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In the *Standard* of Tuesday last appeared the following paragraph: "The death occurred at noon to-day, at his residence, Weymouth, of Mr. WILLIAM ELIOT, head of the firm of Messrs. ELIOT, PEARCE, and Co., bankers, in his 92nd year. The deceased was the oldest Freemason in Europe, in fact, he is believed to be the oldest in the world, having been initiated nearly 70 years ago. Deceased was a member of All Souls' Lodge, Weymouth, and had filled numerous public offices." We all have heard from time to time of the "oldest Freemason," and there seem to have been many "oldest Freemasons," both in Great Britain and America. Seventy years of membership is a long spell, and carries our worthy and lamented brother close up to the Union in 1813. Such a fact constitutes a very striking commentary on the lasting attachment of Freemasons to their useful, loyal, and benevolent Order.

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ALL our readers will deeply regret to learn of the death of our gallant Bro. Col. FRED. BURNABY, who fell bravely fighting in a hand-to-hand conflict at the desperate action at the Abu Klea Wells, on the 17th inst. As the *Times* observes, there is no exaggeration in saying that very few military men would be more missed by such a large circle of admirers.

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TIME as it passes on year by year, with its startling marvels or its "strange conceits," seems hardly at all to affect that wonderful Order of Freemasons which is now diffused wherever mortals do congregate on the earth's surface. Wherever the foot of man has trod there we behold the marks and the traces of Freemasonry, some contend indigenous, as descending through secret agencies from primeval times. However this may be, alike amid countries civilized and savage, on the ruins of crumbling cathedrals, as in the mysterious remains of forgotten places and countries, we behold the humble Mason's mark still defying the destructive tendencies of atmospheric influences and the ravages of the destroying hand of time. We like to think of our Order as an universal body, using the alphabetical form of all languages and numerals, as a sort of universal tongue, a mystic recognition of that great confederation, mysterious and universal, "one and indivisible." And when in the progress of time, and the wants of Society, such mere operative guilds had lost their meaning and use and influence, then we are pleased to recognise them as opening out into a Cosmopolitan Fraternity, including men of all religions, countries, tongues, and colour within its world-wide fold, and under its great banner of toleration and universality, charity and loyalty. To-day Freemasonry, better thought of by the world than in former days of idle hostility and childish fear, holds a hitherto unreached position of prestige and utility. That is to say, it may do so, and ought to do so. We entirely reject the creations of romanticists, or the imaginations of antagonists, who represent Freemasonry as a secret, political, destructive, mischievous confraternity, indulging hidden aims, seeking for universal domination, and in the fell dreams of hurtful illusions professing to change everything, amend everything, uproot everything, opposed equally to law and order, the good will of kings, the sanctions of religion, and the rightful claims and possessions of inalienable property and honest industry. The Freemasonry we wot of and recognize is that which proclaims a message of kindness, sympathy, goodwill, toleration to mankind. It knows nothing of political watchwords or party considerations; it ignores equally the theories of rival parties, and the fads and fancies, whether of the iconoclast or reactionary of the hour. Constitutional itself, it hails the sway of each constitutional régime, where the rights of all are equally upheld, where just laws are honestly administered, and where liberty, peace, literature, commerce flourish, and where the happiness and contentment of the many are the aim and toil of rulers and statesmen. Hence the prestige of all true Freemasonry at this very hour. Its neutrality is its pride; its toleration its boast; its wise moderation constitutes its safety, while its beneficence attracts the admiration of the whole world, and increases the loyal admiration of its own devoted members. Thus, but

only thus, long may it flourish, ministering to the onward progress of the human race, speeding on its mission, as revolving centuries roll over the head of our common humanity, becoming, let us hope, more humane, more cultured, and more civilized as the "fashion of this world passeth away."

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WE should be interested all in knowing the exact statistics of Freemasonry in the world. Our Ultramontane adversaries always overrate our numbers and our influence. No doubt the sum total of Freemasonry is very large, but that there are Freemasons and Freemasons is a truth the world at large has been slow to perceive, and it is only gradually dawning on Freemasons themselves. In some parts and jurisdictions true Freemasonry seems in chaos, and clearly its principles are forgotten, its teaching ignored, and the residuum after all that remains of old Masonic lore has been filtered or nihilized away, is very questionable indeed. There always has been and still is among Masonic writers, as in most things markedly to-day, a tendency to exaggerate both the strength and the weakness of our Order. "Omne ignotum pro magnifico" seems to be the adage of many profane writers equally as regards Freemasons and Freemasonry. The consequence of this system of "action and reaction," is that it is very difficult to arrive at even an approximate calculation of the numbers of our Fraternity in the world. We have seen enumerations of five and six millions, we need not say, entirely fictitious and absurd. As far as any reckoning can now be satisfactory, without distinct figures, we should be inclined to say that 500,000 or 600,000 exceed the gross totality alike of attached and unattached members. And even this array, large as it, is not one, after all, in idea or sentiment, though it ought to be so. Some jurisdictions are now doing more harm than good to the cause of Freemasonry. They are not Freemasons in the letter or the spirit of true cosmopolitan Freemasonry. They inspire fear in rulers, and raise up adversaries in peaceful and free States, by their assumption of the hateful rôle of a secret political debating club. From Freemasonry proper neither law, order, nor society has anything to fear, either in abstract principles or concrete action. Its great and enduring principles are reverence for regular authority, religion, and morality, and abstaining from all matters of controversial or political discussion—it ignores and abjures all conspiracies against the ruling powers, and any plots or secret hidden movements against the State. However numerous Freemasonry may become it will never antagonize, in its overwhelming majority, the prescriptions of ancient days, or the just claims of lawful authority; while it will assuredly ever co-operate with and subserve the general progress of our common humanity, and the peace and civilization of our race.

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WE have been assured, on what appears to us good authority, that our worthy Bro. CAMA intends to withdraw from the contest for the Grand Treasurership. Without expressing any opinion on the matter one way or other, we think it right to add, that in so doing Bro. CAMA will not forfeit the good opinion entertained of his Masonic excellences and personal high character, but, on the contrary, will rather rise in the estimation and sympathies of numerous warm English friends and brethren admirers.

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THE question of a Library and Museum at Freemasons' Hall is not an easy one to solve or settle. At present there is no room for any such needful extension or special accommodation, and any attempt to enlarge our sphere of operations must be attended with great difficulty, and is, in truth, a severe "labour of love." There is a small library indeed, but in no sense commensurate with the prestige, or, we will hope one day, the needs of our Craft. It is true that the Craft itself is mainly to blame in this respect. It has shown itself so utterly apathetic in all that concerns Masonic archæology and studies, and the like, that those who "care for none of these things" are emboldened in their opposition to any similar proposal as a waste of money and effort. Some years ago, a suggestion was made to buy Bro. SPENCER'S library by Grand Lodge; but it was said it was hopeless to expect to obtain the consent of Grand Lodge, and no one could be found bold enough to "bell the cat." The consequence has been that MSS. and volumes have gone to America which ought never to have left England, and which ought now to be in the possession of the Grand Lodge; and we fear that, despite the efforts of our GRAND SECRETARY, the outlook as regards a Masonic Museum and Library is not a hopeful one. Perhaps when we reconsider the building question five years hence, provision may be made for the literary and archæological tastes of our Order; and we confess, despite the opinions of some good brethren of ours, we should prefer a Library and a Museum to a Supper Room, &c. However, tastes differ, and there we leave

the matter,—in hope. In the meantime it is just possible the hand of the Grand Lodge may be forced in respect of this question. There is a tendency to create separate libraries and museums, in default of a good central one belonging to the Craft; and, though we should prefer a large and well-arranged literary and archaeological appendage to Grand Lodge, we cannot shut our eyes to the good that may arise to our Order by the creation of more æsthetic tastes, and the formation, here and there, of libraries and museums, which may tend to bring out, as is much to be desiderated for many reasons, the more intellectual side of Freemasonry.

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn, President, Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied the chairs of those three offices. Among the other brethren present were

Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Neville Green, F. R. Spaul, Henry Garrod, Asst. G. Purst.; G. P. Britten; Edward F. Storr, P.M. and Treas. 22; George Read, P.M. 511; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.M. 205; Chas. Dairy, P.M. 141; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; George P. Gillard, P.M. 657; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; W. P. Brown, P.M. 90; W. D. Bayley, P.M. 185; George W. Dixon, P.M. 1871; Lewis Poulton, P.M. 591; C. B. Smith, P.M. 1382; G. P. Linn, P.M. 871; Thos. Farncombe, P.M. 311; W. Hollingsworth, P.M. 63; James Stevens, P.M. 720; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1572; J. Bergmann, P.M. 1671; Joseph Clever, P.M. 171; J. M. Chapman, W.M. 1922; William Lamb, P.M. 346; George Board, I.P.M. 1798; Henry L. Rocca, P.M. 815; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., W.M. 1891; Frederick Roscow, W.M. 934; the W.M. of Lodge 554; George Fred. Swan, P.M. 1321; A. C. Macklin, W.M. 95; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; F. M. Pascall, P.M. 1790; Samuel Pardoe, P.M. 511; Jas. Willing, jun., W.M. 1987; W. F. Hughes, W.M. 179; J. B. Jones, W.M. 1768; F. W. Koch, P.M. 1381; W. J. Spratling, W.M. 1924; T. W. Eastgate, P.M. 1563; W. Hope Kirk, P.M. 1986; Albert Escott, P.M. 1593; S. Moorcroft, P.M. 25; J. M. McLeod, I.P.M. 884; W. H. Bale, W.M. 87; C. T. Lewis, W.M. 1472; George Kennedy, I.P.M. 1536; S. R. Walker, W.M. 733; and H. Sadler, G.T.

The brethren first confirmed grants to the extent of £275 recommended at the December meeting. There were 47 cases on the list, including those postponed from the former meeting for incompleteness. Before proceeding with the new cases, the PRESIDENT stated for the information of the brethren that last year the Board had had to draw upon the invested capital to the amount of £3000, having exceeded, in distributing relief, the income of the fund to that amount. The Board then proceeded with the consideration of the new list. Out of the 47 petitioners, 32 were widows. Three cases were dismissed, and eight were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £750. This was made up with one grant of £80, two of £50 each, one of £40, ten of £30 each, four of £20 each, one of £15, ten of £10 each, and seven of £5 each.

The Board sat nearly four hours and a half.

### CONSECRATION OF THE TRISTRAM MARK LODGE, No. 346.

The rapid strides made by Mark Masonry within the past few years have been very noticeable, and point to the Order taking a very prominent and important part in the Masonry of the future. The Province of Northumberland and Durham has made very good progress under the beneficent sway of the Rev. Canon Tristram, its learned Provincial Grand Master, who has been most ably seconded by Bro. T. Y. Strachan, his indefatigable Deputy. On the 9th of this month a new Mark Lodge was consecrated at Newcastle, and, in compliment to the Provincial Grand Master, its founders named it the Tristram Lodge. Its place of meeting is the Masonic Hall in Grainger-street West, and there on the afternoon of the day in question was an influential gathering of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and Mark Master Masons from various parts of the wide province. The Provincial Grand Mark Master of North and East Yorkshire (Bro. J. W. Woodall) was also present, attended by his Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. T. B. Whythead).

On the previous evening a meeting had been held, at which several candidates had been advanced, and a lodge having been opened at 4 p.m., the Provincial Grand Lodge entered in procession. The throne was taken by the Rev. Canon Tristram, who opened his Provincial Grand Lodge, and called upon the founders to make the usual formal application. The warrant was read by Bro. Sinclair, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and the Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to give a deeply interesting and learned oration, in which he traced out the career and descent of the building guilds and sodalities from the earliest ages to the present time. He showed how traces of their handiwork were to be found in the vestiges of the earliest known ruins, and their course could be traced, by means of their marks and methods of construction, from the orient to the occident. He explained the origin and gradual perfection of the arch in building, and illustrated his remarks by references to the remains of the temple foundations at Jerusalem, which he had himself repeatedly examined, and concluded one of the most remarkable addresses to which we have ever listened by an exhortation to the brethren to live such lives as should justify the professions they made, and the teachings to which they so often listened.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with by Bro. T. Y. Strachan, who performed it with a detailed care and elegance that reflected the greatest credit on himself. The first W.M. is Bro. John Strachan (brother of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master), and the first Wardens are Bros. Col. A. Potter, C.B., and J. Straker Wilson. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the brethren adjourned to the Turk's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided. Canon Tristram presided, and the brethren passed a most pleasant evening.

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT BARMOUTH.

The interesting event of laying the foundation stone of a Masonic temple to be used by the Mawddach Lodge, took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at Barmouth, North Wales, on which occasion Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., the Deputy Chairman of the Merionethshire Quarter Sessions, performed the ceremony, Bro. W. H. Spaul, Prov. Grand Secretary, acting as Director of Ceremonies.

At two o'clock the following brethren assembled in the lodge room:

Bros. W. Robert Davies, W.M.; W. J. Lovegrove, I.P.M., P.G. Supt. Works; Samuel Pope, P.M.; Robert Jones, S.W.; H. Eyans, J.W.; J. P. Jones-Parry, Treas.; W. Charles Logan, Sec.; Lewis Williams, S.D.; Harold J. Hart, J.D.; M. W. Griffiths, Org.; Morris Jones, I.G.; H. J. Lloyd, Steward; R. R. Stevenson, Steward; Thomas Roberts, Thomas Williams, F. G. Munns, J. A. McInnes, Jno. Evans, and J. B. O. Lowe, all of 1938; W. H. Spaul, P.G.S., 1124; W. Jones Morris, P.P.G.J.D.; Albert Bromwich, James Tuxford, P.M.; R. Roberts, P.M.; A. M. Dunlop, S.W.; Jonathan Davies, Sec.; J. S. Hughes, D.M.; G. Pritchard, J. W. Wheeler, I.P.M.; J. Lewis, P.G.C., P.M.; Thomas Roberts, J.W.; and D. Hughes, Tyler, all of 1509; J. Jones, W.M. 1583; and David Morgan, W.M. 1594.

After opening the lodge a procession was formed and the brethren proceeded to the church.

The P.G. CHAPLAIN read a short service, after which the procession was reformed, and proceeded to the site at Llyndu, where the brethren having taken their places, the W.M. of the Mawddach Lodge, in a few and appropriate words, requested Bro. Pope to lay the foundation stone.

Bro. POPE then addressed those who were assembled to witness the ceremony as follows:—Men and Brethren here assembled,—Be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and established of old, with peace and honour, in most countries, to do good to our brethren, to erect magnificent edifices, to be serviceable to the brethren, and all mankind, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted, in peace and honour, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable we should not have lasted so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brethren in our Order in all ages, who ever shewn themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day, in the face of you all, to erect a house in which we can meet to perform our ceremonies in conformity with the ancient Landmarks of our Order, which we pray God may prosper as it seems good to Him; and as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to unite with our Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The P.G. Chaplain then invoked the blessing of heaven on the proceedings. After the prayer a hymn was sung.

The Secretary then read aloud the inscription on the plate.

The Treasurer then deposited the vase containing the coins in the cavity.

Bro. Pope, assisted by an Entered Apprentice, then spread the cement on the lower stone.

The upper stone was then slowly lowered with three distinct stops—a chant being at the same time sung.

Bro. Pope proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, which was delivered successively to him by the J.W., S.W., and W.M., and declared it to be a well-wrought stone, square, level, perpendicular, and fitted to form the foundation of the intended work. He then gave three knocks with the mallet.

The vases containing the corn, wine, oil, and salt were next successively handed to Bro. Pope, who strewed corn on the stone, saying "I scatter corn upon this stone as an emblem of abundance and plenty. May the good seen of His word sink into the hearts of men, take root, and bring forth fruit a hundred fold to their benefit and His glory. I pour wine upon the stone—a symbol of strength and gladness. May those who work upon this building and those who shall hereafter meet within its walls ever perform their allotted parts in the service of the Great Architect with cheerfulness and singleness of heart. I sprinkle this stone with oil—the emblem of peace and harmony. May goodwill and brotherly love prevail amongst those who shall labour in this house to the glory of the Most High, until time shall be no more. I sprinkle this salt as an emblem of wisdom, fidelity, and perpetuity; and may the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless this town, this district, this country, and the kingdom at large, with abundance of corn, wine, and oil, and all the necessary comforts and conveniences of life. And may the same Almighty power preserve the inhabitants in peace and unity and brotherly love.

The Architect then handed the plans of the proposed temple to Bro. POPE, who, after looking at them, handed them to the builder, and said: I now place in your hands the plans of this intended building, not doubting your skill and ability as a craftsman, and I desire that you will proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plans and designs now entrusted to you.

An ode was then performed by the choir.

A prayer was then offered by the Chaplain. The National Anthem brought the ceremony to a conclusion. The trowel, which was of silver, was presented to Bro. Pope.

The brethren returned to the lodge room, and, after the lodge was closed, the Mawddach Lodge entertained their visitors at the Corsyddol Arms, where they sat down to a sumptuous banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The following were the toasts:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" "The Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M.;" Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M.; and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "Sir Watkins Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master; Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., W.D.P.G.M.; and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "Bro. Pope, Q.C.;" "The W.M. Mawddach Lodge;" "The Officers of the Mawddach Lodge;" "The Visitors;" "The Charities;" and the Tyler's toast. After dinner the Barmouth Glee Party sang several selections of Welsh airs.

We would call attention to one fact mentioned by Bro. SPAULL in responding to the Charities, and that is, the province of North Wales and Shropshire are receiving value to the amount of £375 per annum from the great Masonic Charities in London, and would join with him in urging the brethren of the province to support those Charities by liberal contributions. A bright example for imitation is afforded by Bro. Pope, who has contributed 20 guineas to the provincial fund, and a similar sum to be divided amongst the London Charities.

The Temple at Barmouth is being erected at the expense of Bro. Pope for the use of the Mawddach Lodge.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., the contractors and men who are employed at the buildings were entertained by Bro. Pope to dinner at the Corsygedol Hotel. Mr. Thomas Roberts, C.E., the architect, presided, and Mr. David Thomas occupied the vice-chair.

### DESAGULIERS AND SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY— A STUDY.

So much is now said about the change introduced by Desaguliers in Scottish Freemasonry about 1721, that I think it right to treat the matter simply, critically, and historically in the *Freemason*, and endeavour to ascertain what are the "pros and cons" for assertions and averments which appear to me, with all respect to others, be it said, very debateable ground.

1. It is asserted that at Desaguliers's visit to Edinburgh, and notably to Mary Chapel, he introduced the new English system emanating from the movement and revival in 1717, and probably methodized about 1720-1-2, in England. Up to this date it is alleged no Scottish minute so far discovered alludes in express terms to the Third Degree, qua the Third Degree, but that after his visit, and gradually later in the century, the "raising to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason" is recognized formally and fully. Hence it is argued that previously to that visit no such precise knowledge of the Third Degree existed in Scotland.

