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THE Seventeenth Volume of the *Freemason* is now completed, and all who are connected with its management can look back with satisfaction and pride on the constant and consistent advance of that journal since it was originally founded. At the present moment, the *Freemason* occupies a position of prestige in the contemporary Press rarely conceded to a Masonic journal. At home and abroad its contents are noted, repeated, and reproduced. Abroad the compliment is paid to it of being frequently republished with expressions of encomium, but as often with no acknowledgment at all. We are frequently amused at seeing the leaderettes of the *Freemason* reproduced as original contributions in American publications. Well, we do not complain. The *Freemason* is issued with a sincere desire to advance the best interests of the Order, and is a perfectly independent member of the Masonic Press. It leans to no party, and favours no clique. It has never sought to undermine authority, or be a "fautor" of grumbling, nor does it sympathize at all with "grievance-mongers." If fair questions of complaint or doubt arise, if special movements affect the Craft passingly, it always seeks to speak with moderation and modesty, reticence and caution, and yet with clearness and courage. It has led the way as regards archæological enquiry, and has ceaselessly advocated the great cause of Masonic Charity. Under these circumstances, it is not at all surprising that we can regard with entire satisfaction its past career of utility and Masonic principle, while we can equally look forward with confidence to the friendly and Masonic support of a large and increasing circle of readers and friends in all quarters of the globe. In 1885 we trust that the great banner, which the *Freemason* has consistently unfurled, of Charity, Loyalty, Toleration, and Peace, may float in peaceful progress over this good Craft of ours, wherever on the earth's surface Freemasons do congregate, and wherever the living and beneficent principles of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons are honestly avowed and duly carried out.

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It is asserted, in the very magniloquent language of some zealous supporters of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that it is grievously affected in its sovereign rights, &c., by the existence of three English lodges within its jurisdiction. Let us try and realize the whole facts of the case, alike in their truth and clearness, their effect and bearing, their certainty and their absurdity. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is a "swarm," be it never forgotten, from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and was for a long time practically excommunicated by the Grand Lodge of Canada itself as a rebellious body of schismatics. A concordat was entered into subsequently between high contracting parties, and during its negotiations the question of the English lodges was treated and touched upon; but nothing was then said as to their actual illegality, un-Masonic status, their interference with sovereign rights, &c., but power was reserved and taken by the Grand Lodge of Quebec to endeavour, by *peaceable negotiations*, to obtain their incorporation in the new jurisdiction. It remained for a bright genius to discover that the existence of the three English lodges constituted an infringement of the American State Masonic law of Grand Lodge sovereignty, though whether that discovery occurred before the overtures for recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, or immediately after, does not quite clearly appear. Neither is it absolutely patent so far, when the discovery was made, that the Grand Lodge of Canada and Grand Master WILSON

committed inexcusable "lâches" in recognizing the absolute right of the English lodges to a choice of jurisdiction, which he did most loyally and clearly in a well-known printed correspondence. However, the discovery was made, and since that preposterous claim has been put forward everything has gone wrong. Precedent is ignored, common sense is put on one side, and hopeless assertions of impossible claims and childish arguments of a Masonic code of repudiation are ostentatiously proclaimed, and to use an expressive term, "crammed down our throats" with a perseverance and energy worthy of a better cause. The American law of recognition suits the exigencies and situation of the American Grand Lodges,—it is unknown in England and Europe, and we feel sure never will be acceded to by the English Grand Lodge. The parties really most to be pitied are the members of the loyal English lodges in Canada. They have committed no offence, Masonic or civil; they have brought themselves under the provisions of no known section of local or Masonic enactment. They are simply punished for their loyalty. They have, for reasons of their own,—and it is not for us to dictate to them,—preferred the jurisdiction of the "old mother country," and so long as they express that wish and conform to our laws of legal Masonic existence and adhesion, we should be the veriest cravens on the earth's soil, and rightly forfeit our high prestige, if for any threats whatever, if for any outflow of almost unprecedented ignorance of Masonic law and precedent, if for all the "tall talk" in the world, we gave up brethren who alike deserve and demand our zealous sympathy and our honourable support, and whose legal position was distinctly recognized and openly admitted to the Grand Lodge of Canada. We have reason to believe that the members of the English lodges in Canada can compare with any similar body of Masons anywhere for Masonic zeal and Masonic energy, for firm adherence to the principles of Freemasonry in the abstract, and practical effect to the concrete work of our beneficent Order, so needful to place its professions in a true light before a doubting or a scoffing world. Their unity, their harmony, their cultured sympathies, and their thorough effectiveness are, we are assured, very striking, while they are never backward in relieving local claims of want, and distressing evidences of calamity and misfortune. And here we leave the matter. The *Freemason* has more than once pointed out the only true path to pursue, the only one which can give any hope of an eventual amicable settlement. To use the words of the GRAND SECRETARY, we must leave to the "efflux of time" the healing of wounds and the smoothing of difficulties, which, if once treated in a violent, or bullying, or a vulgar spirit of senseless animosity, will widen and widen until the sore becomes chronic, and the division perpetual. "Verbum sat" to all wise, prudent, considerate brethren in the Jurisdiction of Quebec.

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It would almost seem, from an extract published in our last issue from a Canadian paper, as if our brethren of the Quebec Grand Lodge were intent on "trying conclusions" with the Grand Lodge of England, and having recourse to that very peculiar process of "boycotting" and "excommunication," so hateful just now, for many patent reasons, to all minds reasonable, patriotic, and Masonic. It seems to us to betray the great and inherent weakness of their case when papers, duly prompted and specially posted, indulge in the tall talk and vulgar violence we have lately been compelled, unwillingly, to peruse. In the present use of grandiloquent verbiage and the excited state of mind manifested by some good brethren of ours across the little "mill-pond" in Canada we see the development of the agitation wave, we behold the outcome of an unreasonable impatience. If the Grand Lodge of Quebec does what its admirers and unsafe advisers urge it to do, after the distinct and unanimous declaration of the Grand Lodge of England, it will render a peaceable solution of the difficulty almost impossible—it will, at any rate, postpone it to the "Greek Kalends," and it will inevitably raise up certain issues which may result in consequences not even now anticipated in any measure by the brethren in Quebec. The Grand Lodge of England is the most peaceable and least combative body in the world; but there are certain limits even to the most courteous forbearance, the most Masonic endurance of unmerited insults and disloyal ingratitude. We can only once again offer to our brethren in Canada a few words of sympathetic counsel, kindly interest, and friendly warning.

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WE deeply regret to announce the somewhat sudden and lamented death of the Bishop of LONDON. We allude to this eminent prelate's decease, because he has on more than one occasion expressed the most kindly and sympathetic feelings towards Freemasons and Freemasonry. He will truly be a very missed man in his large and most important Diocese.

### CONSECRATION BY H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT OF A NEW ROSE CROIX CHAPTER AT MEERUT.

The consecration of the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn Chapter, Rose Croix, took place at Meerut, on Friday, November 7th, by Very Ill. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., 33°, honorary member of the Supreme Council, assisted by Ill. Bros. the Hon. Henry T. Prinsep, B.C.S., 32°; Thomas William Rawlins, B.C.S., 32°; Major Lewis William Taylor, 31°; Col. George Benjamin Wolseley, 30°; Col. Edwd. L. S. Sandford, 30°; William R. Barry, B.C.S., 30°; Brigade Surgeon K. Prescott, 30°; Boyle Travers Hill, 30°; Bros. Hon. Major Henage Legge, 18°; Col. E. E. Lushington, 18°; Col. E. Plowden, 18°; Major E. J. Fell, 18°; and Ill. Bro. Surgeon-Major James Lane Notter, 18°.

The chapter having been opened by his Royal Highness at noon punctually, the following programme of the ceremony of consecration was carried out: The brethren being assembled in the Hall, formed an Arch of Steel, his Royal Highness and the members of the 33°, 32°, 31°, and 30° entered in order, and passed three times round the Hall, after which his Royal Highness assumed his seat, and addressed the chapter. The officiating Prelate offered a prayer. His Royal Highness called on the officiating Recorder to read the warrant, and the warrant of the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn Chapter having been read, his Royal Highness gave declaration of constitution. His Royal Highness then passed round the chapter three times, sprinkling corn, and pouring out wine and oil. The officiating Prelate passed round the chapter with the censer of incense and lighted the altar, his Royal Highness sprinkling roses, and giving the consecration and distribution address. The officiating Prelate opened the stone; the officiating Grand Marshal proclaimed that the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn Chapter, No. 100, had been duly consecrated, and the ceremony, which was most interesting throughout, was brought to a close. The chapter was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met for the first time in 1885 on Saturday last, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. R. Berridge, A. Williams, C. F. Matier, John L. Mather, W. Maple, F. Adlard, James Mason, L. Ruf, C. H. Webb, Wm. Roebuck, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frank Richardson, H. Massey, H. Hacker, the Rev. Richard Morris, Head Master; Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treas.; G. P. Gillard, W. A. Scurrah, Henry Venn, W. H. Saunders, J. M. Stedwell, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the December, 1884, meeting, and the reading of those of the House Committee for information, the salary of the Organist at the School was, on the recommendation of the House Committee, raised from £25 to £30 per annum.

Bro. W. ROEBUCK, V.P., on behalf of the House Committee, gave notice of a motion for the Quarterly Court next Monday, to alter Law 52, by making the age of a candidate for admission to the School, at which a petition can be presented, six years, and the age at which an elected can be admitted to the School seven years, instead of seven and eight, as now. This recommendation was made in consequence of the expected opening of the Preparatory School next autumn.

Petitions on behalf of 10 boys were examined, and nine boys placed on the list of candidates for the April election. One petition was rejected. A grant of £40 was made to an ex-pupil, who is studying for the Church, and £10 was voted to another pupil who has just left the School. The extra salaries of the Secretary and clerk in the office, voted in consequence of the extra labour entailed by the works of the Preparatory School, were agreed to be continued for another 12 months.

Bro. BINCKES informed the Committee that a Trustee would have to be elected on Monday, consequent on the death of Col. Creaton, and that Bro. Parkinson and Bro. Roebuck would each feel it an honour if the choice of the brethren fell upon him.

The CHAIRMAN said that at the next election in April the candidates would be 47 in number, and the vacancies to be filled would be 25.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS, who held in his hands a copy of the circular issued by Bro. Binckes, which appeared in last week's *Freemason*, said he wished to refer to this circular, in order to remark that it met with his entire approval. Out of more than 2000 lodges on the roll, very few comparatively were subscribers to the Institution, and very few Masons out of the thousands who were members of the Order contributed to the Charities. He thought they must be unaware of the existence of these Institutions, and in that case the circular just issued was a timely reminder. As was stated in the circular, every lodge might easily contribute one guinea every year, and he hoped that the circular would have due effect.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

### LODGE LIBRARIES.

The *Free Press* of London, Ontario, has lately revived an old suggestion to the effect that every Masonic lodge should have a library, "even if it only consists of a few volumes on Masonic subjects." Of the soundness of this proposition there cannot be the slightest doubt. It is not to be expected that all the members of our lodges should seek to make themselves acquainted with the more abstruse mysteries of our ancient Craft, but it is not asking of them too much to learn something of its history, its distribution among the different countries of the world, and the events which will go towards strengthening or weakening the position it has succeeded in establishing. It will, perhaps, be suggested that, in supporting the proposal of our Canadian contemporary, we are actuated by motives of self-interest. But, after all, this is at best a very lame excuse for not listening to our advice, which, even if it has the demerit of being self-interested, is in accordance with the best experience obtainable in respect of all other Societies. It is given to few, if any, to obtain by intuition even a partial knowledge of current events, but the bulk of people of all grades and classes are dependent for what they know on established and periodical literature. It cannot be thought desirable that any body of Freemasons should remain in utter or comparative ignorance of the past history of their Fraternity or what is passing around them, and this ignorance can be corrected only by a study of our Craft literature. Thus, in advocating the establishment of lodge libraries, the *Free Press* is taking no extraordinary step, that is to say, no step which has not received the sanction and approval of all sections

of the community; and we, in supporting it and seriously urging it on the attention of our readers, are doing no more than advising the adoption of a course which will prove of infinitely greater service to them than it will be to ourselves. It is, indeed, impossible to overrate the advantages to a lodge which must result from its establishment of a compact but useful library of Masonic works of reference—histories of Masonry, lodge histories, magazines, &c.—which will be easily accessible to its members. The cost would be extremely moderate, while the advantages to those who really care about Masonry for itself, and not for its tinsel and Fourth Degrees, must be incalculable. We are glad to see there has been during the past few years a greater desire to know more of the true history of the Craft, and no one has the right to charge us with being self-interested, because we suggest that it will be all the better for the Masonic body if this desire becomes greater and greater still. At all events, we take this opportunity of commending to the notice of our friends the very sensible suggestion of our Canadian contemporary.

### GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

The report of the proceedings relative to the formation of the "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia" is, in many respects, a most remarkable volume, extending, as it does, to some ninety pages; and presenting what is evidently a true and particular account of the elaborate means taken to secure a fair and unbiassed opinion from the various lodges situated in that colony. I feel certain that a careful perusal of the report cannot fail to induce the conviction that the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge for South Australia was the desire of nearly all the members belonging to the lodges hailing from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

The first meeting to consider the question was convened for July 30, 1883, by Bro. H. M. Addison, P.M., Dist. G. Treas. (E.C.), when 108 out of 123 brethren present formed themselves into a "Masonic Union" for the purpose of promoting the cause they had at heart. A verbatim report is given of this meeting, and certainly the statements made, and the numerous questions asked and answered, indicated the desire of the members to have all things "done decently and in order." The able chairman stated emphatically that "we shall not attempt to form a Grand Lodge unless we have a large majority in favour of it."

That all might know of the contemplated change, the secretary of every Lodge in the colony was requested to supply a list of its members, all of whom responded but one, but as 96 names of members of that lodge were obtained from another source, practically all the names were duly registered, and as duly informed of all the meetings and resolutions agreed to, as were also the Provincial or District Grand Masters of the three Grand Lodges, whether favourable or otherwise to the proposal. A discreet publicity was a feature of all the arrangements. A letter was then sent to the 2,072 contributing members of the three Constitutions, asking each of them individually and specifically to sign their names in favour of the "Masonic Union," and to use their best endeavours to further its objects. Of these, no less than 1564 (1633 including duplicate votes) replied, joining the "Union," and only 39 declined. No replies were received from 392 brethren.

The next step was to officially consult all the lodges, which was done by a letter dated October 27th, 1883, and other communications were forwarded for the guidance of each W.M.; such as a report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, September 1st, 1869, when the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was recognised. The Executive Committee must have been gratified at the unprecedented success which followed their appeal.

