

# THE FREEMASON.

The Organ of the Craft, a Weekly Record of Progress in  
FREEMASONRY, LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND ART

Reports of the Grand Lodges are Published with the Special Sanction of  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND  
SIR ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL, BART., M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

VOL. XX., No. 982.]

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1887.

PRICE 3d.

## CONTENTS.

LEADERS .....	705	REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS—	
Freemasonry in 1887 .....	705	Craft Masonry .....	714
The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C.		Instruction .....	715
—In Memoriam .....	709	Mark Masonry .....	715
Consecration of the Frederick West Lodge,		Laying the Foundation Stone of the New	
No. 2222 .....	710	Grammar School, Cheltenham .....	715
Consecration of the Brooke Chapter, No.		Presentation to Bro. John Osborn, P.P.G.	
2005 .....	710	Std. Br. Middx. ....	716
Drummond's History of Portland Lodge,		Royal Masonic Institution for Girls .....	717
No. 1 .....	711	Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin .....	717
CORRESPONDENCE—		Theatres .....	717
Charitable Associations .....	713	The Craft Abroad .....	717
Reviews .....	713	Masonic and General Tidings .....	718
Notes and Queries .....	713	Lodge Meetings for Next Week .....	iv.
Rowing Clubs Lodges .....	713		

It is by no means the first time it has devolved upon us in the discharge of our duties to record a painful occurrence at this season of the year, when the festivities of Christmas are in full career, and the contrast between grief and pleasure is necessarily so marked; but we cannot call to mind a single occasion on which we in particular and the whole body of our readers were so sorely afflicted as when, towards the close of last week, the intelligence came upon us like a thunderclap that our respected brother the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G. Chaplain, was no more. We were looking forward to those frequent gatherings of friends which occur at Christmastide, and suddenly we heard that one of the oldest and most familiar of them all would never again exchange with us the friendly grip or genial salutation of this or any other season. Elsewhere in our columns may be read an admirable description of our deceased brother by one of his oldest and most valued collaborators in the field of Masonic literature, Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., and from the close relation which existed between the two for some twenty years, our readers will be able to gather from that account a fuller knowledge of Bro. WOODFORD, and what manner of man he was, than could have been furnished perhaps by any other of his intimates. But greatly as we value Bro. Hughan's kindly and respectful tribute to our departed brother, it is a duty we owe to ourselves and to our constituents that we, too, should exhibit, as far as words can do so, our sense of the loss which English Freemasonry has sustained through Bro. WOODFORD's death, our own sincere regret at its occurrence, and our sympathy with the large circle of Masonic and other friends who, as they esteemed and respected him so highly when living, are now mourning for him when dead so deeply. It is well known that for many years Bro. WOODFORD was editor of this journal, and that even when a sense of duty required him to speak out boldly and unflinchingly, he invariably eliminated from his remarks every suspicion of unkindliness. It is equally well known that in the course of his long career as a literary Mason he rendered incalculable service to the Craft by his articles, his essays, his Defence of Masonry, and, above all, by the work he accomplished as editor of "KENNING'S Cyclopædia of Freemasonry." His orations in lodge were always listened to with pleasure, while in the social life of Masonry he was always genial and kindly, and always, therefore, a welcome addition to any gathering. However, it will be some slight consolation to those who knew him most intimately and who lament his death so sincerely, that Bro. GOULD, one of his closest and most distinguished literary friends, tended him most kindly during the closing days of his life, and was present at the final scene of all; and that Bro. HUGHAN, the second of his more intimate fellow-workers, has paid to his memory the kind and graceful tribute which appears elsewhere. No doubt, also, it will be a further consolation to them to feel that though dead, Bro. WOODFORD will still live in our hearts, and that while his works remain as evidences of his learning, ability, and zeal, his memory, as that of a brother who laboured unceasingly for the Craft, will ever be kept sacred.