2. It is urged that it is clear that up to that date there was one universal Degree, and one universal Mason word alone, and that there is no trace of any distinction of ceremonial Degrees as we now understand them. If it is said that there were initiates, and also that there was a passing to Fellow of Craft and Master, even before Desaguliers's visit, it is claimed, as I understand the proposition, that such passing, &c., are Grades, not Degrees, (a distinction without a difference, according to Cocker, by the way), and that there is no entry to verify any assertion that before 1721 there was anything but one Degree,—the monograde theory, in fact, in fullest development and perfection. "Per contra," as it seems to me, the arguments are very many, critically and historically, against any such conclusions.

3. In the first place, the evidence is manifestly imperfect, and we can hardly base a substantive proposition on such very partial premises.

4. There is not, as far as I am aware, any evidence of any sort in favour of such a contention, except purely negative evidence, and what may be termed by the favourers of the theory "a balance of probability." Indeed, the suggestion emanates from these two sources, and is the "output" of a most able Brother D. M. Lyon. There is no letter, or trace of a letter, anywhere in any lodge records that I have had brought to my notice, after frequent enquiries, whereby any such great change is recognized, or even alluded to.

5. Such a great and important change as the addition of two ceremonial Degrees, &c., must have left some trace behind. I am assured there is none. Desaguliers had to pass through an examination before he was admitted to the "Diect" of Mary Chapel, and that simple fact, as it seems to me, if it does not settle the whole question "per se," points undeniably to a common ritual of some kind existing alike in Scotland and England in 1721. If Desaguliers propounded his amended scheme, then, for the first time in Scotland, it is odd, to say the least of it, that neither the minutes of Mary Chapel, Canongate Kilwinning, the Lodge Journeymen, or any other Scottish lodge have the slightest note of any such change. I believe that later in the century allusions are found to a "new system;" but that, I think, is explicable by certain changes arising out of the Masonic movements, &c., of the time.

6. There is another point which has to be considered—the respective antiquity of the verbiage of the degrees, which I will not dwell on here seems to oppose itself to this theory of the implied use of the First and Second Degrees.

7. All such changes, as a rule, are marked by consultations, communications, resolutions, or committees of some kind or other. But of this there is no trace in the Scottish minute books and letters, and we must assume therefore, if this ingenious hypothesis is to be accepted, this able conclusion be well founded, that by a sort of tacit understanding this alteration was effected without "beat of drum or sound of trumpet," privately, and yet universally, in Scotland, and at a time when the feeling between Scotland and England was not good.

8. No doubt the "Crux" is a very difficult one to solve. But we are not warranted historically or critically in getting over a difficulty by basing our conclusions on even the outcome of a brilliant imagination or an ingenious hypothesis.

9. As I doubt very much whether this proposition as regards Desaguliers and Scottish Masonry, however curious, interesting, and ingenious, as I said just now, can be critically or historically maintained, when we set ourselves down to write the true annals of our wonderful Craft, I think it right to-day in these pages, where so many interesting archaeological contributions and studies have appeared from time to time, to offer these few and hasty considerations of mine to the attention and perusal of the courteous reader, and the student Freemason.

M. S.

### MASONIC MENDICANCY.

Many brethren have been seriously exercised in their minds of late as to the best mode of dealing with Masonic mendicants, and some have even gone so far as to suggest there should be a kind of central organisation for the purpose of detecting and proclaiming them. We are not too favourably impressed with the plan adopted in some American jurisdictions, because it occurs to us that a little too much zeal on the part of the central Board or Committee—or whatever else the organisation might be called—

might occasionally involve them in legal difficulties. Moreover, it might be necessary that the members of the said Board should pass a qualifying examination in judging people's ages and weights, or their chances of success in detecting imposture would be somewhat remote. However, for the benefit of those who have formulated no scheme of their own for checking this kind of mendicancy, we reproduce the following from the pages of a Philadelphia *Keystone* of somewhat recent date, our worthy contemporary having derived it from the Report of the Masonic Lodge of Relief of Baltimore:—

William W—r, aged about 60 years, weight 150 pounds, red face, whiskers and hair a little gray, shabbily dressed, wears a light broad-brimmed hat, on the cow-boy order, plays the *lost pocket-book dodge*, and asks assistance to reach his friends. Claims to be a Past Master, and to hail from California, of Inigo Lodge, No. 221, from which he dimitted to Cedarville Lodge, U.D. of Modoc County, Cal. Is a first-class fraud.

This is one of half a dozen cases described by Bro. D. F. Penington, President of the Baltimore Lodge of Relief, and our contemporary is sanguine enough to suggest that if his efforts "are generally seconded, the Masonic tramp will become a thing of the past." We wish we could come to the same conclusion, but tramps, as a rule, are knowing people, "artful dodgers" of the first water. No one worthy of the name would dream of being of the same age and weight at two different places and times, unless indeed it suited his purpose to be so. We have ourselves met with young "bucks" and "bloods" of 70 years and upwards, while a little wadding judiciously placed will make all the difference, at least as far as outward appearance, between 150 pounds and 180 pounds. As regards the hat, our knowledge of headgear is not co-equal with Bro. Penington's, but we imagine a Masonic "Artful Dodger" would have, or seem to have, a different hat for every different lodge or almoner he visited. And so, too, with his hair and whiskers, he would probably have little or no difficulty in varying the colour, or even in dispensing with them partly or altogether, as the whim of the moment or circumstances might suggest. At all events, such a Relief Board would have to be composed of brethren up to all the innumerable expedients of the "Artful Dodger" in order to lessen materially his chances of obtaining money under false pretences, and we imagine the prospect of finding such brethren outside the ranks of our detective force or the Charity Organisation Society is not over promising. Perhaps the best thing to be done will be to leave lodges and almoners to exercise their own discretion in these matters, and whenever one of them comes across a clear case of imposture, for him to make a note of it for his own future security, and at the same time *privately* advise the neighbouring lodges and almoners of the particulars of his discovery.

### THE COUNTERCHECK ARGUMENTATIVE.

Bro. Theodore T. Gurney, who is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and may be taken as one of the bright particular stars of American Freemasonry, is very severe in his condemnation of the manner in which the so-called Grand Lodges of Victoria and New South Wales have been organised. Considering the feverish anxiety which apparently is shown by all or nearly all the Grand Lodges in the United States to recognise the "Sovereign independence" of every new Masonic body, no matter what its origin, or under what circumstances it may have been established, we should have felt neither surprised nor hurt had he declared himself in favour of their recognition. But, like Past G. Master John W. Simons, of New York, referred to in our Melbourne correspondence last week, Bro. Gurney has not only abstained from doing this, but he has also laid bare the falsity of the claims advanced by the said irregular Grand Lodges to be regarded as sovereign and independent in the jurisdictions in which they have been respectively set up. We learn at all events from an editorial, entitled "Gurney's Reports, 1884," in this month's "Voice of Masonry," that our distinguished brother has a very low idea of the legitimacy (!) of these G. Lodges, and strikes hard at the "suppressio veri, suggestio falsi," which underlies their constitution. Thus, as regards the "Grand Lodge of Victoria," and its recognition by the Grand Lodge of Montana, Bro. Gurney twits Bro. Hedges, the G. Secretary of the latter, who recommended the course that was adopted, and suggests that if he (Bro. Hedges) "had submitted the other side of the question, the brethren of the Grand Body" (Montana) "would not have been led astray into recognising an insignificant coterie of manipulators as a Grand Lodge;" "the other side of the question" being that "sixteen lodges, with a membership of about eight hundred and forty (taking the average) assumed to pronounce themselves the governing body of a territory containing ninety-five lodges, and a membership of five thousand." Again, as to the terms of Bro. Hedges's resolution of recognition, in which the so-called "Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Victoria" is described as "the legitimate and proper Masonic authority of this Australian province," Bro. Gurney remarks: "There is nothing in the history of the Craft of our country so utterly mischievous, misleading, and preposterous as this bold assumption that sixteen of ninety-five lodges of a territory can legitimately usurp the rights of their seventy-nine peers, and of right become 'the proper Masonic authority of this Australian province.' O, shame! We don't have any care for the sentiments or approbation of our brethren of the British Islands to the formation of Grand Lodges in the provinces of the Empire where no Grand Lodges exist; but we do protest, in the welfare and peace of the Masonic world, and in the name of the common law of representative organisation, upon which is founded the structure of our government from time immemorial, that insignificant minorities shall not be permitted to usurp functions that, in Masonry, are the exclusive heritage of majorities." His remarks as to the "Grand Lodge of New South Wales," and the proposal of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Michigan recommending its recognition are couched in the same vein, the circumstances attending the establishment of these two usurping Australasian G. Lodges being almost precisely the same. It is not often we meet with such clear and emphatic utterances on a question of this kind, and still less often are we in a position to accept so unreservedly the opinion of our brother American jurisconsults. What our English brethren think of the position of Masonic affairs in Victoria and New South Wales may be judged from the fact of our United Grand Lodge having granted during 1884 no less than twelve warrants for new lodges, namely, three in Victoria and nine in New South Wales. This does not look much as if the majority intended to allow an insignificant minority to lead them by the nose.





SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 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 TREASURERSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In confirmation of your remarks in this day's issue of the *Freemason*, I enclose you a copy of a letter I sent to Sir John Monckton on Monday last, as soon as I received the official notice, and I also enclose you a copy of Bro. Monckton's reply to—Yours fraternally,

HORACE B. MARSHALL.

Clifton Villa, East Brixton,  
January 17th.

[COPY.]

"To Sir John B. Monckton.

"125, Fleet-street, January 12th, 1885.

"My dear Sir John,

"The enclosed official notice I have just received, to my great surprise, having read in the *City Press* that your consent had been obtained to allow yourself to be nominated for the office of Treasurer of the Girls' School, vacant by the death of Col. Creaton.

"Had I been present at the meeting on Saturday, I certainly should not have allowed my name to be placed against yours. Will you do me the honour of now permitting me to withdraw in your favour? and believe me, dear Sir John, ever yours fraternally,

(Signed) "HORACE B. MARSHALL."

[COPY.]

"Guildhall, E.C., 12th January, 1885.

"Dear Bro. Grand Treasurer,

"I am obliged by your kind and fraternal letter; but, of course, could not for a moment entertain its unselfish suggestion.

"It was the first I had heard of Saturday's proceedings, or that such an election was imminent.

"I did some time since, in answer to a question from some brother, say I should have no objection to be nominated as a Trustee or as Treasurer—I forget which—of the Girls' School; but since that moment I had not heard anything on the subject, either direct or indirect.

"You will be a far more valuable man there than I, and I sincerely congratulate you on the choice of the Quarterly Court.

"I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,

(Signed) "JOHN B. MONCKTON.

"To Horace Brooks Marshall, Esq., Grand Treasurer."

THE WIDOWS' FUND, ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The present position of the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is one that claims, and should receive, the most serious consideration of the Craft generally. This Fund has been enormously increased of late years, yet, in spite of this—the cynic will perhaps feel inclined to suggest, because of this—the Executive finds itself confronted by a supreme difficulty, namely, that of endeavouring to make out of nothing some provision towards the relief of a host of candidates. There are 81 applicants for admission with no vacancies to be competed for in May next. The mind revolts from the bare idea of leaving these old and poverty-stricken women to the tender mercies of the poorhouse; indeed, our obligations as Masons require us to do something to relieve them, if only it can be done without detriment to our own necessities. But out of nothing comes nothing. There are, as I have said, 81 candidates, but no vacancies, and as matters stand at present, the utmost that can be done is to elect the three deferred annuitants—that is, the three widows who, by Law 13, are entitled to receive the annuity as vacancies to that limited extent occur after the "Annual General Meeting." The two who stand next highest on the poll will receive their proportionate shares of the "John Hervey Testimonial Fund," while as to the remaining 76, unless some way out of the deadlock can be found, there is nothing for them but to wait and take their chance of being elected in May, 1886. In the meantime, some may die, all must suffer, and the question which has to be considered, and I hope will be considered, in all our lodges during the next four months is—Can anything be done to alleviate the necessities of these poor old people; and, if so, what?

It is no consolation for us to know that the position in which we now find ourselves was bound to overtake us sooner or later. Everyone must know that it was impossible to go on creating additional vacancies every year; even the generous Mason Craft of England could not stand that. Yet the increase in the number of candidates for admission into the Institution has more than kept pace with the number of vacancies created. It is literally the fact that there are more applicants now than there were 10 years ago, when the Widows' Fund was less than half its present strength, and its 88 annuitants absorbed only £2,464 amongst them, the annuity payable then being only £28 per annum. The following figures will show how the Fund has increased in the interim. In 1874 there were, as I have said, 88 widows on the Fund receiving amongst them at £28 each £2,464. In 1875 this number was increased to 100 and the total to £2,800; in 1876 to 110, and as the annuity payable was raised from £28 to £32, the total to be distributed amongst them was increased to £3,520. In 1877, the number became 125, and the amount £4,000. In 1878 there were 135 widows receiving £4,320; in 1879, 145 receiving £4,640; in 1880, 155 receiving £4,960; in 1881 and 1882, 160 receiving £5,120; in 1883, 167 receiving £5,344; and in 1884, 182 receiving £5,824. The following represent the yearly increases during this period in the number of annuities created and the aggregate amount

payable thereon, namely:—in 1875, 12 additional annuities, sum payable, £336 per annum; in 1876, 10 additional annuities, sum payable, £320 per annum, all the annuities being at the same time increased from £28 to £32 per annum; in 1877, 15 additional annuities, sum payable, £480 per annum; in 1878, 10 additional annuities, sum payable, £320 per annum; in 1879, 10 additional annuities, sum payable, £320 per annum; in 1880, 10 additional annuities, sum payable, £320 per annum; in 1881, 5 additional annuities, sum payable, £160 per annum; in 1882, no increase; in 1883, 7 additional annuities, sum payable, £224; in 1884, 15 additional annuities, sum payable, £480 per annum. Thus the Widows' Fund, which in 1874 provided £2,464 for 88 annuitants at £28 per annum each, now provides £5,824 for 182 annuitants at £32 per annum each, the total increase being 94 annuitants and amount payable annually £3,360.

This shows what has been done in the ten years 1875-84, and confirms what I have said as to the impossibility of going on creating additional vacancies every year. Moreover, there is the Male Fund, which in 1874 provided £4320 for 120 annuitants at £36 each, and for which, with its 170 annuitants at £40, the sum of £6800 must now be found annually; to say nothing of the two Schools, which, as they have smaller permanent incomes, require an even greater degree of consideration and watchfulness than the Benevolent Institution with its £1750 a year from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and dividends amounting to a further £1900 or thereabouts. At all events, though it is the Widows' Fund of the Benevolent Institution which is in such extremities, we must not lose sight of the Male Fund with its £6800 per annum, and the Schools with their £20,000 and upwards—taken together. The provision of the necessary funds for these forms part of the annual obligations which the Craft as a body has voluntarily contracted, and which, if its credit is to be upheld, must be fulfilled. Thus the question as to what had best be done in the case of the Widows' Fund is not so easily met as some might imagine, because it is only one out of four funds which must be provided for annually. Of course, if the response next month to the canvassing which is now going on on behalf of the Benevolent Institution is favourable, the task of the executive will be easier. If, for instance, the Festival yields no more than it did in 1883, when the sum subscribed was £13,260, there will be margin enough left to provide for a few of the present female candidates. If Bro. Terry is fortunately able to announce the same sum as last year—£14,665—there will be a still wider margin, and still more of them may be assisted. But no matter how satisfactory may be the returns at the approaching Festival, there still remains the question, the consideration of which it is impossible to postpone indefinitely, namely, Can the Craft, or rather, is it prudent on the part of the Craft to go on annually increasing its responsibilities, when they stand already at something like from £36,000 to £40,000 a year, as against some £21,000 at the outside in 1874? Will it not suffice, if some temporary arrangement is made by which the present strain, in the case of the Widows' Fund, can be met to a certain extent, while the liabilities of the Craft remain at about the same figure? What is there to prevent the number of "deferred annuitants" under Law 13 being increased (say) to 32—the present number eligible being three—an annuity of £20 a year being assigned to each until such time as room can be found for them in the fixed establishment? By adopting some such temporary expedient as this the Committee of Management would be able to assist a goodly proportion of the present applicants, while the addition to the permanent expenditure of the Institution would be nil, or at all events so small as to be hardly appreciable. I offer this suggestion for what it is worth, and I may add that I have selected the number (32) and the amount (£20) payable to each, because the latter is the sum allowed to the widow of a male annuitant under certain conditions and for a given term of years; while as it would be hardly possible to add less than 20 to the existing list out of so formidable a roll of candidates as 81, and as the amount of the annuity is £32, the temporary amount at first required for the larger number of 32 at £20 each, would be precisely the same as the permanent amount required for the smaller number of 20 at £32 each.—Fraternally yours. QUANTUM VALEAT.



MYTHOLOGY, GREEK AND ROMAN. Translated by Mrs. ANGUS W. HALL, from the German of FREDERICK NOSSELT. Kerby and Endean, 440, Oxford-street, W.

This work, which is dedicated to H.R.H. Princess Christian, comes before us very seasonably. It is well printed and effectively illustrated, and is ornamented by two charming photographic miniatures of the Princesses Victoria and Louise of Schleswig. Our readers will be struck by their intellectual faces. We quite agree with the translator when she says Greek and Roman Mythology is almost a sealed book for children. Fact though it be, we are among those who deplore it. It is nothing, as we see it, but a tokening of a defect of imagination, vulgarity of sentiment, and the gross materialism of the hour, which seek to discountenance the study by the young of the classic literature of Greece and Rome, which talks in pompous tones or affected fear, of the ill effects of the older "Muthos" on the minds of the young. No doubt, as told in matter of fact plainness of old Lempriere and the like, the tale of Roman and Greek Mythology is a sorry one at best. We find how the grosser taint of earth, and low-toned social conditions, have pointed the moral, and depraved the tale. The gods are very poor gods at the best, human generally in conception, in weakness, in folly, and in baseness. But yet behind it all and beyond it all, lies an historical region superior to the mere mythic elements of flimsy symposia and fabled elysia. It seems to us as if these outlines of something above them, so dear at one time to the Greek and Roman mind, had been entirely coloured, dwarfed, and twisted, so to say, by the prevailing influence of passing sensations, of materialism and sensuousness. The gods no doubt represented ideas, probably virtues, probably Divine truths, garbled and covered over by the grosser fancies of diseased imaginations. They are palimpsests, so to

say, which require careful and thoughtful study. That in their pettier and purely human nature they represented the belief of the thoughtful and the philosopher is certainly not the case. We know that Socrates and Plato, and the teachers and listeners of the academies did not accept the outer meaning of such symbolism. What the cultured Greeks and Romans really did believe is difficult to say. It would almost seem to be a sort of necessitarian Anima Mundi. The mysteries undoubtedly kept a portion of primordial truth, remains of the belief of the "theodidaktos," before the minds of their "mustos" and "epoptas," and the "muesis" was meant to explain to the enlightened and truth-loving all that else was parable or absurdity. And, therefore, in its original grossness the Mythology of the past was not a pleasing subject to contemplate or realize. But writers in all time have sought to simplify, to illustrate, and explain, feeling convinced that behind all these "aberrations of the human intellect," there was something true and abiding in the great mass of Muthos after all. And so there is. We will not, however, though the subject is tempting enough, be led into matter which has given rise to long and laborious controversies. We will content ourselves with pointing out that Herr Nösselt and his careful translator present before us a skillfully connected and very readable book. Some of us who remember old days amid the "streets of Rome and Troy," or when we lingered pleasantly over Horace and Virgil, or Tacitus, when we perused the *Metamorphoses*, and pored over Livy, finding grave delights in the pages of Thucydides, the Greek Plays, and above all wonderful old Homer, ever bright and pleasant, may not be unwilling to refresh our "sere and yellow leaf" with a perusal of these effective and animated pages. We are carried on very pleasantly by the style, which is neither too laboured nor too severe, but easy and graceful, and sets before us with much effect the reality and historic truth, lingering in each classic episode, and bringing out striking points and startling contrasts thoroughly to the reader's contentment and gratification. We can confidently recommend this book to the young amongst us, to schools and teachers. Our young people, especially our girls, are becoming so learned in scientific matters, that we think it will do them all good to make a little journey into classic regions, and to lighten up the somewhat darker realities of technical information, with these glimpses and touches of the ideal and the intellectual, which shed such a charm on the Mythology of Greece and Rome, when the mistaken excrescences of years are removed and disallowed. We urge upon all our readers the perusal of a very improving and valuable book.

