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WE publish elsewhere a biographical sketch of the late Bro. R. H. GIRAUD, Past G.S.D. of England, whose death took place last week at the ripe age of 86 years. We need not, therefore, say more here than that we sympathise most deeply with the relatives and friends of our deceased brother, as well as with that more numerous body of people both within and outside the pale of Freemasonry, among whom the name of GIRAUD in connection with good works was "familiar as a household word." Bro. GIRAUD was a distinguished as well as one of the oldest of our Grand Officers, and one of the senior and most active supporters of our three Institutions, but the most remarkable feature of his long and beneficent career is, that during its term of sixty and two years, there was, so far as we have heard, no interval of rest from his Masonic duties. He ended as he began, an active and able member of our ancient and honourable Society, and his loss is one not easily to be borne, more especially as it follows so closely at the heels of those it has been our sad duty to chronicle during the last few weeks.

OUR remarks on a recent objectionable article in the Toronto *Freemason* have had one beneficial result. They have elicited from the *Canadian Craftsman* an expression of sympathy with us in our plea for the observance of the proprieties of civilised journalism by all organs of the Masonic Press. This is no more than might have been expected from a long-established paper of high repute, and we trust it will have the effect of restraining our Toronto namesake from any further display of its peculiar vulgarities. But with this expression of sympathy there is an end to the agreement between the *Craftsman* and ourselves. As regards the main question, whether Quebec or England is right in its contention, it considers that our arguments are stale and unprofitable, and that our nuts are easy enough to crack, because "their contents are old—blue-mouldy as it were." We have even gone so far—in the opinion of the *Craftsman*—as to refer to "the Craft in the 'Colonies' in such contemptuous terms, as to lead to the inference" that in our estimation "a 'Colonial' Mason is not as good as an English Mason." In respect of this last allegation, we need not do more for the purpose of illustrating its absurdity than point out that in the very number which contains this charge against us, our contemporary has done us the honour to quote our article on the Empire Lodge and the reception it gave to Colonial Masons some time back, as indicating a strong desire among the Craft in this country for a closer communion between Colonial and English brethren. It is answer enough to this particular charge to say that we should not have supported so strenuously the purpose for which the Empire Lodge was established, namely, to provide, as it were, a Masonic home in the Old Country for Colonial Masons, if we had been disposed to look down upon them with contempt as being "not as good as" English Masons. There is, probably, not one English Mason whose opinion is worth having, who does not entertain the greatest respect for his Colonial fellow craftsmen, whether the latter hail from North, South, East, or West, from Canada or Australia, from the West Indies or China. We always most heartily reciprocate towards Colonial Masons the kindly feeling which we know will be ours if ever we should happen to be in their neighbourhood. Our contemporary must forgive us for suggesting that, with a little more editorial supervision over the contents of its September number, it would not have fallen into this egregious error.

AS to our arguments against the claims of Quebec being stale, and our nuts to crack venerable through age, we must plead guilty to the gentle insinuation. Our arguments are old, for no one has been able to disturb them since the time when they were first advanced, and all we have to do, therefore, in treating of these Quebec claims, is to keep on repeating them. But stale arguments are not necessarily unsound, nor can it be known what the contents of a nut are like—whether blue-mouldy or otherwise—until some one has been at the pains of cracking the shell. Therefore, in this Quebec business, so long as our arguments remain unanswered, or, better still, so long as no one attempts to answer them, so long we fear we must keep on serving them up to our readers; till our present bill of fare is exhausted, there is no need for us to supply a fresh one. What we desire is, that in

furnishing arguments the reciprocity should not be all on our side, and when our Canadian contemporary has managed to hatch out one or two, we shall have much pleasure in dealing with it, in the most fraternal spirit imaginable. As to our venerable nuts and their alleged "blue-mouldy" contents, we challenge the *Canadian Craftsman* to crack, that is, resolve the two that follow—(1) Is it the case that, if "twenty lodges, forming part of an existing Grand Lodge, are free to set up a Grand Lodge of their own, five or six lodges, forming another part of the same Grand Lodge, are not free to remain as they were?" (2) When a secession of lodges from an existing Grand Lodge takes place for the purpose of setting up an independent Grand Lodge of their own, are the lodges so seceding legally competent, not only to cancel their allegiance to the said existing Grand Lodge—a proposition which in this case of Quebec is not denied—but likewise to acquit themselves of all those obligations which were contracted by the said existing Grand Lodge as well on their behalf as on behalf of the lodges which prefer to remain in their allegiance? In other words, when the Quebec lodges "seceded" from the Grand Lodge of Canada, were they legally—we will leave honour out of the consideration in a case in which its presence does not seem to be needed—were they legally competent to determine the treaty or compact made on their behalf as well as on that of the rest of the Canadian lodges by the Grand Lodge of Canada with the United Grand Lodge of England? Let the *Canadian Craftsman* resolve these questions satisfactorily, and then, as it pleases it, it may describe the contents of our ancient nuts as blue-mouldy, or by any other epithet that will smell as sweet.

MEANWHILE we submit a new nut for our Canadian friend to try its prentice teeth upon. A warrant of constitution for a new Masonic lodge is in the light of a solemn contract entered into between the Grand Lodge which grants it, and the subordinate lodge which receives it. If the latter fails or refuses to observe the terms of such contract, it is in the power of the former to cancel the warrant, and the subordinate lodge no longer exists. But so long as the subordinate lodge goes on fulfilling the conditions of its working as prescribed in its warrant of constitution, for just so long is it legally in a position to claim the protection of the mother Grand Lodge, provided, of course, the said Grand Lodge continues to exercise its supreme authority. That is to say, a Grand Lodge grants to its subordinate lodges warrants of constitution which remain in force *quandiu se bene gesserint*. While the three English lodges in Montreal continue to observe the laws of our United Grand Lodge, there is no power under the English Constitution—and certainly none under that of Quebec—which can deprive them of their rights and privileges. The lodges may surrender their warrants, which, however, they appear to be in no hurry to do, but the Grand Lodge of England cannot cancel them. Let the *Canadian Craftsman* crack this nut, if it can!

IT is worth while noting as regards the terrible edict of non-intercourse which was issued by the Grand Lodge of Quebec against the Grand Lodge of England and all its belongings on the 5th July that, though upwards of three months have elapsed, the result, as far as we can make out, is *nil*. This is just what might have been expected. When twenty schoolboys send one of their fellows to Coventry, the latter has rather a bad time of it, but if the one resolved on sending the twenty to the same place, the result would be laughable. Yet this is precisely what Quebec has done. It musters some 60 lodges, and about 2000 members, the lodges and their members being all located within the comparatively narrow limits of a single province of the Dominion of Canada; and it has boycotted the Grand Lodge of England, which has almost as many lodges as Quebec has members, a strong array of them being dispersed throughout the British Colonies and Dependencies, and in many foreign countries, so that probably not one English Mason in a thousand will know anything about this wonderful edict, while not one in ten thousand will feel its effects. Our unsophisticated Quebec friends appear to have forgotten that though a storm in a teapot is very terrible to the occupants of the teapot, its disturbing influence is not felt beyond the limits of the said vessel. It is true that in the case of this particular storm raised by Quebec a few tea-urns have set to hissing and bubbling and boiling over as a mark of their friendly disposition towards the teapot, but the body against which these outbreaks are being directed is too far removed from the scene of the disturbance to be in any way affected by their bubblings and boilings over. For ourselves we think it will turn out by and bye that the only people who have suffered inconvenience by the Quebec edict of non-intercourse with England will have been its authors, who already must be wailing and gnashing their teeth at the utter futility of their efforts to dis-

turb the peace of English Masonry. It is just possible that some stray English Masons, having occasion to visit the Province of Quebec, may find themselves denied the hospitality of the Quebec lodges, while Quebec Masons visiting this country, or British Colonies where lodges of ours are in work, are forbidden by their own authorities from accepting the hospitality which is freely theirs. But our English brethren will no doubt survive the inconvenience, and the Quebec brethren must put up with the consequences of their rulers' folly. As for the members of the three English lodges in Montreal, their position is affected to this extent. Formerly they could, but would not, enter the Quebec lodges; now they cannot, if they will. This is about the sum total of the result of the terrible edict issued by the GRAND MASTER of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the 5th July last.

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WE understand that a special treat is in store for the members of the Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076, Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 8th November. The Feast of the "Four Crowned Martyrs" has been appropriately selected as the Installation Festival of the Masonic Students' Lodge, and on that day the present Master, Bro. Sir CHARLES WARREN, will again be invested as their esteemed and honoured Ruler. The Managing Committee have arranged to depart from the custom of an unpretentious and unconventional repast, by holding a banquet in honour of the occasion, especially as certain distinguished brethren have been invited, the tickets being fixed at one guinea each (inclusive). It is as well even for students to emerge from their sanctums and frugal repasts at times, and doubtless this departure will lead to the lodge being better known, and the praiseworthy objects of the members thus becoming more widely appreciated, as they well deserve to be.