#### SUMMARY.

"English Constitution" } 20 lodges.	18 lodges unanimously joined. 1 lodge had one dissident, since unanimous. 1 lodge sent no official return.
"Irish Constitution" } 7 lodges.	
"Scottish Constitution" } 6 lodges.	4 lodges unanimously joined. 1 lodge had two dissidents. 2 lodges sent no official return.
	6 lodges (all) unanimously joined.

It will be seen that even at so early a stage nearly all the lodges agreed to form the "Grand Lodge of South Australia," and hence the meeting of the delegates on March 24th, 1884 (Bro. Addison again in the chair), was of a most unanimous character. The report of the Executive was adopted, recommending Chief Justice Way as the first Grand Master, and Bro. Muecke, District Grand Master (S.C.) to be the Installing Master.

I am particularly gratified to note that the delegates resolved—

That all lodges holding warrants from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland shall be deemed legitimate; and if they so elect, they may be allowed to continue their allegiance to their parent Constitutions.

As it surely is both un-Masonic and unfair to coerce the brethren into submission.

Bro. James H. Cunningham, the Grand Secretary South Australia, in the *Freemason* for September 27th 1884, alluded to this important point, and stated that no obstacle would be placed in the way of any lodges desirous of continuing under their original Constitution, which says much for the kind feeling and Masonic hearts of the brethren. He also mentioned the suggestive fact that only fourteen members, hailing from nine lodges, declined to join the new Grand Lodge, and some of these had since "repented."

Another convention was held on April 16, when the Grand Officers were elected, as also the members of the Board of General Purposes. On the following day the "Inauguration Ceremony" took place in the presence of about a thousand members, most of the lodges being largely represented. The proceedings were of a most impressive character, and the Grand Master, having been duly installed, delivered an appropriate address, in which he declared "he had never heard, and never expected to hear, from a South Australian Mason, one disloyal or unfraternal word respecting the Grand Lodges under whose warrants they had hitherto worked." Though separated some 15,000 miles from their parent Grand Lodges, our South Australian brethren are not unmindful of what they owe Masonically to them, and desire now a kindly and hearty recognition at their hands. I cannot remember a Grand Lodge being formed under more advantageous circumstances, or in a fairer or more Masonic manner, and, therefore, I trust that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia will soon be granted by all the regular Grand Lodges in the universe, and that our Royal Grand Master will graciously be pleased to accede to their wishes by becoming the Grand Patron of the Craft in that colony.

**TWELFTH NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.**

The annual Twelfth Night entertainment given by the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to those girls who remain in the School during the Christmas holidays, took place on Monday evening, at the School House, St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise. Bro. Robert Grey, Chairman on the rota, and a large company of ladies and brethren attended on the occasion, among those present being Misses Kate T. Terry, C. Terry, Jessie E. Terry, and F. S. Bowyer, Mr. H. L. Bowyer, Mr. F. Elton, Bros. Frank Richardson, and C. F. Matier, Bro. and Mrs. Hammerton, Bro. H. H. Aspinall, Misses May Aspinall, Ethel Aspinall, A. B. Robertson and Constance Robertson, Miss Massey, Miss A. R. Massey, Mr. H. W. Massey, Mr. A. S. Dicketts, Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Bro. J. E. Roberts, Mrs. Roberts, Bros. Jas. Moon, Chas. Fred. Hogard and F. R. W. Hedges, Mr. E. H. Venn, Bro. Henry Venn, Mr. St. John G. S. Clerke, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Mr. A. B. H. Clerke, Mrs. Hirsch, Mr. W. C. Hirsch, Bros. Louis Hirsch, J. H. Matthews, E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Messrs. A. P. Bowyer, G. W. Bowyer, and T. W. Palmer, Bros. Ald. Savory, J. S. Peachey, Chas. Stevens and Griffiths Smith, Miss Brewer, Bro. W. C. Hurst, P.M. 639, Bengal, and Miss C. Denison.

The company took tea together at five o'clock, Miss Jarwood, the Matron of the Institution, taking the principal seat, and Miss Shepherd acting as Vice-President.

At six o'clock Herr Adalbert Frikell entertained the whole party with his feats of legerdemain, including—Le pigeon très délicat, un mouchoir blanc, spiritual calculation and thought reading, die Bachus Flasche, the inexhaustible pocket, a tender handkerchief, botanical manifestations, and distillery out of paper shavings.

At seven o'clock the pupils and visitors engaged in dancing, and at eight o'clock Herr Frikell gave a second part of his entertainment, including extraordinary mesmerism, the watery surprise, illustrations of finger-fertigkeit, grand potpourri, avec le chapeau mephisto, Frikell's atmospheric mint, La! ou Frikell partout, and explanations of ancient and modern prestidigitation.

Mr. Arthur Lock presided at the pianoforte. The children afterwards had their twelfth cakes and other refreshments, and enjoyed the amusements provided by the brethren.

The remainder of the evening was employed in dancing, which was kept up with much spirit till a late hour.

The entertainment was one of the most successful ever provided at the Girls' School.

After the entertainment Herr Frikell gave every one of the pupils in the School a present; and Bro. Alderman Savory further added to their pleasure by presenting each pupil with a new shilling.

**DESTRUCTION OF BRO. CARSON'S LIBRARY.**

Bro. Hughan writes respecting this serious loss as follows: "I have just had enclosed sent me by my friend, Bro. J. J. Taylor, of New Jersey, U.S.A. In common with Masonic students the wide world over, I most sincerely sympathise with our Bro. Carson's loss, and can only hope that the rumour is not correct, but I fear it is too true. Bro. Carson has been a collector of Masonic works and curios for over a quarter of a century, and has, or had, the finest private Masonic library known. He secured several uniques for his extraordinary collection, and has always been most generous in making their contents known, for the benefit of all concerned."

**"MASONIC TEMPLE ON FIRE.**

"DESTRUCTION OF BOOKS WHICH CANNOT BE REPLACED. LOSS ABOUT 200,000 DOLS.

"CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 24th, 1884.—A fire broke out this morning in the cellar of J. R. Mills and Co.'s stationery and mercantile printing establishment, situated on Walnut-street, above Third, in the north-east corner of the Masonic Temple. It extended rapidly to other portions of the Temple, which is a large building fronting on Third-street and extending to an alley midway between Walnut and Main streets. By 11 o'clock the fire was fully under control, and was confined to the Temple, and mainly to its northern half, the building being divided by a wide hall running from east to west.

"The Masonic Temple is the property of Nova Cæsarea Lodge of Masons. It was built at the cost of 200,000 dols. It was insured for 125,000 dols., much more than enough to cover the loss on the building. The principal item of the loss is that of the Scottish Rite, whose property was on the third and fourth floors, the portion of the building first damaged by the fire. Their loss is estimated at 50,000 to 75,000 dols. Enoch T. Carson's Masonic library, worth 10,000 dols., and containing many works impossible to replace, was wholly lost and was uninsured. The losses to the other lodges were not so heavy, as much property was carried out.

"J. R. Mills and Co., in whose establishment the fire started, cannot estimate their loss, but as their printing house, which was separate from their other premises, is not burned, it is thought that 30,000 dols. will cover their loss; insurance 10,000 dols. The total loss on the structure is estimated at 60,000 dols.; the Scottish Rite, 75,000 dols.; J. R. Mills and Co., 30,000 dols.; and others, 10,000 dols. The Scottish Rite insurance is 16,000 dols."

**JOTTINGS FROM THE ANTIPODES.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

MELBOURNE, NOV. 10TH.

Masonry in Victoria, under the English Constitution particularly, has made rapid strides since the assumption of the reins of government by Sir W. J. Clarke. Several new lodges have recently been opened, others are talked about, and some that for years had hardly moved at all, are making new members every lodge night. In Collingwood, a Melbourne suburb, a new lodge has been inaugurated, under the name of the Earl of Carnarvon, and with 42 promoters to commence with. This impetus to legitimate Masonry betokens the early extinction of the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria. That body now boasts a total of 17 lodges, the full membership of which would probably make three or four decent lodges. The best proof of their

numerical poverty, in fact, is supplied by the official organ, in the columns of which the officers of each lodge are detailed, some of them holding positions in as many as three lodges. Overtures, moreover, are being made for an amalgamation, not on our side, of course. The chief of the illegally-formed body has on two occasions sounded the English District Grand Secretary on the subject. This, with other significant signs of the times that I need not here refer to, but which are well known in Melbourne Masonic circles, all tend to a sure result, namely, that the end is near. An amalgamation, however, will be a serious matter for the Victorians. In the first place, the seceders who left their lodges in arrears of dues will have to pay up, whilst those who were induced to be made irregularly, will find themselves out of the pale. These insuperable difficulties are a bar to any amalgamation, and the olive branch has been plucked for nothing.

The foundation-stone of the new Freemasons' Hall will shortly be laid by Sir W. J. Clarke. When erected it will be the most complete and extensive building of the kind in Australia. The front part of the existing structure, on which another storey is to be built, was opened as a Masonic Club a fortnight ago. The building, from the first, was spotted for the purpose, standing as it does in Collins-street—the principal thoroughfare of Melbourne, and the clubland of the Victorian Metropolis, seeing that therein are the Melbourne, the Bohemian, the Athenæum, the Yorrick, and the Jewish Clubs. The Masonic Club contains on the ground floor dining room, strangers' room, bar and smoking room, secretary's office, kitchen, &c., and on the first floor reading room, drawing room, billiard room, and card room, together with sleeping accommodation for country members. As the only club of its kind south of the line, it has all at once become very popular, the members now numbering over a hundred, and increasing every week, so that by the time the new hall is opened, the roll ought to have increased five-fold. Sir W. J. Clarke is President of the Committee. The admission fee is five guineas, and annual subscription three guineas.

We have some distinguished members of the Craft in Melbourne just now. One is Capt. Moreland R.W.G.M. of Scottish Masonry in All India, from Bombay. My introduction to Capt. Moreland is the more interesting from the circumstance of his being a relative of the Grand Master of my mother province—the Earl of Bective. Bro. Col. Brownrigg, Assistant Adjutant General of the Victorian Military Forces, now settled in Melbourne, is Past Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab. E. C. Brownrigg is a household word to English Masons; and it is scarcely necessary to add that the gallant colonel, like his father and uncle, evinces a deep interest in the Craft.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master of England has been invited to accept honorary membership of the new Earl of Carnarvon Lodge.

It is 12 months since a new Mark Lodge was opened in Melbourne, with the object of excluding Mark Masons who had cast in their lot with the spurious Grand Lodge of Victoria. Difficulties and obstacles of every imaginable kind were thrown in the way at first, and much correspondence passed between the Mark authorities and promoters here and the General Board at home. The Combermere Mark Lodge, No. 336, however, came out of the fray with flying colours, and it is significant that the W.M. was requested to name some member of his lodge upon whom the M.W. Grand Master was desirous of conferring the rank of a Past Grand Officer of England. The position of the lodge, and the soundness of its principles, are furthermore exemplified by the following bye-law, adopted in accordance with a recommendation from the General Board: "No member of any so-called Masonic organisation that is not recognised by the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, shall be advanced in, or become a joining member of, or be admitted to enter as a visitor, in this Mark Master Masons' Lodge." The first anniversary was celebrated last week, when the new W.M., Bro. Dr. Willmott, P.M. and M.E.Z. 752 (E.C.), D.G.P.B.G.P., was installed. The Combermere Lodge is now in full working order, and the returns to Grand Secretary are very gratifying to all concerned.

Speaking of the Mark Degree, the Keystone Lodge, No. 19, working in Melbourne, is, I think, the only one now holding a warrant from the Grand Chapter of Scotland. It is very strong in members, and meets regularly every month.

The consecration of the Combermere Conclave of Red Cross Knights in Melbourne hangs fire through the non-receipt of regalia and appointments from England. The certificates of the nine or ten promoters, installed several months ago, have not yet turned up, albeit, the warrant is here, and ready for business, whilst about a score of candidates are waiting. Once fairly under way, there is no doubt the Chivalric Order would prove a success. I have had enquiries about the Order from Tasmania.

Vastly different to the Victorian and New South Wales institutions is the status of the new Grand Lodge of South Australia. Founded on British Constitutional lines, namely, a majority—and a heavy majority—of signatories, recognition by the Grand Lodges at home must and will follow in due course. By the way, it is highly amusing the persistent way in which the Victorians trumpet forth the names of Grand Lodges in the United States and elsewhere that have acknowledged their existence. The gilt of the American recognition is, however, seriously dimmed since my friend, Bro. John W. Simons, expounded his opinions in the *New York Dispatch*. Coming as it does from a Past Grand Master of New York, whose members exceed the whole of the Grand Bodies in America, including Bulgaria and Roumania in Europe, that have acknowledged the Victorian "faux pas," this deliverance is a valuable commentary on the folly and presumption of an irresponsible and dictatorial clique, many of whose followers have discovered their mistake, and would long ere this have retraced their steps had it been possible.

Reverting to South Australia, the only lodge that has not joined the new Grand Lodge is the Duke of Leinster, No. 363, under the Irish Constitution. A month ago they consecrated a new hall, called the Alfred Masonic Hall, in Adelaide. A former member tells me this lodge is very rich in money, as well as in real property.

An English brother, initiated and passed in a North of England lodge, comes out to Australia, and settles in Adelaide. He is raised in a lodge, an hour subsequent to the said lodge agreeing to join the Grand Lodge of South Australia. Query—What is his present and future standing? and will the Grand Lodge of England grant him a certificate?

**Red Cross of Constantine.**

**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GENERAL GRAND CONCLAVE.**

The annual assembly was holden on Monday, the 1st ult., at 8A, Red Lion-square, High Holborn, W.C., when there were present Sir Knights James Lewis-Thomas, Acting G.S.G.; Thomas Cubitt, G.J.G.; H. A. Dubois, G.M.; John Mason, G.H. Chancellor; George Powell, G. Examiner; John G. Marsh, P.G.S.G. and P.G.A.; George Mickley, G.A. Marshal; C. F. Hogard, G. Examiner; T. C. Walls, G.A. Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, G. Perfect; Henry Venn, G. Swd. B.; T. Massa, G.A. Recorder; J. Moon, G. Vice-Chamberlain; H. H. Shirley; J. R. Foulger; G. F. Tuckey, Int. Gen. Bristol; C. F. Matier, P.S. 50, Int. Gen. South Lanc.; C. W. Pridmore, and Carlo Tichiaz.

The lines having been formed, the Most Ill. Acting Grand Sovereign, attended by the Grand Officers, entered the Grand Conclave, which was opened in imperial form. The minutes of the previous assembly of the General Grand Conclave, which had been printed and freely circulated, were taken as read, and unanimously carried. The Executive Committee—which had been summoned to meet two hours previously—were not able to present a full report, owing to the very serious illness of the Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Ivander\*, and the absence, also from illness, of the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Woodman.