THE MASONIC GUIDE FOR THE COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE AND YORK MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1885. Ninth year of publication. Printed at the GAZETTE Office, York.

We congratulate Bro. T. B. Whythead on the re-appearance, for the ninth successive year, of the Masonic Guide compiled by him, and published and presented gratis to the Craft. It is strictly a *multum in parvo*, containing as it does all the needful information as to the places and dates of meeting of the different lodges, chapters, &c., in the two Yorkshire provinces, and much other information which it is necessary or desirable the brethren should possess. Yet the publication in which all this appears may be carried conveniently in the waistcoat pocket. We trust Bro. Whythead may live to publish many re-issues of his valuable Guide and Calendar.



STEPHEN MORIN.  
There was published in Paris in 1755, almost contemporaneously with the "Chapitre de Clermont," which some German writers deem a Jesuit organization, the Statutes, &c., by the "respectable Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem," and which creates offices until then unknown, "superintendents and inspectors of labour," in Scottish Masonry. The mistake which Kloss, and Findel, and others have made is to confound this lodge with the Grand Lodge of France, formerly the Grand Lodge "Anglaise" of France. That Grand Lodge never in any way attempted to recognize or negotiate with the High Grades until 1772. The same writers think they find tentative efforts indeed in the same direction in 1762, and in 1766 when the Grand Lodge sought to overthrow all the High Grades by a special interdict. The Conseil des Empereurs was formed in 1758, the Conseil des Chevaliers de l'Orient in 1762, the Ordre de l'Etoile Flambezante in 1766, which professed to go back to an "Ordre de Palestine," and regarding which the name of Ramsey is again invoked. Many of the members of the Grand Lodge of France were members of the High Grades and of these bodies. The Patent given to Stephen Morin in 1761 (Etienne Morin), clearly only deals with the high Scottish Masonry and Masonic terms, and has nothing to do with the Symbolic Degrees. He is bid to "labour regularly for the advantage and increase of the Royal Art in all its perfection;" to "form and establish a lodge to secure and multiply the Royal Art of Freemasons in all the Perfect and Sublime Grades;" he is "to establish the lodge in the four quarters of the globe where he shall arrive or may dwell, under the title of the Lodge of St. John and the surname of the Perfect Harmony;" he is to "admit into his lodge true and legitimate brethren of the Sublime Masonry;" he is to "constitute brethren in the Sublime Grade of Perfection," and "to take care that the statutes and general regulations of the Grand and Sovereign Lodge in particular are to be held and observed;" he is himself entitled in the Patent, "Grand Inspector," in the "new world," and is authorized to multiply the Sublime Grades of the High Perfection, and to create Inspectors in all places where the Sublime Grades are not yet established. None of these terms apply to the Grand Lodge of France, and therefore this Grand Lodge is another body. The Grand Lodge of France never termed itself, for instance, the Grand and Sovereign Lodge. Bro. Speth seems to think the Conseil of the Empereurs, or the Conseil des Chevaliers, &c., is recognised by the use of the words "Grand Conseil," but if he will look at the words of the Patent carefully, he will see they themselves destroy his proposition. These words are—Nous soussignés Substitute Generaux de la Grand et Souveraine Loge

de St. Jean de Jerusalem établi à l'Orient de Paris, et Parfaits Grand Maîtres du Grand Conseil des Loges régulières sous la Protection de la Grande et Souveraine Loge, &c. These are not the expressions of the symbolic lodges or the Symbolic Grand Lodge, but of the High Scottish Rite, with which the Grand Lodge had nothing to do. But it is this constant use of Grand Lodge which has misled Kloss, Findel, and others, I repeat. It seems clear to me that neither the Conseil des Empereurs nor the Chevaliers de l'Orient had anything to do with the Patent of Stephen Morin, not that it matters much whether they had or not, and it is a point hardly worth discussion; but I think Daruty is quite right when he claims the Grand Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem as a separate High Grade Body, which was composed no doubt of most of the leading members of the Grand Lodge of France, but was not the Grand Lodge.

A. F. A. W.

## 487] THE THREE DEGREES.

The crucial weakness of our good Bro. Hughan's position in this amusing little controversy is two-fold. Firstly, he is explaining English Masonic ritualism by Scottish evidences, in which he is clearly wrong. Scottish Masonry may be explained by Scottish evidence; but English Masonry cannot, as there is not, so far, the slightest evidence available to show any identity between the two systems. All that we do know of seventeenth century English Freemasonry seems to point to an entire difference of system in every respect. Therefore, though the evidence is very scarce indeed, there are "scintillæ," which seem to betoken a different system altogether. But as this point requires special elaboration, I leave it "pro tem." Bro. Hughan's distinction of grades and degrees, though, no doubt, satisfactory to himself, and convenient enough for some purposes, cannot, in my humble opinion, be critically dealt with or scientifically worked out. It is a use of the English language without precedent or warrant. To say, by an arbitrary "user," that degree is to signify the conferring of a rank, accompanied by a ceremony, and that grade is a titular distinction, without a ceremony at all, may be expedient, or may be convenient, as I just remarked, but it is not according to the laws of interpretation of words or grammatical explanation. If we have allowed in common parlance a sort of imaginary difference between degree and grade to creep in, it is, after all, purely imaginary, if colloquial, and cannot safely be relied on to establish a proposition or express a conclusion. Degree and grade, after all, mean the same, and if there is any difference in the meaning it is so fine drawn as to be hardly distinguishable. Bro. Hughan lays too much stress on the value of the evidence of lodge minutes, &c. All lodge minutes are unsatisfactory from their actual carelessness and their avowed reticence. All authoritative references to ritual and ceremonial are late, and must be taken "cum grano," even when we do light on them. No one has sought for such evidence more carefully than I have, yet none, that I am aware of, can be found of any value before quite late in the eighteenth century. If we may, on Paley's well-known argument of the counterfeit and the true, accept the Catechisms of 1724, and much more the Sloane MS., as evidences of a system, then there was a system in use contemporaneously with 1721 and before 1717, at any rate (on the lowest date) entirely based, not on a monograde, but a bigradal, or trigradal form, according to my ideas. We are none of us, of course, infallible, and, after all, it is only a matter of opinion.

## THIRD DEGREE.

488] Bro. Hughan's note in the last *Freemason* renders quite unnecessary any further explanation of mine. It seems that his allusion to the forthcoming fourth volume of Bro. Gould's History was not intended, as others and myself supposed, to claim what is thus far an "unknown quantity" on his side of the question,—but simply to assert that, judging from past expressed opinions, he felt confident the future deliverances would confirm what Bro. Gould had so frequently expressed in the *Freemason*, as regards this vexed question. But, as Bro. Hughan must see, that is not necessarily a case of "sequitur." Fresh evidence might have altered original opinions, at least, such is often properly and honestly the case; and I know that Bro. Gould has received much important evidence from Scotland quite recently. I therefore did not see the use or propriety of lugging in the fourth volume, neither can I see it now. But Bro. Hughan's explanation may well be accepted, and there let the matter rest. My only wish in the matter is to strengthen the cause of Masonic truth, and to advance archaeological research.

A. F. A. W.

## 489] JOHN MACLEAN.

In response to the enquiry of "Masonic Student" in the *Freemason* of the 17th inst., I beg to refer him to Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," pp. 75 and 76, where a Bro. John Maclean is mentioned as "Father and Promoter of the Society," and as having received the thanks of the Grand Chapter, together with a "gold plate" and a "robe peculiar to the Past M.E.Z." (the first vote and presentation of the kind). Whether the above is the John Maclean mentioned in the "Handbuch" I cannot at present undertake to say, but having for several years past been trying to learn something of the early Masonic career of a brother who was evidently held in high estimation by the Grand Chapter when in its infancy, I shall be very glad if your correspondent can help me, by ascertaining whether there is any possible means of seeing the signature, or a fac simile of it, of the John Maclean mentioned as having been Grand Master of French Freemasonry, for, as I am quite familiar with the autographs of our Maclean, it would at once settle the question as to their identity. In the Grand Lodge book a John Maclean is registered as having been admitted a member of the Lodge of Unity, No. 228 (now the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172), in 1771. According to the same record he was made a Mason in 1740, at the age of 21, but the name of the lodge in which he was made does not appear. I have no doubt whatever that this is the person who figured so conspicuously in the early proceedings of the Grand Chapter, for in the Grand Lodge Register he is described as an "Upholder," and the minutes of Grand Chapter 9th October, 1765, state that Bro. Maclean was "ordered to provide a stool and a bench six and a half foot long, stuffed, and covered with crimson moor, and brass nails."

John Maclean was one of the founders and first Z. of the St. James's Chapter, No. 60 (now No. 2). In his latter years he seems to have fallen into poverty, for on December 14th, 1787, it was "ordered that the sum of

£10 10s. be paid to Comp. John Maclean, of the Caledonian Chapter, for money disbursed by him for the use of the G. and R. Chapter some years back."

On the 11th of April, 1788, in response to a petition for assistance, the sum of £5 5s. was unanimously voted to him from the funds of Grand Chapter.

On the 28th of April, 1791, another petition was read, and it was resolved "that Comp. Maclean be relieved at the discretion of Comp. Galloway."

On the 24th January, 1793, it was "resolved that £2 2s. be given to Comp. Hannam, to be given to Maclean at his discretion." The poor old man died before he could receive the last-named sum. On the 10th of May following it was ordered that the same be returned to the Treasurer. I may add that having spoken to the courteous Secretary of the Old Concord Lodge (Bro. Geo. King) on the subject of Maclean's membership, he assured me that there are no books now in the possession of the lodge that go anything like so far back as the period of his admission.

H. SADLER.

## 490] THE COUNTRY STEWARDS LODGE.

In the *Freemason* of Jan. 3rd, Bro. Hughan asked me if I could inform him of the precise character of the "Country Stewards Lodge," which was founded in 1789. I am sorry to say that I cannot do so; but I should like to ask Bro. Hughan in turn whether this lodge is not identical with the present No. 270—the Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, meeting at Berkeley, in Gloucestershire. I can trace the "Country Stewards Lodge" through Grand Lodge calendars and reports, at first as No. 540, afterwards as No. 449, down to 1802; but in 1803 its place as No. 449 is taken by the "Lodge of Faith and Friendship, White-hart, Berkeley, Gloucestershire," in both the calendar and Grand Lodge reports. Now as this lodge does not appear before 1803, though its year of constitution is given as 1789, and as the "Country Stewards Lodge" disappears simultaneously, I can only conjecture that the two lodges are identical, though the name and place of meeting have been changed. Perhaps some present member of No. 270 will inform me if it is so, and we may then discover the character of the "Country Stewards Lodge."

E. L. HAWKINS.

## 491] SCOTCH MASONRY.

The Degrees mentioned by Bro. Speth, at page 27, as referred to in a correspondence between Bros. Van Lennep and Arnott, in 1841-4, are evidently a version of those of Adonhiramite Masonry, said to have been concocted by Baron Schondy for the Knights of the East, organised first in 1762. For the legendary account of this Order of the East reference must be made to the statutes and ritual of the French Ordre du Temple, which alleges that its Degrees (seven of the foregoing) were transmitted from Egypt through the Apostle St. John, and passed into the hands of Hugh de Payens in 1118, and became Masonry by the ban placed upon the Scottish Templars in 1327, as mentioned in the Charter of Transmission. According to "Regnard's Ritual of Adonhiramite Masonry (1786)," the Degrees were then as follows: 4°, First Elect; 5°, Second Elect; 6°, Third Elect; 7°, Little Architect; 8°, Grand Architect; 9°, Scotch Master; 10°, Knight of the Orient; 11°, Knight Rose Croix; 12°, Noachite, or Prussian Knight. It might be worth while to examine if Van Lennep's list is 1762, and this last about 1766. I have never met with any early trace of this Rite in England, and it is clear that the Scotch Masonry mentioned in old minutes does not allude to it. "L'Etoile Flamboyante" gives, under date 1764, the letter of "An Ancient Brother," who speaks in depreciation of the crowd of then existing Degrees, of which he says they (his friends) only considered as recognized "the grades of Apprentice, Companion, sanctified in that of Rose Croix, complete and developed in the only Ecosissime possible, that of St. Andrew of Scotland." In point of fact this was the Stuart Rite, and what was known in London in 1743 as the Royal Order of Scotland. It had its counterpart in the English Templar Rite, and the two leading Degrees of Clermont's Chapter, and must be considered side by side with Dermott's assertion that Anderson invented the present Master Mason's Degree.

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## Craft Masonry.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel. Bro. John W. Marsh, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, a large number of the lay members of the lodge, and a strong body of visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.J.D., Middlesex; W. R. Edwards, 619; E. G. Coleman, S.D. 11; John Hamlyn, 1622; D. Stroud, 55; Thos. Pike, P.M. 755; W. Butcher, J.W. 898; John T. Bolding, 91; W. F. Bates, 1507; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; F. S. Courtney, S.D. 1731; W. Neats, P.M. 25; A. Weil, 35; Andrew G. Soutter, 65; W. A. Scurrah, J.W. 2048; Windeyer Clark, 90; Louis Hirsch, P.M. 1815; F. G. Willett, 1178; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; H. T. Raw, 1320; John Murch, W.M. 27; Jas. Webster, Caxton, J. B. Oake, and Capper. The P.Ms. present were Bros. A. L. Dussek, G. F. Grace, Thos. Knott, Edward E. Cooper, Henry Moore, Benjamin Isaacs, Robt. Willoughby, W. Klingenstein; John Dixon, Treasurer; George Free, Secretary; and David Rose, W.S.

The only business on the paper besides motions was the installation of W.M., and Bro. F. G. Spencer, the W.M. elect, being presented to Bro. Marsh, was installed by that brother in excellent style. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. J. W. Marsh, I.P.M.; A. C. Ansbacher, S.W.; T. Palmer, J.W.; J. Dixon, P.M., Treasurer; G. Free, P.M., Secretary; W. Bull, S.D.; W. T. Gregory, J.D.; F. R. Hayes, I.G.; W. J. Newell, Organist; D. Rose, P.M., W.S.; G. J. Grace, P.M., D.C.; Young, Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses, the brethren, on the motion of Bro. Dr. Dixon, Treas., seconded by the I.P.M., voted 10 guineas to the list of the W.M., a Steward for the

Benevolent Institution. A vote of thanks was then unanimously accorded to Bro. Marsh for his able execution of the ceremony of installation.

The brethren then closed the lodge, and adjourned to an admirable banquet. The usual toasts followed.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Marsh said he proposed the toast with very great pleasure, because the W.M., apart from being one of his introductions to the lodge, was one of his oldest friends; and when he first took office he promised to do what he undertook to the best of his ability. The present W.M. had served every office in the lodge to the satisfaction of every one of the members, and he hoped the W.M. would have a very successful year of office, and would go out of it carrying with him increased honours to those he had already won.

The W.M., in reply, said he not only thanked the brethren for drinking the toast very cordially, but of electing him unanimously as W.M. of this honoured lodge, which was the highest honour they could confer upon any of its members. He hoped he should be able during the next year to carry out all the expectations of the brethren. That he should be able to do as well as his predecessors he did not anticipate—they had been simply perfect. All he could do was to do his best, as he had done in the other offices he had held. He might fail; he could not rely on perfection; but he would try to attain to that point. He would now propose "The I.P.M.," who had been one of his earliest friends. He and the I.P.M. actually made pies in the gutter together, and they did not know where to put them. He had known the I.P.M. ever since. Many favours the I.P.M. had done him, and one of those favours was his introduction by the I.P.M. to the Mount Lebanon Lodge—a very old lodge, nearly 120 years of age. The I.P.M. had also assisted him in giving him instruction in Masonry. He was glad to have an opportunity of thanking him publicly for what he had done for him. In conclusion, he had to present the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, which was unanimously voted by the lodge on the last occasion.

Bro. Marsh, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast said he was afraid they would be rather tired of Marsh. He was much obliged to the W.M. for introducing his name so kindly. Some one near him suggested that he was a "Masher." This was not the fact; Mashers and Masonry did not get on well together. He was a Mason, and as long as he was in the Order he should be a true Freemason. What he had done during the year he was afraid was not so deserving of all the W.M. had said, and what he had done that night did not come up to his ideal of what was right, but it was the first time he had performed the ceremony of installation, and the brethren would, perhaps, forgive any shortcomings. Now that he had reached the position of Past Master, he hoped his usefulness to the lodge was not ended. He desired to be useful although a P.M., and he thanked the brethren for the kindness that they had extended to him during his year of office. He hoped the good feeling that existed between the members of the lodge and himself would continue until time was no more.

Bro. Louis Hirsch, P.M. 1818, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and stated that during his long acquaintance with the lodge, at which he had frequently been a visitor, it had never forgotten charity, and he did not know any lodge where charity had been so much considered.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Treasurer." In doing so he said the toast was one that the lodge delighted to honour. Bro. Dr. Dixon, the Treasurer, was the father of the lodge, but so many of the brethren had known him so much longer than he (the W.M.) had, that it was unnecessary for him to say more of Bro. Dr. Dixon's abilities as a Mason.

Bro. Dr. Dixon replying, said that this was the first occasion on which he had had to thank the brethren for drinking his health as the father of the lodge. It was not his fault that he was father of the lodge. It was a circumstance, in one sense, to be very proud of, but it was not unmingled with many feelings of regret that so many good men and Masons had passed away during the time that he had been one of the members. It was a very important change from the time when he was one of the youngest members. Twenty-five years that night he was installed Master of the lodge, and it was a very singular thing that the end of a quarter-of-a-century after he had been Master should be the occasion of his appearing before them for the first time as father of the lodge. He had to thank the brethren for kindness and nothing but kindness during those years that he had been one of the members; he had to thank them for having elected him, over and over again, to the very responsible and honourable position of their Treasurer. Over and over again in the course of his life had he had reason to be thankful that he had belonged to the Order of Freemasons. He had never in the course of that life had reason to regret it, and he felt it one of the greatest pleasures of his life to have belonged to the Mount Lebanon Lodge. In that lodge he had found many sincere and good friends in the past, and he had no doubt they would be his good friends in the future. He hoped that all the brethren would live to be members of the lodge as long as he had been, and to have as many friends. He now thanked the brethren again most sincerely for all the kindness they had shown him.

