordship in a brotherly manner if he would accept the post of Master, and said that he would stand aside in order that the Lord Mayor of the year might also be Master of No. 1 Lodge. (Cheers.) No. 1 Lodge was the first upon the roll of lodges in the English Craft, and he felt sure that they would all welcome the toast and would welcome the next speaker, an old and worthy Mason. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk and Bro. GIRAUD, in a few words, returned thanks, and said that but for the lateness of the hour he could give them an interesting history, which, however, he did not expect they would then care to listen to. On behalf of No. 1 Lodge, of which he had the honour to be Treasurer, he begged them to accept his thanks, while he also wished to thank the Lord Mayor for the hospitable reception he had given to the representative Masons present. (Cheers.)

The proceedings then terminated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on the 22nd ult., under the banner of the Ivanhoe Lodge, 1779. W. Bro. Tew, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by a large gathering of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, and the representatives and a great majority of the lodges in the province, Bros. J. S. Cumberland and T. B. Whytehead, both P.P.G. Wardens of N. and E. Yorkshire, being among the visitors. The Ivanhoe Lodge having been opened by Bro. C. H. Gilbert Hay, W.M., assisted by his officers, the Prov. Grand Officers entered, and Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, and

Bro. Tew delivered a long and admirable address, at the commencement of which he referred to the resignation of Sir H. Edwards in the following

terms: "To-day this province is without an active Prov. Grand Master. The Deputy, by a rule in the new Book of Constitutions, has authority to summon Prov. Grand Lodge for the despatch of business. The province being under the charge of the Prov. Grand Officers for the time being, the indulgence of the brethren is claimed in the administration of its affairs until our Royal Grand Master, who has the retirement of Sir H. Edwards before him, exercises his prerogative in the appointment of his successor. Whoever this may be, whether Royal Duke or Noble Lord, or some titled personage, the allegiance of the brethren will be given to the occupant of this office, as it has been to those who have preceded and governed us with ability and success. Of all loyal bodies of men on the face of this earth, there is not one which can surpass the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire in dutiful faithfulness to any appointment the Prince of Wales may choose to make. On the 2nd June, the Deputy received a communication from Sir Henry Edwards, to make known his intention of retiring from the Provincial Grand Mastership, and to accompany the determination of his withdrawal with an unmistakable feeling of gratitude to the Prince of Wales for his gracious permission to act so long in this capacity, and thankfulness to all the lodges and chapters for the uniform kindness, support, and forbearance invariably manifested towards him, thus enabling him to fulfil his Masonic obligations taken at his installation at Halifax in 1875. To this wish of the Prov. Grand Master the Deputy felt bound to comply, and a circular letter, dated the 18th June, 1884, was accordingly issued to the W. Masters of all the lodges in the West Riding. This communication will therefore be read to you and entered on the minutes. With that delicacy of mind so characteristic of the sensitive nature of our Prov. Grand Master he wished that his determination to retire should be received by the lodges *sub silentio*. This command has been respected, and although the lodges have passed sympathetic resolutions, these have been transmitted to me, and, as opportunity has occurred, I have conveyed their expressions of sympathy and regret. A more formal resolution is on the agenda paper, thanking the Prov. Grand Master for his services to the Craft, deploring the cause of his retirement, and expressing our gratitude and unshaken confidence for the manner in which he has maintained the dignity of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and our fervent desire that the Great Architect of the Universe may yet give him many years of life to adorn his high station and to render himself serviceable to his fellow creatures in that beneficent manner of which he has ever shewn himself to be so remarkable and brilliant an example. It is gratifying to know that he does not intend to withdraw his name from this Prov. Grand Lodge." Passing over the observations referring to the Pope's Encyclical, we find that Bro. Tew went on to pay a graceful compliment to the Ivanhoe Lodge, which, he said, "was constituted by me on the 29th October, 1878. It has now forty-two members. It has prospered since its establishment, and we ask the Worshipful Master to accept our acknowledgments for the invitation to meet under its banner. The lodge has carried out the aspirations of the reverend and learned Chaplain at its dedication, that the prosperity of a lodge does not depend upon its numbers, but on the high moral and intellectual tone which should pervade its members. Of the three other lodges in Sheffield it would be difficult to eulogize them adequately. They have given largely to the Charities and they have on their roll many illustrious brethren to whom Sheffield owes much of its importance as a busy centre of commerce." Having thanked the Mayor for having placed the Cutlers' Hall at their disposal, Bro. Tew described the proceedings which had taken place since April last, laying stress on the contributions to the central Charities by the province, the total for the year being upwards of £1898. He also referred to the Worcester Exhibition; the recent marriage of a son of the late D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw; the approaching resignation of Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, to whose merits during his long official career he paid a well-deserved tribute of praise; and the deaths of Bros. Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., and H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec. W. Lanc. With reference to the revision of the provincial bye-laws, Bro. Tew said the Committee had held several meetings, and that "its labours will soon be in the hands of the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, who can take such steps as may be deemed necessary to place them before their brethren, so that we may fairly hope that they may be adopted by Grand Lodge in January, 1885, and confirmed at the annual meeting next April. We are in communication with the surrounding provinces, so as to have an approximation of identical bye-laws; and our views are so far harmonious."

Having brought his address to a close, various business was transacted, in the course of which a motion made by Bro. JONAS CRAVEN, P.P.G.W., and seconded by Bro. ISAAC BOOTH, P.P.G.W., was unanimously carried, to the effect "That this Provincial Grand Lodge has received with the deepest regret the official announcement of the retirement of Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c., from the position of Grand Master of this province, an office he has filled with conspicuous brilliancy and success for upwards of nine years. It cannot but feel the great loss it has sustained by his withdrawal from the position of head of the Craft in this province, and desires to assure him of its gratitude and appreciation of his unbounded liberality to the Craft and its Institutions, and his devoted services in the interests of this province. This Provincial Grand Lodge desires also to express its deep sympathy with him in his retirement from the duties of his high office, and most fervently prays that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare him and Lady Edwards in that sphere of usefulness which they adorn by their genial, friendly, and courteous recognition of every claim, whether from the Craft or society at large."

A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, and the D.P.G.M. having announced that he would let the brethren know as soon as possible when the meeting in January next would be held, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed and the proceedings terminated. A banquet was subsequently held in Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M.

FREEMASONRY IN THE ISLE OF MAN.

CONSECRATION OF TWO NEW CRAFT LODGES.

An event unprecedented, we believe, in the history of Freemasonry has occurred in Douglas since our last issue—that of the establishment of two new lodges in one town within the brief space of 48 hours. These two new lodges are the Ellan Vannin, No. 2049, and the St. Trinian's, No. 2050, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England. Amongst the rapidly increasing Masonic body in Douglas are many members of remarkable enthusiasm in their endeavours to promote the welfare of the Order, and by them it was determined that the event should be celebrated in such a manner as would make it an era in the history of Manx Masonry. The dates of the

two consecrations having been fixed to suit the convenience of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who had been appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to perform the ceremony, committees from the founders of each lodge were appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the ceremonies. The Grand Secretary arrived at Douglas on Friday evening, accompanied by a number of officers of the Grand Lodge, amongst whom were Bros. the Rev. W. Spencer-Stanhope, P.G.C.; C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; and Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, P.G.D. Several of these distinguished brethren became the guests of Bro. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, at the Nunnery, who very generously extended his hospitality, and who is entitled to the thanks of the local Brotherhood for his effects in more ways than one to make this, the first, visit to the Island of the Grand Officers a pleasant one.

The consecration of the Ellan Vannin Lodge was fixed for Saturday, at four o'clock in the afternoon, and by that hour there was a large gathering of the Craft from all parts of the Island, the Tyler's book having been signed by no fewer than 48 brethren, of whom exactly one-half were P.M.'s of the Order, amongst these being several from England. The founders of the lodge who signed the petition are the following: Bros. John A. Brown, P.M. 1242, P.Z. 1004; J. S. Goldie-Taubman, W.M. 1242; G. H. Smith, P.P.G.S.B. N. Munster; James Hodgson, Rev. Blundell Brown, A. Bruce, J. E. Hunt, Dr. J. Reynolds, P.Z. (S.C.); R. Whiteside, Dr. Dearden, W.M. 1004; J. A. Mylrea, W. Dobson, G. C. Heron, P.M.; G. H. Quayle, P.M. (I.C.); Dr. T. A. Woods, Dr. Friend, Claude Cannell, and F. Browne. All these brethren were present except two. In their petition to the Grand Lodge the petitioners had nominated Bro. J. A. Brown to be the first W.M.; Bro. G. H. Smith to be their first S.W.; and Bro. James Hodgson to be their first J.W. The brethren assembled in the Tynwald Lodge room, and received the representatives of Grand Lodge in due form. The Grand Secretary having, as Consecrating and Installing Officer, taken the chair, appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B., as S.W.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., as J.W.; Rev. Charles Spencer-Stanhope, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C. The lodge having been opened, the Consecrating Officer proceeded with the consecration ceremony, which is of a most impressive and imposing nature. He was ably assisted by the other Grand Officers, the entire proceedings, under the experienced direction of the Director of Ceremonies, passing off without the slightest hitch.

The PRESIDING OFFICER in his address to the brethren before commencing the business dwelt upon the motive of the assembly, and gave a brief history of the establishment and progress of Freemasonry in this Island. There was, he said, a rumour to the effect that it was under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland that Freemasonry was first introduced; but, so far as he could learn, there was no trustworthy evidence on that point. Under the Irish Grand Lodge, however, more than one lodge had been established on the Island. One which had for years existed in Douglas finished its career in the year 1862; but the Lodge of Mona, with a charter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland dating so far back as the 8th of June, 1857, was still flourishing in Castletown. The first establishment of English Freemasonry in Douglas was in 1864, the consecration of the Athole Lodge having taken place in April of that year. Some idea of the progress which Freemasonry is making under the fostering care of the Grand Lodge of England, with his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as its head, may be gathered from the fact that the Athole Lodge is numbered 1004 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, whereas the lodge which he had now the pleasure of consecrating was numbered 2049, so that in the 20 years which had elapsed since the establishment of the Athole Lodge the Order had more than doubled itself. In the December of the very year after the establishment of the Athole Lodge, the St. Maughold Lodge, at Ramsey, numbered 1075 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, was consecrated. No further progress, so far as increasing the number of lodges was concerned, was made during the next three years. Then came a petition for a warrant for the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, and in the December of 1868 that lodge was consecrated by their excellent Bro. Bannister, whom he had now the pleasure of seeing in the Senior Warden's chair, in the Tynwald Lodge Rooms. In the year 1870 the Athole Chapter, attached to the Athole Lodge, was established, the consecration taking place in May of that year. From 1870 a lapse of 14 years took place without any further proposals to increase the number of lodges in Douglas; but in the early part of this year the authorities of the Grand Lodge were somewhat startled by receiving, almost simultaneously, two petitions for charters for two lodges to be established in Douglas. Such an event as this was quite unprecedented; but, on finding that the two new lodges were not likely to clash with each other, nor with the existing lodges, his Royal Highness was pleased to grant the prayers of the petitioners, and, in pursuance of the Grand Master's command, he (the Grand Secretary) and other officers of the Grand Lodge had come to the Island to perform the consecration ceremony, and to duly constitute the petitioners into two lodges of "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons." Before proceeding with the ceremony he would like to utter a few words of caution. The magnificent progress of the Order in late years had led to enormous numbers of persons endeavouring to procure admission to Masonry, many with the selfish and sordid object of unduly availing themselves of its undoubted privileges or to push forward their business. Members should, therefore, be especially guardful not to propose any one for initiation into the Order unless they felt convinced that they would reflect honour and credit on their choice. There was no difficulty in getting candidates—many were only too anxious to join the Order;—but before they were accepted for initiation their character should be considered, their temper studied, their antecedents inquired into; and the entrance of unworthy persons into the Order should be guarded against. No lodge should be in too great a hurry to assume large proportions. They had far better advance slowly, and with due care build up a lodge which would reflect honour on the brotherhood. (Applause.)

The ceremony was then proceeded with. During its progress the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. C. W. SPENCER-STANHOPE, delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Masonic Institution.

A selection of music appropriate to the ceremony was gone through by a choir consisting of Bros. R. Swinnerton, P.M., E. J. Bowman, P.M., R. G. Hoyle, and J. E. Hunt, Bro. J. A. Mylrea ably presided at the organ.

At the conclusion of the consecration service, Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M., presented by Bro. F. Richardson, P.G.D., was duly installed the first Worshipful Master of the Ellan Vannin Lodge, the ceremony also being performed by the Grand Secretary.

The new Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. S.

Goldie-Taubman, W.M. 1242, I.P.M.; G. H. Smith, S.W.; J. Hodgson, J.W.; the Rev. Blundell Brown, Chaplain; A. Bruce, Treasurer; Dr. J. Reynolds, S.D.; R. Whiteside, J.D.; Dr. Dearden, W.M. 1004, D.C.; J. A. Mylrea, Organist; W. Dobson, I.G.; and John Cowen, Tyler.

The thanks of the lodge were in the most hearty manner presented to the Consecrating and Installing Officer, and to the other Grand Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge.

Before the business concluded, propositions were made for an initiate and for several joining members, and the W.M. announced close upon thirty valuable presents to the lodge. These were gratefully accepted, and votes of thanks were presented to the donors.

The lodge having closed down, the brethren adjourned to the Peveril Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, served in Bro. Nattan's best style. In every respect the banquet was a great success. Bro. J. A. Brown, W.M., presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Amongst the speakers were the Worshipful Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain, Bros. C. J. Bannister, J. S. Goldie-Taubman, A. Dumbell, P.M. (Clerk of the Rolls); the Rev. Blundell Brown, G. H. Smith, S.W.; J. Hodgson, J.W.; Cruickshank, P.M.; Ramsey, F. Browne, A. N. Laughton, and Dr. Haviland.

The most important subject referred to during the evening was the proposed establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge for the Isle of Man, and the benefits to the Craft that would ensue. The principal speakers on this point were the Grand Secretary, Bros. Dumbell, P.M.; Cruickshank, P.M.; and J. Hodgson, all of whom spoke in favour of the proposal.