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THE special treat however, referred to, is in no way connected with the social gathering, but has to do with a paper which is to be read at the meeting by one of the members—Professor T. HAYTER LEWIS. The brief address is to be devoted to the *Hiramic Legend*, and will, we are informed, be of a most extraordinary character. One of the most remarkable Masonic characters is to be traced back hundreds of years earlier than any existing Masonic records. Exactly how we do not know; but, any way, distinct proof is to be furnished of the prominence of *Hiram Abif* at a period so far remote, Masonically, as, up to now, to be wholly unsuspected and unknown.

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IT is particularly noteworthy (as our most reliable historians have pointed out) that, Masonically speaking, the junior of our three legendary Grand Masters sinks into comparative retirement anterior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England early last century. Hiram Abiff is by no means a prominent figure in our "Old Charges," and though Bro. GOULD has sought with great diligence, and most successfully in the opinion of many, to identify the ancient architect with the Legends of the Campanionage, still the absence of any definite information rather points to our Masonic legend being a modern arrangement, and thus unknown to our ancient brethren. Beyond question, the discovery is of the utmost importance if it assumes the character we are led to anticipate, and we suppose a friendly discussion at the close of the Paper would not be deprecated.

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SOME of the officers of lodges, particularly the Treasurers, are in doubt as to the exact meaning of the word "arrear" noted in Rule 175. We venture to state that there need be no difficulty, as undoubtedly the opinion of the late GRAND REGISTRAR is a sound one, that a member is "in arrear," when the by-laws of his lodge declare him to be so. What can be more explicit? Some provide that when a member owes over six months' dues, and has had due notice of the sum so required, he is "in arrear." This is a very short term, and had much better be increased to 12 months at least. However, whatever may be the term fixed by the by-laws, whenever the money owing is for a period beyond that allowed, and the brother has had the fact duly brought before him, he becomes "in arrear."

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SUCH members must therefore be returned accordingly in each year, as required by the Constitutions, and so described. Of course the subscription to the funds does not cease, unless the member's name has been erased by vote of the lodge, and hence to *continue or preserve the continuity of membership*, supposing no money is paid for two years, the original and subsequent arrears which have accrued must be paid; but we take it, that to be clear of the lodge the original sum only need be paid. "Arrears" is one thing, and "erasure" quite another. In the one case, the brother loses for a time certain privileges of membership, whilst in the other, he ceases to be a member. We take it that neither the Treasurer nor any officer of a lodge has the right to strike off, or erase—on his own authority—the name of any member for non-payment of dues, but until such an one has been dealt with by the lodge his name must be accounted for to the authorities.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the afternoon of the 12th inst. The W. Bro. John Henderson Scott, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—

Bros. W. Dawes, P.G.S.W.; Sir F. C. Knowles, Bart., P.G.J.W.; Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. A. Tooth, P.G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, P.G. Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; W. A. Cardwell, P.G.S.D.; F. Daniel, P.G.J.D.; A. T. Long, P.G.A.D.C.; O. Lloyd, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. T. Musson, P.G.

Std. Br.; W. Lanham Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; B. Burfield, P.G.A. Sec.; H. K. Cook, Reginald Blaker, C. H. Haine, E. Broadbridge, and J. Stedman, P.G. Stewards; and T. Hughes, P.G. Tyler.

The following distinguished brethren—present and past officers of the Grand Lodge of England and of the Provincial Grand Lodges—were also present:—

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. M. Kidd, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Marchant, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. R. Wood, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.P.; C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.D.C.; C. L. Henty, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Rudge, P.P.G.S.B.; M. Tennant, D.P.G.M. South Wales (East Division); S. G. Homfray, P.G.A.D.C., D.P.G.M. Monmouth; H. M. Charrington, P.P.G.J.W. Dorset, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey; C. J. Corder, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx.; C. C. Cork, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. M. Reed, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. St. Clair, P.P.G.J.W.; C. Briscoe, P.P.G. A.P.; J. O. McCarogher, P.P.G. Chap.; C. W. Randolph, P.P.G.S.W.; E. W. Adamson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; B. Roberts, P.P.G.J.W.; A. J. Hawkes, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Taylor, P.P.G.D.; W. T. Farncombe, P.P.G.S.B. (Mayor of Lewes); S. W. D. Williams, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Gibson, P.P.G.J.W.; B. Bennett, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Francis, P.P.G.S.D.; G. C. D'Albiac, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Tannar, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Curtis, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Wilkinson, P.P.G.P.; E. Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; T. Trollope, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Noakes, P.G.J.W.; F. Holford, P.P.G.A.D.C.; L. B. Henderson, W.M. 1141; and others.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last annual meeting, and those of the special meeting held on June 22nd, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed as the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, were read and confirmed.

The W. DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER, Bro. John Henderson Scott, P.G.D., then took the opportunity of proposing a resolution in reference to the late R.W. Prov. G. Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. He said: Before proceeding further with the business of this Prov. Grand Lodge, I wish to make two references—one to the present, and the other to the late Prov. Grand Master. Our present Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, has been called to India to fill an important post in the service of his country, otherwise he would have been here to-day. Before leaving England he wrote to express his regret at his inability to attend. He also expressed his approval of the agenda of this day's proceedings, which was submitted to him. The appointment of so distinguished a brother to preside over us in Sussex came at a most opportune moment. When Sir Walter died we were all wondering with trembling anxiety who would be his successor. For who could succeed him? Without wishing to do injustice to any of the many excellent Provincial Grand Masters who preside over the Masonic provinces of England, I am bold to say that there never was, and I believe there never will be, such another Provincial Grand Master as our late beloved chief. At this moment of suspense we were startled with the intelligence that the M.W.G.M. had done this province the great honour of appointing his own brother to be our Master. I say we were startled, but it was not with dismay, but with delight, for to have so illustrious a personage to rule over us must enhance the prestige and renown of Sussex in the eyes of the Masonic world. How the Sussex Masons appreciated that honour was evidenced on the 22nd of June; and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught then expressed his gratification, and has since done so in writing to the Provincial Grand Secretary, at the cordiality of his welcome. I need not, therefore, dwell further on that point now, and will pass on to my allusion to the late Sir Walter Burrell. I think we should be wanting in respect for his memory if we allowed his death to pass unnoticed on our minutes, and left no record of the grief we feel, and our sense of the irreparable loss Freemasonry has sustained in this province by his decease. I have never been able to trust myself to speak of Sir Walter Burrell as I should like to do. I was so intimately associated with him, not only in the management of the affairs of the province, not only in the bonds of Masonic brotherhood, but in the closest ties of personal affection, that, even after this lapse of time, I can scarcely think or speak of him without emotion. It was impossible to know him intimately, as it was my privilege to do, in the privacy of his daily and domestic life, without loving him. His happy and cordial nature, his generosity and kindness, his hatred of everything mean, dishonest, or untruthful, his anxiety to anticipate the wants and also the pleasures of those about him, seemed to embody him as the very incarnation of the grand Masonic design—"To be happy himself and to communicate happiness to others." We all know what he did for Freemasonry during the nine years he ruled over us; how he never missed an annual meeting, how he visited every lodge and endeavoured to become acquainted with every brother in the province, how generous in his gifts, how bountiful in his hospitality, how liberal in his donations to the lists of those who went up as Stewards to our Festivals, and with what intent earnestness and devotion he supported anything which was likely to promote the prosperity of the Order. When I heard of his death I requested our Provincial Grand Secretary to inform the brethren of the sad event, also of the time and place of burial. The day of his funeral was cheerless in the extreme—it was wet and boisterous; but, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, hundreds of mourners, amongst whom I was glad to see many brethren from all parts of Sussex, were assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to departed worth. And so this fine old English gentleman, this good and excellent Mason, was duly lowered into the vault with every outward manifestation of mourning, and to the unspeakable sorrow of his family, his friends, his tenants, his dependents, and all who knew him. Sleep on! Beloved friend and Master! Repose in your deep slumber until the joyful summons shall wake you from death into life with words already vibrating in our hearts—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." I propose that the following resolution be placed on the minutes: "This Provincial Grand Lodge records with great sorrow, on its minutes, the death of Sir W. W. Burrell, which took place January 24th, 1886; also its sense of the irreparable loss Freemasonry has sustained thereby."

Bro. W. DAWES, Prov. G.S.W., briefly seconded the proposition, remarking that he felt he could not interpose between the meeting and the very eloquent address which their Deputy Prov. Grand Master had made.