Dr. Dixon then, at the request of the W.M., proposed the next toast, which was that of "The Secretary," and was accompanied by the presentation of a valuable silver tea and coffee service. In making the presentation, Dr. Dixon said the committee had done him the honour of placing in his hands, as the oldest member of the lodge, what was to him a very agreeable duty, that of representing them and all the members of the lodge, absent as well as present, on an occasion which to every one of them was one of the greatest interest. The duty was that of presenting a handsome service of silver plate to their esteemed friend and brother, George Free, a Past Master of the lodge and its Secretary. They did this, he might say, in Masonic phraseology, for three especial reasons: first, as a mark of their esteem for his personal worth; secondly, as a token of their recognition of the efficient way in which he had discharged his duties of Secretary of the lodge for the past twelve years; and thirdly, as an earnest of the sincerity of their congratulations and good wishes for him on his proposed entrance into the blessed state of matrimony. An event of this kind was unparalleled in the history of their lodge, but it was not without precedent in the annals of Masonry. Still, he felt assured that in no other lodge, and in no other place, had a testimonial of that kind ever been given with more hearty congratulations of the givers, and universal approval of the lodge, and he was equally sure

that no such testimonial had ever been more worthily bestowed. Bro. Free, as they all knew, was a true son of the Mount Lebanon Lodge. Twenty years ago, within the sacred walls of that lodge, he first saw the light of Masonry, and he had since then filled all the minor offices of the lodge with credit to himself. In 1872 he passed through the chair, to the satisfaction of the lodge. He showed his zeal for the Craft, and his love for the brethren, by serving the office of Steward for two of the Masonic Charities, and by making himself a Life Governor of all three. Those were true and solid distinctions; but it was not on account of them that the brethren did honour to him that night. Those qualifications were applicable to a goodly number of those who sat around that table; but of none of them could it be said that they had rendered the same suit and service to the lodge as Bro. Free during the tenure of his office as Secretary. He (Dr. Dixon) could not tell them the amount of time and labour he had given to the work, but from a calculation it appeared that he must have issued 10,000 lodge summonses, he must have travelled 400 or 500 miles in the discharge of his duties, and signed 2000 or 3000 receipts for money, which had been one of his greatest pleasures. But Bro. Free had also prepared, at great trouble to himself, a lodge register of all members, which showed the Masonic career of the lodge from the time it was consecrated to the time they paid their last dues. This would be of use not only to Bro. Free himself, but to all the members. During his tenure of office Bro. Free had been tried by twelve juries of Past Masters, and he had not been found wanting; he had run the gauntlet of thirty-six auditors, and his accounts had been found to be models of neatness, precision, and accuracy. In the course of his career he had combined with the admirable excellency of his duties the utmost courtesy and kindness, and now the brethren had subscribed for the testimonial presented to him, not only collectively but individually, where the residence of the brethren in this country had enabled them to be made aware of the affair being in progress. In presenting him with these working tools he (Bro. Dixon) would remind Bro. Free that silver was a metal which was untarnished by fire, and it aptly illustrated a character untarnished and unswayed by the trials and temptations of his office. The hall mark on the silver was well known to represent sterling merit, and it illustrated the good opinion which the brethren entertained of Bro. Free. It was also a metal which was remarkable for its reflective points, and for this reason the ancients dedicated it, or rather supposed it to be under the dominion of men, and was one of the second lights in Masonry; which, as it reflected the light of the sun, was intended to reflect the good opinion of the lodge. Silver was also in ancient times dedicated to Diana, the goddess of Chastity, but on that subject he need not dilate further than to say the beauty and chasteness of the material was meant to represent the lady whom he was about to lead to the altar of Hymen. In the course of his lifetime he (Bro. Dixon) had had to make many speeches, but many men might envy him in having his speech now illustrated so beautifully, and by 76 ounces of silver. The presentation represented the good feeling of the lodge, and he hoped that many years might be spared to Bro. Free to show to his friends the beneficial use of the working tools now presented to him. He trusted that Bro. Free and his intended wife might enjoy the luxuries of the east and west, and whenever they saw this service of plate they would remember that the Mount Lebanon Lodge wished that peace, prosperity, and happiness might attend his home. Dr. Dixon then, after a few humorous remarks on Bro. Free's intended marriage, proposed formally "The Health of the Secretary."

Bro. Free, in replying, said he thanked the brethren very much for their handsome gift. He was rather surprised when he found the brethren knew he was going to be married. Nevertheless, he felt very much gratified with the brethren's kindness. Twenty years that night he was initiated in that lodge; 12 years he had been Secretary. During that time it had been a pleasure to him. He had never regretted joining Masonry, and he did not know what he should have done had he not had something to do in Masonry. He had made a great many friends, and he trusted he had not made one single enemy. For the very kind expressions with regard to himself and his intended wife, he returned the brethren his hearty thanks.

Bro. H. Moore, P.M., responded on behalf of "The P.M.'s," and the other toasts having been honoured, the brethren separated.

**LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185).**—Most visitors who are in the least observant cannot fail to have occasionally noticed, upon entering a Freemasons' lodge, where order, harmony, and loyalty should prevail, a certain laxity in the proceedings in respect to scrupulous attention to the laws as provided in the Constitutions of the Order, a negligent disregard to the solemnity of the service, and sometimes a transparent cliques, which is very unlikely to be conducive of fostering those sentiments of fraternal affection, which should form the distinguishing characteristic of every Masonic assembly. Happily to the vast mass of lodges such strictures do not apply, and among those deserving praise for strict attention to every duty in all its details, must be classed the above lodge. The extraordinary prosperity of this lodge is further enhanced by the intelligent zeal and conspicuous abilities of everyone of the officers, from the W.M., Bro. S. Barnett—who presided at a meeting held on the 19th inst. at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.—to the brother holding the lowest office, and the eagerness with which the P.Ms. embrace every opportunity to further the interest and uphold the dignity of the lodge.

The business on the present occasion consisted in admitting three gentlemen into the Order, and electing the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. The suffrages of the brethren were unanimously in favour of Bro. S. M. Boas, S.W., to be the W.M. for the coming term. The result was heartily applauded, and, in reply to the congratulatory remarks of the W.M. presiding, the W.M. elect expressed his thanks to the brethren for the distinguished honour thus conferred upon him, and thought the confidence placed in him by this election was mainly owing to his endeavour to bring to bear such diligence and ability as he possessed upon his work, and to his constant attendance to his duties, and trusted that his future conduct might always be such as to induce a continuance of the favourable opinion of the brethren towards him. Bro. W. D. Bayley, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, with hearty wishes from all that he might be spared to be re-elected for many years to come. Bro. Potter, P.M., was re-elected Tyler.

The W.M., who is a most genial Chairman at the banquet table, and ever having the comfort of the brethren in view, was obligingly brief in his speeches, so that those to whom the exhalation of fumes is a solace might indulge in their favourite taste, and those who vote after-dinner speeches a bore might be gratified. Bros. Roberts, P.M. 393; Harris, 177; Williams, 172S; and Lee, 821, were visitors, who, in response to their health being drunk, remarked upon the excellent working of the lodge, and the deliberate and impressive manner in which the ceremonies were conducted by the W.M. Bros. Bayley, Ross, Tipper, and Thompson, in conjunction with Bro. Barnett, Organist, rendered valuable service by their vocal and instrumental efforts. The P.Ms. present were Bros. J. R. Stailey, I.P.M.; Harfeld, Bloomfield, Gluckstein, N. Moss, F. Croker, J. D. Barnett, T. W. C. Bush, W. D. Bayley, and E. Gottheil.

**CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge, held at Anderson's Hotel, on Monday last, the 19th inst., was attended by a very large number of visiting brethren, and passed off with considerable eclat. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the ceremony of initiating Mr. Alfred W. Basham was performed by the W.M., Bro. Walter Wood. The ceremony of installation was then commenced, and Bro. W. A. Cubitt, S.W., was presented to the W.M. as the W.M. elect. On the formation of the Board of Installed Masters, the chair was occupied by Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M., D.C., who conducted the installation with admirable precision, the charges especially being delivered in most impressive style.

The investment of his officers by Bro. Cubitt, W.M., was as follows: Bro. Walter Wood, I.P.M.; W. Saint, S.W.; F. Sylvester, J.W.; G. Nightingale, S.D.; S. Smithers, J.D.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; I. Shackell, P.M., Sec.; H. Freeman, I.G.; S. Webb, P.M., D.C.; Hy. Webb, P.M., W.S.; E. G. Davey, A.D.C.; F. J. Heale, A.W.S.; and J. Reinhardt, Tyler.

After voting a sum to the list of Bro. Clare, who goes as Steward to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the proposal by the W.M. of a candidate for initiation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where among the visitors were to be found Bro. John Cubitt, Past G. Pursuivant; J. Roberts, P.M. 65; W. C. Hollands, P.M. 1321; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; J. Turnbull, P.M. 1275; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; J. H. Staton, P.M. 1287; W. H. Marston, P.M. 55; W. Pierpoint, P.M. 813; R. F. Hoskins, W.M. 1820; C. Steel, J.W. 1365; A. Cubitt, I.G. 100; and others too numerous to specify, but, with the brethren of the lodge, mustering upwards of 90. The banquet, served in the best style by Host Bro. Clemow, having received due attention, the usual routine of toasts, interspersed with songs and recitations, concluded an especially enjoyable evening.

Great praise is due to Bros. Sylvester, J.W.; Kift, 1791; S. Webb, P.M.; Davey, Little, A. Cubitt, and others, for their valuable aid to the harmony of this most successful and encouraging installation meeting.

**PERCY LODGE (No. 198).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, when there were present Bros. J. C. Carr, W.M.; George Lambert, S.W.; R. Rowell, J.W.; Geo. Cooper, P.M.; F. Orchard, P.M.; H. C. Lambert, P.M.; W. B. Heath, P.M.; George Cowell, P.M.; Dr. Cross, P.M.; W. H. Rowe, P.M.; J. T. Rowe, P.M.; J. Winter, P.M.; J. J. Caney, P.M.; F. W. Lee, J. Read, F. P. Freeman, R. W. Rogers, J. F. Robinson, and A. Painter. Visitors: Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.; C. Miskin, 1479; H. F. Burrows, 1347; C. T. Harmsworth, 956; Col. Adams, 1615; T. Bowker, W.M. 504; W. R. Palmer, 143; W. H. Newson, 172; W. M. Bywater, P.M. 19; J. W. Cohen, P.M. 205; H. Hollis, P.M. 167; F. Dellivanti, P.M. 1319; R. W. Galer, 1366; P. Hinckes Bird, P.M. 1064; A. C. Wilks; G. Coop, 1141; and R. W. Brown, 179.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bros. C. J. Capes and J. G. Cathie were raised to the Third Degree, and Messrs. J. B. Heynes, R. W. Williams, and Charles Lambert initiated into Freemasonry. These ceremonies were performed in an exemplary manner by the W.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. W. B. Heath, P.M., P.G.S.W. Herts, and Bro. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., was presented and duly installed into the chair of the lodge for the fourth time, after which he appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Rowell, S.W.; F. W. Lee, J.W.; H. C. Lambert, Treas.; W. B. Heath, Sec.; W. H. Rowe, S.D.; F. P. Freeman, J.D.; Geo. Cowell, D.C.; J. Read, Org.; J. T. Rowe, I.G.; and T. Woodstock, Tyler. Bro. J. C. Carr, the I.P.M., was then presented with a Past Master's jewel, with a few well-chosen words from Bro. George Lambert.

All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a "Percy" banquet, for which the house is noted, and an enjoyable evening spent.

**WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at Bro. Morgan's, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when a good number of the brethren assembled under the able Mastership of Bro. A. Holmes, who commenced business by opening the lodge in due form. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the balance sheet for the past year was read and passed, showing the lodge to be in a financial position of which its members might be proud. Bro. Higgins, having proved his efficiency as a F.C., was entrusted with the proof and afterwards admitted to the Degree of a M.M. The W.M. elect having been duly presented was installed into the chair of King Solomon, and afterwards saluted according to ancient custom. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Catterson, jun., S.W.; Carmen, J.W.; J. J. West, Treas.; Bumstead, Sec.; G. H. Kitson, S.D.; W. Jones, J.D.; F. Hurdle, I.G.; and Bro. Goddard, who had been re-elected as Tyler. A vote of thanks was recorded to the Installing Master, Bro. Holmes, for the very able and efficient manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and by a unanimous vote of the lodge the W.M. presented him with a P.M.'s jewel.

There being no further Masonic business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, prepared by Bro. Morgan in his usual good style. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured and re-

sponded to. The number of brethren present was 75, including the following as visitors: Bros. H. Roberts, P.M.; Dawkins, P.M.; Garrod, 79; Dowssett, 79; Atkin, P.M. 55, P.P.G.R. Kent; Calkin, W.M. 1056; T. Gramant, P.M. 1559; W. Cowley, P.M. 1559; Hogg, P.M. 1349; Brockwell, J.W. 1178; Flemming, 1981; Wadworth, 1790; Carter, 171; Newman, 619; T. Hurdle, 1382; G. Atkinson, 1622; W. J. Newall, 73; H. Maunder, 1641; Purvis, 504; and Steel, 1057.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).**—The first regular meeting for the present year was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 19th inst. Bro. W. Laird, W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. G. Treves, S.W.; J. D. Arnold, J.W.; C. Everist, I.P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; C. Pulman, P.M.; T. Poore, P.M., Sec.; G. Allen, P.M.; G. Lilley, P.M.; A. Leonard, S.D.; F. Purkiss, J.D.; Dr. Lewis Jones, I.G.; A. C. Wood, D.C.; J. Ash, W.S.; C. Thomas, Tyler; Sabin, Debenham, Dibbens, and other members. W. Bro. Fredk. Walters, P.M., P.G.D. Middx., was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for two joining members, which was declared unanimous in their favour. Bro. Sabin having proved his proficiency was duly raised, the W.M. performing the ceremony for the first time in a very careful and effective manner. Bro. Stevens, P.M., brought the case of a distressed brother Past Master of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249, before the lodge, and the brethren unanimously voted him two guineas, and expressed the hope that he might receive better treatment elsewhere than that meted out to him by his parent lodge. A letter was read from Bro. W. MacFarland, of the Theatre Royal, Dundee, stating his desire to secure the erection of a memorial stone in the new cemetery, Aberdeen, to mark the resting place of Bro. N. W. Hodges, a Past Master of this lodge, and the sum of two guineas was voted towards that purpose, with an intimation that, if needed, further assistance should be given to Bro. MacFarland, whose kindly interest in the matter was greatly appreciated. Notifications from several brethren interested in candidates for the respective Masonic Charitable Institutions were freely responded to, the keynote of the entire proceedings of the evening being, both by word and deed, Charity. As a result the supper partaken of after the closing of the lodge was more than usually enjoyed by the brethren, who still further exemplified that "greatest of all" the Masonic virtues by practical remembrance of the "poor and distressed." The usual toasts were given, Bro. Walters replying to that given in his honour in terms of great gratification with his visit. Song and recitation were interspersed throughout the remainder of a very pleasant evening, which terminated at a reasonable hour.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. David Hughes, W.M.; H. McClelland, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Hughes, I.P.M.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; H. Harbord, S.D.; D. Hughes, J.D.; R. P. Stevens, I.G.; Hand, Org.; B. Clinch, D.C.; R. Gillard, A.D.C.; R. Whur, W.S.; W. R. Haylock, J. P. Hoddinott, and A. Prince, Stwds.; J. Woodstock, Tyler; Devlin, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; Griffith, P.M.; Ginger, P.M.; Cundy, P.M.; Faux, Gross, Bisle, Rogers, Fimister, Ross, Clarke, Brittain, Rubardt, Newman, Russell, Vears, Diamond, Middlemas, Fisher, Venner, Whitnall, Vale, Fletcher, Taylor, Corkhill, Barwell, Little, Huish, Dharty, G. Smith, Dawson, Bater, Green, E. W. Cundy, Glanville, T. Hosking, Watkins, Morris, Derry, Hardwick, Follett, Richardson, Chivers, Alder, J. Hosking, Gordon, Dance, Roberts, and Pearce. Visitors: Bros. J. Godwin, P.M. 1343, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Essex; J. Cooper, P.M. 55; A. H. Smith, P.M. 56; G. Davis, P.M. 167; V. Keen, P.M. 203; Lambert, P.M. 720; J. G. Fisher, P.M. 1194 and 1624; Magrath, P.M. 1306; Murlis, P.M. 1642; Hiscox, P.M. 1512; Chalfort, P.M. 1425; Wood, 1642; J. Smith, 1623; Morgan, 1901; Hurdle, 1382; Simpson, 1524; Gauntlett, 1901; Ford, 902; Thomas, 1853; H. Gross, 1314; Laughlin, 1305; Cunningham, 1612; Hurdle, 548; Taylor, 1642; Edwards, 1257; Keumm, 185; Weston, 1929; White, 975; H. Barnell, 1343; Job, 861; J. Ford, 1643; and Cowland, 1642.

The lodge was opened, the minutes of the November meeting were read and confirmed, new bye-laws confirmed, and Bro. McClelland, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, by the outgoing Master, Bro. David Hughes, who excited great admiration in the way in which he rendered the ceremony, especially for the very effective manner in which he delivered the address. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. David Hughes, I.P.M.; Harbord, S.W.; Dan. Hughes, J.W.; John Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; R. Pittam Stevens, S.D.; Hoddinott, J.D.; Hand, Org.; Whur, I.G.; Clinch, D.C.; Haylock, W.S.; Prince, T. Hoskings, and Rubardt, Stewards; and Woodstock, Tyler. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Thos. Pearce, who had been previously balloted for, into our ancient Order. Bro. Henry Burnell, of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1343, was proposed as a joining member, and Mr. John Parsons was proposed for initiation.

The brethren adjourned to banquet, and the W.M., in giving the first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft," said that H.M.G. Majesty had not only the sympathy of the whole of the Craft, but the affections of her loyal subjects, and he was sure that the brethren of that lodge would drink the toast with enthusiasm.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. stated that, considering his exalted position, the best thanks of all Freemasons were due to him for the manner in which his Royal Highness was ever ready to fulfil the duties of the Craft, and that every Freemason could not but admire the assiduity and application which he gave to our affairs. He therefore called upon them to drink his health, entitled as he was to their warmest gratitude, and wish him every prosperity in years to come.