A notice of motion from Sir Knight Hogard, Grand Examiner, had been placed before the sir knights, which was to be further considered at an adjourned meeting of their Committee, to be held during the following week, after which the Grand Council will be summoned to consider the Grand Treasurer's accounts and other matters.

There being the exact number proposed for election, there was no contest, and the Senate is as follows:

Appointed by Grand Sovereign—	
1 C. F. Hogard.	5 W. E. Dawes.
2 Eugene H. Thiellay.	6 Cuthbert E. Peck.
3 T. C. Walls.	7 G. A. Rooks.
4 Thomas Massa.	8 Alfred R. Robinson.
Elected by Grand Conclave, without a contest—	
1 H. Venn.	6 C. W. Pridmore.
2 J. G. Chillingworth.	7 H. J. Lardner.
3 J. Moon.	8 J. S. Cumberland.
4 Geo. Mickley.	9 P. de F. Collier.
5 Rich. Robinson.	10 H. H. Shirley.

They recommended that the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the General Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to be placed on Sir Knight Cubitt's list. This was voted in 1883, but informally (it has since then been paid out of funds in the hands of the Grand Recorder).

This report was read by Sir Knight HOGARD and duly accepted by Grand Conclave.

Sir Knight MATIER proposed, and Sir Knight POWELL seconded, that the Committee to carry out the suggestion contained in notice of motion by Sir Knight Hogard be composed of the following: Sir Knights J. Lewis-Thomas, Powell, Walls, Moon, Hogard, Dubois, and Mason.

Sir Knight DUBOIS proposed, and Sir Knight POWELL seconded, that the dues from Irwin Conclave, Bristol, be remitted to 30th September last, and that the conclave have power to resume working.

The acting Grand Recorder, Sir Knight MASON, read a letter from the Most Ill. Grand Sovereign, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., expressing satisfaction at the progress the Order was making abroad, and appointing Sir Knight Levander\*, Grand Treasurer, and Sir Knight Woodman, Grand Recorder, to the brevet rank of "Grand Viceroy."

Sir Knight WALLS proposed, and Sir Knight DUBOIS seconded, that Sir Knight Levander\* be elected again Grand Treasurer, which was carried unanimously.

Sir Knight MATIER proposed, and Sir Knight POWELL seconded, that the Executive Committee be formed of the same members as usual.

The ACTING GRAND RECORDER stated that it appeared from the correspondence that the Order was increasing in the Colonies, and several of the home conclaves had resumed, which had been in abeyance.

In addition to the £10 10s. for last year, to be placed on Sir Knight Cubitt's list, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it was proposed by Sir Knight DUBOIS, and seconded by Sir Knight CUBITT, that a sum of £5 5s. be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for their next Festivals. This was carried unanimously.

Sir Knight POWELL proposed, and Sir Knight HOGARD seconded, that the Grand Conclave be summoned for the first Monday in March, in accordance with the statutes of the Order, but which have been in abeyance from the year 1879, since which time it has been found convenient to hold Grand Conclave in December, and under the banner of the Premier Conclave.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read by ACTING GRAND RECORDER from Sir Knights the Most Ill. Grand Sovereign, Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart.; the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Most Em. G. Viceroy; T. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., M.E. G. Senior General; Eminent Sir Knights A. Robinson, Lewthwaite, T. B. Whythead, Rev. A. W. Hall, A. O. Wilson, G. P. Brockbank, and W. H. Brittain.

There was a banquet, as usual, under the banner of the Premier Conclave.

\* Since dead.

**THE TESTIMONIAL TO MR. ALDERMAN FOWLER, M.P.**—It has been decided that the testimonial to Mr. Alderman Fowler, M.P., the late Lord Mayor, will take the form of a diamond necklace for Miss Fowler, who acted as Lady Mayoress last year, and a valuable piece of plate for the Alderman himself, together with a handsome album containing the signatures of the subscribers. The presentation cannot take place until the latter end of February, as the Alderman is now en route for Egypt, and will not be in London until the re-assembling of Parliament.—*City Press*.

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FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET,  
LINCOLNS' INN FIELDS, LONDON,

On Saturday, the 10th day of January, 1885,

at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the election in April next, to declare the Number of Girls then to be Elected, and to consider Notice of Motion, as under:

### NOTICE OF MOTION—

Upon the recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron:—

"That a gratuity of £25 be made to Miss A. Barron, an Assistant Governess, on her retirement from the Institution."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

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January 3rd, 1885.

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On Monday, the 12th day of January, 1885.

for the Transaction of the Ordinary Business of the Institution.

To Receive a Recommendation from the General Committee for the Adoption of a List of Forty-seven Candidates, from which Twenty-five Boys shall be Elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 13th of April next.

To Appoint Two Trustees in the room of John Wordsworth, Esq., and Lieutenant-Colonel John Creaton, deceased.

To consider the following Notice of Motion:

By W. Bro. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, V. Pat., on behalf of the House Committee—

"That, having in view the necessary regulations for admission to the Preparatory School now in course of erection, the age at which petitions on behalf of Candidates may be presented be reduced to Six Years, and the age for the reception of elected Candidates be reduced to Seven Years, and that Law 52 be altered accordingly."

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the Afternoon precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Stwd.), (V. Pat.)  
Secretary.

3rd January, 1885.

The 57th Anniversary Festival will be held in June next, under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire. The services of Brethren to represent Lodges and Provinces are most earnestly solicited.

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R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Gloucestershire,

Has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

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It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the Funds of the Institution, which were never so much needed as at the present time.

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**To Correspondents.**

The following reports, &c., stand over for want of space:  
**CRAFT:—**  
Thames Lodge, 1895.  
**INSTRUCTION:—**  
Faith Lodge, 141.  
Selwyn Lodge, 1901.  
**ROYAL ARCH:—**  
Camden Chapter of Improvement.  
Presentation to Bro. Eustace.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "Hull Packet," "New York Daily News," "Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Freemasons' Journal," "Citizen," "Court Circular," "Young Men's Christian Association Times," "Voice of Masonry," "Canadian Craftsman," "Keystone," "Tricycling Journal," "Brass Repousse Work," "Allen's Indian Mail."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1885.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**THE RED APRON LODGES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
I am much obliged to Bro. Kupferschmidt for his account of the circumstances under which the Pilgrim Lodge resigned its privilege of nominating a Grand Steward. When I wrote my article I did not know what had led the lodge to decline to send up a Steward for 1834, and I am much pleased to have had the matter so clearly explained.—Yours fraternally,  
E. L. HAWKINS.

**MASONIC MENDICANCY.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
In justice to myself, I must request your insertion of a few words in reply to a letter from Bro. Palmer, S.D. 73, which appeared in your impression of the 13th ult., and in which I, as Secretary of the Lodge of Union, No. 444, am charged with want of courtesy and neglect of my duties. The Lodge of Union holds its regular meetings only in the summer; our last meeting took place on October 4th, previous to Bro. Palmer's letter to me of October 15th being written. The manager of the Courtenay Arms Hotel, at Starcross, where the lodge meets, neglected to forward the letter to me, and it was not until (during my absence from home), on the attention of our W.M. being drawn to Bro. Palmer's letter of the 8th ult. in the "Freemason," he made enquiries, that the letter of October 15th was found, and forwarded to me. I trust that this explanation will enable Bro. Palmer and the Craft generally to acquit me of that inattention to Masonic business and want of courtesy with which this letter charges me, and of which I must admit that the neglect or carelessness of others may have made me appear guilty.

As regards Bro. John Bell, on reference to the records of the lodge, I find that the only brother of that name who has ever belonged to the lodge was initiated in the year 1837, when the lodge met at Chudleigh, as a *servant brother*, to act as waiter, in which capacity he appears to have occasionally attended the meetings up to May 29th, 1839. The last record of his name as belonging to the lodge is in the return of January 1st, 1841, after which his name does not appear, except as having received relief from the funds of the lodge in 1871. He was at no time a subscribing member of the lodge.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,  
ROBT. BREWIN.  
P.M., Prov. G.J.W. Devon, Sec. 444.  
Ide, near Exeter, January 6th.

**THE INSTALLATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF VICTORIA.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
In the "Freemason" of Sept. 27, I notice, is an extract from the *Canadian Craftsman*, in which certain audacious statements are made relative to the installation of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., as R.W. District Grand Master of Victoria, E.C. and S.C., last March. I do not know positively where your American contemporary procured his information, but venture a very shrewd guess

that it emanated from this end, viz., from one of the disappointed and ambitious individuals who joined what is now sarcastically styled here the "Grand Lodge of Victoria." I quote the statement referred to:—"In order to make his inauguration a success, *free railway passes, free tickets to the banquet, and free tickets to the ball were scattered broadcast.*"

As "One who knows," permit me to say the statement is a base calumny. In the first place, there were no free railway passes. Country brethren from every remote corner of the colony freely and willingly paid their own travelling fares by ordinary trains—there were no specials; not to omit a strong deputation from the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, all the way from Sydney. It is quite true Bro. Sir William Clarke invited 1000 brethren to a banquet in the Melbourne Town Hall; but the invitations were not scattered broadcast; they had to be limited to so many to each of the 100 or so lodges in the colony, and to the visitors from other colonies. As there were over 3000 brethren at the installation, and a third of the number only at the banquet, you can judge for yourself. But the statement, "free tickets to the ball," is the most scandalous of all. It was a public entertainment; gentlemen's tickets, a guinea; and ladies, 12s. 6d. More than 800 were present; not a single "free ticket" was given away; indeed, the press-men from the different papers, and all of them Freemasons, paid for one, two, and in some instances, three tickets; and the most damning proof of the untruth of the statement is the substantial fact that nearly £200 accrued to the Melbourne Masonic Charities after defraying all expenses.

The above facts speak for themselves, and I need only add that the self-styled "Grand Lodge of Victoria" must be in desperate straits, when its members and advocates descend to tricks like those referred to.—Yours fraternally,  
ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.  
Melbourne, Nov. 15th, 1884.



**SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.**  
Thoresby, according to his diary, saw a good deal of Sir Christopher Wren, knew him well, &c., mentions the curious monuments erected in St. Paul's Church for his "family." Oddly enough, too, Thoresby does not mention him after 1713, though more than once in London, and in the year Wren died, namely, 1723. Warburton, the Somerset Herald, a friend apparently of Anderson's, was also a great friend of Thoresby's.  
MASONIC STUDENT.

**BRO. GOULD'S OPINION ON THE DEGREE QUESTION.**

As Bro. Gould's opinion has been quoted by Bro. Hughan with reference to the question of the Degrees I think it but right and fair to Bro. Gould to say here that at a very pleasant interview with Bro. Gould a day or two ago, I did not gather at all from him that our esteemed Bro. Hughan was warranted in expressing, as the result of Bro. Gould's investigations, so decided an opinion on the subject of the Degrees as he (Bro. Hughan) publishes in the last number of the "Freemason." I venture to think that it would be better to leave Bro. Gould to explain his own views on this important subject, rather than seek to antedate Bro. Gould's original communications, which will duly appear in the forthcoming volume of his history, to be published, I learn from him, in about a month. As I understand Bro. Gould's personal and private explanations, there may be a part, but certainly not a complete agreement, with the so-called Monograde theory.  
A. F. A. W.

**THE BATTLE OF THE GRADES.**

I hardly think it is worth while continuing a discussion in which we are all apparently at cross purposes, and which is now reduced to a sterile logomachy. I deny the right use of grade and degree as words of different meaning. Bro. Hughan affirms it. Where doctors differ? &c. Bro. Hughan gives to degree, I presume, Masonically alone, the meaning of a titular and conferred distinction, accompanied with a private and secret ceremony. This, of course, is an arbitrary meaning given to a specific term, without any warrant from philology or derivation, and may be fair enough as a means of conveying certain ideas of the writer's own, but cannot be critically dealt with or safely argued out. It is a new way truly of explaining old words. Perhaps we are dealing too much with minutiae and technicalities, and therefore we had better let the matter rest where it is, as we are not likely to agree. As regards the Scottish minutes, I have not seen them myself, so can say but little about them, but, relying on Bro. D. M. Lyon's great work, and Hunter's contribution, and Wylie's history, and some communications to the "Freemason," I think that the Monograde theory is absolutely out of court. But that is only my opinion, based on the evidence alleged; and, as I do not claim infallibility, having said my say, I make my bow respectfully. Perhaps it was unwise in my venturing to express any opinion at all, as I am a party interested much in the discussion.  
THIRD DEGREE.

**Births, Marriage, and Deaths.**

**BIRTHS.**  
**NOAKES.**—On the 20th ult., at Stepney, the wife of F. M. Noakes, of a daughter.  
**WATKINS.**—On New Year's Day, at Gipsy-hill, the wife of William Watkins, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGE.**  
**WATERFIELD—HERSCHEL.**—On the 2nd inst., at the parish church, Hawkhurst, William Waterfield, of The Quarries, Exeter, to Matilda Rose, daughter of the late Sir J. F. W. Herschel, Bart., of Collingwood, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**DEATHS.**  
**LEE.**—On the 3rd inst., Richard Patrick, aged 10 years and 6 months; and on the 7th inst., William Henry, aged 9 years, beloved children of the Rev. Richard Lee, Head Master of Christ's Hospital, London.  
**LYELL.**—On the 29th Oct., 1884, at Sydney, New South Wales, aged 58, George Simpson Lyell.



### Craft Masonry.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—The annual installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge took place on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. G. J. Moorcroft, the retiring Master, presided, and, after opening the lodge in due form, proceeded to pass Bro. Jacquet to the Second Degree. The chair was then taken by Bro. Wilson, P.M., who raised Bro. Bakewell to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. C. Wynne, P.M., then presented Bro. J. W. Harvey, S.W., for installation, and the ceremony was performed by the presiding Master in a most impressive manner, after which the brethren were called upon in the usual way to give the several salutes. The newly-elected W.M. then proceeded to invest the retiring Master with a handsome Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge, as a mark of their regard and esteem for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties during his year of office. Bro. G. J. Moorcroft acknowledged the gift in suitable terms. The Master then proceeded to invest his officers with their respective badges of office as follows: Bros. T. Hawkins, S.W.; A. W. Stead, J.W.; S. W. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; Jno. Dyer, P.M., Sec.; W. Leach, Asst. Sec.; T. Ford, S.D.; W. Wingham, J.D.; G. Deaton, I.G.; D. C. Loewenstark, P.M., D.C.; and E. J. Wall, W.S.