Bro. DUMBELL, P.M., made some very pertinent remarks on this subject. He said he could not but think that it was desirable that Masons in the Isle of Man should go in for a Provincial Grand Lodge. It would be a great advantage in many ways. Home Rule would be a great benefit to them. Why, the brethren at the banquet even could not wear Masonic clothing without a special dispensation from Grand Lodge in London. A Provincial Grand Lodge would also make the old officers more distinguished by their not being so soon equalled by younger officers. Another advantage would be the establishment of a local Benevolent Fund.

Several other brethren spoke in the same strain.

Bros. Bowman, P.M.; Swinnerton, P.M.; Mylrea, Hoyle, and other musical brethren contributed to the harmony of a pleasant evening. One of the songs was of a very appropriate nature. It was "Ellan Vannin," a composition which may now be looked upon as the national anthem of Manxland. It was capably sung by Bro. Bowman, who introduced into it two new verses, composed by Bro. G. H. Smith, S.W. As they have a special interest from their Masonic allusions, we append them:

And now a band of Masons joined by close fraternal tie,
This lodge of ours we consecrate 'neath the All-seeing Eye,
And christen it most lovingly, dear Island, after thee,
Our own dear Ellan Vannin with her green hills by the sea.

Its foundation has been laid to-day with diligence and care,
Each ashlar set in level line well chiselled, smooth, and square;
May order, peace, and harmony its portion ever be,
Our own dear Ellan Vannin with her green hills by the sea.

The proceedings were closed by Bro. J. E. Hunt, Secretary, singing the Tyler's toast.

The consecration of the St. Trinian's Lodge, No. 2050 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, took place on Monday afternoon, and such was the fraternal interest taken in the proceedings that it drew together even a larger number of brethren than were present at the Ellan Vannin consecration on Saturday, there being no fewer than 54 signatures in the Tyler's book. There was the largest gathering of P.M.'s ever witnessed in the Island, no fewer than 27 of those present having attained that rank. They were the officers of the Grand Lodge, Bros. G. C. Heron, J. A. Brown, L. G. Hannay, C. F. Johnson, J. S. Goldie-Taubman, E. Pierpoint, G. M. Lofthouse, H. Rothwell, C. Kennaugh, J. Mylchreest, E. Munday, E. Ferrier, G. H. Quayle, J. M. Cruickshank, E. C. Kerr, W. Laughlin, W. L. Wild, H. Brearley, W. Cannell, J. McWhannell, and J. W. Wood. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were, of course, almost exact repetitions of those at the Ellan Vannin Lodge on Saturday, and it was also, of course, performed by the same officers of the Grand Lodge. The brethren received the representatives of the Grand Lodge in due form shortly after four o'clock, and the ceremony of consecration was at once proceeded with. The musical portions were very ably rendered by a choir consisting of Bros. E. Munday, P.M.; L. G. Hannay, P.M.; and W. A. McKown, with Bro. F. C. Poulter as Organist.

The founders of the St. Trinian's Lodge who signed the petition are the following brethren: Bros. G. C. Heron, L. G. Hannay, G. J. Nattan, W. A. McKown, W. Broughton, J. H. Stretch, F. Poulter, Goodwin, Colquhoun, T. H. Nesbitt, B. F. Johnson, J. A. Brown, J. Morrison, E. C. Gelling, J. F. Terry, and A. E. Rothwell. The Consecrating Officer's address to the brethren, and the Grand Chaplain's oration on the origin and principles of Masonry, were in their general scope and purport very similar to those which were rendered in the proceedings of the Ellan Vannin consecration. The founders had elected Bro. G. C. Heron, P.M., to be their first W.M., and after the consecration ceremony, the Grand Secretary at once proceeded to install him in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Both ceremonies—that of consecration and that of installation—were most impressively rendered.

The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. L. G. Hannay, as I.P.M.; G. J. Nattan, S.W.; W. A. McKown, J.W.; C. M. Challender, Sec.; W. Broughton, S.D.; J. H. Stretch, J.D.; T. H. Nesbitt, D.C.; F. C. Poulter, I.G.; T. Goodwin and W. Colquhoun, Stewards. Bro. John Lanaghan was unanimously elected Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony several candidates were proposed for initiation, and several brethren as joining members. The officers of Grand Lodge were also enthusiastically thanked for their services, and were paid the further well-deserved compliment of being unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge.

The lodge business being over, the brethren adjourned to the Peveril Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, provided in splendid style by Bro. Nattan, the S.W. of the lodge. The catering and the waiting, as at the Ellan Vannin dinner on Saturday, were everything that could be desired, and the brethren thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The several loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the various speakers being the W.M.; the Grand Sec.; Bros. C. J. Bannister; J. S. Goldie-Taubman, P.M.; Rev. E. Ferrier, P.M.; J. M. Cruickshank, P.M.; L. G. Hannay, P.M.; and G. J. Nattan, S.W. Several musical brethren,

amongst them being Bros. L. G. Hannay, P.M.; J. McWhannell, P.M.; W. L. Wild, P.M., and others, contributed to the harmony of the evening.

The proposal to establish a Prov. Grand Lodge for the Island was again referred to in terms of general acceptance. The Grand Secretary's remarks on this and other points are of especial value. He said—Masonry has more than doubled itself in number of lodges in 20 years. Every day we have lodges started, and every day the Order is growing stronger. We have an enormous amount of subscriptions. £40,000 a year is subscribed from our Charities, and we give away £10,000 a year in our Fund of Benevolence. Indeed the Order is becoming what the Yankee would call a "very big thing." (Laughter.) With respect to your government, Manxland is famous all over the world for Home Rule; but you have not yet got Home Rule in Masonry; but I hope you will soon agree amongst yourselves to ask the Most Worshipful Grand Master his Royal Highness to make you a Provincial Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) The time has come when you ought to have a certain amount of government amongst yourselves, and that you must gain by having a Prov. Grand Lodge. On that subject let me clear up one or two points. Since I have been here I have been spoken to a great deal about this. Some brethren have said, "Cannot we have a District Grand Lodge?" perhaps with the idea of having extended powers. Really, the powers of a District Grand Lodge are not so very valuable, and really it is quite out of question that you should be formed into a district. Up to last Saturday you had three lodges in the Isle of Man, paying two shillings of a capitation grant, and the two new lodges could not have been put on a different footing. The Channel Islands, who are in the same position as you, are a province, not a district. It is only fair to explain to you that the formation of a district is out of the question. A Provincial Grand Lodge would be of great benefit to you, and you would have many privileges that now you have not. (Hear, hear.) You would have your own charitable institutions; all your little disputes could be settled at home, and you would not have to write to me when you wish to appear at dinner in your best bib and tucker. (Laughter.) I mean, of course, in Masonic clothing. There are a great many advantages in a province. Every part of England has its provinces, and see how well they work. It is nothing to me whether you have it or not; I advise you for your own good. That is the reason why I soon hope to be amongst you again. (Cheers.) I have been greatly delighted at the strong fraternal feeling which exists among you here. The brethren here are greatly to be praised for the manner in which they have conducted Masonry. We leave to-morrow morning, and we all leave with regret. We have an invitation to another Masonic meeting to-morrow night, but we are unable to stay. We, however, leave the Isle of Man with most pleasant recollections of our sojourn in it. (Cheers.) Our worthy brother the Master of the Ellan Vannin Lodge wishes me to explain the *modus operandi* in connection with the obtaining of a Provincial Grand Lodge. The lodges have only to pass a resolution that they are of opinion that it is desirable to have a Provincial Grand Lodge. They send me a copy of the resolution, and if I receive a resolution from the five lodges to the same effect, then it will be my duty to lay the matter before the Grand Master, and ask his favourable consideration of the petition. (Applause.) I need scarcely say that I will urge it in every way in my power.

The Tyler's toast—"Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again," recited by Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M., brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

Both lodges were furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF ST. ALBAN'S MARK LODGE, No. 344, AT NOTTINGHAM.

The consecration of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street, Nottingham, on Thursday, the 16th ult., in the presence of a brilliant and distinguished gathering of nearly the whole of the Mark Master Masons of the province, Bro. H. R. Hatherly, Past G.M.O., Prov. G.M. Sec., being the Consecrating Officer, and, it is needless to say, performed the ceremony in that splendid way for which he is so famous.

The following oration was then delivered by Bro. the Rev. F. V. RUSSELL:

Worshipful Presiding Officer and Brethren,—I should, indeed, be undertaking a difficult task did I propose in this oration to lay before you wholly new thoughts or new information on the nature and principles of Mark Masonry. With its history, its privileges, its requirements, you are all more or less familiar. They have from time to time been treated of fully and lucidly by brethren of far greater ability than he who now addresses you. A few words, however, whether new or old, are demanded on these matters by the present solemn occasion, when we are met together to fix another stone in the Masonic structure, and reverentially to dedicate it to the Great Overseer of the Universe. Let my first words be those of congratulation. A few short years ago there was but one Mark Master Masonic lodge for the whole of the Province of Nottinghamshire—that established in this ancient town of Nottingham claiming its origin from time immemorial. In the year 1880, however, Mark Masonry woke up from its lethargic sleep, and the Fleming Lodge was founded at Newark, where good work still continues to be done for that part of the province. Then came the establishment of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, at whose head we welcome our Right Worshipful Bro. John Watson—a brother whose praise will ever sound in our lodges, and whose work is ably seconded by another standard and prop of Masonry in this province, our Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Newton. And not content with this, we meet together again to-day to consecrate with all our solemn rites and pageants the St. Alban's Lodge of Mark Master Masons, bearing the honoured and respected name of the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft in Nottinghamshire. Mark Masonry then, brethren, being thus flourishing, well may we congratulate ourselves on being enrolled under the banner of such a society, which I make bold to say sheds lustre on all who come within scope of its influence. Let us, one and all, express a fervent hope that the lodge we dedicate to-day may prove equally flourishing and luxuriant as the parent stem from which it springs. As regards Mark Masonry generally, brethren, it is especially your duty to make your conduct such as shall stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square, and fit us for the place for which we are destined in the building. This as regards ourselves, with respect also to others, let us learn from this Degree not to judge by appearances, let us remember our own ignorance, and be more ready to approve than to condemn. It has been well said that as the stone, which the builders rejected became the head of the corner, so the man we despise to-day may control our destiny to-morrow. If we consider the Degree of Mark Master historically, it is of the utmost importance, since we are informed that, by its influence, each Operative Mason at the building of the Temple was known and distinguished, and the disorder and confusion which might otherwise have attended so immense an undertaking was completely prevented. Not less useful is it in its symbolic signification. As illustrative of the Fellow Craft, this Degree is particularly directed to the inculcation of order, regularity, and discipline. It teaches us that we should discharge all the duties of our several stations with precision and punctuality; that the work of our hands and the thoughts of our hearts should be good and true—not unfinished and imperfect; not sinful and defective; but such as the Great Overseer and Judge of Heaven and Earth will see fit to approve as a worthy oblation from His creatures. If the Fellow Craft Degree is devoted to the inculcation of learning, that of the Mark Master is intended to instruct us how that learning can most usefully and judiciously be employed for our own honour and the profit of others. And it holds forth to the desponding the encouraging thought that, although our motives may sometimes be

misinterpreted by our envious fellow mortals, our attainments be underrated, and our reputations traduced by the envious and malicious, there is One, at least, who sees not with the eyes of man, but may yet make that stone which the builder rejected the head of the corner. The intimate connection, then, between the Second and Fourth Degrees of Freemasonry is this—that while the one inculcates the necessary exercise of all the duties of life, the other teaches the importance of performing them with systematic regularity. The true Master is a type of that man, mentioned in the sacred parable, who received from his master this approving language—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Such, brothers, is the significant meaning of the rites which we perform as Mark Masters. I need not enlarge upon them further, their import and their application is familiar to you all. In their knowledge and their exercise may you fulfil the high purposes of the Masonic institution. Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Overseers designate of the St. Alban's Lodge, let me urge upon you, one and all, that it be from this day forth your constant endeavour, when your new lodge shall have been dedicated, to add another column of strength to the cause, to cement more closely existing ties, to impress, if possible, your comrades in the attributes, moral, intellectual, and social, that give to Masonry its eminence, and to bear your share in the liberal encouragements of the charitable resources of the town and province. May you be roused to a generous and laudable emulation that shall be the forerunner of perfection; and, finally, brethren, let the prayer of all of us be—

O grace this lodge, Great Overseer,
With all Thy praise and earnest truth;
That it may flourish through all time,
Ever with unabated youth.

In this Degree we find the truth,
On earth below, in heaven above;
The corner stone of every work
Should be unselfish, lasting love.

Still will we work, and, working, pray,
Trusting that in a better land
Our mystic keystone may be raised,
And fitted by Thy Master Hand.

The Installing Master, Bro. J. Young, P.M. 19, P.P.G.S.W. Leicestershire, &c., then installed the W.M. designate, Bro. J. Toplis, in the chair. The whole of the working was admirable, and the brethren were loud in their approval of the masterly exhibition. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Young, I.P.M.; G. Chapman, S.W.; H. Vickers, J.W.; T. Roberts, M.O.; R. W. Plummer, S.O.; G. Baxter, J.O.; A. J. Barber, Treas.; W. E. Jefferson, Sec.; J. Brown, Reg.; H. E. Wilson, S.D.; B. Crooker, J.D.; O. A. Dennis, I.G.; R. Topott, Steward; and C. H. Benham, Tyler.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, the W.M., Bro. Toplis, presiding, having on his right that well-known veteran in Mark Masonry, V.W. Bro. Kelly, Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire, &c., whilst nearly the whole of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, honoured the lodge by their presence. The usual loyal and other toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren dispersed to their respective homes, well pleased with having been present, and witnessing from first to last one of those grand things in Masonry we read about, but very seldom see.

REVIEW.

ORIGIN OF THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY—
Especially in relation to the Royal Arch Degree. By Bro. W. J. HUGHAN. London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street.

FOURTH NOTICE.