Bro. the Rev. J. O. MCCAROGHER, P.P.G. Chap., paid a brief tribute of respect to Sir Walter Burrell, his friend of 36 years' standing, and moved that a copy of the resolution should be forwarded to the Dowager Lady Burrell.

The proposition, with this addition, was unanimously carried.

The roll of the lodges in the province was next called, every lodge being represented in the meeting. The reports of the Board of Finance, the Charities' Committee, the Committee for the especial June installation meeting, and of the Committee of the Burrell portrait presentation were presented and adopted.

A letter from the Dowager Lady Burrell was read, acknowledging, in graceful terms, the receipt of the portrait of her late husband.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read statistics showing the numerical strength of the province, and the progress made during the year; the lodges now numbering 1090 brethren. Bro. R. Crosskey was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then appointed the following brethren Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective offices, viz. :—

Bro. George Smith, P.M. 38 ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. Puttick ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. L. D. Dowdall, 271 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Crosskey, P.M. 1306 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Gerard Ford, P.M. 271 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Reginald Blaker, P.M. 311 ...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" E. Broadbridge, P.M. 1636, and P.M. 1797	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" G. R. Lockyer, P.M. 315 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. Kembal Cook, P.M. 811 ...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" C. H. Haine, W.M. 1110... ..	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" J. Stedman, P.M. 1303 ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Herbert Woodhams, P.M. 1141 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. Collings, W.M. 56 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. S. Gates, W.M. 1636 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Burfield, P.M. 1821 ...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" S. Peters, J.W. 311, and P.M. 1821...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" B. Sargent, P.M. 1184 ...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" W. H. Russell, P.M. ...	...
" T. C. Woodman, P.M. 271 ...	...
" S. H. Soper, P.M. 732 ...	...
" E. Bamplly de Warre, W.M. 1465 ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. E. Price, W.M. 1466 ...	...
" J. J. Allinson, W.M. 1842 ...	...
" T. Hughes ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

All business being ended, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet.

In the absence of the W. Bro. John Henderson Scott, D.P.G.M., the Prov. G.S.W., Bro. George Smith, presided.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Those bearing reference to the Grand Lodge of England were given from the chair.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., responded for "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. R. CROSSKEY, Prov. G. Treasurer, proposed "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught," remarking that his H.R.H., though absent, had expressed great interest in the province over which he had recently been placed by his Royal brother, and was absent in India, serving his country.

Bro. HOMFRAY, Deputy G.M. of South Wales, proposed "The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, P.G.D., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He expressed his sense of the privilege conferred upon him by having so important a toast entrusted to him. He regretted that Bro. Scott was not present, but he had heard of the wonderful things he had done for Freemasonry in Sussex, and he was sure all present would join him in wishing their Deputy Provincial Grand Master such improved health as would again enable him to come amongst them as usual.

Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Provincial Grand Secretary, in acknowledging the toast, referred in kindly terms to the great interest Bro. Scott had taken in the province, to his work in framing the reports presented at the annual meeting, and to the great respect which his zealous labours in the cause of Freemasonry for the last thirty years had inspired in all the brethren who were acquainted with him. He knew no one in Freemasonry who so thoroughly deserved such an eloquent tribute of praise as that which Bro. Scott had himself paid to the memory of their late Prov. G. Master in his afternoon address.

After the toast of "The Visitors" had been acknowledged by Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT,

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed "The Health of the Chairman." The latter, briefly responding, and leaving to catch his train, gave up his seat to Bro. R. Crosskey.

"The Masonic Benevolent Institutions," proposed by Bro. J. M. KIDD, was acknowledged by Bro. F. BINCKES in an effective and characteristic speech.

Bro. Lieut.-General RANDOLPH, P.P.G.S.W., gave "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province."

Bro. LANGTON, W.M., Royal Clarence, 271, responded.

After "The Stewards" had been proposed by Bro. R. CROSSKEY, and acknowledged by Bro. E. BROADBRIDGE, the Tyler's toast completed the programme.

During the evening some pleasing vocal selections were given by Miss Jessie Moore, Miss Darlington, Mr. C. T. West, and Mr. G. Marten Barling; the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Bro. H. S. Gates, Prov. G. Org., and Mr. C. T. West.

An especial word of praise is due to the Stewards, Bros. H. Kembal Cook, Reginald Blaker, E. Broadbridge, G. R. Lockyer, C. H. Haine, and J. Stedman, for the admirable manner in which they laboured to promote the pleasure and comfort of the large company.

III. CONSTITUTIONS OF 1756.*

The question of the revision of the Book of Constitutions, 1738, came on for consideration by the Grand Lodge, June 27, 1754; the matter having frequently been introduced to the "Committee of Charity" by Bro. Jonathan Scott. It was resolved that the work should be revised, "and the necessary Alterations and Additions made consistent with the Laws and Rules of Masonry." A Committee was then elected, consisting of the Grand Master and the Grand Officers, George Payne and four other Past Grand Masters, two Past D.G.M.'s, one P.G.W., the Rev. John Entick, M.A., and two more brethren, The G.M. or D.G.M., and "any three others of the Committee," to form a quorum.

New Rules were agreed to on Nov. 29, 1754, and the Committee "desired further Time," which was duly granted. At which Grand Lodge the new edition was first submitted, I cannot say, but probably at the Grand Feast of 1756.

The following is the title page, the size being quarto, as before :

The Constitutions of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing Their history, Charges, Regulations, &c., Collected and Digested By Order of the Grand Lodge from their old Records, For the Use of the Lodges, By James Anderson. Carefully Revised, Continued and Enlarged, with many Additions, By John Entick, M.A. London: Printed for Brother J. Scott, at the Black Swan in Pater-noster Row. MDCCLVI. In the Vulgar Year of Masonry, 5756."

The frontispiece ("Boitard delin—B. Cole sculp. et dedit") represents the genius of Freemasonry seated on a throne, London being seen in the background, the dome of St. Paul's appearing as a prominent figure, and a portion of the old London Bridge being also visible. On tessellated pavement in the front are working tools scattered about, the arms of the Grand Lodge being depicted at the right of the figure. No motto is given. The plate did duty also for the Constitutions of 1767. The reverse of the title page is blank; then follows a leaf, containing on one side what may be termed the dedication by the Committee—"To the Most Noble James Brydges, Marquis of Carnarvan, Grand Master of Masons," and on the other side "The Sanction," which is not dated, but signed by "Carnarvan, Grand Master; Thomas Manningham, Deputy Grand Master; Horatio Townshend, James Dickson, Wardens; and John Revis, Secretary." In the "Sanction" it is stated that "the said necessary Additions and Alterations were made, and this new Book has been published with great Care and Fidelity from the Records of Masonry by our Brother the Rev. John Entick, M.A., under the Inspection of our said Committee," by which it will appear that Bro. Entick was virtually the "Author and Compiler" of the 1756 Constitutions, just as Dr. Anderson was of the previous editions. It is not a little amusing to find that the "Sanction" warns "all the brethren against being employed, or concerned in writing and spreading, printing and publishing, any other Books relating to Masons or Masonry, and against using any other Book in any Lodge as a Lodge Book, as they shall be answerable to the Grand Lodge;" for Bro. J. Scott, the Printer and Publisher of the 1756 "Constitutions," had for sale "The Pocket Companion and History of the Masons" of 1754, which contained "An Abstract of their Laws, Constitutions, Customs, Charges, Orders, and Regulations," and advertised it at the back of page 339, which concludes the official volume. He also announced two pamphlets, being Masonic Sermons by the Rev. John Entick, preached respectively at St. Stephen, Walbrook, on June 25th, 1750 (second edition), and at the Poultry on October 26th, 1752, besides other non-Masonic works. This "Companion" is well known to this day, and was most popular for many years, a second edition being issued in 1759, and a third in 1764.

The Rev. John Entick, who it seems was born in 1713, brought out an "English Spelling Dictionary" in 1771. He died in 1773. His Masonic offices, so far as I can trace, may be briefly stated, viz., Grand Steward in 1755, and Junior Grand Warden 1758. This latter honour is not noted in the Grand Lodge Calendars, with lists of Grand Officers down to 1813; but the appointment was conferred by Lord Aberdour, G.M., on February 14, 1758, vice Bro. Vandeveld, deceased, and Bro. Entick attended the Grand Lodge, April 14th, 1758, in that capacity, being duly noted as such in the later "Constitutions."

Benjamin Cole's name will be familiar to brethren who, like myself, take pleasure in studying the beautifully engraved lists of lodges of the last century. These little gems are peculiar to the Grand Lodge of England and are exceedingly rare and valuable, a complete set being unknown. They range from 1723 to 1778.