Among the visitors present were Bros. E. Letchworth, G.J.D.; H. Wells, P.M. 1671, 1708, 2020; W. J. Cannon, W.M. 1539; W. F. Hughes, 179; J. Jones, 1297; G. Ester, 529; W. C. Jennison, 48; J. J. Thomas, 753; T. W. Tarbet, 1017; W. H. Bretnall, 1339; C. Turner, 91; E. Samuel, 1799; J. Barrett, 1343; J. Stevens, 1425; T. Pargeter, 1598; S. Benjamin, 1348; T. W. Edwards, 1619; H. Walmsley Little, Mus. Doc., 1706, &c.

The lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to the Sussex Room for the banquet.

The music, which was under the direction of Bro. J. Shirley Hodson, P.M., was excellently rendered, the programme being as follows:—"Grace"; "God save the Queen," song, "Both," Madame Clara Suter; song, "Uncle John," Miss Clara Allison; song, "When the heart is young," Miss Eugenie Kemble; song, "One faithful heart," Bro. J. S. Hodson, P.M.; songs, "Much ado about nothing," and "The river of years," Madame Clara Suter; song, "I seek for thee in every flower," Bro. Edwin Moss, P.M.; song, "Maid of the Mill," song, "The Miller and the Maid," Miss Clara Allison; pianoforte solo, Bro. H. Walmsley Little, Mus. Doc.

After the banquet grace was then sung, and the Master proposed the usual loyal toasts which were received with acclamation.

That of the "Grand Officers" was responded to in felicitous terms by Bro. E. Letchworth, G.J.D.

Bro. G. J. Moorcroft then briefly, but in a very appropriate and kindly manner proposed "The Health of the Newly Elected and Presiding W.M.," which was received and responded to by the brethren in a most hearty manner.

Bro. J. W. Harvey, W.M., then replied, and thanked the brethren for the honour they had bestowed upon him in electing him as their Master that evening. Having filled every office in the lodge from that of Assistant Secretary upwards, he deemed it a great privilege to preside over so eminent a lodge, and assured them that it would be his earnest endeavour to do his duty and continue to carry out the good working, harmony, and prestige of the lodge, and hoped that the brethren would never regret having elected him.

The toast of "The I.P.M.," which was received in a very flattering manner, was duly acknowledged.

That of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. E. Letchworth, G.J.D.; H. H. Wells, P.M. 1671; N. G. Cannon, W.M. 1539; W. F. Hughes, 179; T. W. Tarbet, 1017; C. Turner, 91.

The combined toast of "Treasurer, Secretary, and P. Masters" was responded to in a very able manner by Bro. P. M. Wilson.

That of "The Preceptor, F. Baker, P.M.," was responded to by him at considerable length.

Then followed that of "The Officers," in proposing which the W.M. said he must congratulate himself upon their to him well-known efficiency, and the assurance he felt of being well supported during his term of office, to which the respective officers replied.

The proceedings concluded with the usual Tyler's toast.

**JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday last, when there were present Bros. George Bean, W.M.; A. J. Martin, S.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, J.W.; M. L. Alexander, P.M.; H. M. Levy, P.M.; A. G. Dodson, P.M.; Obed Roberts, L. M. Myers, Israel Abrahams, Lewis Lazarus, Treas.; J. S. Lyons, Sec.; Lewis Wall, S.D.; Geo. M. Lion, J.D.; L. Davis, Steward; P. E. Van Noorden, Org.; besides numerous lay members and visitors.

Bros. C. Grove Ellis was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. M. L. Alexander, P.M., installed Bro. Alexander John Martin as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. J. W. Dewsnap, S.W.; Lewis Wall, J.W.; J. S. Lyons, Treas.; L. Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; G. P. Lion, S.D.; Botibol, J.D.; Lewis Davis, I.G.; A. G. Dodson, P.M., D.C.; Lenzberg and Hart, Stewards; P. E. Van Noorden, Org.; and Goddard, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses, the W.M. immediately proceeded with his duties, and initiated Mr. Meyer, Max Bendit, and Mr. Bulford. Some other Masonic business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said, and the W.M. proposed the usual toasts in the concise and aptest language. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master," and "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," the W.M. proposed "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," and in doing so said there was now a respectable amount to the credit of the fund.

During the last 20 or 30 years the fund had done an immense amount of good. With the toast he coupled the name of the Senior President, Bro. Israel Abrahams, who knew as much about it as any one, and he hoped that when that brother rose to respond to the toast he would be able to announce several subscriptions.

The toast was drunk with the heartiest enthusiasm, and Bro. Israel Abrahams, in responding, said the Joppa Benevolent Fund was a most important toast, indeed, one of the most important ever given in this or in any other lodge. There was no one there or elsewhere who would contradict him when he said that the fund would be a great source of relief to many of the brethren, and not only to the brethren, but to their widows and orphans. Therefore, if there was any fund that was Masonic, it was the Joppa Benevolent Fund. It was now reduced to about £700, but it had boasted of being £1000, £1100, and upwards. But if it had not now that amount they would not discontinue lending a helping hand to any that came upon it. It was not a charitable fund, but for the use of brethren of the Lodge of Joppa who might need its assistance. It was a matter of congratulation, that they had so small an amount in the fund, because they were now able to appeal for more assistance. He said this because he had been round with his paper to the members of the lodge, and when he did so he found the brethren were only too ready to put their hands in their pockets. He did not say this only of the Lodge of Joppa, for he found that other lodges did similarly. It was their duty, and it was certain it would be their pleasure again to get the dear old Joppa Benevolent Fund up to £1000. He was sure they would all give a helping hand in doing so. He was glad there were in the Joppa Lodge members who were willing to give a helping hand to sustain the honour of the Joppa Benevolent Fund. They had to-night several additional subscriptions. When the fund was reduced to £300 they would still find brethren ready to come in and assist it. In such a case it must always succeed. He hoped none of the brethren present would ever have to come on the fund; but if they did the committee would not grudge them any amount which might do them good. In conclusion he was proud to be present, because the W.M. was an initiate of his twenty years ago. He was confident that under him the fund and the lodge would have an era of success. He hoped the brethren would remember the Joppa Benevolent Fund.

Bro. L. Lazarus, Secretary, announced subscriptions to the amount of thirteen guineas, of which the W.M. contributed two guineas.

Bro. Bean, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom, as an old friend, he had been delighted to see placed in the chair of W.M. The position was not altogether a new one to him, because he had passed the chair in a distinguished lodge in the south-east of London. The W.M. was fully qualified to carry out all the duties of Master of the lodge for the ensuing year.

The W.M., in reply, said it was perfectly true that he was an initiate of Bro. Israel Abrahams' twenty years ago. It was an accepted saying in the French army that every soldier carried a marshal's bâton in his knapsack. In a Masonic lodge every initiate ought to expect he would be a W.M. At the time he was initiated he never expected to be Master of the Lodge of Joppa; but everything came to those who waited, and he had waited twenty years to be Master of the lodge. The brethren chose to accept him, and he accepted the office with a great deal of diffidence; but at the same time with a great deal of pleasure—with diffidence lest he should be a martinet, but with pleasure because he knew he should be associated with a great number of old Masonic friends. He should insist on order and decorum in the lodge, and he hoped all the brethren would approve of it.

Bros. Bendit and Bulford responded to the toast of "The Initiates."

Bro. M. L. Alexander, in replying to the toast of "The Installing Master," said it had been his pleasure to install several brethren in this lodge. He hoped the Masters would in future install their successors, but if not, he should be happy to do it.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Visitors," and called particularly upon the Masters of the sister lodges, Tranquillity, Israel, Montefiore, and Samson, and Bro. Stacey, to respond. The last brother he looked upon as the Duke of Wellington in Masonry, having led more brethren to the Worshipful Master's chair than any other brother that he was acquainted with.

Bro. Benjamin, W.M. 1017, in reply, congratulated the W.M. on his admirable entertainment of the evening. He had often heard of the lodge, but he had never had an opportunity of experiencing its working or its hospitality before. He congratulated the Joppa Lodge on having such a W.M. who had so well conducted the lodge and the banquet. He had never seen the proceedings after lodge so well conducted as they had been that evening. Judging of the way in which the W.M. had conducted himself out of the lodge as well as in it he predicted for the lodge a most successful year.

Bros. Barnett, W.M. 185; Johnson, W.M. 1320; and J. R. Stacey, also responded.

The W.M., in proposing "The P.Ms.," and "The I.P.M.," referred in very flattering terms to the services of Bro. George Bean, and he presented him with an elegant P.M. jewel and a Past Master's collar and jewel.

Bro. Bean, I.P.M., in reply, said there were times in a man's career when the tongue faltered, and with him this was one. He had been overwhelmed by the kindness of the brethren. During his year of office he had endeavoured to emulate the working of his predecessors and to carry on the work of the lodge on the same lines as the Past Masters. He expressed his grateful thanks to the brethren for the P.M. jewel and collar. It would always remind him of very pleasant hours spent with the brethren in the Lodge of Joppa, and he should always feel it a great pleasure to wear it in the Lodge of Joppa. He was glad to find he carried with him on going out of office the same good feelings of the brethren that he had when he went into the chair.

Bro. Roberts, P.M., also responded.

The other toasts followed, and the brethren separated. An excellent programme of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, by Miss Berta Foresta, Miss Reba, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Bro. Henry Prenton. The singing of these artistes gave the brethren the greatest pleasure.

**LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).**—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was originally

worked in the French language, but subsequently in English, was held on New Year's Day, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., under the Mastership of Bro. L. B. Langdon. The attendance of brethren was large. The officers present were Bros. J. Elvin, S.W.; T. W. Smale, J.W.; J. Kench, P.G.P., Treas.; J. B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; C. Burt, S.D.; T. Bicknell, J.D.; and Past Masters John Skinner, Edwin Child, E. Humphrey, T. W. Cooper, and H. S. Wolters. The visitors were Bros. P. J. George, S.D. 957; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; W. A. Scurrell, J.W. 2048; Turle Lee, J.W. 1922; O. L. M. Latreille, P.M. 1260; W. C. Smith, J.W. 1563; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; A. Dupont (Stamford); G. Reynolds, 1614; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Addison, 1987; T. Harrison, P.M. 1185; F. Brown, P.M. 174 and 1607; John Hooke, P.M. 463; B. P. Jesse, P.M. 1556; Henry Venn, P.M. 23; Herbert Dicketts, P.M. 23; A. C. Hartley, 140; F. Green, W.M. 1687; G. L. Lyons, 1765; W. F. Gunnell, 1441; Chas. Wentworth, 101; G. Williams, 1658; J. King, 180; F. Marx, P.M. 957; B. Turner, P.M. 1328; G. A. Barclay, S.W. 1608; Stephen A. Cooper, P.M. 1637; T. W. Eastgate, I.P.M. 1563; E. J. Marner, 1673; F. Brown, 1706; M. Blitz, 177; W. Bellamy, 1627; E. H. Sharp, 1; C. Coward, 2012; J. H. Meyer, 2012; and J. Hurdell.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Skinner, P.M., assumed the chair, and installed Bro. John William Elvin as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The officers appointed were Bros. T. W. Smale, S.W.; C. Burt, J.W.; J. Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; James B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; T. Bicknell, S.D.; W. G. Fenn, I.D.; Alfred Smith, I.G.; T. W. Cooper, P.M., P.G.J.D., Middx., D.C.; E. Child, P.M., W.S.; J. W. Andrews, C.S.; and Church, Tyler. The brethren afterwards closed the lodge, and adjourned to an exceedingly choice banquet, provided at Freemasons' Tavern. The usual toasts followed.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," referred to the services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Kench, P.M. and Treasurer, who had been appointed Grand Pursuivant for his services to Masonry, and was now a Past Grand Pursuivant. It was a great honour to the lodge to have one of its Past Masters appointed to Grand office, but all the brethren knew well how worthy P.M. Kench was of any honour that could be conferred upon him.

Bro. Kench, P.M. and Treas., in response, said this was a toast that all Past and Present Grand Officers might be proud to respond to; and, bearing in mind the fact that so many Masters of La Tolerance had now the privilege of attending Grand Lodge—a privilege, he was pleased to say, that they availed themselves of—he was sure they would bear him out when he said that the Grand Master was not a mere show Grand Master, because they knew he took an interest in Freemasonry, and he promised to be second to none of the previous Grand Masters. With regard to the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, all the brethren who were in the habit of attending Grand Lodge would acknowledge that those brethren had the welfare of the Craft at heart, and that they endeavoured to discharge their duties with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the Craft. The other Past and Present Grand Officers used their best efforts to emulate the endeavours of their predecessors, and to assist all those who were associated with them. He availed himself of this opportunity of congratulating the W.M. on attaining the high position in which that night he had been placed; he did so not only as a Past Master, but as a representative of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Langdon, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said it was with great pleasure he took upon himself this responsibility. The W.M., Bro. Elvin, had taken a great interest in this lodge; he had gone through the different offices of the lodge, and had endeavoured to do his duty in each position he had filled, and had also made his mark in Freemasonry. He did not think that any other junior member of the lodge had made a greater mark, and therefore it was with great pleasure he gave this toast for the acceptance of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had to thank the I.P.M. for the very flattering terms in which he had spoken of him. He did not know he had any particular influence, but if he had done anything in his Masonic career for the benefit of Lodge La Tolerance, it was a great pleasure to him. He was proud of being a member of the lodge, but he was even still more proud of being placed in the position of W.M. It was a great gratification to him to see all the brethren around him on this his first appearance as W.M. One thing more—it was the first day of the new year. He wished them one and all a most happy and prosperous new year. If any prosperity or happiness should come to them in the present year, no one could wish it to them with more heartiness than the W.M. of Lodge La Tolerance.

Bro. Henry Venn, P.G. Steward, responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said the visitors had had a great privilege that evening. They paid many visits. But there were visits and visits. He did not for a moment wish to praise the W.M. or the brethren of Lodge La Tolerance, but speaking of the feelings of the visitors, he said the brethren had experienced a hospitality at this lodge which was gratifying to them all, and their grateful acknowledgements were due to the W.M. and all the brethren who had determined that this banquet should be to every one's satisfaction. Not to praise any one unjustly he could say that he had enjoyed himself, and he believed every one had done the same.

Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Past Grand Steward, also responded, and in doing so reiterated the expressions of Bro. Venn, adding, however, than in electing the present W.M. they had put the right man in the right place, and Bro. Skinner was to be congratulated on having had the honour of installing him. He had often had the pleasure of visiting this lodge, but he assured the brethren that it had been a sincere pleasure to do so, and never more so than on this occasion.

Bros. H. M. Levy, H. Massey, Farwig, Hurdell, Browne, and Sharpe also replied.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M.," who, he said, had done everything possible for the benefit of the lodge. He had gone through his year of office in a manner highly creditable to himself. In proposing the toast he had to present Bro. Langdon with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had not been granted for nothing, but for honest hard work. It had been well earned, and Bro. Langdon was well worthy of it.