Bro. Hughan, in his recent valuable work, has, for the first time, made available to Masonic students some very important documents and facts. For this all owe him sincere gratitude. The Charter of Compact is, for the first time, printed by him "in extenso," and a most interesting and curious document it is. To him we also owe the corrected list of Royal Arch chapters from 1769 to 1813, as well as the important list of extinct Royal Arch chapters from 1769 to 1797. The names of the Grand Superintendents of the Royal Arch from 1778 to 1813 are invaluable to Masonic students, original in themselves, and for which we are indebted most truly to Bro. Hughan. Indeed, it is impossible shortly to sum up all that Masonic students owe, and must owe, to this interesting and able summary of facts and details, all more or less for the first time put forward, and demonstrating how carefully Bro. Hughan has gone over the whole field of Royal Arch evidence, of all available testimony, on this important question. Nowhere else, and certainly not until Bro. Hughan's last striking publication, do we see what a fulness exists as to Royal Arch evidences, and how entirely we owe it to Bro. Hughan clear statement that the English origin of the Grade is all but established, and that Dermott obtained it, in all human probability, from the Moderns, and that it was not an emanation either from his own "inner consciousness," or borrowed from Ramsay or some foreign rite. Indeed, as Bro. Hughan seems to suggest, the whole Dublin story begins to look slightly suspicious. At any rate, if Dermott obtained the Royal Arch at Dublin it was in consequence of the proceedings of that mysterious brother from York and London, mentioned by Fifield D'Assigny. If this be not the case, why does all knowledge of the Royal Arch seem to pass away for a time from our Dublin brethren? The difficulty of doing full justice to Bro. Hughan's interesting work arises from the reality that each page is full of a marshalling of facts,—new, and if not new, hitherto not set before us clearly or completely, and that the whole volume is brimful of points most important for all students, and absolutely necessary for those to master who are interested in Royal Arch Masonry. We have thanked Bro. Hughan for the work before, we thank him again. It enhances the sense which all who look into such matters,—alas, we wish the interest was wider,—must entertain for Bro. Hughan's very important and effective contributions to Masonic archæology. In some respects we venture to think his last work, (not the last we hope from his pen), is the best, in that it gives to all studious readers plenty to think of, plenty to digest, and also a great deal that is absolutely new, and which no previous writer has collected or touched upon, from the first page to the last. May this valuable work do good to the cause, we know with ourselves Bro. Hughan has so much at heart,—the spread and progress of Masonic Light.

SOME ANCIENT YORK MASONS AND THEIR EARLY HAUNTS.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

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On January 10th, 1722-3, the next record was made of a "Private Lodge held at the house of Mrs. Hall, in Thursday Market. On this occasion Henry Legh, Richard Marsh, and Edward Raper were admitted, and there appear to have been five visiting brethren, for it is added, "At the

same time the following persons were acknowledged as brethren of this ancient Society, Edmd. Winwood, G. Rhodes, Jos. Hobson, John Vanner, and Francis Hildyard, junr."

The Raper family were in a very good position in York, and were bankers and leading men in the tea trade; several of them served as Lord Mayors and Sheriffs. It is now impossible to identify the house of Mrs. Hall, but in all probability it was the Golden Lion, a very old inn, and where, much later in the century, the Union Lodge held its meetings.

At this time Sir Walter Hawkesworth is said to have been President, but the minutes are silent on the subject.

The next meeting was held on February 4th of the same year, at "Borehams," when John Lockwood and Matthew Hall were sworn in. Lockwood was, I believe, the owner of Lockwood's Coffee House in Micklegate, which was afterwards a place of Masonic meeting for the Union Lodge. At this same meeting two visitors "were upon their examination received as Masons." These were George Reynoldson and Barnaby Bawtry. Reynoldson became an active member and afterwards Grand Warden, and was one of those who assisted Drake to revive the lodge in 1761.

The Bawtrys were at one time a distinguished family in York. Alderman Bawtry, who was Lord Mayor in 1670, had a house in Micklegate, where the Duke of York was entertained at dinner in 1664.

On the 4th November, 1723, at a private lodge at "Mr. Wm. Stephenson's, in Petergate," John Taylor and John Collings were admitted. I believe that Wm. Stephenson at this time kept the White Swan, an old inn of good repute, which at that period had a good frontage into Petergate, but which has since, like many old houses, shrunk into small dimensions, and has its principal entrance from Goodramgate. Collings, who was made on this occasion, afterwards succeeded Stephenson in the house. At the time he was admitted he probably kept some other inn.

The next minute records the admission, at "Borehams," on February 5th, 1723-4, of Wm. Tireman, Charles Pick, William Musgrave, John Jenkinson, and John Sudell, several of them well-known York names.

The following meeting was held on the 15th June, 1724, in Davy Hall, when Daniel Hervey and Ralph Grayme were admitted. Davy Hall no longer exists. It appears to have been the residence of a family who held the hereditary office of Royal Lardiner in the forest of Galtres. In the reign of Henry III., David, surnamed Lardinarus, held the hall as tenant to the King *in capite* by the performance of services. Hence probably the name Davy Hall. In later years the property passed into the hands of the Fairfax family, and in the seventeenth century it was let off in tenements to artisans, chiefly shoemakers. As the place was held directly from the Crown, it was considered to be exempt from municipal law, and, this being a great inconvenience, the Corporation eventually bought Davy Hall from Lord Fairfax, and it was pulled down in 1747. It stood in Davy-gate, at its junction with New-street.

We are told that Charles Bathurst, Esq., was Grand Master in 1724; but these minutes make no mention of the fact, although we have two entries of meetings in that year. The first is dated June 22nd, and states that at a private lodge, held at "Mr. Geo. Gibson's," there were admitted Robert Armorer, William Jackson, and Geo. Gibson. Wm. Jackson was Sheriff of York in 1712, and Geo. Gibson was landlord of the house in which the meeting was held. This was one of the best hotels in the city, and existed within my own recollection. It was latterly known as "Ettridge's," and stood at the corner of Museum and Blake streets, on the ground now occupied by the York Club and the Poor Law Offices. Alderman Bluit kept the inn after Gibson, and was followed by Ettridge, whose old-fashioned figure, in drab shorts, stockings, and gilt buttons, is remembered by many York citizens.

The second meeting of this year was held on December 28th, at "Mr. Geo. Collings, in Petergate," when Wm. Wright, Ric. Denton, Jno. Marsden, and Ste. Bulkeley were admitted. This was at the White Swan Inn before referred to. Wm. Wright most likely belonged to the Wrights who, like the Rapers, were great tea dealers in Ousegate. John Marsden was a well-known citizen. He was an apothecary, and a man of excellent taste. He was a member of the Corporation, and in 1730 that body entrusted to him the work of laying out and planting the New Walk, one of the most effective bits of artificial landscape work ever done in York.

Charles Bathurst, who is said to have been Grand Master at this time, resided in Micklegate, in the house at the corner of Barker-lane, opposite Holy Trinity Church, afterwards the residence of the late Dr. Williams, father of Bro. J. M. Williams. On the leaden spouting of the house can be seen the letters C. F. B.—the initials of Charles and Frances Bathurst—and a view of the house is given in an old plan in the possession of the York Merchants' Guild. The family claimed to be descended from a common stock with the Earls Bathurst. The founder of this branch was Theodore Bathurst, a Leeds lawyer, whose son Charles built the house at York, and married Miss Potter, a York heiress. He died in 1724, and was succeeded by his son, Bro. Chas. Bathurst, a bachelor. He had a country seat at Clints, near Richmond (Yorks), and was High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1727, and died in 1743, when the family became extinct in the male line. We have had no record in these minutes, it will be noted, of the initiation of any Charles Bathurst.

The next meeting was held at Colling's House, in Petergate, on July 21, 1725, when Luke Lowther and Char. Hutton were admitted, and it is added: "At an adjournment of a lodge of Free Masons from Mr. Jno. Colling, in Petergate, to Mr. Luke Lowther, in Stonegate, the following persons were admitted and sworn into the Society of Free Accepted Masons: Ed. BELL, Esq., MASTER. Char. Bathurst, John Johnson, John Elsworth, Lewis Wood."

It is quite plain that if Charles Bathurst was not admitted until 1725 he could not have been Grand Master or President in 1724. It looks as if Charles Bathurst had joined the Craft upon coming to York and taking possession of his father's house. It may, indeed, have been that Charles Bathurst, senior, was President in 1724, and if so he died during his year of office. His arms are emblazoned on one of the windows of the council chamber of the Guildhall.

Luke Lowther was the landlord of the Star Inn, in Stonegate, an old house that still exists, but, like many other ancient houses of entertainment on a much more limited scale than of yore. Within the recollection of living persons there was a garden between the house and the street, and a large portion of the old building has been let off as workshops. The old large room, which was most likely used for Masonic purposes, stands within biscuit-throw of the present Masonic Hall in York.

(To be continued).



Craft Masonry.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting of this lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. E. J. Earney, W.M.; R. Blum, I.P.M.; S. Parkhouse, S.W.; E. B. Sheeman, J.W.; T. A. Barfield, Treas.; G. Reade, Sec.; S. H. Lock, S.D.; J. H. Taylor, J.D.; C. Wehlen, D.C.; W. Side, I.G.; R. Schofield, Tyler; J. Carr, J. Richardson, J. Brazell, J. W. Barker, J. R. Harnell, W. J. Childs, J. Reilly, G. Fisher, A. Wolveridge, G. Brown, J. Everett, C. W. Bovis, W. Harrison, J. Temple, W. Death, W. Jones, G. Collins, E. Krause, J. Boerger, H. Essex, J. J. Channon, N. Jarvis, A. Collard, L. G. Stelling, W. Park, G. Robson, J. McCulchen, J. Renham, J. French, and R. Reckie. Visitors: Bros. S. Ball, 1567; H. Dehane, P.M., I.P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; E. J. Jennings, 733; D. P. Cama, P.M. 1159, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx.; R. J. Laundry, 1681; R. Pearcey, 1673; E. M. Lander, P.M. 1642, P.Z.; J. Bartle, W.M. elect, 1642; J. Cunningham, W.M. 1238; L. W. Harvey, P.M. 9; H. Robinson, 1681; G. Dickinson, 1681; W. Honneyball, W.M. 1681; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; J. G. Thompson, 1681; John Ball, 15; G. Davis, P.M. 167, P.Z. 185; Lewis, Beyett, P.P.C.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; C. Cunningham, 1612; E. Rogers, 1238; P. Dickenson, 1298; J. Gillingham, W.M. 1238; J. Francon, 1623; W. Gregory, 173; J. W. Wyatt, 1828; and many others, numbering 91.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. John Kellick. A Board of Installed Masters having been opened, Bro. Parkhouse was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Earney. The brethren having saluted the W.M., the following were then invested: Bros. E. B. Sheeman, P.M., S.W.; H. J. Lock, J.W.; A. Barfield, P.M., Treas.; G. Reade, Sec.; J. H. Taylor, S.D.; W. Side, P.M., J.D.; G. Fisher, I.G.; J. O. Schuler and W. Death, Stewards. An indigent brother was relieved. The Auditor's then read the report of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge which was of an extremely gratifying character. Bro. Barfield was elected Steward to represent the lodge at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. Earney, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said that he had gone through all the offices and had now arrived at the chair, thoroughly esteemed and respected by all who knew him, but not more than by the members of the Zetland, and concluded by wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master returned his sincere thanks and said it was a proud moment to be the W.M. of his mother lodge, the old Zetland, having been unanimously elected; of course he could not expect so many initiates to come forward as in former years, as there were so many lodges now in London. It was gratifying to see so many from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge present, from whom he had received so much consideration when he was their W.M.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master." He had worked up step by step with him, gone up as Steward together, and time after time had been Scrutineers at the various elections, and that Bro. Earney had the cause of Charity at heart and was a jolly good fellow.

The toast being received with every mark of approval. Bro. Earney returned thanks in very happy terms, and was very grateful for the numerous kindness he had received during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Visitors," said it was the toast of the evening, making a running comment upon them as he read their names. Notably among them, Bro. Cama, who was a thorough Mason, having given no less than £700 during the last few years to the different Masonic Charities, and also every Christmas seeding £100 to the Lord Mayor to distribute among the poor.

Bro. Dehane, who represented the Charity organization in Essex, and any brother who knew anything about the Charities, would bear him out that it was not a sinecure.

Bros. Cunningham, Gillingham, the W.M. of the Gooch Lodge, and Bryett, of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge, came in for "hearty good wishes." Bro. Bartle, the W.M. elect of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and its members were especially welcome.

Bro. G. Davis, the talented Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction and Chapter of Improvement, the Worshipful Master said words of praise were not strong enough for his constant attendance and correct teaching of the rituals, concluding by coupling with the toast the following who replied: Bro. Barratt stated lucidly the characteristics of what a good Mason should be, instancing the I.P.M. for his earnestness. Brevity, he said, was the soul of wit, but tediousness was "busted up a ladder." Bro. Cama hoped the W.M. would not forget him on a future occasion, and complimented the brethren on their working, especially the Installing Master. Bro. Murlis briefly replied, congratulating the brethren on having a W.M. who would prove of so much benefit to the lodge as Bro. Parkhouse, who was a good husband, father, neighbour, and Mason, and complimented Bro. Barfield in accepting the office of Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and as a visitor asked the brethren to give him their hearty support.

Bro. Dehane alluded to the good the various provincial Charity organizations did, and was much obliged to the W.M. for the kind words he had said of him and thanked them for their magnificent hospitality.

Bro. Capt. Nicols spoke of his Indian experience, and was glad to see another brother from that part in his friend Bro. Cama.

Bro. Bartle, the W.M. elect, hoped that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would be visited by many of those belonging to the Zetland during his year of office. Bro. Lander eulogised the W.M. in a truly Masonic spirit, and hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him good health. Bro. Ball, who had given a comic Irish recitation, said there were visitors and

visitors, welcome and unwelcome, illustrating his meaning in a very humorous speech, calling to mind the time he visited, with the W.M. some years ago, a poor family whose "all" was pawned, and Bro. Parkhouse releasing the goods and handing them back to the family, and so showing what manner of Mason Bro. Parkhouse was even in his younger days.

The Past Masters' toast was replied to by Bro. Ward, 12 being present.

The Treasurer, Bro. Barfield's reply was such as might be expected from so worthy a brother—to the point, reminding the brethren that the Treasurer had duties to perform, and unless others did theirs he would be unable to do his.