In presenting to our readers the usual Summary of the Masonic History of the year, which ends this week, and the Chronological Table of Occurrences for the 12 months, from 1st December, 1866, to the 30th November, 1887, we take the opportunity of wishing them a "Happy New Year," and expressing the hope that the year 1888, on which we enter on Sunday next, will be as productive of good fortune to the Craft of Masonry, not only throughout the British Empire, but in all other countries likewise, as the year 1887 has been.

## FREEMASONRY IN 1887.

We have been so accustomed since the time when his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was graciously pleased to accept the office of Grand Master of Masons in England to describe the years that have elapsed under his auspices as being remarkably, if not exceptionally, prosperous, that people must begin to regard the statement as being too regularly made to be altogether justifiable. But though our successive annual summaries may have been somewhat highly coloured, as men are apt to make them when the course of events has been smooth and satisfactory, they have been substantially true in their details, and have been in the main corroborated by outside observers who have watched our progress narrowly, and at the same time from an impartial standpoint. But even if some of our annual pictures of Freemasonry in the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England are open to the charge of slight exaggeration, there is no doubt as to the year which will end with the last day of this week, having been one of conspicuous activity, and of a success, which, if we except the year 1875, in which the Prince of Wales was installed as G. Master, is unparalleled in the annals of the Craft. The celebration of the Queen's Jubilee was certain to evoke a grand display of enthusiasm on the part of her Masonic subjects, as well as of the community generally. But even the most sanguine expectants of a stirring year must have been astounded at the universality and heartiness of the loyalty and affection displayed towards our gracious Sovereign, not because loyalty and affection are by any means uncommon among Britons, but because our people are not as a rule particularly demonstrative of their feelings, and yet the year has been an almost unbroken series of demonstrations of love and respect for her Majesty. And in these demonstrations our Fraternity, both as a separate body and conjointly with their fellow subjects, have borne their part successfully, so that years hence, when those who have had a hand in making the history of our time have long since passed away, the stirring events of Queen Victoria's Jubilee year will still occupy a foremost place in our annals. Nor apart from the special proceedings which have attended this particular celebration has the year 1887 been wholly uneventful. Our regular gatherings have been as numerous and as imposing as ever; our muster roll points to quite as considerable and substantial an increase of lodges; the government of our Society has been as successfully administered; and there has been as marked an absence of anything like serious dissension in our ranks, or of disturbance in our relations with our other Masonic jurisdictions. Omit from the record the Jubilee rejoicings and what came of them, and the year will still remain one of which we may justly feel proud. The general public have seen more of our proceedings, and the more they see of us, the better they seem to understand us, and the greater becomes their sympathy with the aims and objects of our being. In short, as the following narrative will show, we have done well during this year of grace and are entitled to indulge in a little pardonable display of pride at the result of our labours.