Bro. Langdon said, in responding, he did not know how to express his thanks for the kindness which the brethren had exhibited to him in drinking the toast, and in presenting him with the jewel. It was what he had always aimed at from the very time he was initiated, and he had tried to go through his year of office to the best of his ability. He had done all he could to show that he was earnest in performing the duties of the position in which he was placed, and in carrying out his duties he returned his sincere thanks for the kindness the brethren had shown him, and for their warm reception that evening.

Bro. Kench responded as Treasurer, and Bro. Sly as Secretary, to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Sly said it would be his pleasure if spared another year to perform the duties he had undertaken as Secretary. They had a bright example before them in the W.M. The W.M. had been but a very few years among them. Seven years ago he was initiated, but he had got to the top of the tree, and had attained the high position of being Preceptor in the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge.

To the toast of "The Past Masters" Bros. Wolters and Humphrey responded. Bro. Wolters was delighted to be in the position of a P.M., and he looked with great pride on the fact that he initiated the W.M. in 1878. He (Bro. Wolters) was a foreigner, but he had been in England longer than he had been in Germany. He was initiated himself in this lodge in 1872, and he had worked himself up to the chair. He was very proud of having been in that position, and he was sure that Bro. Elvin was an ornament to the lodge. He looked back with great pleasure to the time when he initiated Bro. Elvin, and he thought all the brethren must be proud of that brother.

Bros. Cooper and Skinner also responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by those brethren, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A beautiful selection of music was performed during the evening by Bros. B. B. Young, R. G. Marner, C. Wentworth, G. L. Lyons, G. H. Williams, and F. Bevan, under the direction of Bro. Turlie Lee.

The Worshipful Master, in the course of the evening, announced that he should give a banquet in March, to which ladies would be invited to sit down. The lodge would be held as usual, but ladies would sit down with the brethren at the hospitable board, and afterwards there would be a dance.

**CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—**A meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. Oliver Lloyd, W.M.; O. Wyatt, P.P.G. Sup. of W., as S.W.; Barrett, J.W.; St. Clair, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, Sec.; Breast, S.D.; Doman, I.G.; Bentson, Tyler; G. Molesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Gatehouse, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. G. Raper, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; F. W. Gruggen, P.M., Prov. G. Std.; F. St. Quintin Bond, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Budden, Gower, Moore, Heather, and Kemp. Visitors: Collings, S.W.; Howard, 56; and C. Benham, 1273. Bro. Moore having been passed to the Degree of F.C., the report of the General Purposes Committee and the Treasurer's balance-sheet were read, which proved the lodge to be in a satisfactory condition; the number of members being now 68. The brethren were then called upon to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, and the result of a ballot was the unanimous election of Bro. Lord Algeron Gordon Lennox, S.W. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Lloyd for the ability he has displayed in the chair during the past year, and the same compliment was passed to the Treasurer, who was re-elected for the fifteenth time. After the transaction of other business the lodge closed in harmony.

**HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—**The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Osborne-street. There was a strong muster of some 80 brethren present, and after the earlier business had been disposed of, Bro. John Walton was installed as Master of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his officers: Bros. R. Hodgson, I.P.M. and Hon. Sec.; E. Corris, S.W.; J. Clark, J.W.; H. Toozes, P.M., Chap.; T. Thompson, P.M., Hon. Treas.; W. B. Hay, P.M., Lecture Master; J. Matthews, S.D.; J. Dinsdale, J.D.; D. J. O'Donoghue, D.C.; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., Almoner; S. Rutter, I.G.; W. B. Hutton, Stwd.; W. Cuthbert, Tyler; and J. Burdell, Asst. Tyler. During the evening Bro. W. D. Keyworth, jun., presented to the lodge a full sized statue of Michael De la Pole, the first Mayor of Hull, executed by himself, which will form a worthy companion statue to that of Edward I., presented to the lodge by the late Bro. Earle.

**HEREFORD.—Palladian Lodge (No. 120).—**On Saturday, the 27th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Green Dragon Hotel. The W.M., Bro. John Marchant, presided, and was supported by the following visitors and others: Bros. H. Morgan, S.W. 751; W. H. Caldwell, S.D. 751; J. Thomas, 131; W. Earle, P.M. 120; John Davies, P.M. 120; T. Smith, P.M. 120; E. Shaw, P.M. 120; Arthur Yeomans, F. Richardson, R. Chitson, H. Watkins, E. Stephens, W. Barber, J. White, W. Wigley, J. Barnes, T. Blinkhorn, H. C. Beddoe, J. S. Norton, C. J. Caldwell, R. Andrews, O. Shellard, A. Andrew, C. Caldicott, W. W. Webb, and W. W. Robinson.

The W.M. elect, Bro. William Rowe, S.W., was installed as W.M. by Bro. T. T. Smith, P.M., by whom the ceremony was ably performed; the charges being also ably rendered by Bro. Wm. Earle, P.M. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Wm. Rowe, afterwards invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Marchant, I.P.M.; John Barnes, S.W.; Thos. Blinkhorn, J.W.; H. C. Beddoe, Treas.; J. S. Norton, Sec.; G. J. Caldwell, S.D.; Robt. Andrews, J.D.; Adam Andrew, I.G.; Orlando Shellard, D. of C.; C. Caldicott, Org.; A. J. Capel, Chaplain; W. W. Robinson and W. W. Webb, Stewards.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Bro. W. Rowe, W.M., presided, and he was supported by the brethren who attended lodge and others.

In the course of the proceedings Bro. John Marchant, I.P.M., was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services as W.M.

**LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—**The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 29th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. There was a good attendance of brethren, as well as of visitors, the latter including Bros. Capt. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. H. Irvin, W.M.; Major F. C. Turner, W.M. elect 1051; J. E. Ogletorpe, P.M., P.G.S.; J. D. Bell, W.M.; C. J. Stork, S.W., and W. King, Sec. 1353; W. Wakenshaw, &c. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees with the usual formalities by Bro. Bayley, W.M., and a board of installed Masters subsequently formed as follows:—Bros. G. Kelland, P.M., as S.W.; John Hatch, P.M., J.W.; J. H. Irvin, P.M., S.D.; J. D. Bell, P.M., J.D.; and J. Fenton, P.M., I.G. The chair was then taken by Bro. John Atkinson, P.M., as installing officer, by whom the W.M. elect—Bro. Richard Stanton, S.W., who had been previously presented for that purpose—was duly installed into office with the formalities of the Craft. The address to the newly-elected Master was given by Bro. Capt. Garnett, and the working tools in each Degree by Bro. Bayley, the retiring W.M. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Bayley, I.P.M.; A. McRath, S.W.; R. Nicholson, J.W.; James Hatch, P.M., Treas.; John R. B. Pilkington, P.M., Secretary; James Taylor, P.M., Organist; John Thistlethwaite, S.D.; James Heald, J.D.; J. B. Shaw, I.G.; G. L. Price, S.S.; A. T. Relph, J.S.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring W.M., to the Installing Officer, and to Bro. Garnett for their services, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where the installation banquet was held. Host Ducksbury had made ample and complete preparations for the company, and placed before them a varied menu, the viands being admirably served. Bro. Stanton, the newly-installed Master, presided, supported on the right by the visiting brethren above-named, and on the left by Bros. Bayley, E. Simpson, P.P.G. Purs., and Past Masters J. Fenton, James Hatch, W. King, G. Kelland, John Hatch, &c.

After the removal of the cloth the Chairman gave "The Health of the Queen," and that of "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge," which were received with musical honours.

Bro. James Hatch gave the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M., Earl Lathom, the W.D.G.M., Col. Stanley, and Present and Past Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bros. Capt. Garnett, E. Simpson, and J. E. Ogletorpe.

The toast of "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," was given by Bro. Fenton, and responded to by Bros. Major Turner and J. H. Irvin.

Bro. Bayley gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Fortitude, Bro. Stanton," to which that brother replied.

The remaining toasts included the respective officers of the lodge, to which the newly-invested brethren responded; "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Major Turner; "The Trustees of the Masonic Hall," acknowledged by Bros. B. Gregson and J. E. Ogletorpe; and "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. King, 1353, and responded to by the Chairman.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the harmony of several of the brethren.

**HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 450).—**The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by this lodge on the 30th ult. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. F. W. Pool (who is now residing in London, and could not attend), the chair was taken by Bro. N. J. West, P.M., P.P.G.R. The reports of the Treasurer and the Steward for the Charities were read and adopted, and in connection with the latter, Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., produced a scheme he is proposing to bring before the next Prov. G. Lodge for forming a Charity Association for the Province of Cornwall. He explained the facilities by which brethren for a small contribution annually may become Life Governors of the Charitable Institutions, and pointed out the probability of such an association contributing greatly to the support of those Institutions. The lodge then showed its approval of the scheme by a resolution, and Bro. Pearce expressed his gratification at receiving the support of his own lodge, as it would encourage him to bring the matter before the province. Bro. Pearce deserves all the aid possible from the brethren for his constant labours on behalf of the Charities, and all that concerns the welfare of the lodge.

The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Hawkins, was performed in a most impressive manner by the acting W.M., Bro. West, assisted by Bros. Eustice and Pearce. The board of installed Masters included several visiting brethren, Bros. Kistler and Rodda, 589; Burrows and Holman, 1544; and a large number of "Cornubian" Past Masters. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. Bazeley, S.W.; Richards, J.W.; Frank Harvey, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; John P. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Tope, Chap.; Broad, S.D.; Wagner, J.D.; James, I.G.; S. Pearce and Acock, Stewards; and Gilbert B. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Steward for the Charities.

Amongst the business brought before the lodge was the report of the Library Committee that it had completed the arranging and cataloguing of the Masonic library recently purchased from the executrix of the late Bro. John Coombe, and much interest was shown in this somewhat novel business for a Freemasons' lodge. The zeal of the lamented Bro. Coombe was such that, although far from being in affluent circumstances, he had collected quite a valuable lot of Masonic works, numbering some 240 volumes in all, some of the smaller tracts bound together being of more than ordinary interest. The committee consisted of Bros. John P. Smith, Nicholas J. West, and Gilbert B. Pearce, the latter zealous and able brother being the Librarian, as respects the labour and attention to the duties, and it is hoped he will, ere long, accept that office as one of the regular appointments of the lodge. The report states that the library is the largest of its kind in the county, but it may be confidently declared to be the largest in Devon and Cornwall, and we are glad to find that the members have decided to place a sum of money in the hands of the Librarian for the purchase of books from year to year, and for the binding of periodicals. It was decided to subscribe for the *Freemason*, and to purchase the volumes required to complete the set from the year 1869, so that the library will start well, and doubtless prove a great success.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren, 50 in number, sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in a very felicitous manner, and the great harmony of feeling amongst the brethren, and the enchanting harmony of sound produced by several musical brethren, Kistler, Rodda, R. Rowe, White, Hesking, and others, contributed to make the festival one of the most interesting and most successful of this well known lodge.

It should be stated that the excellent report of the Charity Steward contained a most pleasing certificate from the master of the school in which one of the protégés of the Masonic Educational Fund is being instructed. This lad, Jordan, son of a lamented member of the lodge, stands first in all the examinations in Class 2, and the master declared no report could be better. Such a result is most gratifying to all concerned.

**HUDDERSFIELD.—Truth Lodge (No. 521).—**A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, when there were present Bros. John W. Turner, W.M.; A. Armitage, S.W.; A. Graham, J.W.; Jas. Brierley, Treas.; John E. Cooper, Sec.; James Eccles, S.D.; J. H. Sterry, J.D.; A. Jackson, P.M., D.C.; Humphrey Wood, I.G.; T. Greenwood, Stwd.; J. B. Matthewman, I.P.M.; T. S. Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Allen Jackson, P.M., P.P. G.J.D.; George Marshall, P.M.; R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Wm. Henry Jessop, P.M.; George Horsfall, P.M. 1514; H. Shaw, P.M.; H. W. Wrigley, P.M. 149; E. A. Beaumont, John Dawson, George Jackson, Richard Garner, W. E. Jowett, John T. Davies, John Kendrew, S. Crossley, Chas. Nicholson, and John W. Sawden. Visitors: Bros. Wilson Haywood, 415; Joshua Lee, 290, P.G.T.; and C. C. L. Bernin, S.W. 268.

The lodge having been opened, and minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for a candidate, which proved favourable. Bros. Beaumont, Wray, and Wood, were next raised to the Second Degree; Bros. Beaumont and Wray being raised by the W.M., and Bro. Wood by the I.P.M., Bro. John B. Matthewman. The next business was to propose an amount to be granted to the "Sir Henry Edwards Presentation Fund." After some discussion, the sum of 15 guineas was voted for that purpose. It was also proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, "That the first social gathering of the season be held on Friday, the 30th inst. Dispensations to wear Craft and Arch clothing to be applied for; also that a children's party be held the following day, Saturday, the 31st inst." "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed, when the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—**The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the High School for Boys, Brook-hill, on Thursday, the 1st inst., and was well attended. Bro. W. Rees, W.M., presided, assisted by the following brethren—C. Coupland, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., and P.G.J.D. Kent, Sec.; A. Penfold, P.M., D.C.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Edmonds, P.M.; E. Palmer, S.W.; G. H. Letton, J.W.; T. R. Richardson, S.D.; C. H. Lawson, J.D.; W. D. Keeble, I.G.; J. W. Ledger, Org.; W. G. Lloyd, Ass. W.S.; W. Lardner, Tyler; W. Harris, R. Courtman, A. Day, J. Farrier, T. Hambrook, W. C. Pinchbeck, W. Naylor, Dr. E. Bryceson, G. Frost, E. Lewis, C. Clapham, F. Hayward, H. Grafton, E. M. Taylor, A. D. Capon, J. Hooton; G. H. Graham, 2041; R. Shonbridge, 14; Jas. Parsons, S.D. 1437; Jas. Oxley, Std. 1306; G. H. Taylor, 700; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*), &c.

The only work before the lodge was the raising of Bros. Hambrook and Courtman, which was splendidly done by the W.M. The ballot was taken for Mr. G. Campbell, and proved unanimous, but that gentleman not being in attendance, the ceremony of his initiation was postponed.

According to notice, Bro. Mason, P.M., moved that a fund, to be called the "Pattison Charity Fund," be raised among the brethren, not only of the lodge but of the district, for the purpose of conferring life-governorships of the Masonic Charities upon the members of it. The rules were read by Bro. Saunders, secretary of the fund, and agreed to; the subscription to be 4s. per month. Bro. Mason announced that there were already 46 members, and we are happy to say that several gave in their names at once to be added to the list. Two guineas were voted to a local charity, and the lodge was closed.