The History, partly Apocryphal, of "Masonry from the Creation," begins at page 1, of the consecutive pagination, Part I comprising VI. Chapters, the last referring to "Masonry in Scotland till the Union of the Crowns." Part 2 begins with "the Union of the Crowns 1603, to the Restoration in 1660," Chap. I., the second Chapter continuing the History to 1688, the third being described as "Chap. II.," in error at page 176, which takes the reader to the year 1721, thus "overlapping," as Bro. Gould appropriately expresses it, the period of transition." No. IV. is brief, not going beyond the year 1724, the fifth continues the narrative to the end of 1729; the sixth to March 18, 1734; the seventh and last covers the important period from March 30, 1734, to December 4, 1755. The lists of erased Lodges are often of special value, and the names of all the Grand Officers being duly noted under each year, makes the volume a most useful compilation for those who have not the Calendars at hand.

"The Old Charges" begin at page 269, the old form of 1723 being preferred to that of 1738, and wisely so. The "General Regulations" from page 277 to page 320 are, naturally, of considerable importance, though I must not stay to consider them in detail now. "The usual Free Masons Songs" there is no need to mention, though they occupy from pages 321 to 330. The "List of the Grand Masters or Patrons" is introduced at page 331, beginning with "Austin the Monk, the first Archbishop of Canterbury," to the "Marquis of Carnarvan" (1755), followed at pp. 333-4, with the Provincial Grand Masters appointed 1726-1755; the work ending with the valuable "List of Regular Lodges, according to their Seniority and Constitution, by order of the Grand Master," comprising pages 335 to 339, the back of the last page containing an advertisement of Books "printed for and sold by Bro. Jonathan Scott." This list of lodges will be found in the "Masonic Magazine" for May, 1879, explained and transcribed by Bro. R. F. Gould, the last date being February 26, 1756.

A perfectly clean and complete copy of the Constitutions 1756, with a good margin, is rarely met with, and consequently it may fairly be considered one of the rarest and most valuable of the series 1723-1784. In my researches, strange to say, I have come across more copies of the premier Edition, though of course, for real interest and importance, the latter enjoys undisputed pre-eminence.

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selection from "Faust" on the English concertina, accompanied by Bro. Chas. Daber on the piano.

Other songs and recitations were rendered by Bros. Thistlethwaite and Heywood, of the Chorlton Lodge, and Bro. H. Walmsley.

Every one was highly delighted with the evening's entertainment, which will always be remembered with pleasure.

WAREHAM.—Unity Lodge (No. 386).—At the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the lodge room, Town Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., Bro. J. W. Tribbett, P.G.S.B., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, and was provided by Bro. Yearsley in his well known style.

CARNARVON.—Segontium Lodge (No. 606).—The annual installation of this lodge took place on Wednesday night, the 13th inst., when Bro. W. Morgan was installed in the chair.

The visiting brethren included Bros. R. Hughes, W.M. Anglesea Lodge; Hughes, W.M. St. Cybi Lodge; Jones, J.W. St. Cybi Lodge; Miles, J.W. St. David's Lodge; and Davies, Derby Lodge.

LIVERPOOL.—Croxth United Service Lodge (No. 786).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there were present Bros. E. Sherwood, W.M.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D., D.C.; Lieut. Chas. Wise, P.M.; W. H. Tyrman, P.M.; Lieut.-Col. W. Townshend, I.P.M.; T. Sowden, S.W.; W. W. Jones, J.W.; W. Marwood, S.D.; F. Cooke, J.D.; John A. Gray, I.G.; J. Chisholme, Stwd.; W. W. Walker, W. Henning, W. Tomkinson, Charles Turneau, and W. L. Jackson. Visitors: Bros. Robt. H. Jackson, 1077; Robt. Wilson, 1380; T. J. Hindley, S.W. 680; J. Christie, R. N. Jones, 1350; J. F. Patterson, 1289; and J. C. Robinson, I.P.M., 249.

The ballot having been taken for Mr. George Jackson, and proving unanimous, he was initiated by the W.M. in a very impressive manner, being ably assisted by the officers.

HULL.—Kingston Lodge (No. 1010).—At the last regular meeting of this lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Worship-street, the W.M., Bro. W. H. Wellsted, C.E., and the brethren, had the honour of receiving the first official visit in Hull of the newly-elected Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, who was accompanied by Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.M., P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G. Secretary.

Bro. the Hon. Orde-Powlett warmly reciprocated the kindly expressions manifested towards himself, and congratulated Bro. Wellsted on the excellent working and prosperous condition of the lodge.

The W.M. then referred to the honour which had been conferred upon their respected Chaplain, Bro. Canon Mc Cormick, D.D., at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge, and presented to that brother the Masonic clothing of a Prov. Grand Chaplain, which had been kindly subscribed for by members of the lodge.

Bro. McCormick, in acknowledging the gift, stated that it was just one of those occasions which would tend to make him love the members more, and inspire him to act in every way as a true and faithful brother.

The Secretary, Bro. Carlill Savill, having read a letter from the W.M. and brethren of the Wilverforce Lodge, No. 2134, in acknowledgment of the handsome marble pedestal presented by the members of the Kingston, the lodge was closed in due form.

At the usual banquet which followed, "The Health of the D.P.G.M." was received with enthusiasm and Masonic honours.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—Friendship and Unity Lodge (No. 1271).—The annual installation

meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, Kingston-road. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., who then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. G. J. Farrington, P.M., who passed Bro. W. D. Gaby to the Degree of F.C. The W.M., Bro. T. Barton, having resumed his chair, proceeded most impressively to render the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, M.A., S.W., into the chair of K.S., which being completed, the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. C. Little, S.W.; C. W. B. Bryant, J.W.; Rev. and Hon. S. Meade, Chaplain; Colonel Magrath, P.M., Treasurer; F. Barton, I.P.M., Secretary; A. Wallington, S.D.; H. Found, J.D.; A. Scammell, I.G.; and Tom Moore, Tyler.

After the usual congratulations, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served at the Swan Hotel by Bro. H. A. Norris, at which the W.M. presided.

At the conclusion of the repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and Bro. Barton, I.P.M., after responding to the toast of "The Health of the Immediate Past and Installing Master," proceeded in a few appropriate remarks to present Bro. James Sparks, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Wilts, in the name of the lodge, with a handsome gold founder's jewel as a token of the brethren's appreciation of Bro. Sparks' valuable services from the formation of the lodge in 1869, and expressed a hope that they would be continued for many years.

Bro. Sparks, in the course of his reply, referred to the many changes which had occurred in their lodge during the period referred to, and expressed the great pleasure he felt that, though retiring from the more active duties of the work, the conduct of its affairs would be in able hands, and that there was such good promise of a successful future.

The jewel, which was specially designed, bearing an appropriate inscription, was most tastefully executed by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, London.

Other toasts followed, being interspersed with songs by various brethren, which rendered the meeting a most pleasant one.

HALIFAX.—De Warren Lodge (No. 1302).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at private rooms, White Swan Hotel, on the 11th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Wainhouse, and some formal business transacted. The W.M. elect, Bro. Sutcliffe Greenwood, was duly presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Normanton, P.M., P.P.G.D. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Greenwood was duly placed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Normanton.

The W.M. presided, and there were present the following visitors: Bros. Rickard, 61; Simpson, W.M.; Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and Greenwood, J.W., of 448; Sutcliffe, P.M. 1283; Savile, P.M., and Buckland, of 1284; Riley, P.M.; Gomersall, P.M.; and Bolton, P.M., of 1736. Altogether a very pleasant and agreeable evening was spent.

CANTERBURY.—Royal Military Lodge (No. 1449).—The annual installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Monday, the 11th inst., when Bro. E. Cockersell was installed W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Quartermaster H. T. Naylor, P.P.G.S.B. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. H. Blamiers, I.P.M.; A. Davelin, S.W.; E. Tomlings, J.W.; E. Plume, P.M., Treas.; W. Carter, P.M., Sec.; J. Pepper, S.D.; A. Abbs, J.D.; T. Beckett, I.G.; R. Blake, P.M., Tyler; R. Simms, D. of C.; P. F. Brine, Assist. D. of C.; H. M. Maugham, Chap.; J. Plant, P.M., P.G.O., Org.; W. McClintock, and D. Hall, Stwds. A vote of thanks to Bro. Naylor having been accorded him, and other formal business transacted, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by the esteemed proprietor, Bro. Ward. The W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. T. Blamiers, I.P.M.; H. M. Maugham, Chap.; the Rev. H. Harrison, P.P.G. Chap.; A. Davelin, S.W.; E. Tomlings, J.W.; E. Plume, P.M., Treas.; W. Carter, P.M., Sec.; J. Pepper, S.D.; A. Abbs, J.D.; T. Beckett, I.G.; Blake, P.M., Tyler; R. Simms, D. of C.; P. F. Brine, Assist. D. of C.; J. Plant, P.M., P.G.O., Org.; R. McClintock and D. Hall, Stwds.; J. Wiltshire, P.P.G.S.W.; H. T. Naylor, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Vautier, P.M.; H. Ward, P.P.G.W.; J. Couper, P.M.; H. Herbert, E. Cant, J. Stewart, D. Addison, J. Naylor, G. Jones, J. Passmore, Capt. W. Jones, W. Clayton, T. Leech, A. Anderson, B. Martin, J. B. Rossiter, P.M. 972; R. Clout, P.M. 1063, 72; R. Platten, W.M. 158; W. Ashenden, W.M. 31; J. Wilson, 108; F. Clarke, 972; E. Mills, 972; J. Barter, 1063; T. Littlechild, 71; Capt. Montague, P.P.G.D. Dorset; and Surgeon Dodd.