The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been given and duly honoured,

The Immediate Past Master took charge of the gavel, and proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he was sure it would give the brethren's hearts great pleasure, as it did his, to see their highly-esteemed Bro. McClelland

in the position in which he was that evening. They all knew his character, and it was unnecessary for him to portray his good traits, and he knew they would join him in supporting him during his year of office to the best of their ability; that being the case, and his qualities being so well-known to them, he should merely call upon them to testify to the goodwill they bore him by drinking his health in bumpers, and wishing him a joyous and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master, having thanked the brethren for the very cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health, stated that he should endeavour to the utmost of his power to justify the choice the brethren had made by placing him in his present position. He then informed the brethren of his intention to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and said he wished to enlist their sympathies on behalf of the aged Freemasons, who stricken in years, and totally unfit to do anything for themselves, it was incumbent on them to do something for them. There were some 400 or 500 aged Freemasons and Freemasons' widows who are relieved by this excellent Charity, and their fixed income being only £3600, and the expenses some £14,000 over and above this, it only showed them how much they required their liberal support, and to help to supply the deficiency it behoved them to put their shoulders to the wheel, and therefore he relied upon the brethren to send him up with a list that would be a credit to the City of London Lodge, and material assistance to this really deserving Charity.

The Worshipful Master, having proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Thos. Pearce," in felicitous terms, Bro. Pearce, in responding, said he was at a loss to know how to thank the W.M. and his brethren for their kindness towards him, but that, at some future time, and as he became better acquainted with their manners and customs, he would endeavour to do so. He had been a long time making up his mind to become one of the Craft, but he hoped he should live to merit the good opinion of the brethren of the City of London Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, then said the next toast was that of their most esteemed "Immediate Past and Installing Officer, Bro. David Hughes." They would all agree with him, he was sure, when he said how charmed he was with the able manner in which the ceremony of installation was performed that evening; but after all, it was no difficulty for such an efficient worker as he had proved himself during the previous year, and he now had much pleasure in affixing the P.M.'s jewel on that brother's breast, which had been voted unanimously to him by the brethren of his lodge, as a testimony of their appreciation of the services he had so willingly and ably rendered them, and he trusted he would never take it out of its case without remembering their sincere wish, that he might wear it for many years to come.

The Immediate Past Master, in replying, thanked the brethren for their kindness towards him, both in the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast of his health, also for the very handsome jewel, that had been presented to him. He trusted that during the past year he had given them satisfaction, for he had tried his utmost to do so, and that he should, in the fact of pinning this jewel on his breast, consider, he was sure, he was pinning the goodwill and honest intention of the members of the lodge towards him.

The Worshipful Master having called upon the members to welcome "The Visitors" with every friendly feeling and enthusiasm, stated there were so many, that it would be impossible to call upon even half of them, but that they should be very happy to hear Bro. Merlis and Bro. Jas. Godwin in response.

Bro. Merlis, in replying, thanked the members of the City of London Lodge for the welcome they had extended towards the visitors, and congratulated them upon having an I.P.M. who could render the installation ceremony with such feeling; he was also very glad to hear that the W.M. intended serving as Steward for the R.M.B.I., and he should have been very glad to have addressed a few words to the brethren respecting that worthy Institution. They had lost during the year one of the pensioners, by name Norris, having reached the respectable age of some ninety odd years, who always was styled "young Norris," and had received no less than £500 from the funds of the Institution.

Bro. Godwin stated that it was difficult to say anything after the able manner in which Br. Merlis had returned thanks, but as a working Mason, he must congratulate the brethren of this lodge on their efficient work. He also desired to commend the worthy I.P.M., and he might state that the prosperity of a lodge greatly depended upon its good foundation, in the form of its P.M.s., and when they found them regular and willing in their attendance, it says a great deal for the lodge. Bro. Godwin then said he visited a goodly number of lodges, but never met a more genial circle, or experienced more bountiful supply, than he had that evening.

The toasts of the "P.M.s., Officers," and Tyler, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were of an exceptionally enjoyable quality, and were ably carried out by Bros. Shakespeare, Henly, Keen, Laughlin, and Hand.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The installation meeting of this progressive and popular lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 13th inst., when there was a large muster of brethren to witness the working of Bro. G. Coleman, W.M., who was supported by Bros. John Jacobs, S.W.; H. W. Kedgley, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; Ed. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; T. A. Dickson, S.D.; B. Solomons, J.D.; G. Reynolds, acting as I.G.; Simeon Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; G. Stacey, P.M., Organist; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler; C. Redley, P.M.; C. Ralph, D. Hewitt, A. Bryan, W. Cousins, Frank Gulliford, J. Woodward, W. S. Tay, G. Bond, A. Freeman, G. Napper, W. F. Thorpe, A. Isaacs, S. Isaacs, L. Isaacs, D. Mordecai, G. Foan, G. Holditch, J. W. Belcham, Z. Isaacs, G. Hudson, G. H. Reynolds, T. Skinner, T. Snow, J. S. Ripley, G. Howard, S. Mordecai, J. Alexander, W. A. Darlring, Turner Wilson, and W. Unwin. Visitors: Bros. E. Taylor, 1567; W. Da Costa, 1349; L. Da Costa, 1349; M. Cox, P.M. 190; Z. Mordecai, 1348; W. C. Smith, 1563; T. Morris, 177; H. Levy, P.M. 183; G. Gardner, 2012; J. Cohen, 811; Simeon, late of 1614; W. C. Smith, 1348; S. Renaut, 1623; L. Jacobs, 1614; C. Baxter, 144; J. Thomas, 654; C. Hawke, 1071; L. Anidjah, 1987; H. Hayle, 186; S.

Isaacs, 1816; C. J. Lewin, 1349; J. Robins, P.M. 25; G. Gow; W. Rorts, 1273; B. Osmond, 1348; J. Gorham, 382; H. Robinson, 1681; T. Segger, 733; C. Boyton, 1839; E. W. Taylor, 95; J. Charlton, 1259; H. J. Hayes, 1348; J. Hicutt, 1563; G. L. Clowe, 169; W. Smead, P.M. 946; Rutter, 1875; H. Hewitt, 834; W. H. Perryman; Churchley, P.G.P.S. Kent; J. Rowe, 1559; A. Clark, P.M. 1227; W. H. Gulliford, 1017; Percy Stanley, 1017; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A unanimous ballot was given in favour of Bros. A. W. Dowling, 2012, and W. Balsham, 723, to become joining members of this lodge. Bro. A. Bryan was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. G. H. Foan was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. John Jacobs, S.W., introduced by Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., as the W.M.-elect, was duly obligated, and Bro. G. Coleman, W.M., rendered the ceremony of installation in a very impressive manner.

The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows for the ensuing year: Bros. H. W. Kedgley, S.W.; T. A. Dickson, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; B. Solomons, S.D.; J. Bassett, J.D.; Geo. Reynolds, I.G.; Simeon Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; G. Howard, A.W.S.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; W. F. Thorpe, D.C.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. Bro. G. Coleman having delivered the charges, Bro. S. Hewitt read the Auditors' report, which was satisfactory, showing that the lodge was in a prosperous condition. The new W.M., in a few kind and appropriate words presented the well-earned P.M.'s jewel to Bro. G. Coleman. The names of five gentlemen were given in as candidates for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form, the W.M. receiving the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, and the brethren expressing themselves delighted with the perfect manner in which Bro. G. Coleman had performed all the ceremonies that evening.

The brethren then adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a most sumptuous repast was provided under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini, the manager of the Criterion, the tables being tastefully decorated with flowers by Bro. T. A. Dickson, of Covent Garden, each brother being presented with a button-hole.

After the usual loyal Masonic toasts, the W.M. especially alluding to H.R.H. the Grand Master, and the coming of age of Prince Edward, which was received by loud applause,

The I.P.M., Bro. G. Coleman, said all knew why the gavel was in his hand, and they must all feel that in their W.M. they had the right man in the right place. He had been a member of the lodge since its foundation, and had performed all the duties of the offices he held well. The opening of his year of office looked bright, and they must all drink his health heartily, wishing him success, and that he would have a good year.

The W.M. having replied, proposed the toast of "The I.P.M."

The I.P.M., Bro. G. Coleman, in reply, thanked all the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and had been fully rewarded by the presentation of the jewel, which he highly prized. He could assure the brethren that, although he had left the chair, his interest would always be with the lodge, and that he would do all in his power for its benefit and prosperity; and, by attending the lodge of instruction, would endeavour to bring forward brethren to worthily fill the chair of K.S.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said they always received a "hearty welcome." They had that night 46 visitors, 10 of whom were P.M.'s—a great honour to the lodge. He hoped they had all enjoyed themselves, and would call upon Bros. Smead, P.M., and Cox, P.M., to respond.

Bro. Smead, P.M., said he rose with a great deal of pleasure to respond for the visitors. He felt sure all had enjoyed themselves. The manner in which their healths had been drunk proved that they were welcome. It must be evident to all that the Covent Garden Lodge had made progress in every way, and he was convinced that the working of the lodge was second to none. The ceremonies of raising, passing, and installation were perfect, and a great treat to all who had witnessed the same. He wished the lodge every success.

Bro. Cox, P.M., endorsed most cordially all that had been said by Bro. Smead, P.M. The visitors had had a hearty reception. The working in the lodge was admirable, and he had never seen the rendering of the ceremony of installation excelled.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," said, where would they be without them? They assisted all they could in the lodge, and in difficulty or trouble they went to them, and all was set right. He must ask the brethren to drink to their healths, and hoped that they would be spared many years to be amongst them.

Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., in reply, said that the P.M.'s were always most willing to give to the lodge all the assistance in their power, and in any doubt were glad to advise. He was proud to say that, with one exception, the P.M.'s had installed their predecessors, and he hoped the future Masters would do the same.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," said all knew the interest they took in the lodge, and how they did their duty; and he asked the brethren to drink most heartily their healths.

Bros. E. Jacobs, P.M., and N. Bourne, P.M., responded by saying that they would do all in their power to forward and take interest in the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said they had proved that evening by their working their valuable assistance.

Bros. W. H. Kedgley, S.W., and T. A. Dickson, J.W., assured the W.M., on behalf of themselves and the other officers, they would do all in their power to assist him in the good working of the lodge, and they trusted that at the end of his year of office he would report well of them.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening. The absence of Bro. W. H. Gulliford, P.M., was frequently regretted.

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by song and recitations by the following brethren: Bros. Rev. P. M. Holden, C. Ralph Rinaut, E. Jacobs, W. A. Dowling, Rorts, C. Solomons, and S. Mordecai with tricks with cards.

**TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst.

at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M., presided, and raised Bro. John Webb to the Third Degree. Bro. S. McDowall, P.M. 1902, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, at the request of the W.M., initiated Mr. Fredk. Cleak. Afterwards Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, installed Bro. G. S. Recknell, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The brethren appointed to office to assist the W.M. for the year were Bros. R. Kimpton, S.W.; A. R. Carter, J.W.; B. Buckworth, P.M., Treas.; John Rexworthy, S.D.; H. J. Rolis, J.D.; G. J. Garland, I.G.; A. S. Harris, D.C.; C. S. Williams, Org.; W. J. Westmore, W.S.; A. G. Watkinson, Asst. W.S.; and A. B. Church, Tyler. The lodge then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Among the visitors present were Bros. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; A. McDowall, P.M. 1902, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; A. Cumner, Stwd. 1426; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1028; W. Carter, P.M. 141; H. Martin, S.W. 879; W. Gray, W.M. 1489; C. W. Fletcher, 2029; C. Gooding, 1329; J. T. Salmon, J.W. 917; E. S. Lardner, S.D. 101; J. Mason, P.P.G. S.D. Middx.; D. J. Bridgegroome, 1364; W. D. Bailey, P.M. 185; and S. G. Homfray, jun., 683.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that with Mr. Gladstone, who wrote the other day to Prince Edward of Wales on attaining his majority, the throne of England was the most illustrious in the world, he entirely agreed.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said Grand Lodge, no doubt, had many virtues, but it also had its failings, and the W.M. had proved himself a true Mason in using language which showed he considered that Charity believed all things and endured all things, because from the later meetings of Grand Lodge it was quite clear they must hope and believe much, and from the awful crush they experienced some time ago, it was clear that they must endure all things. The Grand Officers, however, would do their duty in that state of life to which it had pleased God to call them. He was at the consecration of this Temple Bar Lodge, and to-night it was a great pleasure to him to be present, because they saw not only go out of the chair a P.M. who had devoted his energies to the welfare of the lodge, but placed in the chair a new Master who, as far as they had seen, appeared to be thoroughly up to the mark. They were also going to see another pleasing performance—a presentation to the outgoing Master. Such an act would not only reflect honour on Bro. Bush, but on all who had associated themselves together for the purpose of paying him that compliment.

Bro. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, also replied, and said he had many opportunities of intercourse with the Earl of Carnarvon, and he was surprised and delighted beyond measure to find the vast interest he took in all matters which concerned Masonry. He need scarcely refer to this subject, because many of the brethren were present in Grand Lodge when Lord Carnarvon came down at great personal inconvenience, and supported by his observations the admirable letter written to the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Master, which showed that, notwithstanding the threats of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, his Royal Highness intended cordially and loyally to maintain those lodges in their position which maintained their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. With regard to the Grand Officers, the majority of them were ready on all occasions to do all in their power to assist and support the interests of the Craft. Many privileges were possessed by Past Grand Officers which Masons in general little conceived; but their duties were many, and they gave up their time and abilities to them without grudging, and they were very pleased when, as on this occasion, their services were appreciated.

Bro. Thos. W. C. Bush, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that this toast recalled to his mind the first meeting of the lodge after its consecration, when Bro. Recknell was a candidate for initiation. He (Bro. Bush) on that occasion acted as J.W. Bro. Recknell, being the son of a Mason, claimed priority of the other four candidates, and was thus the first initiate in the lodge. Since that eventful evening Bro. Recknell had behaved in a manner truly Masonic, which gave rise to prognostications that he would obtain the important position in which he was now placed. Those prophecies had been fulfilled, and Bro. Recknell would in his new position, as he had in his old, do his work with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. His conduct would be such as to merit the approbation of all the brethren. Bro. Bush then thanked Bro. Fenn for performing the ceremony of installation, and explained that illness was the sole cause that he (Bro. Bush) did not perform the ceremony himself.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, said it was with no ordinary sense of weight and responsibility that he returned his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the very kind expressions used with regard to himself; he wished he could apply them all to himself. It was quite true that he was the first initiate in the lodge through being the son of a Mason. He was deeply indebted to Bro. Bush and the other brethren for many things, and for the favour received at their hands by electing him to the W.M. chair. It was a very great honour, but he felt that there were many difficulties and responsibilities connected with the office. He should, however, endeavour to solve those difficulties by the utmost care and attention. It had been truly said that he who did his best according as circumstances would allow, acted nobly and did well. He did not presume to say he should do well during his year, but he could assure the brethren he should do his very best, and the best could do no more. There had always been the kindest regard and good feeling existing among the members of the lodge, and in this way the lodge had been carried to success. In return he could only say he esteemed and regarded every member of the lodge, and he should exercise towards the brethren the greatest courtesy. If they all pulled together the lodge must go on well.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., in responding to the toast of "The Installing Master," said there was one very peculiar and unexampled satisfaction in the present installation, because the W.M. was educated at the Masonic Boys' School. The other day he (Bro. Fenn) was dining at a Club Committee, and the brother sitting next to him in the chair was educated at Christ's Hospital, of which he afterwards became a Governor, and he was proud that he had been a Bluecoat boy. Bro. Recknell was proud that he had been educated in the Masonic Boys' School. There



were many instances of men who had taken a position in a corporation by which they had been educated, and he often wondered that they did not see any of the boys educated in the Masonic School coming to the fore. He was rather ashamed that they did not. But where there was such an instance he (Bro. Fenn) felt additional pleasure in installing such a brother.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Thos. W. Casburn Bush," and presented him with a valuable and elegant tea and coffee set and a beautiful oil portrait of himself (Bro. Bush), which had been painted by Bro. Cyril Stanley Williams, the newly appointed Organist of the Lodge. The W.M. accompanied the presentation by some well-deserved compliments to Bro. Bush on the eminent services he had rendered to the Lodge during several years, both as Warden, Master, and Secretary. Bro. Bush had also served the Charities, and in his capacity of Steward had taken up a total sum of more than £1000. The inscription on the presentation was "Presented to Bro. Thos. W. Casburn Bush, by the members of Temple Bar Lodge, No. 172S, in recognition of the great services he has rendered to the lodge in having twice served as W.M., and in various other capacities." Bro. Bush, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was a very memorable night for him, because he knew that he was in the good opinion and esteem of every brother in the lodge, and not only that, but of every one who had honoured the lodge by his presence. With respect to his services to the lodge, to render them had been a labour of love. As one of the founders of the lodge he found that all who were associated with him in that office had a sincere love of Freemasonry and the influence of the Order, which would cause the lodge to be looked at in the future as conspicuous for every trait and characteristic that should always prevail. The kindness of the brethren would never be effaced from his memory, and if future generations were inclined to forget it, the handsome testimonial and its inscription would remind them. He thanked the brethren for the gift, and hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would enable him for many years to place his services at the disposal of the lodge.

Bros. McDowall and Bailey replied to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Cleak for "The Initiate," and Bro. Butcher for "The P.M.'s." Bro. Terry responded for "The Masonic Institutions," and stated that there would be 127 candidates for the next election of the Benevolent Institution, and only 12 vacancies. The toast of "The Officers," followed by the Tyler's toast, closed the proceedings.

**BROMLEY SAINT LEONARD LODGE** (No. 1805).—The anniversary gathering of the above-named lodge was celebrated with great success on the 13th inst., at the Vestry Hall, Bow-road, E. Among the numerous officers and brethren present were Bros. J. M. Knight, W.M.; A. Peterken, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. E. McLaren, as J.W.; J. Collier, Treas.; W. J. Rawley, Sec.; H. B. Forbes, S.D.; F. Maisland, as I.G.; R. J. Fennell, I.P.M.; W. Clarke, P.G.P. England; S. Smith, H. Johnson, B. Johnson, J. Bailey, Tom Green, R. Toole, W. Horne, and W. Y. Harvey.

The business included the conferring of the Third Degree upon Bro. C. F. Kempland, and the passing of Bro. T. Green to the Second Degree. In both these ceremonies the W.M. acquitted himself in a very able and masterly manner. The next business was the installation of Bro. Archibald Peterken, S.W. and W.M. elect, which was undertaken and most ably fulfilled by Bro. R. T. Fennell, P.M. 1805, &c. After the usual ceremony, the newly-installed W.M. was duly saluted by the brethren, and Bro. Peterken made the following appointments and invested the brethren in a very appropriate and able manner, viz.: Bros. J. E. McLaren, S.W.; H. B. Forbes, J.W.; J. Collier, Treas.; W. J. Rawley, Secretary since the foundation; C. Hornby, S.D.; F. Maisland, J.D.; J. Bailey, I.G.; R. Toole and H. Johnson, Stewards; C. Sheppard, Tyler.

A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented in lodge to Bro. John Mackenzie Knight, I.P.M., in recognition of his able and valuable services to the lodge during the period of his Mastership, and a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Fennell, P.M., for his very efficient services as Installing Master was unanimously voted and adopted.