After refreshments, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and in response to that of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. of Kent, and the rest of the P.G. Officers," Bro. Coupland said there were some present to whom their D.P.G.M. was a stranger, but those who knew Bro. Eastes as well as he did, knew how admirably he carried on the duties of his high office. There were over 2,000 Masons under Bro. Eastes's rule, who were good Masons, and gave him no trouble, for his rule was light, yet firm; just, yet genial; so that but one feeling existed among them, and that was "harmony and brotherly love." He was sorry that Bro. Eastes did not visit them so often as they would like, but he hoped some day soon to see him, and then he felt sure the Pattison's would give him a hearty reception. He then paid a compliment to Bro. Denton, the last P.G. Officer made from the lodge, and would leave the duty of returning thanks in his hands.

Bro. Denton, on behalf of the P.G. Officers, thanked them for the toast. He for one felt it a great honour to be among the list, and was sure every officer appreciated it as much as he did. It was a great pleasure to attend P.G. Lodge and see the splendid manner in which the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. carried out the work. They were always looking after the interests of the province, and he felt sure that if his lordship had been present and seen the enthusiasm with which the toast of his health had been received, he would have been pleased, and would have been doubly pleased to have seen the admirable manner in which the W.M. and his officers had worked the Third Degree and lodge generally.

Bro. Hayes, P.M., proposed the toast of the "W.M.," and said they were proud of him. He asked them to give Bro. Rees the most hearty support, and, as an old Mason, assured them that he could see in the young and rising officers of the lodge the foundation of a great prosperity for it. They would find the W.M. a perfect Mason, and he again urged them to work together and make his year of office a pleasant one.

Bro. Rees, in response, said that he could assure the brethren that ever since he had taken office he had endeavoured to do his best to give them satisfaction, and the fact of his being in that chair proved that he had not tried in vain. He did not arrogate to himself superior talents, but must give all the credit to Bro. Denton, the excellent and esteemed Preceptor of their lodge of instruction. He advised all the young Masons to put themselves under Bro. Denton's guidance, and then they would be ready, should opportunity offer, for any office in the lodge open to them.

Several other toasts followed, and the harmony was well sustained, especially by Bros. Lloyd and Oxley.

### INSTRUCTION.

**ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE (No. 1360).**—On Thursday, the 1st inst., Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., on the invitation of the above lodge, delivered his highly-interesting lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree." The lodge met at the Collegiate School, Horple-road, Wimbledon, so as to have sufficient room for a number of brethren. Bro. E. Standen presided as W.M. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. James Stevens having been introduced to the brethren, then gave his admirable lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial connected with the "work" of the lodge in the First Degree, which was listened to with close attention by all present. After an address, which occupied more than two hours in delivery. Bro. Stevens received a cordial vote of thanks and the compliment of honorary membership, for which, as well as the encouraging remarks of the brethren generally, he returned thanks. Bro. J. G. Carter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present, Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; R. P. J. Laundry, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; D. Stroud, S.D.; M. J. Green, J.D.; A. J. Chapman, I.G.; H. Moss, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; H. Purdue, W.M. 834; W. Death, H. Robinson, J. Laurence, C. Coleman, C. J. Morse, J. M. Chapman, and N. D. Francis. Visitors: Bros. G. March, 1360; and O. L. Latreille, P.M. 1260.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Francis and Coleman candidates. Bros. Latreille and Marsh were elected members, and Bro. Wason, W.M. for the next meeting.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Adam and Eve, Palmer-street, Westminster. Present: Bros. Hayes, W.M.; Brindley, S.W.; Coughlan, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; Musson, Sec.; Mimms, S.D.; Hiel, J.D.; Dexter, I.G.; Whiting, P.M.; Brookson, P.M.; Morgan, Troughton, Saunders, G. E. Saunders, Ogg, Power, Folson, Beanley, Forscutt, and Batches.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes, after discussion, were confirmed. The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brindley, Bros. Ogg and Saunders were raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and Bro. Coughlan, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The minute having been confirmed as regards removing the lodge to the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, it was resolved to take no further steps until next week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The final meeting for the year 1884 was held on the 29th ult., at the Clarence Hotel, 88, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when, as per arrangement, the chair was occupied by Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623, acting Preceptor, and among those present were Bros. F. Kumball, as S.W.; G. Higgins, J.W.; W. Jolly, snr., S.D.; Aslett, J.D.; Aynsley, I.G.; Smyth, etc. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes were read and confirmed, and the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, the W.M. having intended to work the Three Ceremonies should time permit. However, the ceremonies of raising and passing were rendered (Bro. Aynsley and Jolly being respectively candidates), greatly to the satisfaction of the brethren, and subsequently lodge was closed down in the Three Degrees. Bro. Stephens announcing that as he had, as W.M. of the parent lodge, wound up the year's working, his S.W., Bro. J. Howes, would preside at the first meeting in the new year. Brethren are cordially invited.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, when there were present Bros. Hayes, W.M.; C. White, P.M., S.W.; Foscutt, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Glover, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Swingle, I.G.; J. Purnell, and Hume. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Glover being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third, and closed down to the First Degree. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the First Section of this lecture. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. White was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road. Present: Bros. A. E. Francis, Preceptor, as W.M.; C. H. Phillips, Treasurer, as S.W.; H. Hooper, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., acting Preceptor; S. Richardson, Secretary, as S.D.; W. T. H. Mayer, J.D.; G. R. Langley, I.G.; T. Poore, P.M.; J. E. Harling, P.M.; H. M. Williams, A. Jones, and A. E. Albert.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was ably rehearsed by Bro. Francis, Bro. J. E. Harling acting as W.M. elect. Bro. H. M. Williams will by arrangement be W.M. at the next meeting. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

A meeting of the members of the Benevolent Fund then took place. It was announced by the Treasurer, Bro. S. Richardson, that the members of the fund had already sent up 200 guineas to the different Masonic Institutions, and that there were sufficient funds in hand to provide for two ballots of five guineas each. A ballot then took place, which resulted in favour of Bros. Lambert and Martin. The fund has not quite completed its second year, and has subscribed 300 guineas to the Charities.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Hampshire Hog Tavern, King-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. H. Sharrett, W.M.; F. R. Hayes, S.W.; G. Gardner, J.W.; Gomm, S.D.; H. Furze, J.D.; A. A. Williams, I.G.; W. Johnson, P.M.; A. Ayling, P.M.; F. Botley, C. Botley, G. Brown, W. Willson, Jackson, Hoodless, Smither, Meyer, Steers. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Preceptor worked the Second Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Steers being the candidate. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Meyer answering the usual questions. The lodge was then closed in due form with perfect harmony. The brethren concluded a pleasant evening with songs and solos.

### Royal Arch.

**MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE CHAPTER (No. 1159).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, W. Amongst those present were Comps. Henry J. Moxon, M.E.Z., in the chair, supported by W. W. Venn, H., Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G.J., Lord Spencer Churchill, P. L. Simmonds, D. P. Cama, Hyde Clarke, Harry Tipper, Bird, Room, Wood, Vigne, E. C. Cheston, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken on behalf of Brother Dorabjee Eduljee Dharwar, and, proving unanimous in his favour, he was exalted in good style by the M.E.Z. The election of officers then followed—Comps. W. W. Venn, Z.; Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, H.; Horace Cheston, J. There being no other business the chapter was closed in due form.

### Mark Masonry.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The annual and installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., when there was a fair attendance of brethren. The chair was taken at 4.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. M. Corbett, P.G.S.W.; supported by the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., Bro. Canon H. B. Tristram; W. Prov. Dep. P.G.M.M. Bro. T. Y. Strachan; C. S. Lane, P.G.S.W.; R. B. Reed, P.G.S.W.; John Wood, P.P.G.S.O.; W. E. Franklin, P.G. Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.G. Sec.; J. S. B. Bell, P.G.S.B.; and G. Carter, P.G.S. The following members and visitors were also present: Bros. J. G. Smith, S.W. and W.M. elect; C. B. Ford, J.W.; John Page, M.O.; W. F. Carmon, S.O.; J. T. Harrison, J.O.; Robert Whitfield, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; Alf. Simpson, as J.D.; W. Stafford, J.S.; R. W. Klyne; Joshua Curry, Tyler; M. H. Dodd, John Mout, and others.

Bro. John Wood, P.M., presented Bro. J. G. Smith for installation, and he was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. David Sinclair, P.M., P.G. Sec., who also delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren in an impressive manner. The following brethren were afterwards invested as officers: Bros. M. Corbett, as I.P.M.; C. B. Ford, S.W.; John Page, J.W.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Carmon, M.O.; J. T. Harrison, S.O.; Robert Whitfield, J.O.; J. A. Rhagg, Reg. of Mks.; W. Brown, Sec.; D. Sinclair, P.M., D.C.; T. Thompson, S.D.; W. F. Raeburn, J.D.; W. Stafford, I.G.; H. F. Dryden, S.S.; R. W. Klyne, J.S.; and Jos. Curry, Tyler.

After receiving the "Hearty good wishes" of the R.W. P.G.M. and other visitors, the lodge was duly closed, when the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and partook of a substantial dinner.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a hearty manner, particularly those of the "R.W. P.G.M., Canon Tristram," who replied in his usual felicitous and happy manner, and the "Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Strachan," who responded on behalf of Grand Lodge.

### INSTRUCTION.

**GRAND MASTER'S LODGE.**—The usual fortnightly meeting was held at 5a, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.J.W., presided as W.M., and there were present among others, Bros. Alfred Williams, John L. Mather, C. F. Matier, Sec.; W. Winnett, Jabez Church, J. Mead, Walter E. Williams, J. P. Lewin, G. M. Money, C. Geldard, J. Lewis-Thomas, W. J. Collens, W. M. Bywater, and E. J. Mills, Tyler. The minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. C. F. Matier, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Binckes, rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

### The Craft Abroad.

#### RHODE ISLAND, U.S.A.

From the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in which are described the occurrences from 25th September, 1883, to 7th June, 1884, it appears that there are in this jurisdiction 35 lodges, with an aggregate membership of 3559, or rather less than the number reported in 1883. Great credit is due to Bro. Baker, G. Secretary, who has had charge of the compilation of the volume.

#### ILLINOIS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois held its thirty-fifth annual convocation at Chicago on the 30th and 31st October last. M.E. Comp. John A. Ladd was elected and installed G. High Priest; and Comp. Gil W. Barnard, Grand Secretary; Comp. Theodore T. Gurney being

appointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. On the 29th of the same month, and in the same city, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the same jurisdiction held its twenty-eighth Annual Grand Conclave, when Sir Knight Haswell C. Clarke was elected Grand Commander; and Sir Knight Gil W. Barnard re-elected Grand Recorder. There are no less than 56 commanderies in this state, all seemingly in a prosperous condition.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, U.S.A., was held in Masons' Hall, Providence, on the 17th November. Bro. Lyman Knapp, G.M., presided, and over 200 brethren were present. In the evening a banquet was held under the same presidency, among the more distinguished guests present being Bros. A. O. Bourn, Governor of the State of Rhode Island; N. W. Aldrich, United States Senator; Geo. M. Carpenter, Judge of the Supreme Court; Hon. Thos. A. Doyle, Mayor of Providence; Hon. Robert S. Franklin, Mayor of Newport; Col. N. Van Slyck, G. Warden of the Grand Encampment, K.T., of the U.S.; and Past Grand Masters Oliver Johnson, James Hutchison, Ariel Ballou, E. L. Freeman, and Thomas Vincent. Everything passed off well.

#### DECLARATION BY THE G. LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

The Grand Masters of the Egyptian Rite of Memphis and the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis having claimed for their respective organisations that they have the power to create lodges and confer the degrees of E.A.P. F.C., and M.M., the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at its last communication in Chicago, presented, by the medium of its Chairman, Bro. Theodore T. Gurney, a report against such monstrous claims, and Grand Lodge, having adopted the report, unanimously passed the following resolutions, namely:—First—"That persons can not be made Masons except by the act of a regular lodge, working under the jurisdiction and by the authority of a Grand Lodge duly constituted by the representatives of lodges of Free and Accepted or Craft Masons"; and second—"That every association of Masons, of whatever name or degree, other than that of the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry, heretofore described, that assumes the right to congregate, initiate, pass, and raise persons to the several degrees of said Craft or Symbolic Masonry, is clandestine, and is hereby so pronounced and declared."

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOS. BAXTER, W.M. No. 47 (S.C.).

The regular monthly meeting, early in November last, of the Cargill Kilwinning Lodge, Port Chalmers, No. 632, on the roll of G. Lodge of Scotland, was the scene of a very interesting ceremony. The R.W.M. Bro. Perry presided, and when the usual business had been transacted, Bro. W. Caldwell, P.M., G. Steward, rose, and after a few flattering remarks on the recipient of the honour about to be conferred, explained that he had been deputed by the lodge to be the medium of presenting the Mark and Royal Arch jewels to Bro. Joseph Baxter, R.W.M. Celtic Lodge, No. 477 (S.C.), in recognition of the valuable and kind services that brother had rendered to the Cargill Kilwinning Lodge during his (Bro. Caldwell's) absence in the old country. Bro. Caldwell expressed the pleasure he felt in presenting the jewels, and hoped that Bro. Baxter might live long to wear them, and to enjoy the position of honorary member of the Cargill Kilwinning Lodge, to which he had been elected. Bro. Baxter gracefully returned thanks, both for the testimonial and the compliment of honorary membership, and the lodge was then closed.

#### NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Wednesday being the first Wednesday in the new year, the usual new year's entertainment was given to the resident Annuitants in the houses at Croydon. Several ladies and brethren assisted on the occasion, for which purpose they journeyed by train from Cannon-street and London Bridge.

Among the company were Bros. Edgar Bowyer, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Miss Jessie Terry, Mrs. R. E. Bowyer, Miss Kate S. Terry, Mr. F. Stanley Bowyer, T. Hastings Miller, Mrs. C. Miller, Miss A. R. Miller, Bros. A. H. Tattershall, J. W. Murlis, Charles Fredk. Hogard, Bro. Robt. H. Halford and Mrs. Halford, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, Bro. John Newton and Mrs. Newton, Bro. J. Briggs and Mrs. Briggs, Bro. Thomas Cubitt and Mrs. Culmers, Bro. Thos. Clark and Mrs. Clark, Bro. Charles G. Hill and Mrs. Hill, and Miss Hill, Bro. Thomas Goode and Mrs. Goode, Bro. H. Massey, Mrs. H. W. Massey, Miss Massey, and Miss A. R. Massey, Bro. A. Wright and Mrs. Wright, E. S. Bowyer, Bro. Wright, H. Brady, J. Bonner, C. Brady, W. H. Warr, Mrs. Warr, Mrs. Black, J. W. Knott, W. J. Taylor, Miss E. M. Varnan, F. A. Constable, A. Constable, A. P. Bowyer, Bro. James E. Terry, Thos. Slater, Bro. W. W. Morgan, Bro. James Terry, Bro. John Mason, and Bro. Recknell.