A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London) was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. T. Blamiers, who suitably replied.

The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. J. Plant, P.G. Org., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The gathering was a thoroughly successful and enjoyable one.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Western Hotel, Moss-side. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. Johnson, at four o'clock. There were present Bros. Burslem, I.P.M.; B. Halliwell, S.W.; W. Biggs, J.W.; H. P. Jones, P.M., P.G.S., Secretary; J. Kershaw, J.D.; T. Carter, I.G.; F. Long, Organist; J. C. Gillman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; S. D. M'Kellen, P.M.; D. Johnson, P.M.; J. McGrath, P.M.; J. Patterson, P.M.; W. Blears, W. Parker, J. Morris, C. Preston, J. Wilson, W. G. Lawson, T. J. Johnson, Partington, W. Riddell, Tyler; and a large number of visiting brethren.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the Auditor's report was presented, showing that the lodge had had a very prosperous year, with the gratifying result that a substantial balance had been added to the Charity account. The report having been passed, Bro. J. C. Gillman took the chair, and, with due rite and ceremony, inducted Bro. Benjamin Halliwell into the chair of K.S. Subsequently the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. G. Johnson, I.P.M.; W. Biggs, S.W.; C. W. Maybury, J.W.; W. Blears, Sec.; H. P. Jones, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; J. Kershaw, S.D.; T. Carter, J.D.; W. P. Davies, I.G.; D. Johnson, P.M., D.C.; F. Long, Org.; Morris, Parker, Wilson, and T. J. Johnson, Stwds. The address to the Master was delivered by Bro. Patterson, P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. Jones, P.M., and that to the brethren by Bro. Burslem, P.M. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered, and the lodge was closed.

In the evening the Festival of St. John was celebrated by a banquet, served in a style which deservedly received the commendations of the brethren by the host, Bro. Edge. The W.M. presided, and in proposing the toast of "The Queen," expressed the hope that as her Majesty was the patron of the Order, her jubilee would be marked by some significant event in the annals of Freemasonry, such as the founding of a Masonic Charity, or the substantial augmentation of the funds of those already in existence.

The other loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master," proposed in felicitous terms by his immediate predecessor, was received with much enthusiasm, the customary song, "Here's to his health," being sung with fine effect by Bro. J. Whittaker, one of Manchester's most popular vocalists.

The remaining toasts included "The Visiting Brethren," "The Installing Master, Bro. Gillman, P.P.G.S.D.," who, as "the father of the lodge," has installed every Master since its consecration, and is held in affectionate regard by every member of the lodge; "The Masonic Charities," "The Newly-installed Officers," "The P.M.'s of the Trafford Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the singing of Bros. Whittaker, F. Gordon, W. O. Pettitt, T. Carter, F. J. Johnson, and other brethren.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Thursday, the 14th inst., this lodge paid a fraternal visit to Thirsk, at the invitation of the members of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, in that town. In the spring the Eboracum had entertained the Falcons, and the latter took this opportunity of reciprocating courtesies. The Eboracum brethren, numbering over twenty, left York by the five o'clock train, and at Thirsk Station were met by a deputation from the Falcon Lodge, with carriages, and were conveyed to the Masonic Hall, in the Castle Yard, where they found a warm and cordial greeting awaiting them. At 7 p.m. the Falcon Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Z. Wright, supported by Bros. Reginald Bell, P.M.; Henry Smith, P.M.; Geo. Ayre, P.M.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; Chas. Greensides, P.M.; W. Colman, P.M.; Dr. Linford, S.W.; Dr. Hartley, J.W.; Rev. E. Richardson, S.D.; J. T. Hansell, Sec., and many others; whilst amongst the Eboracum were Bros. A. T. B. Turner, W.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; Geo. Balmford, P.M.; W. Brown, W.M. elect; and most of the other officers of the lodge. The W.M. of the Falcon Lodge expressed the pleasure he felt at being able to welcome their York visitors, and the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge responded. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett) being here announced, the members of Provincial Grand Lodge formed a deputation to receive him, and he was conducted into the room and saluted. He then proceeded to address a few remarks to the brethren, and expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the lodge and witness so truly fraternal a gathering. Such interchange of the courtesies of the Craft were calculated to be of great use, and he should be glad to encourage the good spirit thus exhibited.

After the close of the lodge the Thirsk brethren entertained their guests at a capital supper, which had been supplied by Bro. Farmery, the Tyler.

At its conclusion Bro. Z. Wright proceeded to give the usual loyal toasts, and then that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge," responded to by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.P.G.W., who also proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Falcon Lodge."

Bro. Wright responded, and gave "Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge," responded to by Bros. Turner and W. Brown.

Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., then read a short but extremely interesting paper on "The Masonic Temple," for which he received the cordial thanks of the party. This was followed by other toasts and songs, and a right merry evening was spent, the visitors leaving for the station at 12 o'clock, whence they returned to York by the midnight mail.

EYE.—Hartismere Lodge (No. 1663).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Lodge room, on Wednesday evening, the 6th inst., when Bro. Edward Symonds was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The members of the lodge present were Bros. Henry W. Cullum, W.M.; Henry J. Barnes, I.P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; H. Gedny, P.M.; Edward Symonds, S.W.; W. T. Phillips, J.W.; C. H. Scriven, S.D.; Jas. Martin, Stwd.; Alex. Wells, J. F. Page, and John P. Marchant. The visitors included Bros. James Napier, P.M., 225, P.P.G.J.D.; W. G. Rice, W.M. 1741; John Flatman,

Mark Masonry.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 284).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham. Present: Bros. J. D. Birkin, W.M.; A. G. Fidler, S.W.; H. V. Clements, P.M., acting J.W.; and the rest of the officers, also Bros. P.M.'s Meek, Dunbar, and Lewis, and other members. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Linzell, P.M., 236; W. Styles, S.W. 355; J. C. Knightly, Sec. 355; H. Stephens, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. Binnie, Pinder, Garrod, and others.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the last lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, and other business disposed of, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Linzell, who proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. A. G. Fidler, S.W., into the chair; and he having invested his officers with their respective collars, Bro. Linzell, the Installing Master, completed the ceremony in a most impressive and able manner, and at the conclusion of the addresses was greeted with a hearty burst of applause from all present.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner, provided by the host, Bro. Oddy, awaited them. The W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

During the evening the W.M. was heartily congratulated on his accession to the office of Master. A P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge, was presented to Bro. J. D. Birkin, the retiring W.M., for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the past year. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Bro. Linzell, the Installing Master, in responding to the toast of his health, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, and also for the honour they had conferred upon him in inviting him to perform the ceremony of installation.

Other toasts followed, including that of "The Visitors," which was ably replied to by Bros. Styles and Knightly.

A most pleasant evening was spent, the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to a close.

HALIFAX.—Fearnley Lodge (No. 58).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Lee, P.G. Std. Br., and the minutes of the last regular lodge were confirmed. Bro. Ackroyd, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Normanton, P.M., Past G.I. of W., Prov. G. Treas., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. T. Hodgson, P.M., re-elected Tyler. Bro. Bellitzay, 59, was accepted as a joining member. Bros. Mackie, Thompson, and Wainhouse were balloted for as candidates, and unanimously accepted. The first was advanced by Bro. Holdsworth, P.M., P.P.G.R., the second by Bro. Radcliffe, P.M., P.G.S.O., and the third by Bro. Barker, P.M., P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.W.