Bro. Read, the Secretary, stated this was the twelfth time he had been invested, and that he had replied to the Secretary's toast 72 times in that lodge, and it was difficult to find anything fresh to say, so recited that touching incident "The Fireman's Wedding." The rest of the officers were duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. W. J. Oliver, assisted by Bros. Sheeman, Krause, and Ball.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—This lodge held its annual installation meeting at the King's Arms, Wood Green, on the 18th ult. The W.M., Bro. Tollis, having opened the lodge, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Carter and Lait were raised to the Sublime Degree by the I.P.M., Bro. T. Harrison, whose general working was highly appreciated. The chair was then re-occupied by Bro. Tollis, who proceeded to the initiation of Messrs. Smith and Keddell, the manner in which the ceremony was performed being enhanced by the knowledge shown by the minor officers in the fulfilment of their duties. The installation of W.M. elect, Bro. George Powell, was performed by Bro. T. Harrison, P.M., after which Bro. Powell proceeded to appoint his officers for the year, namely, Bros. James R. Tollis, I.P.M.; William Shipright, S.W.; William G. Hildreth, J.W.; Alfred Durrant, P.M., Treas.; Chas. E. Lloyd, Sec.; Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., Chap.; Wm. Field, S.D.; Thomas. B. Goodfellow, J.D.; Thomas Richards, I.G.; William Sayer, P.M., D.C.; Elijah Chatterton, Org.; Francis Knight, Steward; and A. B. Church, Tyler.

Bro. Powell having been warmly congratulated by the brethren of the lodge, and having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the Auditors' report, which showed the lodge to be in a prosperous condition, was read. Bro. Powell with a few kindly and eulogistic words of greeting then presented Bro. Tollis, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him in recognition of his services in the chair.

The presentation having been suitably acknowledged, the rest of the business was disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet under the presidency of their new W. Master. Owing to the heavy amount of business which had occupied the lodge, the toast list was somewhat expeditiously gone through, the remarks of the W.M. and the other speakers being appropriate, but of necessity brief. The toasts which were especially honoured were those of "The W.M.," "The Initiates," and "The Masonic Charities," for the last of which Bro. Terry replied in his usual happy style. The W.M. will signalise his term of office by undertaking the duties of a Steward at one of our anniversary festivals, and the announcement of this and the further important fact that already about £100 has been promised towards his list was greeted with very hearty applause. The toasts were interspersed with songs, the most conspicuous contributor being our veteran Bro. Mackney, who is an honorary member of the lodge. The following brethren were present in addition to those already mentioned, namely: Bros. W. Hallingsworth, P.M.; George James Raw, P.M.; C. T. Conolly, Edmund W. Mackney, hon. mem.; Wm. Shipright, Wm. Stiffin, J. H. Murray, A. C. Gomm, E. Bond-Nash, Thos. Usherwood, James Prentice-Stafford Hill, and Charles Albert Buehl; and among the visitors were Bros. J. Terry, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Norths. and Hunts; W. Beavis, W.M. 879; F. Hallows, W.M. 861; H. Youngman, W.M. 1571; D. Rose, P.M. 73; F. Franklin, P.M. 1662; W. W. Medcalf, P.M. 1671; W. Martin, S.W. 879; J. Ward, I.G. 1237; A. R. Thomas, 157; A. H. Wilde, 266; S. Flint, 1613; and A. S. B. Edwards, 1685.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The well-known theatrical lodge—the Lodge of Asaph—held their big meeting of the year at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, when Bro. Delevanti, the outgoing W.M., installed his successor, Bro. Charles E. Tinney, the S.W. in the lodge during the past year. The ceremony was admirably performed; indeed, the work was excellent in a remarkable degree, and was made to run more smoothly by reason of the admirable management of Bro. John Maclean, I.P.M. and D.C., under whose guidance the way in which the members of the lodge marched past and saluted the new Master left nothing to be desired. According to the agenda paper, Bro. E. W. Garden, 949, was to have been balloted for as a joining member; but the W.M. announced that this business would be deferred until the next regular meeting of the lodge. Upon Bro. Chamberlin reading the Auditor's report, it appeared that the funds of the lodge were in a highly satisfactory condition, there being a balance of £117 6s. 5d. in favour of the lodge. The report upon the Benevolent Fund also showed a good balance, viz., £565 19s. 7d.

The officers elected or appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Ashley, S.W.; Kemp, J.W.; Charles Cote, Treas.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Tinney, S.D.; Wooldridge, J.D.; Walter Smith, I.G.; Hitchins, D.C.; Fairchild and Beveridge, Stewards; Konig, Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren of the lodge and their numerous guests, making up a party of 120, dined together in the large hall of the tavern adjoining, and after the cloth was drawn, a number of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The new Master, Bro. Finney, in opening this portion of the proceedings, said that, considering the attractive programme of music that had been provided, he should limit his remarks upon the toasts as much as possible.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Grand Master" having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Unfortunately, he said, as they had heard in lodge, the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary, who had both been invited, were unable to be present in consequence of illness. They had with them, however, Bro. F. Binckes and Bro. H. Mackintosh, who were Past Grand Stewards, and he would therefore ask them to reply on behalf of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Binckes, in a genial speech, said that the position of those brethren who had the honour to wear the red apron was somewhat anomalous. No one could be a Grand Steward at an expense of less than £50, while five guineas covered the expense of brethren who were honoured with the purple, and, notwithstanding their heavy outlay, Grand Stewards were only Grand Officers while they held that position, and did not rank as Past Grand Officers afterwards. In their case therefore there was this anomaly—that they could be present Grand Officers, but not Past Grand Officers; it had, however, been stated that though they were not Past Grand Officers, yet, in the absence of any Present or Past Grand Officer, there was no great deviation from propriety in calling upon a Past Grand Steward to respond on behalf of the Grand Officers. With this preface Bro. Binckes returned thanks for the honour that had that evening been done them in proposing this toast.

Bro. Mackintosh having briefly endorsed Bro. Binckes' observations,

Bro. Delevanti, I.P.M., proposed what he considered as the most important toast of the evening, namely, "The Health of the W.M." They had not many opportunities in that lodge of expressing their loyalty to their Master, as they only had one banquet in the course of the year, but what they lost in quantity he hoped would make up in quality. Their Master came to them with no strange name; his father had been well-known for many years in the professional world of music; he graced the position which he held. One son of his was a dearly loved Past Master of the lodge, and another was worthy of being a Past Master of any number of lodges; and their present Master, the youngest of the three brothers, had made an honourable position in an excellent profession. In the profession of music he had made such a position as rendered him not unworthy to hold the Mastership of the lodge of Asaph. He was the right man in the right place; and the lodge of Asaph had reason to be proud of their choice.

Bro. Tinney, W.M., said that he very sincerely thanked Bro. Delevanti and the Past Masters and brethren for the honour they had just done him. That was a proud day for him on which he had been made the Master of that lodge. He had thought it a proud day when he had been initiated into Masonry by Bro. Wm. Tinney in 1877, but this was a day of crowning honour. He assured them that he should do his very best to carry out the work of the Master's chair. He had had very good examples before him, and if he could only follow in the footsteps of his predecessors he should be sure give satisfaction to the lodge, and he should feel satisfied himself. The next toast that he had the pleasure to submit to them was "The Health of Bro. Delevanti." The brethren who had attended their lodge meetings could not but have noticed in what a splendid way Bro. Delevanti had gone through the ceremonies in the three degrees; he had never been wanting in any point or points. He now came to a very pleasant part of his duties, which was to present him with a jewel which had been voted to him by all the members of the lodge. He had to ask Bro. Delevanti to allow him to fasten the jewel on his breast; he did it with a great deal of pleasure, and he trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare Bro. Delevanti many years to wear that jewel, and afford the lodge the benefit of his Masonic experience.

In acknowledging the honour that had been done him that evening, Bro. Delevanti said that it was no sinecure to hold the Mastership of the lodge of Asaph. He had had to follow in the footsteps of very worthy Masons, and during the past year they had had 11 initiates of the right stamp, who had made more or less—and generally rather more than less—a mark in their career in an honourable profession. It must do such men an immense amount of good to be brought in contact with men of the same profession as themselves, and men who could do them an immense amount of Masonic good. He must say to the young men in particular that they should come to the lodge regular; they must rely upon it where prudence and honour and charity met together in their purest form, they must have a beneficial influence on their career. As Immediate Past Master he must say for his officers that no man had better officers in a Masonic lodge; there never had been a more loyal body than the brethren by whom he had been surrounded. He thanked them very much for the beautiful jewel which had been presented to him. He hoped he should maintain the good character that the W.M. had given him. He might say that since he was initiated there was only one meeting of the lodge that he had missed, and it was compulsory. In his position of Past Master he should use his utmost endeavour to do everything for the good of the lodge of Asaph and for Freemasonry in general. He thanked them very much for the kindness shown to him.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded with the list of toasts, which included that of "The Past Masters," for which Bros. P.M.'s Weaver and Frenoir, responded.

"The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. Mackintosh, P.G.S., Jones, and Livett; and "The Officers of the Lodge," for which Bro. Kemp, J.W., responded in the absence of the S.W., Bro. Ashley.

During the evening an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was performed. The vocalists included Miss Edith Umpleby, Miss Marie Gray, Miss Maude Hayter, Miss Florence Winn, also Bros. James A. Brown, T. W. Hanson, Henry Bracy, Charles Stevens, Henry Prenton, Thomas Kempton, and John Maclean, P.M. Bro. Stedman's choir boys. The instrumentalists were Bros. Louis Konig, and J. C. Hambleton; the conductor being Bro. H. J. Tinney, S.D. There were also two very effective recitations delivered by Miss Annie Maclean, a very young lady apparently possessing considerable talent.

Among the visitors present were Bros. E. Littlejohns, 780; E. F. Randolph, 1373; W. J. Pilcher, 442, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W.; R. Pittam Stevens, 901 and 173; Robt. D. Cummings, S.W. 1677; S. Lloyd, P.M. 1201; Charles Stevens, W.M. 1793; Arliss Andrews, 201; Jos. P. Fitzgerald, W.M. 1354; J. C. Innes, W.M. 795; H. Bottrill, 706; Hubert Bailey, 1719; Charles Hobb, 1351; C. M. Brander, W.S. 1563; John Stone, 704; T. J. Tyler, S.D. 59; Gabriel Rosenthal, 583; Alfred Moore, P.M. 862; Lionel B. Brough, 1609; and others.

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- "Jewish Chronicle," "Liberal Freemason," "Sunday Times," "Hull Packet," "Masonic Token," "Die Bauhütte," "Citizen," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Voice of Masonry," "Keystone," "Court Circular," "Freemasons' Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "La Reforma," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Victorian Freemason," "Monthly Magazine of Odd Fellows," "Tricycling Journal."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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.]

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I have perused with much pleasure the able article with some very practicable suggestions by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., under the above heading in your last issue. As we are greatly indebted to the press generally for most good schemes brought to light, so I think, sir, we shall be so indebted to you in the matter of being able to cope with and ultimately devise an effectual scheme whereby we may be able to discountenance impostors and thereby be enabled to assist the worthy indigent brethren who may chance to have to claim our assistance. I quite agree and feel sure the Craft generally will almost, if not unanimously, agree with Bro. Stevens's idea as to the appointment of a Grand Almoner and Assistant Grand Almoner, but fail to see any reason why they should not be paid officials the same as other remunerated officers connected with the Craft and our various Institutions, it would doubtless be far preferable to pressing more work on the Grand Lodge offices. Let us hope that Bro. Stevens will lay the matter fully before his co-members of the Board of General Purposes, and if they deem it advisable, introduce the scheme for the consideration, approval, and decision of Grand Lodge.

We hear from every pulpit, and learn from that very powerful organ, the press, generally something of the evils in the train of indiscreet or indiscriminate almsgiving. In addition to numerous impositions from week to week, doubtless there are a great many deserving cases which have to go empty away, through not being able to decide at the moment whether impostor or not, (such a case was refused at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday night last.) There are thousands of brethren in our Order whose hearts burn to give a trifle when such claims are mentioned, but feel uncertain as to whether they are being victimised. The brother's letter from Chelsea, signed "victimised" under the heading "Masonic Impostors," gives some very good suggestions which fall in with my letter in your issue of the 11th ult., but I consider Bro. Stevens's suggestions are a much more effectual mode of dealing with this important matter.

Most lodges have a benevolent or charity fund, and in some cases with very considerable amounts therein, might they not be asked to contribute to keep support, together with the support from the General Fund, to meet the numerous claims which such an Establishment would be called on to meet. These letters, and such an Institution, if established, need not ever deter brethren from assisting wherever no suspicion of imposition rests. As we must not forget that "He who gives promptly gives twice," and a little timely aid to a deserving case we doubt not doubly blesses the receiver as well as the giver.

Let us hope for a little unity of action to set this desirable machinery in motion, and I think there is not a member of our Order who will not admit it to be a great want supplied. It might be extended with equal advantage to all provinces and districts.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,
HENRY BALDWIN,
Prov. G.S.B. Middx.

93, Loughborough-road,
Brixton, S.W.
November 5th, 1884.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
About 20 or 25 years ago we were very often "harassed" by "begging Masons," who would call on the members of the lodge individually, and get a shilling from one, half-a-crown from another, and so on, making perhaps a haul of 30s. in a day or two. The nuisance became so great that we decided to abate it if possible. We appointed a brother as the lodge Almoner, to whom all cases were to be referred, the brethren agreeing to refuse giving any sums personally. The Almoner had a discretionary power to relieve every case up to 10s. If more than 10s. was required the Almoner had to consult the W.M., who decided on the amount.

This plan has been continued to the present time with marked success. For many years we have been very little troubled with Masonic mendicants, who would be detected

on their second visit, as the same brother continues to hold the office. Indeed, we are nearly free of this "plague," as all other lodges might be, by pursuing the same method.

Bro. Stevens has evidently given a good deal of attention to the matter, and as he is a very practical brother, any suggestion coming from him always deserves consideration. But, the plan he proposes seems of too large proportions for the subject, and reminds me somewhat of "the invention of a powder to kill fleas." "The flea was to be held conveniently between the thumb and finger of the left hand, while a very small quantity of the powder was applied to the end of its trunk; after which, if the same flea could be proved ever to have bit the person again, he was to have another packet of the powder for nothing." "The very first old woman the inventor sold a packet of the powder to unluckily asked him, 'Whether, when she had got the flea, if she should crack it under the nail it would not do as well?' The poor fellow could not but answer, 'That that way would do, too, and was so thunderstruck with the objection that he never sold another packet.'—Yours fraternally,
E. T. BUDDEN.
Wimborne, 3rd November.