On arriving at the Institution the party which had travelled by train were met and welcomed by Bro. Terry, and a happy new year was heartily wished.

Bro. and Mrs. Edgar Bowyer were laden, as is their wont on these occasions, with packets of tea and tobacco and other creature enjoyments for the Annuitants.

At two o'clock the Annuitants were summoned by sound of bell to sit down to dinner in the large hall, and on their obeying the summons a most bountiful repast was laid before them. Turkeys and roast beef, ham, and roast and boiled fowls, which had been provided by many generous brethren and ladies, supplemented by gifts of five guineas from East Lancashire, two guineas from the Abbey Lodge, and more presents from other lodges, were placed in profusion on the board. The hall was beautifully decorated, and most genially warmed and lighted, and it was evident that both the old people and the visitors would spend a pleasant day. Four of the Annuitants were confined to their houses by illness, and these were supplied with their dinner at their homes.

Bro. Dr. Strong, the Honorary Surgeon of the Institution, took the chair, and Bros. Terry, Thomas Cubitt, and Raynham W. Stewart were among the carvers, while all

the other brethren made themselves useful by waiting on the guests and seeing after their wants. The cooking was a masterpiece of the culinary art, and Miss Norris, the Matron, was frequently congratulated on her achievement in this respect. The plum puddings and mince pies were also a great success, and all the viands were done ample justice to. As the day was the eve of the attainment of his majority by Prince Albert Victor, the eldest son of the Grand Master, champagne was added to the wine list. When the dinner was concluded,

Dr. STRONG reminded the company that the toasts at these gatherings were few, and the speeches short, but it was necessary to give a few. It was customary to give the toast of "The Queen, the Patroness of the Institution," first, but the present was a special occasion, because since they last met they had lost their old Warden, Bro. James Norris, who had been a prominent figure in the Institution 22 years. In that position he always had a loving care and great kindness for his fellow Annuitants, and he had been a great assistance to the Committee on all occasions. The company would therefore drink to his memory in silence.

This having been done, the toasts of "The Queen," and "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," were duly honoured; and Dr. STRONG next gave "The Founders of the Feast." Those who had been at these gatherings before knew that the champagne provided on the present occasion was an extra, and he wished to inform the company that it was a voluntary gift on the part of some brethren who supported the Institution. It was exceedingly kind of the brethren to provide this and the rest of the feast, and it also showed great kindness of heart to come down and assist. It was difficult to select one out of so many generous supporters; but there was one brother whom he wished to select, and whose health he called upon them to drink; and that was Bro. Edgar Bowyer, who was always ready to lend a helping hand. It was his (Dr. Strong's) wish, and he knew it was the wish of all the company that Bro. Bowyer might be spared many years to follow the same course.

The toast having been drunk, Bro. EDGAR BOWYER said it was not only the duty, but the pleasure and interest of every one, to do all he possibly could for the enjoyment and happiness of those Annuitants whom they had undertaken to protect. Unfortunately, during the past year they had lost some of their Patrons; but he was quite sure there would always be found others to supply their place. He was sure the excellent Secretary would step in, and afford them all the information he could. The brethren must remember that what they gave was not thrown away, but would bear fruit—

For the heart grows rich in giving,  
All its wealth is living grain;  
Seeds which mildew in the garner,  
Scattered wide will gild the plain.  
Is thy burden hard and heavy?  
Do thy steps drag wearily?  
Help to bear thy brother's burden;  
God will bear both it and thee.

Later in the day Bro. Edgar Bowyer proposed "Success to the Institution," which, he was sure, every one wished. He should call on the Secretary to respond to the toast, because he could tell them a great deal about the Institution, which they would be very glad to hear. He could only hope that the coming Festival would be a most successful one, and certainly Bro. Terry had done, and was doing the best he could, to attain that end.

Bro. TERRY, in reply, said he had first to account for the absence of the Secretaries of the two Educational Institutions, both of whom had been invited. Bro. Binckes was to have rehearsed that evening the ceremony of consecration of a new Mark Lodge and installation of Master; but he was too indisposed to do that, and this would account for the absence of Bro. Matier, who had to perform the ceremonies in Bro. Binckes's place. Bro. Hedges had sent a telegram to say he could not come as neither of his clerks had put in an appearance. Bro. Bowyer had given this toast with the greatest heartiness. The Benevolent Institution was the first of the three Masonic Institutions that he adopted, and he did so at the very commencement of his Masonic career. Others around the table had served the Institution also liberally and well, and to them the Institution was indebted for its growth and success. They had served it not to the detriment of the others, but in preference to them; they had become Vice-Presidents of it, but had not qualified for that office in the others Institutions. They were proud of the success of all the Institutions, but there were some who were peculiarly attached to one or the other, even to the exclusion of the others. This Institution during the past year had had a very great amount of success. The highest amount yet known in its history was announced the other day, for £19,500 was the amount of the gross result of the year's work. This gave him the opportunity of saying that during the last seven years the Benevolent Institution had received in all £121,645, the Boys' School, £109,040, and the Girls' School, £99,785, which gave the following averages—the Benevolent Institution, £17,300 a year, the Boys' School, £19,500, and the Girls' School £14,200 a year in round numbers. He ventured to think that was a very proud position for the Benevolent Institution to have attained, which Institution was at first the most neglected of all, for it was then he might say, as it were, under the ban of the Grand Master, as it was only permitted to have a festival once in three years. After a great amount of persuasion they were permitted to have a festival once in two years. When it was found it would not interfere with the Boys' or Girls' School, they were permitted to have an annual festival, and since then it had gone on and prospered. What had been the result? The Girls School had prospered more than it had ever done. Whenever a Secretary of one Institution visited a lodge, if the other Secretaries were not there, he spoke for them as well as for himself. But great as had been the result of the Institution he hoped it would be greater. He believed the Benevolent Institution would be the Institution of the future. It was founded on a small beginning. It was an Institution which in the future they must look to for providing a home and a refuge for the aged. The boys and girls of the present day would be, must be, and were educated, and their prosperity was going on at a higher rate than it had hitherto done. But take the other side. When a man came to the decline of life there was very little effort left, and if he was a Mason and wanted a home this Institution afforded it. Let them look at the lists for the coming

elections. For the Girls' School there were 30 girls on the list and 22 to be elected; for the Boys' School there were 45 candidates (the smallest number for years), and 25 to be elected. For the Benevolent Institution there were something like 120 candidates. At the present moment there was but one vacancy for a widow, and twelve vacancies for men. Therefore, unless in February next the Institution achieved as great a result as in 1884, he really did not know what would be the fate of the poor widows, of whom there were 75 on the list, with only one vacancy, and 44 men on the list with only 12 vacancies. If they created only 20 additional vacancies—15 being widows—there was still a most appalling prospect. He only relied upon the Craft and, as Lord Carnarvon had always said, whenever you have a good case and put it forcibly before the Craft it would be supported. He, therefore, looked forward with the same amount of confidence to the liberality of the brethren, and he ventured to think that in February next such an answer would be given to their appeal, under the presidency of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, whose Province of Gloucester was supporting him most nobly with 47 Stewards, as would show that this confidence was not misplaced. He appealed to those brethren who were not yet Stewards to make themselves Stewards, and enable the Committee when they met to say that they found themselves in a position to place additional Annuitants on their list. They had now 375 men and women on their funds. When he first was connected with the Institution there were 180 who were receiving, the men £26 a year, the women £25. The men were now receiving £40, and the widows £32, and for all that they had by the liberality of the Craft more than doubled the number of Annuitants. He was certain that these facts need only be brought to the notice of the brethren for the brethren to see that while not neglecting their duty to the other Institutions, it was their first privilege to think of the aged. While doing that they were taking care of themselves. The children were educated, but what was to become of the aged if it was not for this Institution? There was nothing but the workhouse for them, and surely the Craft would not allow that, when there were so many thousands who had never contributed anything to one of the Institutions. In June next he would have been 21 years connected with the Institution, and he hoped and trusted that whatever the success of the past 21 years had been he would be spared to achieve greater results and triumphs, and to see it placed in the position of first of the three Institutions.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in responding to a toast drunk in his honour, said that Bro. Terry only did him justice in saying that he took the very deepest interest in all the Institutions. The Benevolent Institution had peculiar claims on the Craft's liberality, and he trusted it would one day achieve the success Bro. Terry was looking forward to. He had been Steward to the Institutions, and he hoped the day was not far distant when he would be again able to put his shoulder to the wheel, and obtain funds for the Institution.

After tea an Ethiopian entertainment was given by the Carolina (Original) Minstrels, when the following artistes appeared: Messrs. W. M. Gibson, H. Kippax, T. E. Davies, H. Mitchell, A. B. Whiteley, W. J. Penman, J. Bartindale, T. Hopper, H. Reynolds, and E. Luke. The entertainment gave the annuitants and visitors great pleasure.

In the course of the evening, Bro. TERRY read the following telegram from Bros. Stubbs, Jaffrey, and Hooper, Masonic Hall, Corporation-street, Manchester: "Hearty congratulations from the East Lancashire brethren and friends, wishing you all a Happy New Year, ample present enjoyment, and future prosperity to Croydon Institution." Bro. Terry stated that a similar day's entertainment was being given to the old people at Manchester, and that the brethren of East Lancashire had contributed five guineas to the Croydon entertainment.

The visitors, after wishing all the Annuitants a Happy New Year, returned to town by train on the South-Eastern Railway, which had provided special saloon carriages for the purpose.

We may state that in the course of the evening a portrait of the late Warden, Bro. James Norris was handed round for the inspection of those present, and was very greatly and generally admired. We feel the greater pleasure in mentioning this as the portrait is the handiwork of our worthy friend and Brother, John Mason, who, though not an artist by profession, would seem to be, to judge from this evidence of his skill, to the manner born.



Miss Fortescue is organising a company containing Mrs. Edward Saker to go through the provinces. Miss Fortescue is going to play Galatea in Mr. Gilbert's comedy. The Midland Railway Company have placed a drawing-room car at the pretty young lady's disposal whilst travelling on their system. There can be little doubt she will draw well in the provinces. Mr. Abud will be acting manager.

Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, before the close of their farewell season, will bring out Boucicault's "Old Heads and Young Hearts," Mrs. Bancroft playing for the first time the part of Lady Alice. This play has not been seen for a number of years. We believe it was last produced at the Royalty, under Miss Henrietta Hodson's management. Its place of origin was at the Haymarket in 1844.

"As You Like It" will be the next play at the St. James's, and may take its place on the programme in a fortnight or three weeks' time. It will be mounted in magnificent style, becoming the house and Bro. Kendal and Mr. Hare's management. In the meanwhile, "The Ironmaster" should be seen during its last nights, which are now announced.

Mr. Henry A. Jones's new and original five-act play, "Saints and Sinners," was represented for the first time at the Vaudeville on the 1st inst., in the presence of a thoroughly appreciative audience. This play was denounced by the general press on its production, but it has weathered

the storm and is doing "good business." Mr. Yorke Stephens has succeeded Mr. H. B. Conway as Captain Fanshawe, and plays the part with an amount of ease and finish that must go far to enhance his reputation. With this exception, the cast remains unaltered.

Bro. Lestocq's "Bad Penny" was on Monday put up as the opening piece at the Globe. It was originally produced at the Vaudeville.

The new opera for the Empire is by K. Hamilton, and called "Venice; or, the Lady of the Locket," the title rôle being taken by Miss Florence St. John and Bro. Henry Bracy.

Miss Amy Roselle, the popular actress, was, on the 27th ult., married at St. John's, Walham Green, to Mr. Arthur Dacre, M.D., M.R.C.S., who, however, has left the medical profession and is well known on the stage.

Mr. Augustus Moore, acting-manager to Mr. Wilson Barrett in the provinces, was married on Saturday to Miss Addie Grey, who played a part at Drury-lane in "Youth," "Freedom," and "A Sailor and His Lass."

Those who attend the chief parts of the house at Toole's are just now being presented with an album containing a photograph of one of "The Babes"—Miss Alice Atherton—which she terms "Jessie's New Year's Souvenir." It is worth going for.

The January number of the "Theatre" is like its predecessors, full of information. One of its chief articles is on "Bro. Edmund Yates's Theatrical Recollections." Mrs. Langtry, as Pauline, and Mr. Ferriss, as Romeo, are the photographs. The previous month contains Miss Myra Holme (Mrs. Piner), in "Pygmalion and Galatea," and Mr. David James, in "Our Boys," its most interesting letterpress being Mr. Moy Thomas's article on "Hamlet's Age." Mr. Boyne's "Theatre Annual," always good, is specially so this year, amongst its contributors being G. R. Sims, E. L. Blanchard, Herbert Standing, F. C. Burnand, Clement Scott, Joseph Hatton, A. Reece, Palgrave Simpson, and Charles H. Ross.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and H.R. and I.H. the Duchess of Edinburgh, accompanied by the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, and attended by Lady Harriet Grimston and Major Poore, witnessed the performance of "The Sorcerer" and "Trial by Jury" at the Savoy on Saturday evening. The management have done well to revive these two popular operas, which had not been played for several years. We understand that so great is the success of the children's "Pirates of Penzance," that Mr. D'Oyly Carte intends reproducing all Gilbert and Sullivan's operas, which have been played by adults, and giving them by children's companies; the next in order being "Patience." The age of Master Percy, who plays Major-General Stanley, is said to be only 7; Miss Elsie Joel, the Mabel, is 12; and Master Tebbutt is 15—he either is or was the leading treble at St. Alban's, Holborn.