Other items of lodge business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to Bros. Ritter and Clifford's famous hostelry, the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., where a capital banquet was adequately served and enjoyed.

Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. B. Cundick, P.M., A. Prevost, A. Furness, and R. Hirst, all of 1421; M. Jutsum, S.D. 95; W. M. Mead, 504; J. W. B. Wilson, 174; C. J. D. Mears, 1076; A. J. Nutt, 1395; J. Page, 1749; G. P. Ninnett, 1672; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; F. A. White, P.M. 907; and others.

During the installation ceremony we may mention that Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, acted as S.W.; Bro. F. A. White, P.M. 907, &c., as J.W.; and Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P. England, &c., as D.C. in most able manner.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Bro. Peterken dealt with the usual toast list in an able manner, he having already served the office of W.M. in another lodge.

Bro. J. M. Knight felicitously responded to his health having been toasted, and acknowledged the honour the lodge had done him in awarding him the P.M.'s jewel, which he hoped to wear for many years, and transmit to his successors as an evidence of the respect in which he was held at the conclusion of his year of Mastership of the St. Leonard Lodge.

Bro. Clarke, P.G.P. England, made a stirring and able appeal to the brethren in support of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions.

Bros. Cundick, P.M. 1421; White, P.M. 907; and G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623, responded for "The Visitors," and a successful meeting terminated with the Tyler's toast.

**HONOR OAK LODGE** (No. 1986).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, on the 13th inst. Being an "off-night" we had but little work on the agenda paper, and there was not the customary large attendance. Amongst those present were Bros. C. H. Phillips, I.P.M.; W. Hopekirk, Treas.; H. Maunder Williams, S.W.; H. Stokes, J.W.; G. Langley, acting Sec.; Rev. J. Wilson-Haffenden, Chap.; J. N. Hartley, S.D.; H. Hooper, J.D.; G. W. Knight, I.G.; A. Darel, P.M.; D.C.; F. Francis, W.S.; and Thomas, Tyler; also Bros. James, Wrostencliff, F. Wooton, W.

Bartlett, C. E. Pearson, A. Pitman, E. Bye, and others. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1210, 1426, &c.; and E. A. Francis, 1658.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The attendance of a candidate accepted at a previous meeting was confidently expected, but at the last moment intimation of inability to attend was handed to the W.M. The election of W.M. and Treas. for the ensuing year was therefore at once proceeded with, and Bro. H. Maunder Williams, one of the founders of the lodge and a highly esteemed brother amongst the members, was unanimously elected to the former position, and Bro. Hopekirk, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Both brethren returned thanks in very appropriate terms. Bro. Thomas was re-elected Tyler, after proposition—in terms of earnest appreciation and courtesy as Tyler. A Past Master's jewel of the lodge pattern was voted by acclamation to Bro. C. H. Phillips, W.M., for presentation at ensuing meeting. On the recommendation of one of the visitors, a money vote, in aid of a distressed brother of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool, was granted, and the lodge was then closed. The installation of Bro. Williams, the W.M. elect, will take place on the second Wednesday in February.

**LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE** (No. 1962).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel on the 16th inst. Bro. W. C. Claridge, W.M., presided, and, supported by his officers, raised Bros. Pearce and Cook to the Third Degree. The W.M. next installed Bro. A. Haig-Brown, for whom, he being at the present the Master of the Sincerity Lodge, 174, a dispensation was granted by the Grand Master for holding the two Masterships at the same time. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. Claridge. The following brethren were appointed as officers: Bros. Walter MacDougall, S.W.; A. H. Sandle, J.W.; A. McDowall, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Claridge, I.P.M., Sec.; W. J. Tasman, S.D.; L. V. Walker, J.D.; J. W. McAlpin, I.G.; E. W. Smith, Org.; J. C. Tilt, D.C.; J. Green and H. F. Bing, Stwds.; and Lackland, Tyler. Bro. Claridge then delivered the addresses in excellent style.

Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. said it was usual when a Past Master's jewel was voted to an outgoing Master to present that jewel at the banquet table; but it was really Masonic business, and therefore ought to be conducted in lodge. He should therefore present Bro. Claridge with the jewel voted to him by the lodge in the lodge, and he requested that worthy brother to value it not for its intrinsic worth, not that it was so many guineas' worth on the lodge minutes, but because it represented the feelings of the brethren of the lodge who had voted it, and who regarded Bro. Claridge's work as an example to the lodge. Bro. Claridge had till the last year performed the duties of Secretary, and he had done this so well that the brethren considered he ought to have the compliment paid him of electing him as Master of the lodge. The brethren therefore elected him; he was installed, and he had had a year of office which reflected the greatest credit on him. It was in consideration of these services that the brethren at the last meeting voted him a Past Master's jewel, and this jewel they all hoped now he would live many years to wear as a memento of those energetic and excellent services he had performed.

Bro. Claridge, in reply, said he fully appreciated the gift of the brethren, and he should ever consider it his greatest honour to be able to wear it. He had endeavoured to sustain the character of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, and he was sure that what he had done had been fully estimated by the brethren. He should not value the jewel for its money value, as the W.M. had said, but for the kind feelings which had incited the brethren to vote it to him.

The lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. The following brethren were present among the visitors of the evening: Bros. J. S. Stacy, S.D. 1572; J. J. Berry, P.M., P.Z. 554; A. McMillan, P.M. 1305; D. J. P. Campbell, J.W. 21; J. S. Ladge, 1178; J. Rowe, 1559; J. Gordon, 1924; C. G. Williams, 1728; E. F. Debenham, 28; W. H. Marston, P.M. 55; H. Smith, W.M. 1818; J. Marrans, 1017; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; T. W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728; Boulton, P.M. 1056; G. Mickley, P.M. 449; J. A. Archer, W.M. 1673; H. Nuding, W.M. 140; G. Wakefield, 1298; W. A. Gorman, 27; W. M. Wells, I.G. 174; W. T. Wyatt, 1894; G. G. Stockman, 725; and A. R. Carter, J.W. 1728.

After the banquet the usual toasts were proposed. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," were duly honoured.

Bro. Claridge, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that Bro. Haig-Brown was so well known, that it was a household word in the brigade, and certainly it was in the lodge. Therefore they looked forward with a very great deal of pleasure to his year of office, feeling well assured that he would have both a happy and a prosperous year. The brethren of the lodge would join with him in heartily wishing the W.M. such a year of office.

The W.M., in reply, said he could only imagine that the brethren did not place him in that position hastily, but that they thought over it, and the fact that his election was unanimous, showed that the brethren were all of one mind. They thought that he was most fitted to fill the position he now occupied, and he only trusted that when his year of office had expired they would be of the same opinion. It would be his desire and endeavour to keep up the credit, the honour, and the reputation of this London Rifle Brigade Lodge.

It was a young lodge, but it was started under good auspices—it had continued in its career with grand and noble success up to the present, and it would be his aim not to dim that success, but to add, if possible, lustre to it. He had Masonry generally at heart; it was his aim and endeavour to do all he could in Masonry and towards Masonry, and he was sure they would give him credit for having done his best. If they thought he had not done it, they thought it was what he ought to have done.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M. and the other Past Masters." Bro. Claridge was in a dual capacity of I.P.M. and Secretary. They were aware that since the foundation of the lodge he had been the mainspring of it. He had been the Secretary of the lodge from its foundation, and even while he was Master he was to a great extent Secretary as well. He had now returned to his real duties, but he had just had thrust upon him the additional honour of being I.P.M. of the lodge. The other two Past Masters were now Bros. Neville Green and McDowall. He was sure if a difficulty arose in the lodge

the W.M. would have plenty of brethren to assist him without reference to the Book of Constitutions.

Bro. Walter C. Claridge, I.P.M., in responding, said it was a very proud position to be placed in, and he appreciated to the full extreme the being placed in the position of P.M. of this lodge. Even before the foundation of the lodge up to the present time he had been continually before the brethren, therefore he need not take up their time saying more. But he would take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for the kindness and good fellowship and friendship they had shown to him, and for his having been placed in the proud position of I.P.M. of this lodge.

Bro. Neville Green, P.M., also replied. As an old member of the Brigade he had often thought of forming this lodge. Years ago, before it was sanctioned, he had thought of it, but various difficulties were thrown in the way. However, by sticking to it they had formed the lodge, and the reasons they had given for getting it up had been fully justified by the result. He was proud of having been the first Master. The lodge was now entering upon its fourth year. It had only been consecrated a short time, but from the steady way it went forward it had fulfilled the prediction of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke that it would become one of the best lodges in London. They had an additional reason for working well together, all being members of the same regiment—a regiment which stood very high indeed in Volunteer circles. As long as he had health and strength to remain a member of the lodge, he should always do so, and give his best services to it.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bro. Thos. W. C. Bush, P.M. Temple Bar Lodge, was the first respondent, and he said that in the London Rifle Brigade Lodge he had many true and valued friends. Within the last few months his third son had joined the regiment, and from what that son had seen of many of the members of the lodge, when his age permitted, he would if they thought fit to elect him, join with hearty goodwill this grand and loyal lodge. Bro. Bush then took the opportunity of thanking Bro. Walter McDowall for performing the ceremony of initiation for him the evening before in the Temple Bar Lodge, when he (Bro. Bush) was too unwell to do so.

Bros. Howard Smith and Major Campbell also replied.

The Worshipful Master also proposed "The Masonic Institutions," and made a powerful appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the next festival, of which Bro. McDowall was going to be a Steward of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge.

Bro. McDowall, in the course of his reply, said there were 46 aged Freemasons and 81 widows on the list for election in May to the annuity of the Benevolent Institution, while there were only 12 vacancies for the men. Unless the fund was greatly contributed to 81 widows would have to go away disappointed. Bro. Neville Green represented the lodge for the Boys' School the year before last; he (Bro. McDowall) had the honour of representing the lodge at the Girls' School last year, and he felt very proud indeed now to have an opportunity of taking up the largest list of any London or provincial combination to the Benevolent Institution. He could not command money, but he asked for it: it was in a good cause; it could not be given to a better. He was doing the best he could for it; he had sent out circulars to the brethren, and he hoped he should be able to represent the London Rifle Brigade Lodge in the way in which it deserved.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the S.W. and several other brethren acknowledged the compliment. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. There was some excellent singing during the evening by members of the lodge.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge** (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of this grand old lodge, now verging on its centenary, took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when a goodly number of the brethren and visitors from far and near assembled to greet the W.M., Bro. G. H. Masters, and wish him and the lodge a prosperous and happy new year. Bro. Masters presided, and was supported by Bros. R. Smith, I.P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; H. Syer, P.M.; T. Hosgood, P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; W. J. Akers, S.W.; A. Cleal, J.W.; J. G. Milbourne, S.D.; W. Tailby, J.D.; H. Grice, I.G.; L. Chasteauf, Stvd.; J. W. Gee, Treas. 1536; W. Moulds, S.W. 1536; W. Maule, S.D. 1536; J. Saunderson, J.W. 700; J. Wood, 381; G. J. Calton, 158; C. Jolly 913 (Freemason); and others.

Messrs. Dennison and Keeble were initiated. Bros. Goddard, Higgitt, Saule, Martin, and Duckmanton were passed; and Bros. Curtis and Howard were raised. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments in the hall.

At the social board, the W.M., in brief but well-chosen sentences, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially responded to.

Bro. Smith, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said Bro. Masters had already given them proofs of what he could do over and over again. His working was all that could be desired, and under his rule there was no fear that the Union Waterloo Lodge would lose anything of its old renown. He asked them therefore to drink his health with all the honour it deserved. The toast having been drunk with fervour,

Bro. Masters, in returning thanks, said they knew he was unable to make a long speech, and also how highly he esteemed their good wishes. That year would mark an epoch in the history of their lodge, for before he left the chair he hoped that he would be in a position to tell them that Grand Lodge had granted them their centenary jewel on the completion of the hundredth year of uninterrupted existence. It was the oldest lodge and mother of all the lodges of the district, and the only one that could lay any claim to such antiquity around them. He thanked them cordially for the toast.

The other toasts were "The Initiates," "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Press."

The evening was a most pleasant one, and we congratulate the W.M. on such a prosperous and harmonious beginning of his year of office.

**BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge** (No. 37).—The annual festival of this ancient lodge (constituted 1732) was held at the Swan Hotel, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. John Booth, W.M.; F. W. Pacey, S.W.; J. W. Poyntz, J.W.; S. Sherwood,



J.D.; Hollands, I.G.; Jessett, P.M., W.S.; Eales, A.W.S.; J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; and others. Bro. Penney, 834, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Scholing was initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The installation ceremony was then carried out by Bro. J. Hammond, P.M., assisted by Bros. Jessett, P.M., as S.W.; Hopwood, P.M., as J.W.; Walls, P.M., as D.C.; and Moody, P.M., as I.G. The officers invested for the year ensuing were as follows: Bros. Spearing, S.W.; Wheatley, J.W.; E. Hopwood, Treas.; W. Hammond, Sec. (pro tem); Hollands, S.D.; Eales, J.D.; Ransford, I.G.; Walls, P.M., D.C.; Davies, A.D.C.; Jessett, P.M., W.S.; Bridle, A.W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx., P.G.A.D.C., &c., was unanimously elected an honorary member, and Bro. Fox, P.M. (late 1512), received a similar compliment.

A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer, and a Past Master's jewel presented to Bro. T. Moody, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).—The annual installation of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Derby Hall, Tuebrook, upwards of twenty P.Ms. and Prov. Grand Officers being present. The chair was taken by Bro. T. Delamere, W.M., supported by Bros. P. Asbury, I.P.M.; John Henderson, P.M.; Henry Jones, P.M.; R. Armitage, S.W.; Dr. O. E. B. Limrick, J.W.; R. Stirzaker, S.D.; Dr. Owen, J.D.; J. Lyon, Secretary, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Isaac Smith, W.M. 897; J. F. Foulkes, J.W. 292; John Beesley, P.G.S.; E. Catrall, W.M. 203; John Whalley, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Marshall, W.M. 1756; J. J. Smith, W.M. 1035; R. Martin, P.G.T.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675; C. Wadsworth, W.M. 292; W. C. Erwin, P.G.A. Sec.; George Morgan, P.M. 155; Henry Hindle, P.M. 1620; W. Savage, P.M., 1609; R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; Dr. Price, P.M. 155; Dr. Judson, 32; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. R. Armitage, S.W., a popular member of 1620, was presented by Bros. Delamere, W.M., and Henderson, P.M., and Dr. Hy. Ritts, P.M., P.G. S.B., who had in the meantime taken the chair, installed him in a most efficient manner. A full choral service by Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., was effectively given by Bros. D. J. Davies, R. Melody, J. T. Jones, W. H. Quayle, O. J. Rowlands, and W. Forrester, the composer, accompanying.

The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. Dr. O. E. B. Limrick, S.W.; Rd. Stirzaker, J.W.; Luke Bagnall, Treas. (re-elected for the ninth time); Dr. R. Foster Owen, Sec.; E. J. Ingham, D.C.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., Org.; J. M. Harvey, S.D.; W. J. B. Pitts, J.D.; Thomas Airey, I.G.; Samuel Bushell, S.S.; Dr. F. E. Ackerley, J.S.; John Edwards, A.S.; John Saunders, A.S.; Thomas Delamere, I.P.M.; and R. Neville was re-elected Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together in the large hall, under the presidency of the W.M., who during the evening presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Delamere, on behalf of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel, accompanied by a diamond ring for Mrs. Delamere.

A capital selection of music, contributed by the musical brethren already mentioned, enlivened the proceedings.

**MIDDLESBOROUGH.**—Ferrum Lodge (No. 1848).—The annual festival of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Martin-road, on the 14th inst. The Hall has recently been redecorated and added to most extensively. An entirely new hall has been built in the rear of the old one, which has been converted into a refreshment room, and the adornments of the new lodge room are most chaste and elegant. The Ferrum Lodge, although comparatively recently formed, numbers on its roll most of the leading Masons in the town and neighbourhood, and is regarded as one of the best lodges in the province. At 4.30, for which hour the lodge was called, the brethren assembled in the ante-rooms, and shortly afterwards the Master, Bro. J. A. Malcolmson, assumed the gavel and opened his lodge and called upon Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.S., P.G.W., to take the chair and proceed with the ceremony of installation. The W.M. elect, Bro. Friend E. Streeten, was presented by Bro. W. H. Cowper, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and the ceremony proceeded. A Board of Installed Masters was opened in full form, Bro. R. Davison, P.M., P.P.G.O., acting as S.W., and Bro. A. Farmer, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as J.W. The following officers were appointed, viz.: Bros. J. A. Malcolmson, I.P.M.; Walter S. Cowper, S.W.; J. V. Cooper, J.W.; R. Davison, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Ward, Sec.; H. Cochrane, S.D.; G. Longbotham, J.D.; W. H. Cowper, P.M., D.C.; J. Wynterschluden, I.G.; J. F. Stewart, Org.; J. Glen and P. Cochrane, Stewards; and J. Ingram, P.M., Tyler. Amongst the visitors and brethren present were Bros. J. T. Belk, P.M., P.G.S.W.; J. Watson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Hogg, P.M., P.P.G. A.D.C.; J. T. Seller, P.M. 1611; H. Sherwood, W.M. 602; M. H. Collingwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hunter, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; A. C. Knowles, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Mayson, P.M. 764; J. Sinclair, P.M. 661, P.P.G.P.; G. Carter, P.M. 764; W. J. Williams, P.M. 1848; W. Gill, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. A. Manners, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Metcalfe, P.M. 531; J. M. Meek, P.M. 1378, P.P.G. Reg.; H. Bowman, P.M. 764; C. D. H. Drury, P.M.; D. Whitehead, P.M. 1334; J. Rushford, 602; W. Belk, 531; J. Wilson, 764; N. Thompson, 764; E. Hudson, 764; J. H. Bennett, 531; H. B. Olsen, 764; E. W. Wood, 602; W. P. Cochrane, 1848; W. J. Watson, 1848; R. Gentz, 602; M. Harrison, 531; R. Wilkinson, 602; J. T. Wilson, 764; J. P. Smithson, 1 (Kansas, U.S.A.); T. H. Evans, 236; G. Burdett, 1244; R. Braithwaite, 602; R. Bray, 1512; and others.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Corporation Hotel, at which nearly all the brethren sat down. The toast list was unusually long, but on this occasion the circumstance was held to be rather an advantage than otherwise, since it gave more opportunity for the introduction of harmony. Bro. Stewart presided ably at the piano, and songs were given in beautiful style by Bros. Whitehead, (Durham Cathedral Choir), Farmer, Cowper, and many others. During the proceedings Bro. Cowper, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented a gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. A. Malcolmson, the I.P.M., who suitably responded.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Swain, was supported by Bros. Chretien, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Cottebrune, Preceptor; Christmas, S.D.; Lansdowne, J.D.; Krohn, I.G.; Bassington, Hon. Treas.; Cross, Hon. Sec.; Cobham, Hunt, Von Joel, Dairy, March, Weeks, and Bull. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. March being the candidate. The W.M. then resigned his position to Bro. Bull. Bro. Swain was presented to the W.M. as W.M. elect to receive the benefit of installation, which was then proceeded with. On the M.M.s retiring, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and afterwards closed. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. at the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed in perfect harmony. At a meeting of the Masonic Charities Association, the ballot was gained by Bro. Stroud.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on the 19th inst. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. R. P. J. Laundy, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; H. Purdue, W.M. 834, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Laurence, S.D.; G. A. Laundy, J.D.; H. Moss, I.G.; M. J. Green, Stwd.; C. Andrews, P.M. 77; W. Craig, P.M. 1323; O. L. Latreille, P.M. 1260; F. Swain, W.M. 1328; C. S. Mote, J. Cruttenden, F. Chandler, C. Coleman, J. Hutchins, J. Greenway, H. P. Gilbert, A. J. Chapman, C. J. Morse, and W. Batley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Craig being the candidate. Bro. Swain then, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the able manner Bro. Laundy had performed the duties of the chair for the first time, and also to Bro. Swain for rehearsing the installation ceremony. Bro. Stroud having been elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Victoria Restaurant, Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Brindley, W.M.; Gibson, S.W., Treas.; Foulson, J.W.; Musson, Sec.; Capt. Butterworth, P.M., S.D.; Mimms, J.D.; Fraser, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Butterworth, P.M.; Cross, P.M.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Goffin, P.M.; C. Taylor, P.M.; Edmonds, P.M.; King, P.M.; Harris, Harrison, Sutton, Taylor, Purnell, jun., Martin, Greenway, Saunders, Heil, Dexter, Hayes, Plumbridge, Clarkson, McCullagh, Edwards, Ray, Power, Baughan, Chilcott, Woolstein, Bond, Bowen, Grist, Ogg, Winn, Alexander, Coughlan, S.W. 144, W.M. elect; Green, Whitehead, Morgan, Saunders, Sims, Adams, Brewer, Kirk, King, Salter, Holland, Hambling, Davies, Thom, and May.