PSALM XV. Music by D. M. DAVIS, Choir Master of the New West-end Synagogue. London and New York: Novello, Ewer, and Co.

We have been favoured with a copy of Bro. Davis's admirable setting of this Psalm, which was selected as being so appropriate for singing in the synagogues at the special services held on the 26th ult. to celebrate the centenary of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore's birth. The composition is dedicated to Sir Moses, who, we feel sure, must be much pleased at Bro. Davis's artistic contribution to the memorials of the day.

COME, YE BLESSED OF MY FATHER. A motett for four voices—alto, two tenors, and bass. Composed and dedicated, by permission, to Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Superintendent of Worcestershire, by Jas. FITZGERALD, P.M., P.Z. 377. London: Conrad Herzog and Co., 62, Hatton Garden, E.C.

This is a most creditable composition, and must enhance the reputation already achieved by Bro. Fitzgerald. It is admirably suited for the purpose for which it has been written, namely, to be sung in our Masonic lodges after the alms have been collected—with or without accompaniment—or for similar purposes in any place of Divine worship.

ORATION. Delivered at a Special Meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland on the consecration of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, Narborough, by Bro. AMBROSE P. DAWSON, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain.

In preparing addresses to be delivered on such occasions as the consecration of a new lodge, the great difficulty always is to avoid, as much as possible, saying what has been said by others. Our Rev. Bro. Dawson, however, appears to have succeeded in presenting an address which was calculated to arouse the sympathies of his audience. His theme was an old one, but he has written independently without anything like slavish imitation of others, and we may add that he has written well.

LODGE OF JOURNEYMEN MASONS, No. 8, SCOTLAND.

Bro. William Hunter, who is well-known to the Scottish Craft, and has done his part well as a Masonic historian in the past, has most opportunely rewritten and published his racy sketch of the "Lodge of Journeymen Masons." In the preface he speaks of the articles on the subject which he published in the "Freemasons' Magazine" (London) in 1858* as probably "now almost entirely forgotten;" but we can assure him there are many who still value those interesting accounts of that old lodge, and even so late as 1883 Bro. Gould, in his "History of Freemasonry" (vol II.), acknowledges his indebtedness to them, and obtains from that source many of the details he supplies of "ye olden tyme." We do not accept Bro. Hunter's opinion that "few of the proceedings of the Lodge Journeymen are of such importance as to warrant their publication," for the most readable history he has compiled of No. 8 contains not only several really important facts and illustrative documents, but he has written it in such a pleasant manner, that many who might be deterred from the perusal of a larger or "drier" work, would, we feel persuaded, rise from the reading of this interesting little volume with considerable pleasure. We think, then, that the aim of the author will be attained, for the work cannot fail to be "gratifying, at least, to the members themselves," and we shall be much surprised if it does not also obtain a wide circle of readers in no way connected with the lodge. After presenting a brief review of the eventful past of the "Lodge Mary's Chapel," No. 1, from the sixteenth century, the "Incorporation of Wrights and Masons" is introduced, which was constituted in 1475 by an Act of the Magistrates of Edinburgh. In process of time other trades were added, the Glaziers, Upholsterers, and others being united to the Masons; and Painters, Slaters, and Carpenters joined the Wrights (Carpenters), by decision of the Court of Session. This was in 1703, the whole Company being known as the "United Incorporation of Mary's Chapel." Bro. Hunter tells us "the lodge took the same name as the Incorporation, held its meetings in the same place, had generally the same clerk to record its transactions, and the deacon of the Masons was most frequently the Master of the lodge." It is not clear yet whether the Incorporation had much, or any, control over the lodge; "indeed, in reading over the records, it is often difficult to say whether they refer to a separate society or the Incorporation itself." The records of this ancient lodge having been so carefully examined, and made public by Grand Secretary Lyon in his noble volume, embracing, as it does, the history of No. 1, and also the Grand Lodge of Scotland, we must pass over many of the details supplied by Bro. Hunter, and at once refer to

the separate existence of "Lodge Journeymen." Its original minutes prior to 1730 are missing; but happily there are preserved "occasional notices of the payment of subscriptions, of the election of office bearers, and of several laws passed at different times for the government of the body." We agree with Bro. Hunter in believing that the lodge really dates from 1707, though some we know favour the year 1709, but that meetings were held prior to the latter date, there is no doubt, for the resolution passed by the Journeymen in 1708 "to raise money for the poor was signed by forty-four brethren." These names generally are to be found in the roll of Mary's Chapel Lodge. In December, 1708, the members presented a petition to the parent lodge, complaining of certain grievances, which were in part remedied, but evidently the Journeymen having started a lodge on their own account, tended to complicate matters, and in 1712 the concessions of the Masters of No. 1 were withdrawn, which led the Journeymen present (save two) to leave the parent lodge, headed by Bro. James Watson, the Deacon of the Incorporation and Master. Open warfare was the result, and every endeavour was made to crush the new Society which had dared to dispute the authority of their Masters and superiors. The Journeymen were refused employment and opposed in every way possible; but "they manfully, braved the fury of the mother lodge, backed, as it was, by the whole strength of the Incorporation, and refused either to surrender their arms or break up their organisation. On a trifling pretence two of their leaders were apprehended and placed in confinement," and their books were taken from them. An action was then raised for "wrongous imprisonment and unlawful abstraction of the books." Ultimately arbitration was agreed to, which resulted in the "Decree Arbitral" of 1715, by which the Journeymen were empowered to continue their organisation, so as "to meet together by themselves as a Society for giving the Mason's word, and to receive dues therefore." It is the history, then, of all these extraordinary struggles that Bro. Hunter gives us so graphically in his work, and the recital cannot but be interesting to the Craft universal, as also more particularly to the members. We commend its perusal to all those who desire a brief account of the peculiarities of Freemasonry in Scotland before the Grand Lodge was formed in 1736, and since that period. We hope the reception of this history will be such as to induce Bro. Hunter to reissue another of his works, entitled "Burns as a Mason."

GRATIFYING PRESENTATION TO A THEATRICAL BROTHER.

Bro. Frank Emery, who has been lessee of the Prince of Wales Theatre, Liverpool, for eight years, has recently given up the reins of government there for the purpose of taking up those of the Theatre Royal, Bath. He is a much esteemed member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, in which he held the post of Warden some time ago, business alone preventing him from proceeding to the chair. Recently a gathering of an exceedingly pleasant character took place at the Neptune Hotel, Clayton-square, Liverpool, where a numerous and thoroughly representative body of gentleman assembled for the purpose of presenting Bro. Emery with a testimonial of their sincere esteem on the occasion of his giving up the management of the "Prince" to assume the "Bath." He has won hosts of friends during his eight years' spirited lesseeship of the Liverpool theatre, and the outcome of universal good will and high admiration was evinced in the presentation to him of a valuable diamond ring and artistically illuminated address. The news of Bro. Emery's intention to leave Liverpool caused general surprise and deep regret, and the expressions of the sincere esteem felt for him by his friends and brethren in particular and the public in general were most clearly shown in connection with his farewell benefit, when a theatre crowded in every corner assembled to wish him good luck and good speed upon entering on his Bath campaign. The presentation scheme was set on foot by Mr. Henry Heard, proprietor of the Neptune Hotel, and he had no difficulty whatever in quickly raising sufficient funds to secure a substantial testimonial. The presentation gathering was presided over by Mr. John Wrenn, and the company also included Bro. Alderman Grindley, Councillors Bros. T. H. Sheen and T. W. Oakshott, Mr. H. Bolland, Bro. Joseph Bell, Bro. Captain Larmor, Mr. T. McCracken, Mr. S. Thompson, Bro. J. G. Jacobs, Mr. J. Metcalf, Mr. J. R. Barrett, Bro. B. Hughes, Bro. J. Cantor, Bro. J. O. Marples, Mr. S. Campbell, Bro. A. Ralph, Bro. T. Hamson, Bro. J. M. Boyd, Bro. J. B. McKenzie, Mr. J. N. Petrie, Mr. C. H. Kelly, Bro. J. H. Parker, Mr. H. Heard, Mr. W. E. Smith, Bro. D. Cumming, and others.

Mr. WRENN, as one of Bro. Emery's oldest friends in Liverpool, made the presentation of the address and diamond ring in a very feeling speech, in which he spoke of the esteem in which Bro. Emery was held by every one in Liverpool, and assured him of the regret which all his numerous friends felt in parting with him.

Bro. T. HAMSON followed with a few appropriate remarks, wishing Bro. Emery every success in his new sphere of life—a success which his long experience in Liverpool more than entitled him to.

Bros. Councillor OAKSHOTT, Alderman GRINDLEY, J. B. MCKENZIE, D. CUMMING, and other gentlemen spoke in similar terms, after which

Bro. EMERY, who was deeply moved, acknowledged the presentation, remarking that to part from his many friends in Liverpool was a very severe pang indeed. Bro. Councillor SHEEN proposed "The Health of Mrs. Emery," which was seconded by Mr. S. CAMPBELL, and cordially drank, after which the company separated, wishing Bro. Emery every success in the management of his new undertaking at Bath.

The following is the text of the address, which was prepared and illuminated in very attractive and artistic style by Bro. J. Orr Marples, Liverpool and London-chambers: "To Frank Emery, Esq. Dear Sir,—We cannot allow your connection with the Prince of Wales's Theatre, after a lesseeship of eight years, to cease without expressing our appreciation of and regard for your personal worth and professional qualifications. In asking your acceptance of the accompanying diamond ring, we sincerely hope that your future career may be successful, and that your life may be long, happy, and prosperous."

The address was signed by Mrs. E. Saker, of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, and about forty gentlemen, the majority of whom were present at the interesting gathering.

* March and April, 1858.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

448] LODGE AMBASSADOR.

Among the officers of a Yorkshire lodge mentioned in a minute June 24, 1762, a "John Bedford" is named in the list "Ambassador." The same brother is also called "Orator" in another minute. Probably some of your readers can give us a similar entry. LEEDS.

449] A FACT NOT MENTIONED BY PRESTON.

In the minutes of the same lodge, November 13th, 1777, occurs the following minute also. Can any reader of the *Freemason* throw any light upon it. "Then Bro. Geo. Ash introduced into the lodge, a letter 'xxx,' from Bro. Heseltine, Grand Secretary, dated 21st September, 1777. M.W. Master and Brethren,—At the Quarterly Communication, held the 26th April last, Bro. Anthony Ten Broecke, late Master, B.P. De la Coste, S.W., John Vestenburg, J.W., and J. Vierel, Secretary of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 203, held at the Half Moon Tavern, Cheapside, London, were expelled the Society for having in a most illiberal and unjust manner traduced the Grand Lodge, in a letter signed by them and transmitted to the Marquis de Gages, Prov. G.M. for the Austrian Netherlands. You are therefore, hereby, particularly enjoined not to admit them, or any of them into your lodge, either as members or otherwise. By direction of the Grand Lodge. JAS. HESELTINE, G.S." LEEDS.

450] AN UNKNOWN PORTRAIT.

Is not the portrait that of Mr. Lambton, M.P., afterwards Lord Durham, Prov. G.M. for Durham, as a young man. The account much resembles one of him I saw some years back.

MASONIC PORTRAIT COLLECTOR.

451] PRESIDENT YORK.

Is the term President in the York Roll anything more than "Proces," presiding officer in a meeting or company? Is it necessary that we should understand it to be synonymous with *Grand Master*? I think not! The President and Deputy President were merely terms for the private lodges. Is there an entry on the roll which can strictly be construed of a Grand Assembly? Is a General Lodge the Grand Assembly? It is a very important point, as I hope to show next week. ANTIQUITY.

452] THE MINUTE BOOK OF 1705.

It is not necessary to assume that Preston ever saw this missing volume, as it will be quite enough to understand that he saw the roll, still existing, of lodge meetings. He may, however, have seen both, and I merely send this note to urge upon all, who have the means and power so to do, to make a careful search for that missing minute or account book. It may be among Godfrey Higgin's papers; it may be, though I believe it is not thought to be, in the muniment room at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Sadler is as likely as any one to know, if by any possibility such a minute book may be preserved or stowed away there.

MASONIC STUDENT.

453] ANNO LUCIS.

With reference to Bro. Ringer's query as to the meaning of the expression "Anno Lucis," in the ritual of the Royal Arch Degree, we would point out that it must be understood, in this and other cases in which it is used, symbolically. As our querist knows, the Year of Light is obtained by adding 4000 in Craft and 4004 in Arch Masonry to the number of the calendar year. Thus 1884 A.D. is 5884 A.L. in Craft, and 5888 in Arch Masonry. This being explained in a recent issue of the *Freemason*. The reason of this is that the 4000 or 4004 years, as the case may be, before the Christian era, represent the presumed period that had elapsed from the creation of the world, when the Great Architect educed order out of chaos, and light out of darkness. In this sense, Masonry, which is figuratively the eduction of light out of mental darkness, is held to be coeval with the Creation, which, of course, is the beginning of material light, and hence the introduction of the expression "Anno Lucis" into our ritual. K. C.

454] CRANE MS.* (FIRST PART).

Not long after ye children of Israel came into the land of behest (i.e., ye land of promise), whi is now called among us the country of Jerusalem, K. David began ye Temple of Jerm, yt is w. ym templum Domini. And ye same K. David loved well Masons, & cherished them, & gave ym good payment, & he gave ye same charge, whi y were charged with all in Egypt by Euclid, and other charge that you shall hear afterward. And after ye decease of K. David, Solomon yt was son unto David performed ye Temple that his Father had begun. And he sent after Masons of diverse lands, and gathered ym together, so that he had fourscore thousand workers of stone, and they were named Masons.