### CRAFT MASONRY.

Since the Quarterly Communication in December, 1886, warrants for 52 new lodges have been granted by the M.W.G.M., the highest number on the roll as published in the Grand Lodge Calendar for 1886 being 2234. Of these only six are located in the Metropolis, namely, the Savage Club, Anglo-American, and Highbury Lodges, the Regent's Park, Hendon, and Old Westminster. However, if the additions are necessarily few, the Metropolis being already so well furnished with lodges, they are undoubtedly of a high class character, and the first two named—the Savage Club and Anglo-American Lodges—have met with a degree of consideration which is rarely extended to such young lodges. The Anglo-American, indeed, has more than fulfilled the purpose for which it was established, and even during its brief career has amply justified the brilliant expectations to which its constitution gave rise. The new Provincial lodges are 27 in number, and of these four have been added to the roll of West Lancashire, Nos. 2215, 2216, 2220, and 2231, it being intended that the Lathom, No. 2220, shall be limited as regards membership to Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, with Bro. the Earl of Lathom, who is G. Master of the Province as well as Deputy G. Master of England, as the first W. Master. Kent has three additions (Nos. 2195, 2200, and 2205); Hants and the Isle of Wight, two (Nos. 2203 and 2208); Lancashire East, two (Nos. 2185 and 2193); Monmouthshire, two (Nos. 2186 and 2226); Surrey, two (Nos. 2222 and 2234); and Sussex, two (Nos. 2187 and 2201); while one has been added to each of the following, namely, Berks and Bucks (No. 2228); Cumberland and Westmorland (No. 2217); Derbyshire (No. 2224); Devonshire (No. 2189); Essex (No. 2184); Hertfordshire (No. 2218); Middlesex (No. 2183); Isle of Man (No. 2197); Staffordshire (No. 2214); and Wiltshire (No. 2227.) Many of these have already taken their appointed places in the Provincial ranks and are doing good service or holding out fair promise of good service in the future, and the others will no doubt play their part as successfully, when they have been consecrated and had time to settle themselves in harness. The remaining 19 have gone to swell the number of our Colonial and foreign lodges, the District of Victoria being enriched by the addition of five from No. 2209 to No. 2213, both inclusive, and New South Wales by four, viz., Nos. 2198, 2199, 2223, and 2230; Queensland by No. 2207; and Tasmania by No. 2204. The Districts of Canterbury (New Zealand), and Auckland (New Zealand), have one new lodge each, namely, No. 2194 and No. 2207 respectively, and South Africa has two, of which the West Division receives No. 2220; and there are four others located on the Malabar coast (No. 2188); in the West Indies (No. 2196); in Upper Burmah (No. 2219); and on the Malay Peninsula (No. 2225). The fact that Victoria and New South Wales have sought and obtained warrants for so many new lodges is sufficient evidence, as we pointed out in our last year's summary, that the

desire is strong among the Craft in those two colonies for the maintenance of their existing relations with the United Grand Lodge of England.

The ordinary proceedings of Grand Lodge need not engage our attention for long. At the March communication Bro. Richard Eve was elected Grand Treasurer by a very large majority over Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P. The sum of £1000 was unanimously granted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in order to enable it, having regard to the very considerable number of candidates for election in May, to increase the number of its annuitants. Lastly, the question of Past Masters' collars, which had been raised by Bro. Nicholl the previous December and defeated by the narrow majority of one vote, was reconsidered, and it was settled that these brethren should wear their collars on all proper occasions and that the necessary amendments in the laws should be introduced by the Board of General Purposes with a view to making the necessary provision for the new arrangements. These alterations were accordingly made and approved by Grand Lodge in September, so that our worthy Past Masters appear to have obtained their desire. In June Bro. Edis was appointed and invested as G. Superintendent of Works in place of Bro. Sir Horace Jones deceased, and Bro. A. A. Pendlebury was rewarded for his long and valuable services in the Grand Secretary's office by being appointed and invested as Assistant Grand Secretary. On the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes and in consideration of the large increase of work resulting from the extension of late years of Craft and Arch Masonry the salary of Grand Secretary was increased to £1000 per annum, and Bro. H. Sadler was appointed to the office of Sub-Librarian with the modest addition of £20 annually to his salary as G. Tyler. The announcement of these appointments and of the increase in the emoluments assigned to Col. Clerke, as G. Secretary and G. Scribe E., was received with strong manifestations of approval from all parts of Grand Lodge. The question as to the best mode of counting the votes on a division being taken also engaged the attention of Grand Lodge, and Rule 75, which deals with the subject, was so altered as to place the matter in the hands of the Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Sir Albert Woods), the Board of General Purposes, from whom this suggestion emanated, appearing to be of the opinion that this distinguished Grand Officer would be able to formulate some plan by which the inconvenience caused by the arrangements previously attempted would be put an end to. We have no doubt the confidence reposed in the ability of Bro. Sir A. Woods to remedy an admitted evil will be amply justified. At the Communication held early in the present month of December Bros. Asher Barfield and S. B. Wilson were nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer for next year, and a sum of £500 was voted as a contribution towards the Fund for the relief of distress among the deserving poor of the Metropolis. It was also unanimously resolved that, in view of the near approach of the 25th Anniversary, or Silver Wedding-day, of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Princess of Wales, an Address of Congratulation should be prepared for presentation to their Royal Highnesses, and be accompanied by a suitable gift to the Princess, and in order to give effect to the latter part of this resolution, the sum of £500 was granted from the Fund of General Purposes.