The visitors present were Bros. France, P.M., P.G.S.W., and Thornton, W.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., both of 110. Three other candidates being proposed for advancement, a vote of £1 1s. was passed for the Bro. Binckes' Testimonial Fund, and the lodge was then duly closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

RYDE (I. of W.).—Vectis Chapter (No. 99).—The installation meeting of the above chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, John-street, on Friday, the 15th inst., when the M.W.S. elect, Bro. Richard Loveland Loveland, was duly installed according to ancient custom, the P.M. W.S., Bro. Francis Newman, performing the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Rev. R. Usher, Prelate; L. Saunders, 1st General; R. Dampier Child, 2nd General; Francis Newman, Treas.; E. Carter, Recorder; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Marshal; A. Paley, Raphael; and A. J. Firth, C. of G.

The brethren afterwards partook of refreshment at Bro. Pack's Hotel, in Union-street, where an enjoyable evening was spent, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The members assembled on Thursday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall, 16, Great Queen-street. The S.M., Dr. W. R. Woodman, 9, took the chair, and was supported by V.W. Fratres Ferguson, Wynn Westcott, Robert Roy, T. C. Walls, John Collinson, Wm. Dodd, S. L. MacGregor Mathers, J. J. Thomas, F. W. Lemon, Love Jones Parry, E. Street, Frederick Holland, and John Gilbert, with other unofficial members.

The Secretary read many letters from absent fratres, and one from the widow of the late K. R. H. Mackenzie. V.W. Frater, "Vincit qui se vincit," in proposing that the Secretary in preparing the next annual report be not limited to a definite sum of money for that purpose, stated his intention to print and bind and distribute among the fratres, at his own expense, the essay entitled "The Temple Rebuilt," which he had read before the Society. This offer was cordially accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to issue the report for 1886, with the other essays, printed at full length, if possible. The Secretary was instructed to communicate to a certain Masonic writer a vote of grave censure for a gross and offensive paragraph in a certain published work, the authorship of which had been traced to him. The S.M., Dr. W. R. Woodman, then read an essay on "The Rosicrucian Certificate and the Seal of the Magus," which proved to be a very learned and erudite lecture, and was most cordially received. The Secretary, Dr. Wm. Wynn Westcott, also read a note on "The Reconciliation between the Chemistry of the Future and the Alchemy of the Past." This paper also was found to be of very great interest, and provoked a lively discussion. The appointment of V.W. Fra. Robert Harwood as Chief Adept for Lancashire was notified. During the close of the meeting, a few fratres coming from distant towns enjoyed with their London companions a frugal meal at the Holborn Restaurant, the sauce of Rosicrucian discussion lending a charm to the necessary refreshment.

THE ALPASS MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of the above Institution, which was founded a short time ago for the purpose of assisting the widows of Freemasons in the Province of West Lancashire, have just issued their first annual report, in which they say:

"Notwithstanding the feeling that the promulgation of this scheme would interfere with the existing Charitable Institutions of the province, the result has proved otherwise, for, whilst the response to our appeal has exceeded the most sanguine expectations, the income of the other Institutions has been greater than in any previous year of their existence. The Committee have decided to declare a vacancy for every £300 invested capital, and to rely upon the continued liberality of the brethren to supply any deficiency of the annuity; and it is proposed to conduct the elections by means of voting papers, which will be supplied to all who are entitled to vote. It is satisfactory to the Committee to find that the wisdom of the choice as to the form of memorial has been amply proved by the number of applicants for the benefit of the fund, and whilst tendering their sincere thanks to the donors and subscribers, the Committee desire to enlist continued sympathy and co-operation on behalf of an Institution so well calculated to provide for the wants of the bereaved widow, and suitably remind us of him in whose memory the Institution has been founded."

There were seven candidates at the first election, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 15th inst., between five and six o'clock.

THE GREAT PYRAMID AND FREEMASONRY.

On Wednesday, the 6th inst., Bro. A. T. Matthews, P.M. 1703, P.P.G.S.D. Oxon, delivered a lecture on the above interesting subject before the brethren of the Windrush Lodge, 1703, Witney. Of late years much enquiry and speculation have been directed to the mysterious structure, whose meaning has so long remained an inscrutable riddle. Bro. Matthews divided his subject into two parts, which he called "Facts" and "Parallels," showing by the latter the intimate connection between the Craft and the Pyramid. Of course the details of the arguments advanced cannot be given here, for obvious reasons, but as regards the "facts" the speaker was enabled to secure the earnest attention of the brethren, while he gave them an account of the size, height, and mathematical problems furnished by the extraordinary relative dimensions of the building, together with some startling allusions to its sacred and prophetic character. The time which could be allotted to the task in open lodge forbade anything like a full treatment of such a vast and abstruse subject, but Bro. Matthews contrived to give a general outline of many of the leading geometrical and astronomical problems presented to the student of pyramid lore. Amongst those treated were the due orientation; the earth commensurability with the inch and cubits as units; the sun's distance; the squaring of the circle; the doubling of the cube; the time of building as shown by the position at a certain time of the Pole star, A. Draconis, and the Pleiades, with reference to the precession of the Equinoxes, and several other points of great interest to thinking Masons. The chronological meaning of the passages and chambers were treated of as fully as time would permit, the various points being followed with keen interest by a highly intelligent and appreciative audience, who rewarded the lecturer at the close of his address by a hearty vote of thanks.

Obituary.

BRO. THE MARQUIS OF AILESBURY.

We regret to learn that Bro. the Marquis of Ailesbury died very suddenly on Tuesday at his seat, Savernake House, near Marlborough. The noble lord was in his 76th year, having been born 8th January, 1811. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, and had sat in the House of Commons from 1832 till his accession to the Marquisate in 1878. He was a Lord of the Bedchamber to William IV., Grand Patron of the Order, from December, 1834, to April, 1835, and Vice-Chamberlain to the Queen 1841-46, and again 1852-58. The noble Marquis had been a subscribing member of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, since 1862, and was exalted in the Westminster and Keystone Chapter on the day of its consecration—the 18th April, 1864—but his duties do not seem to have allowed of his taking an active part in our Masonic labours. He is succeeded in the title by his grandson, Viscount Savernake, born 1863.

BRO. CHARLES GODTSCHALK, P.M., P.Z., &c.

All who knew Bro. Charles Godtschalk, and especially his Devon brethren, will feel unfeigned regret at the news of his death. The deceased had for some two or three years past been afflicted with paralysis of the brain, and his worldly circumstances had been equally sad, so much so indeed, that in December last his name was submitted, and accepted, as a candidate for election on the Male Fund of the Benevolent Institution, and in May he was fortunate enough to secure the annuity of £40 for life, which is provided for its members by that Fund. His enjoyment, however, of this relief from the stress of narrow means has been very brief. On the 10th instant a change for the worse took place, he became unconscious, and in a few hours had passed away, his funeral taking place in Lancaster Cemetery on Thursday, the 14th inst. Our late brother was initiated in the Dundas Lodge, No. 1255, Plymouth, on the 14th July, 1870, and remained a subscribing member till December, 1884. In 1876 he was installed W.M., and for many years had acted as representative of the lodge on the Charity Committee of Devon. He was also a member for upwards of eight years of St. John's Lodge, No. 70, Plymouth, having joined it in November, 1876, during his Mastership of his mother lodge, and had received the collar of a Prov. G.D. of Devon. He was Z. of the Dundas Chapter, No. 1255, in 1876, W.M. of the Fortitude Mark Lodge, No. 66, Plymouth, in 1875, and a P.P.G.D.G. of that Degree in Devon, and a P.E. Preceptor of the Royal Veterans' Preceptory and Priory of Malta, Plymouth. For many years he had acted as the London Charity Representative of the Province of Devon, and had

taken the chief part in the conduct of the elections on behalf of his province. He was also a Vice-President of our Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Girls', and, in addition, had served three Stewardships for the Benevolent, two for the Boys', and one for the Girls' Institutions. With such a record as this before us, it will be generally acknowledged that Bro. Godtschalk during the 14 years of his active Masonic career had done good suit and service, and had his health remained unimpaired and his life been prolonged, there is small reason to doubt that he would have continued those services with, if possible, increased zeal, and we feel assured with still more conspicuous success. We offer our tribute of sincere sympathy to the relatives, friends, and Masonic associates of our late brother in their present sorrow.

BRO. R. H. GIRAUD, P.G.S.D.