This being the first night of the lodge meeting in their new quarters, the above large number of members assembled to do honour to the officers of the mother lodge, who took their respective offices on this occasion. Bros. Coleman, S.D., and Harvey, I.G., were absent, but their duties were performed by Bros. Capt. Butterworth and Fraser. The lodge having been opened, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Greenway and Woolstein acting as candidates, respectively. The ceremonies were performed by Bro. Brindley in his usual faultless style, the W.M. being ably assisted by the respective officers. The following brethren having been duly elected members of the lodge—Bros. Kirk, 1681; Salter, 1624; Brewer, 141; Holland, 1624; Hambling, 2030; Goffin, W.M. 1572; Woolstein, 1604; Davies, 172; and King, P.M. 916—the Preceptor, Bro. Wray, P.M., rose and gave expression to the satisfaction he felt at seeing so many brethren assembled to honour the Wanderers in their new abode, and also for the honour in that way paid to the officers of the mother lodge.

Bro. Brindley, in a short but felicitous speech, responded for the officers of the mother lodge. Bro. Hayes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Green, W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Gibson, Treas.; J.W.; Wade, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Gilbert, S.D.; Brindley, J.D.; Grist, I.G.; C. White, P.M.; Edwards, and F. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degree. Bro. Coughlan, assisted by the brethren, worked the First Section of this Lecture. Bro. Hayes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**Royal Arch.**

**NORWICH.**—Cabbell Chapter No. 807.—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Club, 47, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 8th inst., and among those present were Comps. George Green, P.G.S., M.E.Z.; T. J. Mackley, H.; J. J. Hunt, J.; John B. Bridgman, P.G. Stwd., I.P.Z.; Edwin Baldwin, P.Z. 40, 213, P.G.S.E., S.E.; Thomas Campling, S.N.; Henry Rosling, P.S.; Henry Thonless, 1st A.S.; J. H. Guyton, 2nd A.S.; George Baxter, P.Z. 213, P.G.S.N., Treas.; J. W. Browne, Org.; W. Murrell, Janitor, A. J. Berry, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; John E. Short, P.Z.; George Berry, George Hammond, W. W. Warner, W. N. Cooper, Bond, J. Weyer, and A. King. Among the visitors were Comps. Thorn, 52; James Dunsford, P.Z., P.G.D. of C.; Charles Bacon, and Spowart, 213.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation were duly read and confirmed.

The ballot was then taken for Bro. George Jewson, P.M. 93, P.P.G.D., and was declared unanimous, who was then duly exalted by the Principals; the ceremony being excellently performed by those taking part in it. The installation of the Principals for the ensuing year then took place, which was respectively performed by Comp. E. Baldwin installing the 1st Principal; T. J. Mackley the 2nd Principal; and J. B. Bridgman the 3rd Principal; which was done in an excellent manner. The companions having been admitted the officers were duly invested, and the following are now the present officers of the chapter: Comps. T. J. Mackley, M.E.Z.; J. J. Hunt, H.; Thomas Campling, J.; George Green, I.P.Z.; Edwin Baldwin, S.E.; Henry Rosling, S.N.; Henry Thonless, P.S.; J. H. Guyton, 1st A.S.; W. N. Cooper, 2nd A.S.; George Baxter, Treas.; John W. Browne, Org.; and W. Murrell, Janitor.

Comp. Green, in the course of the evening, proposed that as it was then the day of the coming of age of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, the eldest son of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Principal, a telegram should be sent to His Royal Highness at Sandringham congratulating him upon the event, and this proposal was agreed to.

The telegram was then dispatched in the following form:—"From Geo. Green, M.E.Z., the Principals, Officers, and Companions of the Cabbell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 807, at 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Principal, Sandringham. We, in solemn conclave assembled, desire to congratulate your Royal Highness upon the occasion of our royal Prince Albert Victor attaining his majority, and pray the Most High ever to continue His blessing upon yourself and your royal family."

A letter from Comp. G. Baxter, in reply, thanking the companions for the vote passed at the last convocation of condolence with him and his family at the loss of his father, Mr. James Baxter, was then read by the S.E. Comp. C. W. Bacon then stated that he was endeavouring to raise sufficient funds for a Stewardship in the Masonic Girls' School, and having explained its position, solicited a contribution from the chapter and from those companions who were desirous of assisting him in his object. It was proposed and seconded that a sum of five guineas should be given from the funds of the chapter, which proposition was duly carried. Comp. A. J. Berry was then elected as a Director representing the chapter at the Masonic Association, and "Hearty good wishes" being given by the visitors present, the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to the banqueting room, at the conclusion of which the usual Royal Arch, loyal, and Masonic toasts were duly given and acknowledged.

It was announced in the course of the evening that the chapter, notwithstanding its resuscitation in 1881, without furniture, and since that period an entire new set of furniture from the Principals' robes to the smallest ornament in the chapter had been purchased; the chapter was now not only out of debt, but that a balance was in the hands of the Treasurer, and it was acknowledged that this flourishing state was mainly due to the perseverance and energy of Comp. Baldwin, S.E., to whom the thanks of the companions are due. On the following day Comp. Green received a reply to the telegram sent to Sandringham as follows:—"From Prince of Wales to Geo. Green, Officers, and Companions Cabbell Chapter, No. 807, Norwich.—Many thanks for your kind congratulations."

We congratulate the companions upon their flourishing state, and trust they may have a successful year.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).**—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Thursday, the 15th inst., when there were present Comps. R. Bird, Z.; W. Radcliffe, H.; H. E. Dehane, J.; G. Gregory, acting S.E.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; J. Strugnell, P.S.; and D. T. Holness. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Holness being candidate. A sub-committee was appointed to carry out the details of the second annual gathering, at which the companions of the Camden Chapter of Improvement will be invited to co-operate. The chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

**Mark Masonry.**

**DERBY.**—Derby Lodge (No. 302).—The regular meeting of this very flourishing lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 4th inst. Present: Bros. P. Wallis, P.G. Stwd., Prov. G.D., W.M.; Thos. Cox, P.G.J.W., I.P.M.; W. Whittaker, S.W.; Jos. Bland, J.W.; A. Frazer, as M.O.; C. Webster, S.O.; A. Woodiwiss, J.O.; Mole, Secretary; J. O. Manton, Treas.; John Walker, S.D.; W. J. Piper, as J.D.; G. T. Wright, P.M., D. of C.; F. Campion, R. of M.; J. H. Clarke, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler; Rev. T. Orrell, P.G. Chap.; Col. John Evans, J. Howell, and J. Smith.

Lodge was opened at 7.30, and the following brethren having previously been elected, were advanced to the Degree of Mark Masters in a most able manner by the W.M., the Prov. G. Chaplain reading the passages of Holy Writ, W. Bro. Fitzherbert Wright, P.M. 1324, P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. E. Sutton, 253. A certificate was presented to Bro. J. Howell, and lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper in the lower hall. The W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Whistler, S.W., then proposed "The Prov. Grand Master and Officers," to which Bro. T. Cox, I.P.M., and the W.M. responded. In the course of Bro. Cox's speech, allusion was made to the probable formation, in the course of time, of Derbyshire into a province by itself.

The newly advanced brethren, in responding to their healths, expressed themselves highly pleased with the ceremony, and the pleasure it gave them to become members of this Mark lodge.

The S.W. proposed "The Health of the W.M., who feelingly responded, and proposed "His Officers," thanking them for their very able help in working the ceremony.

Bros. J. Bland, J.W., and J. Walker, S.D., responded. The W.M. will again represent the lodge at the next Mark Benevolent Festival.

**KINTORE LODGE (No. 333).**—The second regular meeting of this promising young lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Monday, the 12th inst. Present: Bros. G. H. Newington Bridges, W.M.; T. Poore, acting I.P.M.; J. H. Hastie, J.W.; C. Fountain, M.O.; B. R. Bryant, G. Std. Br., J.O.; C. H. Nevill, Sec.; G. Norrington, S.D.; R. C. Ingram, J.D.; G. J. Venables, I.G.; J. W. Routledge, R.M.; R. A. Marshall, D.C.; J. S. Terry, Stwd.; J. E. Tidd, and others. Visitors: Bros. V. T. Murché, S.D. 22; R. J. Voisey, W.M. 22; J. Holliday, P.G. Std. Br. Middx. and Surrey, W.M. 234; and Seymour Smith, Org. 22.

In the absence, through bereavement, of Bro. T. Edmonston, the chair of S.W. was occupied by Bro. Nevill, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following brethren were advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M.: Bros. W. S. R. Payne, W.M. 1669; and Sidney F. Hill, Org. 1216. The beautiful ceremonial was rendered in a manner for which this lodge, young as it is, is already becoming famous. The proposed bye-laws of the lodge were then read and approved, and candidates having been proposed for advancement at the next meeting, the W.M. then announced that the Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey had accepted the invitation to hold the next annual meeting under the banner of the Kintore Lodge, and had fixed Monday, the 1st of June, for that meeting. On the motion of the J.W., seconded by the W.W., it was agreed unanimously that the Secretary be instructed to forward a letter of condolence to Bro. T. Edmonston, S.W.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most enjoyable evening was concluded.

The beauty of the ceremonies in lodge, as well as the enjoyment of the latter part of the evening, were materially increased by the able manner in which Bro. Seymour Smith presided at the organ and piano.

The excellent working of the officers of this lodge is due mainly to the assiduity with which they have attended the Kintore Lodge of Instruction, founded by them, and held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, every Friday, at nine p.m., under the guidance of W. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G., Preceptor.

### Knights Templar.

#### MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D.)

—This old encampment met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights Robert Berridge, E.C.; Dr. Sanders, M.D., Prelate; F. W. Driver, 1st Captain; Graveley, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, P.E.C., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C., G.C. of G., Registrar; Glenn, Expert; J. H. Dodson, C. of L.; Alfred Tisley, 1st S.B.; Stohwasser, 2nd S.B.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Herald; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; Roebuck, P.E.C., P.G.H.; Alfred Williams, P.E.C.; E. Storr, Harris and others. Sir Knights C. F. Matier, P.E.C., and Croft were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, it was reported that Sir Knight Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, was in attendance. An arch of steel having been formed, he was duly escorted to the dais, and ably installed Sir Knt. F. W. Driver as E.C. for the year ensuing. The officers appointed and invested for the year 1885 were as follows: Sir Knts. R. Berridge, Prelate; Graveley, 1st Captain; Glenn, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Registrar; J. H. Dodson, Expert; Tisley, C. of G.; Stohwasser, 1st S.B.; Lardner, 2nd S.B.; Andrews, 1st Herald; Wood, 2nd Herald; Harris, D.C.; and Rawles, Equerry. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, Sir Knt. Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, P.S.P., was unanimously elected an honorary member. A Past Commander's jewel having been presented to Sir Knight Berridge, Comp. Spence, of R.A. Chapter No. 19, was installed a Knight of the Order by Sir Knt. F. W. Driver, the ceremony being well performed.

Several letters of apology having been read, the encampment was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet at the Holborn Restaurant. The long routine of toasts was gone through, and an enjoyable evening spent.

### Allied Masonic Degrees.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.**—A meeting of this prosperous council was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 17th inst. Among those present were Bros. Capt. G. Lambert, W.M., &c.; Roy, S.W.; Venn, J.W.; Powell, Treas., acting Sec.; T. C. Walls, S.D.; J. L. Mather, P.M., S.G.W., acting J.D.; Graveley, I.G.; Dr. Mickley, and Shirley. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M. of the Ebor Lodge, York, was a visitor, and Bro. A. Williams, D.G.M. of the Order, was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Pigeon, 320 (Mark); Shilcock, 234 and 4 (Mark); and Spencer, Old Kent (Mark), were initiated into the Order of St. Lawrence by the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the degree of Knights of Constantinople, and the aforesaid brethren received that degree. The council was then opened in the degree of Red Cross of Babylon, and Comps. Shilcock, 403, and Spence, 19, were duly installed as Knights of the Order. Bro. Roy was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Powell, Treasurer, for the year ensuing. Bros. T. C. Walls and J. L. Mather were appointed Auditors. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the W.M., it was moved by Bro. Walls, seconded by Bro. Mather, and carried unanimously, that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D. G.M., expressing a hope that he will speedily recover from the effects of his recent severe accident.

The lodge was then closed in the degree of St. Lawrence, and the brethren dined at the Holborn Restaurant, under the genial and able presidency of Bro. Lambert. The brethren were then joined by Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.W., and Williamson.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight will be held at the Town Hall, Ryde, on Friday, the 30th inst., at 2 o'clock p.m.

### China.

At this time of the year, the election of Worshipful Masters and their installations are quite common around this neighbourhood, and am pleased to say that Freemasonry is progressing most rapidly under the able presidency of our much respected District Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother C. P. Chater.

On the 11th inst., the installation of the St. Mary Magdalene Chapter of Sovereign Princes, Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., No. 73, took place at the Masonic Hall, Zeland street, when Most Worshipful Sovereign W. Danby was installed, together with the following officers, High Prelate, Dr. P. B. C. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon; First General, F. E. C. George; Second General, Paul Jordan; Treasurer, J. Melville Matson, (Manager of the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited); Grand Marshal, E. Mackean; Raphael, R. K. Leigh; Captain of Guard, A. O'D. Gourdin; Recorder, J. Hunt; Equerry, J. R. Grimble.

On the following night, Bro. R. K. Leigh was installed W.M. of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1026, by the District Grand Master, when the following brethren were appointed and invested with their collars of office: Bros. H. E. Wodehouse, S.W.; A. O'D. Gourdin, J.W.; A. Levy, Treasurer; C. G. Brunker, Secretary; W. F. D. Cochrane, S.D.; W. Boffey, J.D.; C. S. Goodwyn, Organist; V. A. C. Hawkins, I.G.; C. H. Gordon and W. Blake, Stewards; and J. R. Grimble, Tyler.

### LIVERPOOL MASONIC CLUB.

The annual meeting of the members of this club was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the hall in Hope-street, under the chairmanship of Bro. G. Morgan, Vice-President. A letter was read from Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. Turner, the President, apologising for his absence on account of ill-health, and the members expressed their sincere sympathy with him in view of the cause of his absence. After the Treasurer's accounts had been passed, Bro. G. Morgan was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year; Bro. H. H. Smith, Vice-President; Bro. G. Broadbridge was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. T. Calow, Secretary. Bros. R. Martin, R. Rankin, and Dr. A. Samuels were re-elected members of the committee, and Bro. R. Johnson was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy caused by Bro. H. H. Smith's appointment to the Vice-Presidency. Votes of thanks to the Executive Committee and the Auditors brought the proceedings to a close.

### COMING OF AGE OF BRO. CAPT. EDGAR HENRY BOWYER.

A grand ball was given on Tuesday last, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, by Bro. and Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, to celebrate the coming of age of their eldest son Bro. Captain Edgar Henry Bowyer. The party, numbering nearly 200, assembled from eight to nine o'clock in the large hall, when dancing commenced to the strains of a very efficient band, and continued until 12 o'clock, when the company adjourned to the crown room where a recherché banquet was provided. Bro. Edgar Bowyer proposed the toast of "The Queen, T.R.H. Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The second toast was "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers." Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke responded in a genial speech for the army; Col. Penton for the volunteers. The toast of the evening, that of "The Health of Captain Edgar Henry Bowyer," was next proposed by Bro. Edgar Bowyer. It is needless to add that this toast was very warmly received by all present, thus testifying to the respect and esteem in which the young captain is held.

Capt. Bowyer having replied, Major Foster proposed "The health of Bro. and Mrs. Bowyer," congratulating them on the happy event they were celebrating. This toast was also received with much applause. The toast of "The Ladies" followed, and was responded to in a humorous speech by Bro. Peter de Lande Long and A. Bowyer. The company then returned to the large hall, when dancing was resumed and kept up until the morning had far advanced.

Among those present were Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Mrs. Clerke, and family; Bro. Col. Radcliffe, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, Bro. James Lewis Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Bro. Frank Richardson, Bro. W. T. Rickwood and Mrs. Rickwood, Bro. C. F. Hogard, Bro. James Terry and Mrs. Terry, Bro. T. Hasting-Miller, Bro. Crutch, Bro. J. Moon, Bro. Baker, Bro. F. Binckes, Bro. George Kenning and Mrs. Kenning, Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, Bro. Rev. Rose, Bro. Rev. Maguire, Bro. Joyce Murray, Col. Morris and Mrs. Morris, Bro. Col. James Peters, Bro. S. H. Soper and Miss Soper, Bro. Matthews and Mrs. Matthews, Bro. J. E. Dawson, Bro. J. S. Eastes and Mrs. Eastes, Mr. and Mrs. Bonner, Bro. Captain George Lambert, and others.

### The Craft Abroad.

#### THE NETHERLANDS.

We learn from a communication in *La Chaine d'Union* for December from the correspondent of that journal in the Hague that the scheme originated by some zealous brethren of Amsterdam for the purpose of augmenting the funds of the "Louisa Stichting Orphanage" by means of an exposition and art lottery, proved very successful, the amount settled by the committee of management, and by them remitted to the executive of the Orphanage, being upwards of 42,000 francs (£1680).