Bro. Augustus Harris has even outdone himself. The pantomime at Drury Lane—"Dick Whittington"—far surpasses as a spectacle anything yet produced under the present distinguished and able management, which is saying a good deal. Mr. E. L. Blanchard again furnishes the dialogue, the story of which is so well known to all little folks. "Dick Whittington" differs from many legends, in that we can put a precise date to it, for it is known as a fact that 300 years ago there was such a person as Richard Whittington, an apprentice, and that he became Lord Mayor of London, and was twice re-elected. Many of the other incidents connected with his life, as depicted on the stage or in story books, are not quite so much matters of history as of imagination. Not only the children, but grown-up persons, thank Bro. Harris for the pleasant entertainment he is just now giving them, for we find the adults are as fond as the children of the revellers. Amongst the scenes the most likely to be remembered are the Cat's School, the view of Highgate Hill, with Dick sleeping through the revels of the goblins, all unconscious of Midle. Æneæ flying over him; the marvellous shipwreck, but chiefly the Lord Mayor's Show, in which is introduced a procession of the chief City Guilds, of which Bro. Harris is himself a Liveryman of no less than three—Loriners, Fanmakers, and Pattenmakers—but none of his own Companies are in the procession. We have not the Lord Mayor's coach, for in those days the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress rode on horseback, and made a great show, so Miss Fanny Leslie, who is Dick Whittington, is mounted on a white charger. The transformation scene by Mr. Emden will not be readily forgotten, presenting the elements of fire, earth, air, and water. Mr. Charles Lauri, jun., is the cat, and he is absolutely feline in his habits. Miss Fanny Leslie throws her heart and soul into her part, and dances and sings with the utmost spirit. Miss Kate Munro is always fascinating, and has often proved herself to be capable of more difficult parts than that of Alice. Mr. Harry Nicholls and Mr. Herbert Campbell, the idle apprentice and cook respectively, are inimitable. With their topical duet, "D'you think so? Yes, I think so," they have made themselves a name as they did last year with "I beg your pardon." Mr. J. T. Powers, an American, as the King of Morocco, does the best for his part, but he is best seen to advantage in a larger sphere. The Misses Minnie and Dot Mario are such favourites everywhere and with everyone that there is no need to say they keep up their attractions. Every day twice the theatre is as full as it can well be, and must be a source of much happiness, not only to those who witness the performances, but to hundreds of those behind the scenes, who but for this would now be out of employment. Bro. Augustus Harris has worked hard to make his pantomime a huge success, and has succeeded. He is also running the Crystal Palace Pantomime, and in March re-opens the Alexandra Palace Theatre. On Twelfth Night the old custom was observed of cutting Baddeley's cake, in the presence of a large and distinguished company, including V.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton and Bro. Sir Wm. Charley, O.C. We hope next year to be able to give some further particulars of this interesting ceremony, which attracts so many persons.



The Minister of Public Instruction, Grand Master of the University of France, has just conferred on Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, Examiner in the University of London, the highest University distinction he can bestow, viz., the title and decoration of "Officier de l'Instruction Publique."

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon organised an amateur concert, which was given this week at the village reading room, at Highclere.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey responded to the toast of "The House of Lords" at the Oxford Druids' dinner on the 1st inst.

Bro. the Right Hon. Professor Henry Fawcett's will has been proved as under £9500, which he leaves to his widow and children.

Bro. H. C. Richards, M.L.S.B., has been spending the vacation on the Riviera.

Lord Tenterden, eldest son of the late Prov. Grand Master of Essex, will come of age next year.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., will preside at the dinner of the City Carlton Club on the 28th inst.

The Prince of Wales has sent a present of game to the patients of St. George's Hospital, and also one of pheasants for the use of those of the Brompton Hospital.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Grand Treas., was the recipient last week of a silver epergne and an address from his employes, as a mark of their esteem.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., presided on Tuesday evening at the distribution of prizes to the Students of the Onslow College of Science and Art, King's-road, Chelsea.

On Tuesday, being the Feast of the Epiphany, the customary offering of gold, frankincense, and myrrh was made on behalf of Her Majesty in the Chapel Royal, St. James's.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., W.M. No. 1, started for a tour through Egypt on the last day of the year, and intends to be back for the meeting of Parliament.

The Fruiterers' Company have invited Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Sheriff Phillips to a banquet at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 26th instant.

Bro. J. H. Puleston, M.P., has placed his name on the back of Mr. Broadhurst's, M.P., Bill for legalising marriage with a deceased wife's sister, which will be reintroduced early in the ensuing session.

At the entertainment given on Tuesday evening to the inmates of the British Home for Incurables, Clapham Rise, the rooms were decorated with evergreens, the gift of Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, who is President of the Institution.

On the 2nd ult., the members of the fourth annual congress of Professors of the French language in London were received at the Mansion House by Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was supported by Bro. Alderman Staples and Sheriff and Mrs. Phillips.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren, with his volunteer troops, has arrived safely at the Cape, and has been welcomed with open arms there, no such ovation having taken place since the reception of the late Sir Bartle Frere. Bro. Sir Charles Warren has started for Bechuanaland.

At the regular meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, held at York on Monday evening, it was resolved to present an illuminated address to Bro. Sir James Meek, P.M., P.S.P.G.W., and Prov. G. Treasurer, who is about to leave York and take up his residence at Cheltenham.

R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. and Most Rev. the Lord Plunket was installed on New Year's Day in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, as Archbishop and Primate of that province, and also as Dean of Christ Church. A large and influential number of citizens being present to welcome the new Archbishop.

Bros. Lord Hartington and Sir Charles Dilke have accepted invitations to the banquet to be given on the 25th of next month to the Marquis of Ripon, on his return from India, by the National Liberal Club. The dinner will take place at St. James's Hall, the Club's temporary premises not being large enough.

Mr. George Kenning's "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book" has reached its fifteenth year of publication. The diary is brief, but over 200 pages are stored with valuable information relating to Freemasonry at home and abroad.—*Daily Chronicle*, Jan. 1, 1885.

Bro. C. M. Norwood, M.P., was one of the principal guests at the annual dinner held at the Vittoria Hotel, Hull, on the 31st ult., on behalf of the Hull branch of the Commercial Travellers' Schools. Bro. Norwood returned thanks for the toast of the "Borough Members." Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., was among those who sent letters of apology for non-attendance.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., at York, at an emergency meeting of the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, a massive gold ring, bearing Masonic emblems, was presented by the members to Bro. P. Pearson, honorary member of the lodge. Bro. McGachen, P.M., who presided, in presenting the ring, referred to the valuable services that had been rendered to the lodge by Bro. Pearson since its formation.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir Benjamin Phillips, Sir Reginald Hanson, President of the Board of Stewards, and Alderman Isaacs are amongst the visiting justices chosen for this year for Newgate, and Bros. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., Staples, Savory (Emulation), Evans, De Keyser (Emulation), Stone, P.G.J.W., and Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., are amongst those appointed visiting justices for Holloway goal.

At the installation meeting of the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday evening, the W.M., Bro. Sudlow, sent the following telegram to the M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales:—"The W.M. and Brethren of the Bank of England Lodge most respectfully and fraternally tender their hearty greetings to the Most Worshipful Grand Master upon the joyful occasion of the coming of age of his eldest son."

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Ailesbury will entertain a succession of guests at Savernake next week.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.J.W., and Lady Truscott are still staying at the Hotel Continental, Paris.

Bro. the Earl of Derby left late on Saturday night after the Cabinet Council for Knowsley, near Liverpool.

Bro. Lord Cremorne, G.S.W., and Lady Cremorne have arrived at their residence in Chester-street from paying a series of visits.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has invited the members of the Court of Common Council to a banquet at the Mansion House on Friday, the 30th instant.

We are asked to state that Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P., is progressing very favourably, and that the recent operation has proved successful.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a special Court of Aldermen on Saturday last, when the visiting Committees to the Newgate and Holloway Prisons were appointed.

R.W. Bro. the P.G.M. Essex, with his charming wife, the Countess Brooke, honoured the German Ball at the Shire Hall, Warwick, last week with their presence.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., returned to London on Saturday last, after a brief rest on the continent, but not in time to attend the Cabinet Council held that day.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., has sent to the London City Mission 1000 copies of a pamphlet, "The Inspiration of the Bible," as a token of his abiding faith in the "good old Book."

The Countess of Dartrey is confined to her residence in Curzon-street by illness. Her eldest son, Bro. Lord Cremorne, G.S.W., arrived on Saturday night at his house in Chester-street.

Bro. the Right Hon. Col. Stanley, M.P., has proved the will of Col. the Hon. Chas. James Fox Stanley under £25,000, £200 being left to the executor as a thank-offering for accepting the duty.

According to the *Toronto Mail*, Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.G.S.W. of the G. Lodge of Canada, is engaged in writing a "History of Freemasonry in Canada during the last one hundred years."

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Princes Albert Victor and George and Princesses Louise and Victoria, went to Sherborne on Saturday last and hunted with the West Norfolk hounds.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, K.G., was gazetted on Tuesday to the 2nd Brigade, Eastern Division, of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, His Royal Highness's commission bearing date the 8th January.

The new British Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Denmark, the Hon. E. J. Monson, C.B., is a brother of Bro. Lord Monson, one of the Government Whips (his colleague being Bro. the Earl of Cork and Orrery) in the House of Lords.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. John Evans, I.P.M. of the Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753, is progressing favourably from a severe attack of paralysis caused through being knocked down on the pavement near a bookstall in the Dalston-lane six weeks ago.

Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., has written to the *Times* a very interesting letter, headed "Indestructible Infusorial Life," in continuation of another letter of his, published three years ago, in the *Times*, and noticed by us at the time, dealing with "A Curious Case of Evolution."

Bro. the Earl of Jersey intends bringing to the hammer early in the season the very valuable library at Osterley Park, near Isleworth. The house has not been lived in since the death of the Dowager Countess last year. Lord Jersey occasionally gives a garden party at Osterley during the London season. The library contains several splendid Caxton's.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom's eldest son, Lord Skelmersdale, will come of age on October 26th. He is a lieutenant in the Royal Lancaster Regiment, 3rd Battalion. The Hon. Wm. Lee Plunket, eldest son of his Grace the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, Grand Prior Templars, comes of age on December 19th.

At the regular meeting of the Lodge of Union, No. 38, Chichester, held on the 1st inst., Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox, of the Guards, A.D.C. to H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. His lordship is a brother of the Earl of March, M.P., P.G.W., who is also a P.M. of this lodge.

R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorset, writes to the *Times* on the subject of the decay of the statue of Achilles, which was presented by the ladies of England as a tribute of their esteem of the Great Duke of Wellington. Bro. Montague Guest promises to bring the matter before the Commissioner of Works at the meeting of Parliament.

The Cripplegate Pension Ball, which takes place on Thursday, February 5th, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, will enjoy the patronage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. Double tickets—admitting lady and gentleman—one guinea each. Full information may be obtained of Bro. Knell, Hon. Sec., 11, Jewin-crescent.

When the La France Lodge was consecrated the brethren were informed that the working would be in accordance with Emulation. We are glad to learn that a brother well-known in the Craft has rendered the Emulation working in the French language, and we congratulate the members of La France Lodge on possessing a brother who has devoted so much time and patience to a work of unusual difficulty. "Honour to whom honour is due."

The M.W. the Grand Mark Master has been pleased to appoint our Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., to be Grand Registrar of the Mark Degree, in the place of our lamented Bro. Levander, deceased.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, is removed from the Morland Arms, Dean-street, to the Portland Arms, Great Portland-street.

The installation meeting of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, was to be held at Sa, Red Lion-square, on Friday, the 9th inst., the W.M. elect being Bro. Woodhouse Braine.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., and Lady Ellis are among the patrons of a fancy dress ball, which will be held at the Star and Garter, Richmond, on Monday the 19th instant, in aid of the funds of the Richmond Cricket Club.

The Creton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, has removed its place of meeting, and will in future be held at the Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's-bush, on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock.

The installation meeting of the Lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029, will be held at Sa, Red Lion-square, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Dr. W. B. Richardson, F.R.S. will be re-installed W.M.

A regular meeting of the Kintore Lodge of M.M.M. will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday next, the 12th inst. There will be sundry candidates for advancement on the occasion.

It is reported that the Prince of Wales will attend a Masonic meeting at Lynn on the 26th, under the jurisdiction of Bro. the Earl of Suffolk, P.G.M. Norfolk, and that Prince Albert Victor will on the occasion be initiated in the Craft.

The installation meeting of the Mount Calvary Encampment K.T., Sir Knight Robert Berridge, E.C., was to be held at Sa, Red Lion square, on Friday, the 9th inst., when Sir Knight F. W. Driver will be installed E.C. A banquet at the Holborn Restaurant will follow at 7 p.m.

The installation meeting of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday next, the 12th inst. Bro. Geo. Ryder Ousey, W.M. elect will be installed W.M., and afterwards appoint and invest his officers for the year. The usual banquet will follow at the Holborn Restaurant, at 7 p.m.

Bro. Under-Sheriff Crawford has kindly undertaken to give a theatrical entertainment in St. George's Hall, Langham-place, on Tuesday, the 17th February, in aid of the funds of the North-West London Hospital. The occasion will have the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and it is to be hoped there will be a numerous gathering, as the hospital is well worthy of support.

The Tristram Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 346, was to be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday, the 9th inst., a preliminary gathering having been held the day previous for the ballot and advancement of candidates. The W.M. designate is Bro. John Strachan. The consecration will take place under the auspices of the Prov. G. Lodge.

In the returns furnished for our announcement last week of the moneys received by our several Masonic Institutions for the past year, a sum of £200 11s. 1d. for music fees appears to have been omitted from the statement in respect of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Had this not been the case, the total receipts by that Institution would have figured as £15,129 10s. 1d., and the total for all three Charities as £49,024 8s. 8d.

At a meeting held on Thursday last, at the Albert Club, Fleet-street, the widow of the late Bro. Captain Webb, hero of the Channel swim, was handed two cheques, one for £500, which will be deposited in the Warehousemen and Clerks' Association, and the other for £175 2s. 8d., which will be at her own disposal for personal requirements. The trustees were all present when the fund was thus closed, and a dinner was afterwards held to commemorate the event.

Bro. Alderman Staples, at the last meeting of the Common Council, moved that the City should contribute the sum of 200 guineas to the Marine Biological Association, which has been established for the purpose of remedying, by artificial culture, any deficiency there may be in the supply of fish on different parts of our coast. The first experiments will be in connection with the breeding of soles and the introduction of the American oyster, and it is proposed to build a large laboratory on the shores of Plymouth Sound.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending January 5th, 1885: Monday—Joppa Lodge; Old King's Arms Chapter; Robert Burns Lodge; Eclectic Lodge. Tuesday—Albion Lodge; Old Concord Lodge. Thursday—Caledonian Society; Lodge of Regularity; Polish National Lodge; University of London Lodge. Friday—Bedford Lodge; Britannic Chapter; Eclectic Lodge; Oak Lodge; Old Volumes. Saturday—Metropolitan Rate Collectors'; Duke of Cornwall Lodge; Lodge of King Solomon.

It has recently been brought to our notice that, in our account of the funeral of our late respected Bro. H. C. Levander, P.G.D., we did not mention that the earlier part of the mournful service was held in the church of St. Thomas, Camden Town. We regret the omission all the more, because the opening of a church on a week-day must necessarily put the officials to considerable labour and loss of time. We may also mention that Bro. the Rev. J. Kingston, P. Prov. G. Chaplain Dorsetshire, Chaplain R.N., who is one of the clergy ministering at St. Thomas's, was among the brethren present at the funeral in question.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine-derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.—[ADVT.]