It will be seen from this brief review that the proceedings in our Grand Lodge have been for the most part of the ordinary character, the affairs of our Society being in the main so admirably administered as to render the intervention of Grand Lodge quite unnecessary except on very rare occasions. But if the general business has been comparatively unimportant, the auspicious event which will always be associated in the annals of the British Empire with the year 1887, namely, the celebration of the Jubilee of our beloved Queen's accession to the throne, has elicited such a display of enthusiastic loyalty on the part of the Craft as has rarely been equalled and never surpassed at any previous period in our history. There never could have been the slightest doubt that an event of such rare occurrence as this was certain to arouse the liveliest feelings of affection and respect among the members of a Society whose guiding principles are loyalty to the glorious constitution under which they live and Charity towards all men. But it is probable the manifestations of loyalty, accompanied as they were by munificent gifts to our Charitable Institutions, must have exceeded the expectations even of the most sanguine brethren. At all events, it is beyond question that the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee was worthy of so gracious a Sovereign and of the dignity or so ancient and respectable a body. The splendid scene in the Royal Albert Hall on the 13th June last, when upwards of 6000 brethren met together from all parts of the kingdom, and, with the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the other dignitaries of our Order, at their head, passed an Address of Congratulation to the Queen, was one that can never be forgotten by those who were present, and, like the equally impressive scene at the installation of his Royal Highness as G.M. in April, 1875, will always remain as one of the grandest Masonic gatherings of this or any other epoch. But this was very far from being the whole of the commemorative programme which Grand Lodge had marked out for itself. At the Quarterly Communication immediately preceding this grand convention, Grand Lodge passed a resolution giving a sum of £6000 for distribution in equal parts among our three Institutions, and it had been previously arranged that the gross proceeds of the sale of admission tickets to the Albert Hall should be distributed equally among the same Charities, Grand Lodge defraying out of its own funds the expenses of the meeting. The sum realised by the tickets exceeded £6300, and the whole of this, in addition to the £6000 already referred to, was handed over intact to the Charities, each of which has thus received upwards of £4100 into its treasury as a memorial of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. In addition, there is every reason to believe that, when the various contributions have been received, it will be found that our lodges and individual brethren have not overlooked the claims upon their support of the National Memorial of the Jubilee, and that a by no means inconsiderable sum has been raised for the Imperial Institute for the United Kingdom, India, and the Colonies, the first stone of which her Majesty has already laid; while, as regards the local Masonic celebrations and the gifts of brethren to local Charities in honour of the same event, it is no exaggeration to say their number is legion. In fine, our Society on this occasion, if on no other, has fully justified itself before the world as a loyal and Charitable body, and even our bitterest censors must allow that it is not without reason we feel somewhat proud of the achievements of the past year.

The most notable gathering of the year was that held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on the 13th June, to which we have just alluded. For many previous weeks grand preparations had been made for this assembly, the arrangements being in the hands of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Sir Albert Woods, and Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., presided, and was supported by, among other illustrious and