And he had three thousand of ym whi were ordained to be Masters & Governors of this work. And there was a King of another region yt men called Hiram: & he loved well K. Solomon, & he gave him timber for his work; & he had a son (widow's son) yt was named Dyon (Hiram), & he was Mr of Geomy, & he was chief Mr of all his Masons, & Mr of all the graving and carving work, and of all other masonry yt belonged to ye temple, & this witnesseth ye holy Bible in libro Regum quarto capite. And this same Solomon confirmed all the charge & manners yt David, his father, had given to masons; & thus was ye worthy craft of masonry confirmed in ye countrie of Jerm, & in many other glorious Kdoms. Right renowned workmen walked abroad into diverse countries, some because of learnng more skill, and some to teach their craft to others; & so it befell that a curious mason yt had been at ye buildg of Solomon's temple, which was called Magnus Græcus, came into France, and taught ye craft of masonry to ye Frenchmen. And so there was one of ye Royal Line of France that was called Charles Martell, & he loved well this craft, and he drew to him this Magnus aforesaid, & learned of him ye craft, & took upon him the charge and manners of a mason; & afterwards, by ye grace of God, he was elected to be ye

King of France. When he was on his stall he took to him many masons, and made masons there that were none before; & he gave them charge, & manners, & good payment. He had learned of other masons, & confirmed them a charter from year to year to hold their assembly, and he cherished ym much; and thus ye craft came into France. England all this season stood viodland as for any charge of masonry, until ye time of St. Alban; and in his time ye K. of England was a pagan; & he walled ye town yt now is called St. Albans; & so in St. Alban's time was a worthy Knight, & he was chief steward to the ye King; and he had governance of the realm, and also of ye making of ye town walls, and loved well masons, and cherished ym, & he made their payment right good standing as ye realm did require: for he gave ym every week three shillings and sixpence to their double wages; whereas before that time throughout all ye whole land

[& made ym good payes as ye world required in those days for a mason took but a penny a day & meat & drink & St. Alban got of ye King ye every Mason shd have 30 pence a week & three pence for their noon finding . . .

MS. Hist. of M.*]

a Mason took but one penny a day, and next to ye time ye St. Alban lived in did it: & got them a charter of ye King & his counsell (& gave it ye name of assembly,) & thereafter he was himself, & made masons and gave ym charge as you shall see hereafter.

Right soon after ye death of St. Alban there came great wars into England through divers nations, so that good rule of Masonry was destroyed unto ye time of K. Athelstan. That was a worthy K. in England: and he brought ye land into good rest & peace, & builded many great works of castles, abbeys, & many other diverse buildings: & he loved masons very much, & he had a son (brother) that was named Hedwine (Edwin): and he loved masons much more than his father (brother) had done before him; for he was full of practise in geometry himself. Wherefore he drew him to Masons for to learn of them the craft; & afterward, for love that he had to masons & to ye craft, he was made mason himself: he got of his father the King a charter, & a commission for to hold every year an assembly where he wou'd within ye realm, & for to correct within themselves statute & trespass, if it were done within ye craft: & he held himself an assembly at York, & there he made masons, & gave ym charge, & taught ym ye manners of masons, & commanded ye rule to be holden ever after: & to ym he betook ye charter & commission for to keep, & make ordinance yt it shou'd be ruled from ye King, when these assemblies were gathered together: he made a law, yt all masons both old & young yt had any charge or writing of ye thing, that were made before in this land or in any other land, shd shew ym forth: & there were some in French, some in Greek, some in English, & some in other language: & ye intent thereof was found, & there was a book commanded to be made thereof, & how ye craft was first made & found: & it was commanded yt it shd be read & told when any Mason shd be made; and to give him his charge: & from that day unto this, masons have been kept in that form & order as well as men mt govern it: & furthermore at diverse assemblies have been put and added certain charges more & more, by ye best advice of Masters and Fellows."

Note in handwriting of Rev. Thos. Crane at the end of the above MS.:

"In this very curious MS. there may seem a mistake in asserting yt Magnus Græcus or a great Grecian, who had been at ye building of Solomon's Temple, came into France, and taught Masonry under ye patronage of Chartes Martel. Now, Charles Martel K. of France, was not born till many hundred years after ye Temple was finished at Jerusalem. But 'being at ye building of ye Temple of Solomon' means no more in ye language of Masons, ym being at a Mast'r Mason's Lodge: and this great Grecian Mason (or Magnus Græcus, as he is called in ye legend) might, in this sense, be at the building of Solomon's Temple, and yet neither be alive in ye days of Solomon, nor see Jerusalem. S. Alban, a great patron of Masons and ye first English martyr, died A.D. 303. In his time ye legend says, true architecture was introduced into England. But ye petty Kings of ye heptarchy were involved in frequent wars: and ye Monarchs of England next after ye heptarchy not attending to Masonry, no progress was made in ye royal art till ye time of King Athelstan, who began to reign A.D. 925. Edwn, ye son (brother) of Athelstan, a Mason and lover of Masons, obtained a royal charter from Athelstan to incorporate Masons: and in those very early times a Book of Constitutions was formed, and a grand communication, assembly, or chapter of Masons was held once a year, subject to ye controll of ye King. Thus Masonry, which passed from Judea to Greece, from Greece to France, and from France to England about the year 300, was established under ye sanction of an English monarch, by a royal charter, some time before ye year 942."

"Nov. 13th, 1781."

We take the following from the *Birmingham Daily Mail*, Oct. 25th, 1884.
"At New Street Station the other morning an apparently commonplace but really not a little interesting scene might have been witnessed by any of my readers who were loitering upon the London departure platform. An aristocratic-looking foreigner leaving for the metropolis was unusually demonstrative in taking leave of the gentlemen by whom he was accompanied. These gentlemen, I may inform my readers, were the Chairman of the Board of Guardians, Mr. H. S. Ansell, a member of the Board, and the Deputy Clerk of the same body. From them I heard a curious history concerning the individual departing. Distingué as was his appearance, he was a mere pauper. Although then en route for Paris, he had been two months an inmate of the Birmingham Workhouse. His name was S—R—, and he was born in 1826 at Valentia. In 1851, after serving under Garibaldi for eighteen months, he fled to England, settling in Bristol, where after a time he became very successful in obtaining pupils for instruction in French, Italian, Spanish, German, and the pianoforte—in all of which he was a proficient tutor. At the instigation of friends he removed to Dublin, where he carried on his teaching practice for some years, ultimately marrying an Irish lady, who, however, died shortly afterwards. Whilst in Dublin he mixed in good society. He was admitted a member of the Freemasons' Order, and was subsequently chosen as Worshipful Master of the Wexford Lodge. In an evil hour he left

Dublin for London—a change decidedly unfortunate, for in the metropolis he became ill, suffered from disease during several years, and was thus reduced almost to destitution. Being persuaded to try his luck in Birmingham, he came to this town. For four months he tried unsuccessfully here to get employment. Driven at last to desperation by his hunger and misfortune, he strolled along the canal side one day, intending to drown himself. Life was too hard upon him. He was tired of its bitterness, and was quite prepared to answer Mr. Mallock's oft-quoted query in the negative. However, finding himself near the workhouse, he resolved not to drown himself but to apply for admission at that refuge. He gained admission, and a conversation with the assistant master (who is a Freemason), left no doubt on the latter's mind that he was in company of one 'well up in the Craft.' Our adventurer was taken to the body of the house to remain pending an investigation of his story. Mr. Price, P.M. Bedford Lodge, and Mr. Ansell, Steward Bedford Lodge, being made aware of the man's statements, instituted enquiries with a view of verifying them. Having done this to their satisfaction, the gentlemen named, with the assistance of other friends, were generous enough to redeem from pawn the Signor's clothing and other possessions, amongst which they discovered corroborative evidence of his tale in the shape of the poor fellow's certificate as Worshipful Master of the Wexford Lodge of Freemasons. As R— seemed anxious to get employment a 'whip round' was made on his behalf, with the result that money was obtained sufficient to redeem the whole of his clothing from pawn, together with his watch and some trinkets; to pay his fare to Paris; to provide him with some spare cash for his present wants and journey; and to place in his pocket a P.O.O. made payable to him in Paris. The poor fellow was full of gratitude. He thanked his benefactors most heartily; in fact, on the platform he was quite unable to restrain his feelings. Just before leaving, Mr. Price gave him an overcoat to help keep him warm 'whilst on the water'—a gift which my readers may be sure was appreciated. It is a 'strange, eventful history.' Hardened as our friends the Guardians are to the sight of destitution, I do not think the scene at the railway station was devoid of a certain touching influence upon their generous hearts."

455] ANOTHER OLD MS.

1. I have been making a careful search amongst the papers of the Cestrian Lodge, to find, if possible, some trace or account of the Wren MS. My efforts have not resulted in the discovery of a single scrap of information bearing upon the matter, though I am not without hope that in another direction better luck awaits me. Even as it is, my labour has not been in vain, for it has led to my discovery of a portion of another charge, which I have transcribed for publication in the *Freemason*. This charge varies very much from that of the Wren MS., and indeed from any other with which I am acquainted, nor, in my opinion, is the MS. a portion of the one published in the *Freemason* of the 11th ult., although it is not impossible that both parts may have been copied by different writers from an original charge. The part you have already published was copied from a paper written by Mr. Crane, and the note which is appended to the charge is also in Mr. Crane's handwriting. The writer of the MS. seems to have had access to two different charges, for in the account of St. Alban's dealing with his masons, he writes on the opposite blank page a different version of the wages paid to them. Is there in any other charge the expression "three pence for their noon finding?" J. C. ROBINSON.

2. Bro. Robinson has courteously sent on the particulars of his latest discovery to me, that I may examine the transcript, and write a short report to accompany his interesting letter. My opinion is that the document in question is not a reproduction of the "Wren MS.," but of another, somewhat similar, both being variations from a still older original. I fancy also that the following is the first portion preserved of what may be termed the "Crane MS.," the second part being already given by Bro. Robinson in the *Freemason* for October 11th, 1884, which has been duly noted by Bro. Woodford. Brother, continue your researches. W. J. HUGHAN.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

—Since the removal of the above Chapter of Improvement to its new quarters in Cannon-street, its success has been assured, for nearly every night of its meeting new members are added to the roll of those already attached to it, and all evince the warmest desire to assist in promoting its prosperity. At its usual meeting on Tuesday night last upwards of 20 seeking the advantages of this distinguished chapter were present, the offices were efficiently filled, and under the able Preceptorship of Comp. Brown nothing was left to be desired. Comps. Turner, Z. of St. Dunstan's Chapter, was Z.; Child, H. of Vane Chapter, H.; Perrin, J. of the Kent Chapter, J.; Walls, S.N. of Rose of Denmark Chapter, N.; T. S. Fraser, H. of the Stanmore Chapter, P.S.; and Comp. M'Millan was the candidate. The ceremony of exaltation was most correctly rehearsed, and gave unqualified satisfaction. The following new members were elected: Comps. M'Millan, Clapton Chapter; Gray, Ezra Chapter; Phillips, Joppa Chapter; and Langton, St. Asaph Chapter. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned.

GRAND MARK MASTERS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A meeting of brethren interested in the Mark degree was held at 8a Red Lion-square, on Wednesday afternoon, the 5th inst., to take into consideration the advisability of forming a Lodge of Instruction, and permission for which has been given by the Grand Masters Lodge in London, in which the whole of the beautiful ceremonial connected with the degree might be rehearsed. The meeting was well attended, Bro. F. Binckes in the chair, and a permanent committee, consisting of the following brethren, was appointed: Bros. Alfred Williams, C. F. Hogard, George Cooper, S. B. Wilson, J. Mather, ex officio; Fred. Binckes, Treasurer; C. F. Matier, Secretary. The time of meeting was fixed for first and third Wednesdays in October, November, December, January, February, and March, at 6.45 for 7 o'clock. Entrance fee, 2s. 6d.; life member, 21s.; annual subscription, 5s.; visiting fee for non-members, 1s.

* For the second portion, possibly, see *Freemason* Oct. 11th, 1884.—W. J. H.

* This is a portion of another MS.—W. J. H.

ELLIOT LODGE (No. 1567).—The last meeting of this flourishing lodge, for the present season, was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Railway Hotel, Feltham. Among those present were Bros. R. T. Fennell, W.M. elect; Goodall, I.P.M.; Mason, P.M., Sec.; Pearson, P.M., Treas.; Bird, S.W.; Isaac Dixon, J.W.; Wadeson, S.D.; Dillon, J.D.; Brougham, Bevis, Ball, Bennett, Brown, Church, Cooper, Crombie, Dockrill, Dutton, Griffith, Millen, Mitchell, G. R. Nichols, Pearce, Parkes, Rogers, Sherlock, R. C. Smith, Skudder, Schreiber, Taylor, Tharle, Webster, and Potter, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Cottebrune; Seymour Smith; G. Wallace, S.W. 907; J. Bailey, 1805; McGowan, 593; Cutbush, 263; James Terry, R.M. Ben. Inst.; R. Wells, 30; J. Browning, 1328; Farmer, 1401; Wigley, 1348; McLaren, 1805; Ballard, 137; White, P.M. 1437; Paul, 1328; Martell, 209; H. Nichols, 1894; and others.

The popular W.M., Bro. T. Duerdin Dutton, was again unable to be present consequent on serious indisposition, much to the disappointment of all the members. The chair was taken by Bro. Goodall, who opened the lodge and initiated Mr. Robert Parkes and raised Bro. Griffith. Bro. John Mason then took the chair, and installed as W.M. of the lodge Bro. R. T. Fennell, P.M. 1805. The W.M., after having received the usual congratulations, then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dixon, S.W.; Wadeson, J.W.; Pearson, P.M., Treas.; John Mason, P.M., Sec.; Dillon, S.D.; Sherlock, J.D.; Millen, I.G.; Bird, P.M. 1897, D.C.; Webster, Asst. D.C.; Cooper, W.S.; Bevis, Asst. W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. All business being completed, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to a good dinner well served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. Seymour Smith contributed materially to the enjoyment of the brethren with his "Musical Sketches," among which a topical song, written for the occasion by Bro. John Mason, was received with enthusiasm. "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. Goodall, was drunk most heartily and acknowledged in feeling terms. "The Installing Master" was given by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. John Mason in an impromptu song which provoked peals of laughter and resulted in an encore, which we give below. Bro. Terry responded for "The Masonic Institutions" in an eloquent speech, and Bro. Parkes ably replied for "The Initiate." Bro. A. White, P.P.G.R. Essex, responded for "The Visitors," eulogising the hospitality and good fellowship shown them by the members of the Elliot Lodge. "The Past Masters" were acknowledged by Bros. Pearson, Mason, and Goodall, and "The Officers" by Bro. Isaac Dixon, S.W. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting, the brethren leaving about ten o'clock, the majority returning to London by South-Western Railway, ample provision being made for them by the courteous station-master, Bro. Walter Martell.