Death seems to be rapidly thinning the ranks of our senior dignitaries, and to the long array of deceased worthies whose memoirs we published only a week or two since must now be added that of Bro. Richard Hervé Giraud, a Mason of 62 years' standing, and Grand Senior Deacon of 1853. Bro. Giraud was initiated in Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, in March, 1824, and having served the office of W. Master in 1829, was some few years later elected to the Treasurership of the lodge, an office to which he was annually re-elected, and which he held till the time of his death. He also represented No. 1 on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1826, and served as Secretary of the Board. On the 19th March, 1828, he became a member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and in the years 1834 and 1835 presided over its fortunes as W. Master, in which capacity he occupied the chair in the latter year at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its constitution. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 250, on the 3rd February, 1826, and was installed its M.E.Z. in 1859, having in the meantime, however, been appointed by the late Earl of Zetland as G.S. Deacon of Grand Lodge, and Grand Sword Bearer of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1853. During the present year he was installed the first W.M. of the Huguenot Lodge, No. 2140, and was chosen Treasurer of the newly-founded Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1, both these bodies being largely indebted to his exertions as one of the founders for their Constitution. This, by comparison with the records of other worthy brethren, must seem a brief one; but if brief in respect of the number of appointments he may have held, it was by no means uneventful. Bro. Giraud, from the time of his initiation till his death, was active in all worthy Masonic pursuits. He does not seem to have desired to multiply his offices of distinction so much as to fulfil scrupulously and conscientiously the duties of the few he was privileged to occupy. It must be remembered also, to his infinite credit, that during the whole of his long career he was engaged in rendering valuable services to our Institutions. We find him helping Bro. Crucefix in his scheme for establishing the Asylum for Aged Masons. From 1841 to 1864 he was honorary solicitor to the Boys' School, and in 1850 and 1851 was a member of the Committee of Inquiry, of which the late Bro. Rowland G. Alston was Chairman, to which our English Craft is indebted, in the first instance, for the development of what was then only an institution for clothing and educating the sons of deceased and indigent Masons, and afterwards for its conversion into a high class boarding school. During all the twenty and three years of his solicitorship he gave his services gratuitously to the School, and so high was the opinion entertained by the Governors and Subscribers of the value of those services, that they conferred upon him the rank and privileges of a Vice-President. He held a similar office, and performed like duties, in aid of our Girls' School, his valuable help being in this instance also recognised by the bestowal on him of an honorary Vice-Presidency. As a member of a Huguenot family he took a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of that community, and it is not surprising that, when a few months ago the question arose of establishing a lodge in connection with it, he should have been invited to assume the responsibility of becoming its first Worshipful Master. But Bro. Giraud's good works were not confined within the limits of our Society. He was constant in doing good to all who needed the kindly help of a worthy and respected man, his most successful sphere of duty having been in connection with the French Protestant Hospital in London, of which, at the time of his death, he held the important office of Deputy-Governor. With this Institution he had been continuously associated from the year 1829. Thus, by the death of Bro. Giraud we lose not only a veteran brother who had been a member of our Order for upwards of three score years, but one likewise who had made it the business of his whole life, both as a man and a Mason, to try and assist his fellow creatures, but especially those among them who through the caprices of Fortune were in distress or indigent circumstances. May the memory of his good deeds flourish ever like the green bay tree of the sacred Psalmist!

BRO. E. TURNER PAYNE.

The funeral of the late Bro. E. Turner, Clerk to the Bath Magistrates, and to several local bodies, took place on Monday last, the interment being made in Bathwick Cemetery in the presence of a numerous gathering of magistrates, town councillors, members of the legal profession, citizens, and brethren. At twelve o'clock the first portion of the burial service was gone through, the clergy present being the Rev. James Dunn, vicar; Revs. George Tugwell, rector of St. Mary's, Bathwick; P. E. George, and T. Jesson. Behind the mourners were a number of city magistrates, headed by the mayor, who carried a floral cross. Then came several members of the Bath branch of the English Church Union, of which the deceased was a prominent member. The Town Council was strongly represented, and so likewise were the Royal Cumberland and the Royal Sussex Lodges, and the Lodge of Honour, of Bath; and the Royal Albert Edward, of Weston; and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Somersetshire, Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., being the foremost P.G. Officer.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., has returned from his shooting excursion to Scotland, and on Saturday last resumed his official duties at the Admiralty.

Tobacconists Commencing.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectively from £20 to £2000;" three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541. —[ADVT.]



It has been arranged that the St. Mark's College Lodge, No. 2157, shall be consecrated on Friday, the 29th inst., the officer in charge of the ceremony being, as usual, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary.

We are glad to hear that Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough is regaining his strength, having latterly been able to take some outdoor exercise.

Bro. Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., P.G.M. of Scotland, has expressed his intention of devoting the sum of £2000 to provide work for the unemployed in Glasgow.

Deer-stalking in the great Forest of Athole has closed for the season, 102 stags, of which 13 fell to the gun of Bro. the Duke of Athole in one week, having been killed.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey presided last week at the annual harvest home dinner on his estate at Middleton, and referred, in the course of one of his speeches, to certain important matters connected with agricultural depression.

Bros. Sir G. Willis and Sir F. Fitzwygram, Bart., M.P., were among the naval and military officers present on the 14th inst. when the Mayor of Portsmouth, accompanied by the members of the Corporation, laid the foundation stone of the new Town Hall.

Visitors to the Criterion will be sorry to hear that Bro. W. Culverhouse will not attend to the comforts of the brethren after this date. Bro. W. Culverhouse, by his courteous attention, will be remembered by many brethren. He had been with Messrs. Spiers and Pond many years, and was much respected.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held, by invitation from Lodge No. 53, at Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 4 p.m., when a new code of bye-laws will be submitted for approval, and the officers for the ensuing 12 months appointed.

We trust that Bro. Seymour Smith's annual concert, which is announced to take place at an early date, will prove, as usual, a conspicuous success. It should do so, at all events, for there is an excellent programme, and a body of able and popular artists, both vocal and instrumental, to interpret it. Full particulars to be had of Bro. Seymour Smith, 24, Camden-road, Nunhead-lane, S.E.

The members of St. Bartholomew's Lodge held their annual meeting in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall, Wednesday, on Tuesday afternoon, the 12th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. E. T. Collins was for the second time installed as W.M. In the evening a dinner was held in the lodge room at the Anchor Hotel, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

At the last meeting of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, held in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, Bro. Brown, S.W., was unanimously elected to the chair, Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hall was re-elected Tyler. The installation will take place on Monday, November the 8th.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Faversham, were among the congregation present at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on Tuesday, when Major the Hon. M. Curzon, a son by his second marriage, of the late Bro. Earl Howe, and Esmé, daughter of Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Horatio Fitzroy, were married.

The monthly meeting of the Falcon Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, and was visited by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the newly-elected Deputy Prov. G.M., who was received with due honours. About 20 members of the Eboracum Lodge at York, and others from Northallerton and Ripon, accepted special invitations from the W.M., Bro. Z. Wright, for the exchange of fraternal courtesies. A paper on "The Masonic Temple" was read by Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., and discussed.

We referred, in connection with the recent formation of the Prov. Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man, to the presence of several of the Grand Officers on the occasion, and paid them a compliment, which was no more than their due, in regard to their readiness at all times to undertake any duty required of them, no matter what the trouble and distance involved. We enumerated most of those who took part in the interesting ceremony of installing R.W. Bro. Major Goldie-Taubman as P.G.M. of the Isle of Man, but, through an unintentional oversight, we seem to have omitted from the list the name of Bro. Colonel Somerville-Burney, P.G.D., who acted as S.W. during the installation. We trust our worthy brother will kindly forgive the omission.

A revolution in watches seems natural, seeing that time which is marked by the watch is in a perpetual state of revolution. But it certainly takes one's breath away when one hears of a really good watch, which marks the time with splendid accuracy, like "The Holborn Watch" and "The Holborn Chronograph," being purchasable at such insignificant prices as 9s. 6d. for the former, and 12s. 6d. for the latter. Yet the sale of these articles at the terms we have stated is a fact, and what is much more to the point, Mr. A. W. Gamage, 121, Holborn, from whom they are obtainable, guarantees their soundness, for two years at least. They are handsome to look at, being enclosed in aluminium gold or nickel cases, with crystal glasses, and having a quick winding keyless action. "The Chronograph" is a centre-second stop-watch, and therefore will be found invaluable for sporting men in timing races and members of the medical profession in attending their patients. But both are admirable, and our friends who do not care to risk their gold watches, yet require always to have about them an accurate timekeeper, will be doing themselves a service if they patronise Mr. Gamage.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, Rector of Long Melford, Sudbury, has been appointed Honorary Chaplain to Her Majesty.

Bro. the Lord Mayor elect will entertain the officers and several of the past officers of the 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers at a banquet at the Mansion, House on 20th November.

Bro. the Earl of Fife has arrived at Duff House from Mar Lodge, Braemar, and the Countess of March at Molecomb House, Sussex, from Gordon Castle.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Hastings on Tuesday, when the P.G. Officers for the year were appointed, and a banquet followed as usual.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have issued cards of invitation for a meeting at the Mansion House this (Friday) afternoon, in connection with the Recreative Evening Classes Association.

The Princess of Wales, with her daughters, the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, and attended by Bro. Sir Francis and Miss Knollys, visited the Royalty Theatre on Tuesday evening.