distinguished members, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, S.G. Warden; the Duke of Connaught, P.S.G.W. and Prov. G. Master of Sussex; Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master; and Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G. Master, by whom the address to her Majesty was respectively moved and seconded, the Grand Officers for the year, very many Prov. and Dist. G. Masters, and a host of brethren of every grade in Masonry, the total number present being upwards of 6000. From a spectacular point of view the scene was one of unparalleled brilliancy, while, as regards the enthusiasm displayed towards her Majesty, nothing could have surpassed it, the Prince of Wales, on taking his seat on the dais as M.W.G. Master, being also the recipient of a splendid ovation. The brethren on whom brevet rank in G. Lodge was conferred in honour of the event were heartily cheered, and his Royal Highness having graciously accepted the Jubilee medal presented by G. Lodge, the proceedings closed with the National Anthem. The arrangements were perfect and most successfully carried out, and in September G. Lodge formally expressed its gratitude to Bros. Sir A. Woods and T. Fenn by passing a vote of thanks to them, and at its meeting during the present month these votes of thanks, having in the meantime been beautifully engrossed and illuminated on vellum, were handed to them in open Grand Lodge. We may conveniently add here that a medal commemorative of the Jubilee was specially struck by Bro. George Kenning, and that most favourable opinions have been expressed everywhere as to its artistic merits.

Of other meetings held in celebration of the same memorable event, the most important was that which took place in the ancient city of York, on the 14th July, under the auspices of the Prov. G. Lodge of North and East Yorkshire. On this occasion Bro. the Earl of Zetland, G. Master of the Province, presided, and the meeting, which included the officers and members of the Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire, headed by Bro. Tew, P.G.M.; of that of Durham, under Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Bart., P.G.M.; and a host of other visitors, was similarly, and indeed equally, enthusiastic with that in the Albert Hall, our northern brethren being as heartily demonstrative of their loyalty, but fewer in number.

The other important meetings of the year include that held at Great Yarmouth on the 18th May, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, supported by the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk, under Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M., laid the first stone of the local hospital with full Masonic ceremonial. On the 18th October Prince Albert Victor of Wales, S.G.W. of England, supported by many Grand Officers and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northants and Hunts, laid the foundation-stone of the Northampton General Infirmary; and on the 15th July the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M. of Sussex, consecrated at Brighton the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, Bro. Gerard Ford, D.P.G.M., being the Master designate. On the 15th April Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton was installed, at Chester, Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, in succession to Bro. Lord De Tabley, whose death some months later in the year was the subject of very general regret throughout the Province with which he had been associated for so many years, and, indeed, throughout the whole of the English Craft. On the 17th October Bro. the Earl of Euston was installed Prov. G.M. of Northants and Hunts, in succession to Bro. the Duke of Manchester, resigned; and on the 12th November the Duke of Connaught was installed District G.M. of Bombay, in place of Bro. E. Tyrrell Leith, resigned, who, to his sorrow, was prevented, by unavoidable circumstances, from having the honour of installing his Royal Highness. At the same time, and in accordance with the custom of our Scotch brethren in Bombay, the Duke had the rank of Past G.M. of all Scottish Freemasonry in India conferred upon him. Among other changes in the higher Provincial ranks must be mentioned the appointment of Bro. the Hon. Judge Lloyd as D.P.G.M. Cheshire, under Lord Egerton of Tatton; of Bro. Gerard Ford as D.P.G.M. Sussex, *vice* Bro. J. Henderson Scott, deceased; of Bro. W. E. Brymer as D.P.G.M. Dorsetshire, *vice* Bro. C. T. Hambro, resigned; and of Bro. J. T. Collings, D.P.G.M. Warwickshire, *vice* Bro. Lieut.-Col. Machen, since deceased.