#### MASONIC INSTRUCTION.

We read in the current number of the *Voice of Masonry* that Bro. John R. Thomas, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, has appointed that schools of instruction shall be held at certain places on certain days in January, February, and March, the object of such meetings being "to enable Masters and other officers of the lodges of this grand jurisdiction, as far as possible, to witness a full exemplification of the ceremonials incident to the conferring of the various degrees of Symbolic Masonry, and to learn the work and lectures as adopted by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master points out that "it is not only the privi-

lege, but also the first duty of every lodge officer to become proficient in the standard work of the jurisdiction," and he expresses a hope that "each locality will be fully represented," and that the brethren who attend "will come determined and prepared to study and work, so that the most progress possible will be made."

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF VIRGINIA.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia was held in Lexington towards the close of last October. M.E. Comp. W. H. H. Lynn presided as acting Grand High Priest, and fifteen chapters were represented. Action in reference to the Anglo-Quebec difficulty was deferred for a year, it being very wisely considered that the parties in disagreement were competent to settle their own differences without trying "to involve the whole Masonic world in their petty quarrel." We should like to see more of the American Masonic bodies animated by the same spirit as this Grand Chapter. Had there been little or no hope on the part of pigmy Quebec that the outer world would sympathise with it in its contest with the giant England, we should probably have heard nothing of this "petty quarrel," and we should have been all the better for hearing nothing.

### Obituary.

#### R.W. BRO. WILLIAM ELIOT, P.P.G.M. DORSETSHIRE.

We announce with regret the death of R.W. Bro. William Eliot, Past Prov. G. Master of Dorsetshire. Bro. Eliot, who was aged 91 years, was initiated in the All Souls Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth, in 1816, and was installed W.M. in 1819. In the year 1839, the late Duke of Sussex appointed him Prov. G. Master of Dorsetshire, which office he resigned in 1846. He was also a P.Z. of All Souls Chapter, No. 170, Weymouth, and P. Prov. G. Superintendent of R.A. Masons in Dorsetshire during the years 1841-45. Bro. Eliot had continued a subscribing member of his mother-lodge from the date of his initiation till his death on Monday, or for 69 years, which is probably a longer period of subscription than is to be found in the case of any other living Mason. The lodge of Friendship and Sincerity, No. 472, Shaftesbury, whose warrant bears date the 17th of October, 1830, still flourishes as a memorial of the Masonic doings in Dorsetshire, in the days long since gone by when our late brother was the respected Master of the Province.

#### BRO. LIEUT.-COL. BURNABY.

Bro. Col. Burnaby who was slain in the battle with the Mahdi's forces, which took place on Saturday last at the Abu Klea Wells, was one of the most brilliant as well as one of the most popular officers in the British Army. He received his first commission in the Royal Horse Guards in 1859, when 18 years of age, and having risen through the intermediate grades, was promoted Lieut.-Col. in 1881. He was present at the battle of El Teb last year, and was the first to mount the parapet of the fort which the Sudanese had erected, being, with Baker Pasha and others, severely wounded on the occasion. In the present expedition he was attached to the Intelligence Department of Sir Herbert Stewart's force, and the latest news received about him was to the effect that he had successfully conducted a convoy from Kortli to Gakdul. Our late brother, however, will be chiefly remembered by his famous "Ride to Khiva," and "On Horseback through Asia Minor," the former expedition having been undertaken in 1875, and having first brought him into public notice. He was in Plevna during the Russo-Turkish war in 1877, and, in fact, had taken every opportunity of acquiring a practical knowledge of the profession of which he was so bright an ornament. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Burnaby was initiated in the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1644, Birmingham, on the 21st November, 1879, but the busy life he had since led had prevented him taking an active part in the proceedings of the Craft.

#### BRO. JOHN WHICHCORD, P.G.A.D.C.

Bro. John Whichcord, F.S.A., Past A.G.D. of C., whose funeral took place at Kensal Green Cemetery, on Thursday, the 15th inst., was initiated in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, and was its Treasurer for many years. He was a founder and acted as the first P.M. of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, in 1867, and in 1873 occupied the chair of First Principal in St. James's Chapter (R.A.), No. 2. In 1873 he was appointed G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies in United Grand Lodge. He was a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution (Female Fund) and Girls' School, and a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School, and had served the office of Festival Steward once for each of the three Institutions. Among those who attended the obsequies of our deceased brother, were Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.J.W. and Sir C. Hatton Gregory, K.C.M.G., P.G.D., the President and several members of the Council of the Institute of British Architects, and deputations from the Institute of Civil Engineers, &c., &c.

### Births, Marriage, and Deaths.

#### BIRTHS.

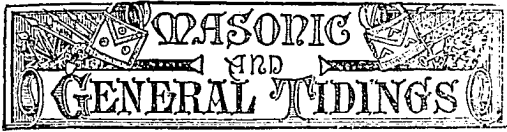
ENGLISH.—On the 19th inst., at Wisbeach, the wife of A. English, of a son.  
HERON.—On the 17th inst., at Riverdale, Bedford, the wife of Capt. F. M. Heron, of a daughter.  
OLDHAM.—On the 18th inst., at Elmer's End, Beckenham, the wife of H. Oldham, of a son.  
WORMALD.—On the 20th inst., at Morden Park, Surrey, the wife of J. Wormald, of a son.

#### MARRIAGE.

BURN—AITKEN.—On the 20th inst., at Pittenweem Episcopal Church, Capt. W. Burn, late 14th Hussars, to Fanny, daughter of the late J. C. Aitkin, Esq.

#### DEATHS.

MCINTYRE.—On the 15th inst., at Clarence Lodge, St. Heliers, Jersey, Charlotte Susannah McIntyre, widow of Aeneas McIntyre, LL.D., F.L.S., and mother of Bro. Aeneas John McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., aged 87.  
SHEPPARD.—On the 18th inst., at Fairbridge-road, Upper Holloway, N., Shearman Sheppard, in his 60th year.



Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., will complete his 56th year on Sunday next; the 25th inst.

Bro. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., will deliver an address on Monday next, at Brighton, in connection with the opening of the Albany School for Girls.

Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts presided at the Guildhall Tavern on Saturday last at the first anniversary dinner of Columbia Market Fruit and Potato Salesmen's Association.

Bro. G. Vickery is the architect of six new warehouses about to be erected for Mr. P. Charles—one in London Wall, one in Philip-Jane, and four in Aldermanbury-avenue.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., has forwarded to the Mayor of Buckingham, for presentation to the town library, a handsomely bound copy of his "Narrative of a Forty Days' Sojourn in the Holy Land."

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., of Curzon Chapel, Mayfair, preached a sermon in aid of the South American Missionary Society, on Sunday last, at the church of Allhallows, Lombard-street.

Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, of the Fourth Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), has been granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, an announcement to this effect being contained in the *Gazette* of Friday last.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, and Alderman A. Keyser are among those who have promised help towards the subscriptions for the case of Denica, of 4, Creed-lane, who has unfortunately been stricken with blindness.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., was present on the 15th inst. at the annual dinner of the Chelsea Bicycle Club, and made a long and very appropriate speech on the subject of athletic development.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas., was among those present at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday, when the Christmas election of the Asylum for Fatherless Children was held. Twelve boys and ten girls were elected from an approved list of 84 candidates.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., has notified to Bro. E. Baldwin, W.M. of Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, his lordship's intention to honour the lodge with his presence on Tuesday next, on which occasion Bro. Baldwin will install his successor for the ensuing year.

We have heard with regret of the death, on Thursday last, at Clarence Lodge, St. Helier's, Jersey, of Mrs. McIntyre, widow of Dr. Æn. McIntyre, and mother of Bro. Æn. McIntyre, O.C., M.P., P.G.J.W. We offer our respectful sympathy to Bro. McIntyre on the great loss he has thus sustained.

Bro. Earl Cowley, while driving with a friend from Chippenham Station on Monday evening, met with an accident through the horse taking fright at a passing train and bolting. Both were thrown out of the trap, and considerably shaken; but his lordship was shortly afterwards able to proceed to Draycott Park. As for the horse and trap, which collided with a corn merchant's waggon, the former was so injured that it had to be killed, while the latter was broken in two.

At the Court of Aldermen, held at the Guildhall on Tuesday, there were present: Bros. the Lord Mayor, who presided; Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W.; Sir F. Truscott, P.G.J.W.; Sir H. E. Knight, Staples, De Keyser, Waterlow, and Isaacs. A letter was read by the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.J.W., from Bro. Sir C. Whetham asking further leave for three months on the ground of ill-health. The request was granted, and the necessary arrangements made for the discharge of Sir C. Whetham's duties.

**SINGULAR ACTION FOR LIBEL.**—At the Cambridge Assizes recently, before Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, an action for libel was tried, in which the plaintiff was a Mr. Brooks, of King's Lynn, and the defendant Bro. Philip Soman, proprietor of the *Norwich Argus*. The plaintiff admitted having been robbed in a house of ill-fame at Westminster, but said he had gone there for a "philanthropic purpose." In cross-examination he made the further admission that he was the writer of a number of letters and postcards which were described as being of a most abominable and blasphemous character. Upon this, his counsel, Mr. Horace Brown, and his solicitor retired from the case; the Lord Chief Justice commending them for the course they had taken. The plaintiff then conducted his own case, and after he had twice addressed the jury, a verdict was given for the defendant with costs.

**THE NIKEMA.**—This is the name given to a new C-spring carriage, just invented and patented by Mr. S. Hart, the well-known coachbuilder, of 79, New Bond-street, and we have no doubt whatever it will be regarded by the public as a vast improvement on the C-spring carriages hitherto in vogue. Mr. Hart, in his "Nikema," has made a clean sweep of the hideous dumb springs and perch, which had not even the merit of utility to excuse their presence. Instead of these four active springs are introduced, which give greater elasticity and ease to the movement of the carriage, and render the vehicle so comfortable that the sense of motion is hardly noticeable. The "Nikema" has the further advantage of being remarkably light in construction—a point, which having regard to the wear and tear of horseflesh resulting from cumbersome and heavy carriages, is of very great importance. Mr. Hart's latest patent has other advantages of a less important character taken by themselves, but contributing materially to enhance the merit of his invention. We congratulate him on the success of his "Nikema," and trust it will be as great a source of profit and fame as it deserves to be.

**INNS OF COURT HOTEL.**—Companion George Kenning has received instructions to prepare the above hotel for the reception of Royal Arch Chapters. The Montague Guest Chapter will be consecrated there in March next.

Bro. Henry Wright, J.W. 1827, was amongst those invited and who were present at the Bishop of London's funeral at Fulham on the 10th inst.

The income of the Masons' Company of London is £400, a considerable portion of it being paid to pensioners.

Bro. Alderman Evans left town on Friday last for Paris and the South on business, and was expected to be absent about a week from England.

Bro. Alderman Staples, F.S.A., very kindly presided on Wednesday evening at the annual tea and public meeting of the Wesleyan City Circuit Sunday School, Shaftesbury Hall, 36a, Aldersgate-street.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Governor of the Irish Society, during his visit to Derry, entertained a number of gentlemen at a grand dinner, among them being the Bishop and Dean of Derry.

Bros. Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., and Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., were among those present on Saturday last at the launch of the new ironclad ship-of-war, built for the Brazilian Government by Messrs. Samuda.

The annual ball of the Cripplegate Pension Society will take place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 5th February, under the patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Sheriff Phillips, Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, and others.

Bro. G. S. Graham took part in the entertainment given on Friday evening last by the members of the Pickwick Historic Club, in aid of the funds of the City of London College Cricket Club. The meeting was held at the College, and Bro. Graham's efforts to amuse were loudly applauded.

The Lady Mayoress gave her first Cinderella dance in the old ball room at the Mansion House on Thursday evening, the 15th inst. The guests exceeded a hundred in number, and among them were Bro. C. G. Nottage, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff, Mrs., and the Misses Whitehead, Bro. Puleston, M.P., with Mrs. and the Misses Puleston, Bro. Sir Thomas, Lady, and Miss Brassey, and others.

Bro. Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B., the Master, presided at the Court dinner of the Pattenmakers' Company, held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on the evening of Thursday, the 15th inst. Bro. A. F. Godson and Major Joseph, C.C., were among the guests, the latter replying to the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces."

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the Aldermen and their ladies at dinner at the Mansion House, on Tuesday evening, among those present being Bros. Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W.; Sir F. Truscott, P.G.J.W.; Sir H. E. Knight, Staples, De Keyser, Gray, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), P.G.J.W., G. P. Goldney (Remembrancer), and C. G. Nottage.

Dr. Trap, chief of the Royal Cabinet, Copenhagen, since 1857, died on Wednesday, aged 75 years. He served in the Royal Cabinet during the reign of four Kings, and played a prominent part in the political history of Denmark. He was vice-Grand Master of the Freemasons, a well-known philanthropist, and a distinguished scientific writer. His Principal work is a *Statistical History of Denmark*.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the annual Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Norfolk will be held at the Town Hall, King's Lynn, on Monday, the 26th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m., under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Prov. G.M., when the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has graciously announced his intention of being present. We hope this will stimulate the brethren to exert themselves, and by a good attendance at the lodge give H.R.H. a hearty welcome. A Provincial Grand Banquet (at which H.R.H. will also be present) will be held at the Town Hall at 6.30 p.m. punctually. The local railway companies are affording every assistance to make the meeting a decided success. The Midland Company will run a special train from Norwich for Lynn at 1.45, calling at all intermediate stations, and arriving at Lynn at 3.30. The Great Eastern will also run a special train from Norwich at 12.45 p.m. Both lines will run a special return train at 11 o'clock p.m., the fare for the return journey to be a fare and a quarter.

The Yorkshire Masonic Ball, in aid of the Leeds Masonic Charities, will take place at the Town Hall, Leeds, on Friday next, the 30th inst. There is a very strong muster of Patrons, among whom may be mentioned Bro. the Mayor and the Mayoress of Leeds, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M.N. and E. Yorkshire; Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.P.G.M. W. Yorkshire, and Lady Edwards; Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. W. Yorkshire, and Mrs. Tew; Bro. J. P. Bell, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire; Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., W.M. 164, and Lady Milner, and others. Dispensations have been granted for brethren of every degree to wear their full Masonic clothing and regalia. Double tickets, to admit a lady and gentleman, 30s.; single tickets, lady, 15s.; gentleman, 21s. Thrush's orchestral band has been engaged, and everything will be done that is calculated to ensure the success of the meeting. Full particulars may be had on application to the honorary Secretaries, Bros. A. W. Chapman and A. Scarth, 5, Cookridge-street, Leeds. We wish our Yorkshire friends all success.

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Bro. Thomas Duckham, M.P., has written an article on "Our Meat Supply" for the February number of the *Fortnightly Review*.

Bro. the Emperor William of Germany is reported to be so unwell as to be obliged to keep his bed, his condition causing some uneasiness to his medical attendants.

Bro. Earl Granville was early in attendance at the Foreign Office on Monday, when his lordship gave audience in succession to the German, Turkish, Austrian, and Russian Ambassadors.

Bro. Dr. Richardson presided at a meeting held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 16th inst., when it was resolved to establish a society of cyclists, the object of which will be to hold meetings, read papers on wheeling, &c.

Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C., was present at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday evening, at the winter dinner of the John Carpenter Club, and returned thanks for the toast of "The Corporation of the City of London."

Bros. Sir B. Samuelson, M.P., and Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., were among the guests at the banquet given on Thursday last, by the Armourers' and Braziers' Company in honour of the Company's freedom having been presented to Sir Henry Bessemer, F.R.S.

Bro. A. Staveley Hill, O.C., M.P., Chancellor of the Great Priory (K.T.) of England and Wales, has written an account of two long vacations spent at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, which will be shortly published by Messrs. Sampson Low and Co.

At a meeting of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, held at York on the 15th inst., Bro. W. B. Dyson was elected M.P.S., and Bro. W. Brown was elected V.E. Bro. G. Simpson, P.S., was re-elected Treasurer.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., and Mrs. Trevelyan, were among the guests who dined with Lord and Lady Reay on the 15th inst., previous to the departure of the latter for India, where his lordship has been appointed Governor of the Bombay Presidency.

Lord Henniker, Past G.M.M.M., presided on Wednesday last, the 14th instant, at a Conference at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the subject of certain proposed alterations in railway companies' tariffs of charges. The meeting was composed of agriculturists, manufacturers, and traders.

Bro. T. Loveridge presided as chairman at the dinner given at the Guildhall Tavern, on Friday last by the Chairman of the Committee of the Corporation to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, there being present in addition to those distinguished guests, Bros. Innes, Alliston, Boor, Altman, Beard, &c., &c.

Bro. J. Clutton, before the case of the Marquis of Salisbury v. the Metropolitan Board of Works, to which we referred last week, was tried, awarded his lordship £62,638 for the land taken for the new street from Charing Cross to Oxford-street. The property had been valued on the Marquis's behalf by Mr. S. Chadwick at £82,000.

We would remind our readers that the smoking concert of "Ye Rahere Almoners" will take place on Monday next, the 26th inst., at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at the hour of eight p.m. A very good programme has been arranged, and as the direction is in the hands of Bro. G. S. Graham, who will himself contribute to the entertainment, a very pleasant meeting may be anticipated.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending January 24th, 1885: Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge and Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge and Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Stewards' Lodge and Oak Lodge. Thursday—St. George's Chapter; Grenadiers' Lodge; Mount Moriah Lodge; Polish Chapter; and Vane Chapter, Friday—Caledonian Society; Jerusalem Lodge; and Peace and Harmony Lodge.

At an emergency meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, held recently at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the year, a beautiful illuminated address, emblematically framed, was presented to Bro. Sir James Meek, P.M., P.S.P.G.W., as a mark of respect by the members of the lodge of which he has been a member for a number of years. The illumination, which was executed with great taste by Bro. H. C. Camidge, of York, bears a sketch of the Crypt of York Minster in the margin, and has also the arms of the recipient; those of York, of which city Bro. Sir James Meek was twice Lord Mayor, and of Prince Edwin of York. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Bro. James Stevens has accepted the following invitations to deliver his lecture "Knobs and Excesses," explanatory of First Degree ritual and ceremony, at the following places and on the dates named, viz.: Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1534, at the White Hart Hotel, Church-road, Upper Norwood, on Monday, Feb. 2nd, at 7 p.m.; Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, near Champion-hill Station, on Friday, Feb. 6th, at 7 p.m.; and the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1090 (Installed Masters), at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 3 p.m. Other arrangements are also in progress.

A special Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held in the Town Hall, Ryde, on Friday, the 30th inst., at 3.30 p.m., to consider the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee on a scheme for establishing a Charitable Fund for the province, to be supported by voluntary contributions, having for its object the education and maintenance, in the vicinity of their own homes, and under the care of parent or guardians, of the children of indigent or deceased Freemasons of the province, either entirely or pending the election of such children to the central school. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M., will also be installed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a Provincial Grand Secretary will be appointed and invested.

220.—Tobacconists commencing.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to open respectably from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.—[ADVT.]