A novelty in the menu card was a number of quotations from the works of Charles Dickens, which is the first of the kind that has come under our notice. The card itself was designed and printed at the *Freemason Office*, and was much admired.

Air—"Men of Harlech."

Brethren, 'tis our Installation,
And I am asked on this occasion
For a song or recitation.
This then is a fact—
We are working Masons at your service,
Whether on the base or cornice,
We will always keep our promise
On the square to act.
So I pray attention,
For I should like to mention
We give good cheer to visitors here,
At least it's our intention;
Wine that's good, and best of food,
Well, if 'tis not it really should;
We would give them better if we could
To ensure they'll come again.
Our numbers now are quite sufficient,
And we have officers efficient;
In the lodge they are proficient,
At the banquet too.
There's Dixon, who the Master faces,
And Wadeson in his proper place is,
And Deacons too, with measured paces,
Have some work to do.
I.G. the labours sharing;
The Sec. the Treasurer squaring.
The Stewards too will come to you
To see how you are faring.
This lodge shall securely stand
While each brother, hand in hand,
Form a true Masonic band
Which nothing can break through.
Let each perform the vow he has taken,
Nor from the centre e'er be shaken;
Our Master will not be mistaken
When he our work shall try.
The young protect, assist the hoary,
Then midst final auditory
You shall gain a crown of glory
In realms beyond the sky.
Masonry professing,
Let us each possessing
Gifts in trust from him who is just,
To help some case distressing,
Perform our task while yet 'tis day
Till we shall hear the Master say
Put your working tools away
For you 'll glorify.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE (No. 2048).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday last. Bro. H. Lovegrove, W.M., was supported by Bros. C. J. Axford, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; C. P. McKay, Sec.; F. W. Sillis, as S.D.; W. Medwin, P.M., as J.D.; J. Johnson, I.G.; and G. Vary, Tyler. Bro. J. Shilcock was also present as a visitor.

Bros. Surrudge, Burgess, and Webb were raised; Bros. Smith and Buefort were passed; and Messrs. S. Reece, J. McLay, and Worrell were initiated into Freemasonry. This lodge determined to do something for the Masonic Charities, and the W.M. undertook to represent it at Bro. Terry's next Festival. At the dinner which followed the W.M. expressed his satisfaction at the progress of the lodge and the harmony which prevailed.

Royal Arch.

TRURO.—Loyal Cornubian Chapter (No. 331).—The installation meeting was held at the Public Rooms, on Monday, the 27th ult. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. E. D. Anderton, P.Z. 331, Z. 75, P.P. G.P.S., Prov. G.S.E., who was assisted by Comps. W. H. Jenkins, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; J. H. Ferris, P.Z.; W. D. Rogers, Z., &c., the installed companions being Comps. Richard Carter, M.E.Z.; Thomas Hicks, H.; and W. Simmons, J. The following were afterwards invested as officers for the year, namely: Comps. W. D. Rogers, P.Z.; Charles Bryant, S.E.; E. F. Whitley, S.N.; G. H. B. Reed, P.S.; Norman Gray, A.S.; J. H. Ferris, P.Z., Treas.; and W. Rooks, J.W.

Supper followed in the ante-room, at which, in addition to the above, there were present Comps. W. J. Johns, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; W. Tweedy, P.Z., Prov. G. Treas.; and J. J. Hawkin, P.Z. A very pleasant evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Chapter (No. 1086).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Friday, the 24th ult., when there were present Comps. John Lunt, Prov. G.S.B., P.Z., M.E.Z.; C. Bargery, H.; W. Wilkinson, J.; Wm. Roberts, S.E.; J. C. Lunt, P.Z., as S.N.; F. Ewart, Prin. Soj.; I. G. Townsend, P.Z., Treas.; J. J. Savage, P.Z.; J. Croxton, J. Unsworth, C. Kerr, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Milne, 1756, was exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being exceedingly well performed. The chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to refreshments, supplied by Comp. Vines, Canton Hotel. The usual toasts followed.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 4).—A meeting of this lodge was held at 8a, Red Lion-square, on Monday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S. of W., W.M.; J. Shilcock, S.W.; G. Edwards, J.W.; W. Vincent, S.O.; C. Pulmur, J.O., Sec.; W. Heath, I.G. Visitors: Bros. J. Smith, L. J. Fountain, and J. S. Cumberland, G.J.O. Bros. W. G. Brighton, Prov. G. Sec., and C. J. Axford, were elected joining members. Bros. W. A. Scurrah, J.W. 2048; J. W. Mash, W.M. 73; and G. F. Bates, D.C. 1507, were approved of by ballot and duly advanced. The W.M. then proceeded to complete the investment of officers which had been deferred, and the following received collars: Bros. W. Heath, Reg. of Mks.; W. A. Scurrah, S.D.; C. J. Axford, J.D.; R. H. Coulton, I.G.; J. W. Mash, D.C.; and G. F. Bates, Stwd.

At the completion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent repast awaited them. Several propositions for advancement and joining were received.

DERBY.—Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 246).—The anniversary festival took place at the Masonic Hall on the 21st ult. Present: Bros. G. T. Wright, W.M.; W. L. Ball, I.P.M.; J. H. Lawson, S.W.; J. O. Manton, J.W.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., Treas.; C. G. Busby, M.O.; W. Boughen, S.O.; Edgar Horne, S.D.; A. Oran, J.D.; W. S. Hall, I.G.; P. Le Gros, P.M.; J. E. Harrison, J. Bland, Sec.; R. B. Banath, Visitors: Bros. W. Kelly, Prov. G.M.M.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Percy Wallis, W.M. 302; T. Cox, P.M. 302; J. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. Lancashire; H. George, P.M. 265; C. Webster, S.O. 302; and others.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. C. F. Matier took the chair, and Bro. J. N. Lawson having been presented was most ably installed by Bro. Matier, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. T. Wright, I.P.M.; J. O. Manton, S.W.; C. G. Busby, J.W.; W. Boughen, M.O.; J. Bland, S.O.; Edgar Horne, J.O.; S. Smedley, Sec.; E. C. Milligan, Treas.; W. Whittaker, Reg. of Mks.; A. Oran, S.D.; J. E. Harrison, J.D.; G. R. Dalton, I.G.; and W. Stone, Tyler.

Three candidates for advancement were proposed. Bro. W. S. Hall resigned, and many letters regretting absence from various brethren were read. Two notices were given with respect to the future meetings of the lodge, which now meets twice a year at Derby, once at Chesterfield, and once at Buxton.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visitors, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the Lower Hall, after which the usual toasts were given.

Bro. Matier, P.G.W., most eloquently proposed the toast of "The Prov. G.M.M., W. Kelly, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge." This learned brother in replying gave a recital of the progress of Mark Masonry in the Midlands, referring especially to his advancement in the Newstead (T.I.) Lodge, Nottingham, and tracing the gradual extension of the degree, and the formation of the various lodges under his rule. Bro. Kelly afterwards proposed the toast of his "Prov. Grand Officers," to which Bro. P. Wallis, W.M. 302, replied.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. G. T. Wright, I.P.M.

Bro. Lawson, in responding, asked for the earnest help and regular attendance of all the officers and Past Masters, assuring them he would try his best to do the work well.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. E. C. Milligan, P.M., and was most heartily received, and in reply Bro. Matier alluded to the time when he with others came to consecrate the lodge, and expressed regret at not having been able to attend since. He congratulated the W.M. on the flourishing state of the lodge, and was pleased to hear the lodge would send a Steward to the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Other toasts followed, and it seemed evident Mark Masonry was flourishing rapidly in Derbyshire.

The annual festival of the Cheesemongers' Benevolent Association was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 30th ult. Bro. the Lord Mayor occupied the chair, and was well supported by the friends of the Association. In the course of the evening subscriptions and donations to the amount of £2200 were announced.

Obituary.

BRO. THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY, PROV. G.M. FOR DURHAM.

We deeply regret to announce that at the moment of going to press we have received the intelligence of the death of Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry. The sad event took place at his seat, Plas Machyulleth, Montgomeryshire, on Wednesday night. The telegram adds that his lordship passed away without pain. The deceased nobleman was born on April 26th, 1821. His loss will be deeply deplored by the province over which he ruled and by the Masonic body generally. Of his services to Masonry we cannot in this short notice speak, but they were many, and will not soon be forgotten.

THE LATE BRO. JOSEPH SKEAF, P.P.G.O. WEST LANCASHIRE.

West Lancashire has lost another brother whom she delighted to honour. Only a few since we had to record the death of Bro. H. S. Alpess, Prov. Grand Secretary, now we have the melancholy task of announcing that Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.P.G.O. for 15 years, has joined the "great majority," after a most painful illness of 10 months, borne with remarkable fortitude and resignation. The sad event took place last Saturday at his residence, 63, Grove-street, Liverpool, and Masonic residents in the city received the news with profound regret. Our deceased brother, who was 47 years of age, was justly esteemed and admired in the musical profession with which he was most particularly identified, and his active services in connection with Freemasonry within an unusually long period have been of a value which can hardly be over-estimated. Bro. Skeaf, who was born in Liverpool, was first employed as a clerk in the establishment of Messrs. Allsopp; but finding music more congenial to his tastes, he soon gave up commercial pursuits and became a pupil of the late Bro. George Holden, whose professional ability is still warmly remembered. After studying with Bro. Holden for several years, Bro. Skeaf commenced musical tuition in Liverpool, and during the long period he has pursued his profession he has proved himself eminently qualified for the work he undertook. Several of his pupils have secured prominent honours and much popularity in the world of music, and Bro. Skeaf was naturally proud of the results of his efforts. He also added to his deservedly high reputation as a musician by the numerous vocal and instrumental compositions he wrote during his professional career. Among the best known of the latter are his fantasias "Sabbath Evening Chimes," "The Fisherman," "The March of the Men of Harlech," "The Battle of Trafalgar," "The Rustic Wedding," and "Jenny Jones;" and one of his song productions entitled "Somebody," was recently sold by him to an eminent London publisher for a substantial sum. Bro. Skeaf, whose bardic title was "Pencerdd Le'rpwl," was prominently identified with Welsh National Eisteddfod gatherings for many years, and his name was almost as familiar throughout the whole of the Principality as it was in the "metropolis of Wales." He invariably officiated as one of the adjudicators, and was almost always to be found acting as accompanist, in connection with the musical competitions. He took a special interest in the success of the Eisteddfod recently held in Liverpool, and his appearance there was almost the last which he made in public. Along with Bro. T. Armstrong and Mr. John Evans, he was one of the oldest members of the Liverpool Apollo Glee Club, whose first existence dates nearly a century ago, and it was here that he acquired that intimate knowledge of glee singing which he possessed in a pre-eminent degree. He was initiated in the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, about twenty years ago, and in due course he occupied the distinguished position of Worshipful Master in his mother lodge, and also held the post of Organist until the last. He was also an honorary member of the Alliance Lodge, 667; St. John's Lodge, 673; Emulation Lodge, 1505; Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, 1609, and several others, occupying the office of honorary Organist in connection with several of these. Bro. Skeaf, in recognition of faithful and willingly-given Masonic services, was appointed Prov. Grand Organist for West Lancashire in the year 1867, and held that position for a period of about 15 years, frequently assisting at consecration, installation, and other Masonic ceremonies, for which he invariably provided the musical service and voices. Bro. Skeaf, while holding the office of Prov. Grand Organist, composed several special pieces for Masonic purposes, the best known of these being his admirably-written anthem, "Behold, how good and how joyful," which is very frequently sung at meetings of the Fraternity. A song entitled "Masonry, Friendship, and Brotherly Love," was likewise written by him for Masonic gatherings. It was long an anxious desire with Bro. Skeaf to see the establishment of a lodge in Liverpool in which musical brethren would be the leading spirits, and he lived to witness this idea carried out in the formation and consecration of the Apollo Lodge, 2042, a few months ago. He was appointed the first Worshipful Master, and at the inaugural ceremony he showed much of the old Masonic spirit which so largely characterised his connection with the Craft. Some ten years ago the brethren of the province organised and carried out to a most successful issue a grand complimentary concert to Bro. Skeaf at the Philharmonic Hall, where the brethren appeared in full Masonic clothing. This proved one of the most brilliant, as it was one of the most successful concerts held in the hall for many years. On his retirement from the office of Prov. Grand Organist a handsome sum was voted to Bro. Skeaf as an evidence of the value placed upon his long and faithful musical services to the provinces. He was one of the Past Principals of the Sacred Delta Chapter, P.G.O. of the Prov. Grand Chapter, Past Sovereign of the Red Cross Order, Past Eminent Commander of the Knights Templar, and was also a member of the Rose Croix Degree. It may be added that no Mason was ever more ready to give his professional services in the cause of charity than Bro. Skeaf, and this willingness to help the needy in every way extended beyond the Masonic sphere in which he did so much benevolent work. His mortal remains were interred in Smith-down Cemetery on Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, the cortege left Grove-street half an hour previously.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was attended by an immense concourse of people, the Masonic body being numerous and influentially represented, there being upwards of 200 brethren present.



In our report last week of the meeting of the Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25, we gave the name of Comp. J. W. Hardy, it should have been Comp. J. W. Harvey, S. W. No. 25.

A very numerous and influential Committee has been formed in the City for the purpose of organising a testimonial to be presented to Bro. the Lord Mayor, in recognition of the distinguished manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of his office.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. GEORGE LAMBERT.—We learn from the Secretary of the above Fund that over one hundred gentlemen have signified their intention of being present at the banquet and presentation at the Holborn Restaurant on the 21st inst.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the important subject of the housing of the poor held its forty-first meeting on Friday, the 31st ult., the chair being occupied by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being among the members present on the occasion.

Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry" was presented by Ill. Bro. Thompson, 30°, M.W.S. of the St. Peter's Chapter, Rose Croix, Bolton, on Saturday, the 1st inst., to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, I.G., 33°, in the name of the chapter, in recognition of his services to it and the deep interest he has always evinced for its welfare during the period he has held the office of Inspector General of the District.