Bro. Chaplin Henry had charge of the musical arrangements at the livery dinner of the Plaisters' Company, held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday evening.

Bro. Lord Brassey will deliver the opening address at the first meeting this session of the City of London College Parliamentary Debating Society, on Tuesday evening next, in the large hall of the College, White-street, Little Moorfields.

On Tuesday, at the Gloucestershire Quarter Sessions, Bro. Lord Fitzhardinge, of Berkeley Castle, was presented with his portrait in oils, in recognition of his services to agriculture and the munificence with which he had kept up the Berkeley Hunt.

Bro. Sir E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., was entertained at a banquet at Plymouth on Tuesday to commemorate his appointment as one of the Law Officers of the Crown. The mayor of the town presided, and members of both political parties were present.

Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen presided at a meeting of the Institute of British Carriage Manufacturers, held in the Westminster Town Hall on Tuesday, when an interesting paper on "Canadian Timber suitable for Carriage Building" was read by Professor Macoun.

Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk, had a narrow escape from what might have been a serious accident and even worse. His lordship was returning in his brougham from Eye Railway Station to Thornham Hall, when a horse and cart came into collision with his equipage, with the result that his horse was killed, though happily both his lordship and the coachman escaped injury.

Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart., has been giving sittings to Mr. Frank Hall for the portrait which the electors of the Hawick Burghs are about to present to the Right Honorable Gentleman in recognition of his services as their former representative in the House of Commons. In a few days Sir George will leave England for a two months' tour on the continent.

According to a note in the *Voice of Masonry* for the current month, the Masonic Benefit Association of Clayton, Illinois, is in a prosperous condition. In the year ended 1st June, it paid away 28,224 dollars, making a total of payments since its establishment of 119,025 dollars. Its net assets are 51,8 dollars. The Secretary of the Association is Bro. A. S. McDowell.

Bro. Lord Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of England, will, in accordance with custom, entertain at breakfast at the House of Lords on Monday next the Judges, Queen's Counsel, Benchers of the several Inns of Court, and the chief officials of the Supreme Court of Judicature, on the occasion of the opening of the Michaelmas law sittings.

Bro. Sir David Radcliffe (Mayor of Liverpool) was decorated by the French Minister of Commerce with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, at a banquet given at Paris by French exhibitors at the Liverpool Exhibition and the French Bar, the banquet being specially given in the Mayor's honour, and that of Mons. Caubet, the French Consul in Liverpool.

The *Globe* in describing some of the incidents of the recent gales mentions that from a barque which was wrecked at Tintagel on Saturday last, the body of a man had been picked up, and in his pocket was found a Masonic certificate of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with the name "William J. Pucksley;" and the finding of a nightdress bearing the name of Ann Pucksley leaves little doubt that Bro. Pucksley was the captain of the ship, and that his wife has shared the fate of her husband and the whole crew.

There has been a considerable amount of activity among the lodges and brethren under the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, English Constitution. A quarterly communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, York-street, Sydney, on the 17th May last, and since then there have been no less than three emergency meetings; one at Gundagai on the 29th June, to inaugurate the new Lodge of Loyalty; a second at Burwood for a like purpose in behalf of the Burwood Lodge on the 8th July; and the third at the Oddfellows' Hall, Woollahra, on the 12th August, when the Lodge Paddington Ionic was consecrated and inaugurated. This does not look much like a secession of New South Wales from the Grand Lodges of the old country. There was also the further quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Sydney, on the 29th July, this being the annual communication, when the District Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming increase of English cholera and diarrhoea should be a warning to everyone to subdue at once any irregularity tending towards disease. Holloway's Pills should now be in every household to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more efficient than its cleansing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredients. Holloway's is the best physic during the summer season, when decaying fruit and unwholesome vegetables are frequently deranging the bowels, and daily exposing thousands, through their negligence in permitting disordered action to the dangers of diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera.—[ADVT]

At the meeting of the Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, at Halifax last week, one guinea was voted from the funds of the lodge to the Binckes Testimonial Fund.

Bro. Major General Sir Evelyn Wood, commanding the Eastern district, inspected the 19th Hussars at Norwich on Monday.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, last week, opened the new buildings of the Highgate Youths' Institute in the presence of a numerous and enthusiastic gathering.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., chief Secretary for Ireland, returned to the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin, from Earl Fitzwilliam's seat in county Wicklow, on Saturday.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and the Lord Mayor elect, before the formal inauguration of the latter into office, will entertain the Courts of their respective Companies at luncheon at the Mansion House, on the 8th inst.

We are glad to see that among the candidates for the Plaistow Ward of the Borough of West Ham, at the Municipal Election on 1st prox., is our very worthy Bro. Thomas Cobb, 59, 61, High-street, Plaistow.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., has arrived in Japan on his tour round the world, and may be expected back in England towards the end of February next.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., entertained a series of guests at Newmarket last week, and has since joined the party assembled at Mr. Saville's at Rufford Abbey, to meet the Prince of Wales.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G.P., will be installed W.M. of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, to-morrow (Saturday), and in the course of the proceedings will initiate his son, Mr. H. B. Marshall, jun., into Freemasonry.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, left Vienna on Saturday last, having dined with his Excellency Sir A. Paget, our Ambassador, and Lady Paget, the previous evening.

The Lady Mayoress gave the last but one of her receptions at the Mansion House on Tuesday, when among others there were present Bro. F. T. Isitt, Bro. Under-Sheriff Sydney and Mrs. Sydney, and Bro. Alderman Stone and Mrs. Stone.

Bro. Augustus Harris will not remove from the boards, during the pantomime season, the successful drama of "A Run of Luck," but will play it at another theatre, Drury Lane being, as usual, reserved for the regular Christmas Pantomime.

At the last meeting of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259, Bro. C. Wakefield, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. W. M. Esmond, the esteemed W.M., was voted a P.M. jewel to be presented to him on leaving the chair at the expiration of a successful year of office.

Bro. William Watkins, S.W. 1076, was unanimously elected W.M. at the last meeting of the above flourishing lodge. Bro. J. Dorton, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and the eminent services of Bro. W. H. Harris, W.M., were recognised by the lodge voting him a jewel of the value of ten guineas from the lodge funds.

The King of Denmark, with the Crown Prince and Princess, Prince and Princess Waldemar, Prince Hans and Bro. the Hon. E. Monson, British Minister in Denmark, visited the Channel Fleet under Bro. Vice-Admiral Sir W. N. Hewett, at Copenhagen on Saturday last. In the evening the Danish Naval Officers' Club and the British residents in the Danish capital gave a grand ball to the officers of the squadron, at which some 300 guests were present.

"A Dark Secret" is the title of the new sensational drama by Bro. James Willing, jun., which will be produced at the National Standard Theatre on Saturday next, the 30th instant. The great scene will be the Henley Regatta, and in order to allow of the necessary stage alterations being made, the theatre will be closed from Monday next, the 25th inst., till the day of production.

It has been arranged that the Lord Mayor's Procession this year shall include a number of grand cars, in which will be exhibited certain appropriate trophies symbolical of Great Britain and her various groups of colonies and possessions, India, Canada, Australia, Africa, and the West Indies; the arrangement of the whole display being, as we have said before, in charge of Bro. Chas. Harris, of "Old Drury."

Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, of Dunraven Castle, near Cardiff, as soon as he heard of the wreck of the *Benny-Gloe*, Glasgow, 2000 tons, on the Nash Sands, off that port, generously sent money and provisions to the shipwrecked crew and invited them up to the Castle. On the other hand, some of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood not only plundered the stores from the wreck, but even stripped the dead of their valuables.

PEARL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).—The report presented at the twenty-second annual meeting of this company at its offices, on the 24th ult., shows a very satisfactory rate of progress, and that its position is becoming stronger and sounder every year. Thus, to go back only five years, in 1881 the income from premiums was in round figures £91,458, now it is £195,737. During the past year, 453,898 policies were issued, representing a new annual premium income of £169,631, while the total income from all sources during the same period was £199,985, showing an increase over the year previous amounting to £35,878. At the termination of the financial year in June last the policies in force in the company's books yielded an income of £231,793, and the 11,774 claims and grants paid during the year amounted to £73,857, making a total so paid since the establishment of the Company of £403,252. There has also been added £14,318 to the Assurance Fund which with capital paid up, now amounts to £124,228. Lastly, the actuaries, after employing an exceptionally severe test and having estimated all negative values, have been able to show a surplus of £7087. Under these circumstances the Directors in this report felt justified in recommending a dividend of 10 per cent., payable in two half yearly instalments, and one of those payments has already been made. Thus, in spite of the commercial depression which has prevailed so generally, the Pearl Life Assurance Company has gone on its way prosperously during the past 12 months.