The statements of account by the Prov. G. Treasurer of Leicestershire and Rutland, appended to the proceedings of the Prov. G. Lodge at its annual meeting last year, show a very satisfactory financial management, the balance in hand in respect of the General Fund being £92 4s. 3d.; on account of the Charity Fund, £23 15s. 4d.; and on the Revenue Account, Leicester Masonic Hall, £57 12s. 5d.; the sum invested and deposited in savings bank being £409 13s. 4d.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at the Corn Exchange, Melton Mowbray, under the banner of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, on Thursday, the 6th inst. We shall give a full account of the proceedings next week, but in the meantime we may offer the province our congratulations on the satisfactory appearance of the P.G. Treasurer's annual financial statement, which shows a very creditable balance to the good in respect both of the General Fund and the Charity Fund.

On Friday evening last, the Port of London Sanitary Committee, in place of its annual river excursion, rendered undesirable by the foul condition of the Thames, held a conversazione at the Bridge House Hotel, at which was present a large company, including very many of the fair sex, the Chinese Ambassador, and Bro. Sir John Bennett. In the course of the evening there was some excellent vocal and instrumental music, and at the close an elegant supper was served.

Every one who knows him, even but slightly, will regret to learn that the worthy and indefatigable honorary Secretary of the City Church and Churchyard Society, Bro. Henry Wright, has for some time past been afflicted with blindness. For three weeks he has been confined in a dark room, by order of the distinguished oculist who is attending him, and though the sight of one eye is completely lost, there are hopes that, with absolute rest from his official duties and a sea voyage, the sight of the other may be preserved.—*City Press.*

The following dinners, &c., have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday, November 3rd—Asaph Lodge, Lodge of Unions, Lodge of Joppa. Tuesday, November 4th—Royal York Lodge, Albion Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, British Lodge. Wednesday, November 5th—Grand Chapter Club. Thursday, November 6th—Builders' Benevolent Institution, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Linnean Club. Friday, November 7th—Odd Volumes, Royal Kensington Lodge, Chapter of Fidelity. Saturday, November 8th—West London Quoit Club, Phoenix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

On Friday last, in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, Bro. the Lord Mayor, G.J.W., presided at the distribution of the prizes awarded at the sixteenth annual exhibition of turnery by the Turners' Company. Among those present were the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Sir C. Hutton Gregory, K.C.M.G., P.G.D.; Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; and Controller S.G. Bake. Bro. Baker, who is master of the Company, delivered a highly interesting address on its history and proceedings, and spoke in warm terms of the encouragement it had given to technical education. Votes of thanks were passed unanimously to the private donors of prizes, to the judges, and the Lord Mayor.

It appears from an article on the Wreck Register for the year ended 30th June, 1883, which appeared in the *Lifeboat Journal* of Saturday last, that though the number of shipping casualties (3654) of all kinds around the British Isles was only six less than in the year 1881-2, the number of total losses has fallen from 606 to 551, and the number of wrecks involving loss of life from 235 to 220, the number of lives lost being 1020, or 77 less than the previous year. It will be conceded that these statistics are encouraging, especially if we bear in mind that during the period in question 677,551 vessels, with a tonnage of 145,995,580 and estimated to have had on board some 4,000,000 people, came and went. The loss of life during the last 30 years amounts to 21,051, but, thanks to the valuable aid rendered by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, 21,167 lives were saved, so that but for the existence of this noble institution the loss of life from shipping casualties would have been about double what it actually was. In the year 1882-3 the rocket apparatus, in use by the Board of Trade, was instrumental in saving 450 lives. It does not need more than these few particulars to show how necessary it is our lifeboat service should be well supported by the public.

The Bishop of Bedford has become a Vice-President of the Bethnal Green Free Library.

The Faith Lodge of Instruction will hold the annual banquet at the Queen Anne's Mansions, on Wednesday next, 12th inst.

Bros. Capt. George Lambert, F.S.A., and Capt. A. Gordon were on Wednesday last admitted to the Livery of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Company.

Lady Knight having recovered from her recent illness, has left Eastbourne and returned to her residence at 6, Stratford-place. Her ladyship will hold her usual second Tuesday reception during the present month and that of December.

A lodge of Instruction for Mark Master Masons has been established in connection with the Kintore Lodge, No. 333, and will meet every Friday evening, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, at nine o'clock p.m. The Preceptor is Bro. T. Poore.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, M.A., P.M., of St. Paul's Edinburgh, Chap. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was instituted at the Vicarage of Christ Church, Lancaster-gate, London, as successor to the Bishop of Ripon, by the Venerable Aug. Hessey, D.C.L., Archdeacon of Middx. Bro. Ridgeway leaves Scotland amidst the regrets of his brethren, and carrying with him their best wishes.

On Saturday last, at the Mansion House, the Lady Mayoress distributed the prizes to the successful students of the Guildhall School of Music, a vote of thanks being accorded her ladyship for her kindness, and acknowledged on her behalf by Sir R. Carden. In the course of the afternoon an excellent concert was given by the students, under the direction of the principal, Mr. Weist Hill. Several of the selections were admirably rendered, the whole programme being thoroughly enjoyed by the numerous audience which had assembled.

BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW WORK.—"The Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry" is the latest work published by William James Hughan (of Torquay, England), and bears the imprint of George Kenning, London, England. Bro. Hughan's reputation as a painstaking, comprehensive, and reliable Masonic historian is so well established that remark in this direction is unnecessary. . . . The preface is from the pen of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, a worthy friend and collaborator of Bro. Hughan; and the whole is dedicated to another conspicuous and most enlightened Craftsman, who, we understand, is among the oldest of the author's friends, and early instructor in Masonry—Bro. Dr. Hopkins, of Bath. This book ought to find a large sale among Freemasons because of its compactness and reliability. The price, 6s. in paper covers, or 7s. 6d. in cloth, post free, brings it within easy reach, and these rates are the same as in England.—*The Liberal Freemason*, Boston, U.S.A.

The will of our late Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., was proved on the 17th ult., by the executors, the value of the personal estate being upwards of £264,000. The testator bequeaths three pictures by Salvator Rosa, Sidney Cooper, and E. W. Cooke respectively, to his wife, Dame Charlotte M. Wilson, for life, and at her death to the South Kensington or such other institution in Great Britain as his trustees may think most suitable; the rest of his pictures, his furniture, plate, horses and carriages, and £500 to his wife, to whom also he leaves absolutely all his real and leasehold estate. To his brother he bequeaths an annuity of £500, and legacies to his executors. The residue of his personal estate he leaves on trust to his wife for her lifetime, and at her death £5000 in each case to the Royal National Hospital or Infirmary at Margate, the Medical Benevolent Fund, and the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Medical Men, and then the ultimate residue to the Royal College of Surgeons. Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson died on the 8th August, and his will bears date 6th April, 1882, with a codicil appended of the 23rd July same year.

HONOUR TO A LIVERPOOL AUTHOR.—In connection with the Royal National Eisteddfod recently held in Liverpool, Mr. D. Grannell, the popular proprietor of the Rotunda Theatre, offered a prize of £25 for the best pantomime sent in to the Committee as a part of the literary competitive scheme. After first accepting this offer, the committee subsequently declined to allow the pantomime competition to form part of their programme. Mr. Grannell then took the matter into his own hands, determined to carry it out; and for this purpose he advertised in a theatrical journal that he was prepared to give the £25 prize to any pantomime writer sending in his MS. on or before the 6th ult., whose production should be considered the best by competent judges. In response to his advertisement Mr. Grannell received no fewer than 20 MSS., several of which showed considerable ability, more than one being by authors who have already secured the production of works of a similar nature. The subject given was "The Babes in the Wood," and the old nursery story was treated in quite a variety of ways by the score of competitors. The adjudicators originally appointed to superintend the Eisteddfod competition met on Saturday week to perform their difficult task, and after much careful study and conscientious consideration of the pile of MSS. submitted for their perusal, they unanimously awarded the prize to Mr. T. Stanley Rogers (son of Bro. A. B. C. Rogers, of Liverpool), well known as a promising author, and now a member of the Compton Comedy Company. Mr. E. Tower's MS., which occupied next place, embodied some capital pantomime business, but superior literary merit secured the first place for Mr. Rogers, whose "Babes in the Wood" will accordingly be played as the Rotunda pantomime during the pantomime season of 1884-85.

£50 to £500.—Tobaccoists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4, —1/, 14 stamps. [ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when it should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases, which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. This Ointment checks the local malady. The Pills restore the vital powers.—[ADVT.]

The Norwood Rose Croix Chapter will hold its first convocation after the consecration on the 28th inst. The chapter has started well, and we have no doubt it will have a prosperous future.

The Marquis of Headfort, G.S.W. Ireland, the Marchioness of Headfort, Lady Adelaide Tylour, and Miss Wilson Patten have arrived in Belgrave-square from their recent visit to the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, at Underley Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.

Upwards of 3000 dozens of old port wines were disposed of at auction on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Commercial Sale Rooms, by Messrs. W. and T. Restell, the greater portion consisting of the stock belonging to Bro. W. Chillingworth and Son, Great Tower-street. The sale room was crowded with buyers, and some magnums realised 122s. per dozen.

Some members of the Invicta Chapter, Rose Croix, having determined to perpetuate the name of Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, a petition has been signed by a number of well-known Masons for the holding of the "Shadwell Clerke" Preceptory of Knights Templar. The first officers will be Sir Knights H. Lovegrove, J. Neal York, and J. Shilcock. Further information can be obtained of Bro. H. Lovegrove.

The Fifteen Sections were worked on Wednesday evening, the 29th ult., in the La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, 538, at Morland's Hotel, Dean-street, Oxford-street. Bro. J. W. Ager, W.S. 957, was W.M.; Bro. J. Hemming, I.G. 1287, S.W.; and Bro. L. Solomon, P.M. 1732, J.W., there being upwards of 40 brethren present. The Sections were worked as follows: First Lecture.—First Section, Bro. D. Davies, 72; Second, Bro. F. Marx, P.M. 957; Third, Bro. T. Smale, J.W. 538; Fourth, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, J.W. 2048; Fifth, Bro. W. Fowles, W.S. 1348; Sixth, Bro. E. Child, P.M. 538; and Seventh, Bro. F. Sellis, S.D. 1744.—Second Lecture.—First Section, Bro. J. Lonsdale, P.M. 382; Second, Bro. J. Hemming, I.G. 1287; Third, Bro. W. C. Smith, S.D. 1563; Fourth, Bro. J. W. Elvin, S.W. 538; and Fifth, Bro. J. Hurdell, P.M. 1348.—Third Lecture.—First Section, Bro. L. Solomons, P.M. 1732; Second, C. Corby, J.W. 957; and Third, Bro. J. Paul, S.D. 1472. The working of the Sections passed off satisfactorily, and a vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for the masterly manner in which he had worked the Sections. Bro. L. G. Langdon, W.M. 538, is the Hon. Sec. of the lodge.

AN ALARMING DISEASE AFFLICTING A NUMEROUS CLASS.

The disease commences with a slight derangement of the stomach, but, if neglected, it in time involves the whole frame, embracing the kidneys, liver, pancreas, and, in fact, the entire glandular system, and the afflicted drags out a miserable existence until death gives relief from suffering. The disease is often mistaken for other complaints; but if the reader will ask himself the following questions he will be able to determine whether he himself is one of the afflicted:—Have I distress, pain, or difficulty in breathing after eating? Is there a dull, heavy feeling attended by drowsiness? Have the eyes a yellow tinge? Does a thick, sticky, mucus gather about the gums and teeth in the mornings, accompanied by a disagreeable taste? Is the tongue coated? Is there pain in the sides and back? Is there a fulness about the right side as if the liver were enlarged? Is there costiveness? Is there vertigo or dizziness when rising suddenly from a horizontal position? Are the secretions from the kidneys scanty and highly coloured, with a deposit after standing? Does food ferment soon after eating, accompanied by flatulence or a belching of gas from the stomach? Is there frequent palpitation of the heart? These various symptoms may not be present at one time, but they torment the sufferer in turn as the dreadful disease progresses. If the case be one of long standing there will be a dry, hacking cough, attended after a time by expectoration. In very advanced stages the skin assumes a dirty brownish appearance, and the hands and feet are covered by a cold, sticky perspiration. As the liver and kidneys become more and more diseased, rheumatic pains appear, and the usual treatment proves entirely unavailing against this latter agonising disorder. The origin of this malady is indigestion or dyspepsia, and a small quantity of the proper medicine will remove the disease if taken in its incipency. It is most important that the disease should be promptly and properly treated in its first stages, when a little medicine will effect a cure, and even when it has obtained a strong hold the correct remedy should be persevered in until every vestige of the disease is eradicated, until the appetite has returned, and the digestive organs restored to a healthy condition. The surest and most effectual remedy for this distressing complaint is "Seigel's Curative Syrup," a vegetable preparation sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors throughout the world, and by the proprietors, A. J. White, Limited, 17, Farringdon-road, London, E.. This Syrup strikes at the very foundation of the disease, and drives it, root and branch, out of the system. Ask your chemist for Seigel's Curative Syrup.

Spanish Town, Jamaica, West Indies,

Oct. 24, 1882.

Dear Sir,—I write to inform you that I have derived great benefit from "Seigel's Syrup." For some years I have suffered from liver complaint, with its many and varied concomitant evils, so that my life was a perpetual misery. Twelve months ago I was induced to try Seigel's Syrup, and although rather sceptical, having tried so many reputed infallible remedies, I determined to give it at least a fair trial. In two or three days I felt considerably better, and now at the end of twelve months (having continued taking it) I am glad to say that I am a different being altogether. It is said of certain pens that they "come as a boon and a blessing to men," and I have no reason to doubt the truthfulness of the statement. I can truly say, however, that Seigel's Syrup has come as a "boon and a blessing" to me. I have recommended it to several fellow-sufferers from this distressing complaint, and their testimony is quite in accordance with my own. Gratitude for the benefit I have derived from this excellent preparation prompts me to furnish you with this unsolicited testimonial.

I am, dear sir, yours ever gratefully,
(Signed) CAREY B. BERRY, Baptist Missionary.