Among the minor events we note the consecration of many already popular lodges, but notably of the Savage Club and Anglo-American Lodges; the entertainment by the latter of Bro. Shryock, G.M. of Maryland, and of the same distinguished visitor as well as of the American Pilgrims—in their Craft Masonic capacity—by the Lodge of Eboracum, No. 1611, York; the Masonic Exhibition at Plymouth, which was organised by our worthy Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; the installation of Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., as W.M., in succession to Bro. Sir Charles Warren, of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076; the banquets at the Mansion House by Bro. Lord Mayor Hanson, on the first occasion, to the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, of whom at the time his lordship was W.M., and on the second to Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past; the dedication of the new Masonic Hall at Brixham by the D.P.G.M. of Devonshire; the presentation by Bro. T. H. Tilton, Past District G.M. of New York, to Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., of a member's jewel of the Masonic Veterans' Association of New York, and of a diploma of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, 1886, to the Empire Lodge, No. 2108; the presentation of an address by Lodge No. 1578, Pontypridd, to the Grand Secretary, and of a testimonial to Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec. and G. Scribe E. of Sussex; and the visit to the Girls' School towards the end of November of Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser and the Lady Mayoress. In all these cases, and in many others which we have not space enough to enumerate, the proceedings were of the usual character, while the manner in which they were carried out reflected the greatest credit on all concerned. In short, the ordinary, as well as the extraordinary, work of Craft Masonry has prospered almost beyond our most sanguine expectations.

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

Though this branch of Freemasonry, so far as its government is concerned, has a separate and distinct organisation from Craft Masonry, yet, as it is constitutionally recognised as being part and parcel of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry, it must be said to a certain extent to shine with a reflected light. If the Craft fares well, so in chief measure does the Royal Arch, while if Fortune shows herself unkindly to the former, the latter suffers in about the same proportion. This year there have been issued warrants for 15 chapters, of which 10 are added to the Provincial roll, and the remaining 5 to that of Colonial and Foreign chapters, the Metropolis not being able to boast of a single addition to its array. Of the new Provincial chapters, three have been consecrated in the Eastern Division of South Wales, while the remaining seven are distributed among Dorsetshire, Essex, Kent, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Staffordshire, and Surrey. The five foreign chapters belong to China (Canton), Eastern Archipelago, Madras (East Indies), New South Wales, and Canterbury, New Zealand.

Permission has been granted to the St. George's Chapter, No. 140, Greenwich, to wear a centenary jewel, it having proved to the satisfaction of the authorities that it has been continuously working for 100 years, and there have been likewise sundry changes in the *personnel* of our rulers, Comp. the Earl of Zetland having succeeded the late Comp. J. P. Bell as G. Superintendent of N. and E. Yorkshire, while Comp. Col. Caldwell has taken the place of Comp. York as G. Superintendent of Cambridgeshire, Comp. Gerard Ford has further taken over the charge as G. Superintendent of the Province of Sussex, in succession to the late Comp. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. But the chief activity appears to have been exhibited in the Eastern Division of South Wales, of which Comp. Marmaduke Tennant, installed in office by the Grand Scribe E. at Cardiff early in April, is now G. Superintendent. There still remain, however, the G. Superintendencies of Cheshire and Northants and Hunts to be filled, the former having been rendered vacant by the death of Comp. Lord De Tabley, and the latter by the retirement of Comp. the Duke of Manchester. Lastly, Supreme G. Chapter, at the instance of his Royal Highness the Grand Z., has had its array of G. Officers very considerably augmented, owing to the occurrence of the Queen's Jubilee, all those distinguished Craft brethren upon whom the Grand Master conferred brevet rank in G. Lodge having, if they possessed the requisite qualifications, received corresponding honours in the Royal Arch. This is not, perhaps, a very full or a very brilliant record for a year's doings, but, as we pointed out at the commencement of this brief review, our Royal Arch system is subordinated to that of the Craft of which it forms an integral part, and consequently we must not look for the occurrence of any unusual events in its history. It is enough that it pursues its way unostentatiously but with great success. There are no doubt many of us who would like to see it still further developed, but we do not imagine that even if the law allowed every Craft Lodge to have its Royal Arch chapter attached, the Degree would make its presence more conspicuous.

#### THE MARK DEGREE.

In our last year's summary we drew attention to the contrast between Mark Masonry as it was then and as it was in the year 1856, when the Mark G. Lodge of England and Wales was established. The period that has since elapsed has not witnessed any appreciable change in the position of affairs. New lodges have been warranted and new members enrolled, while the financial state is more prosperous. But with a body whose organisation is now so firmly established, and in which all the arrangements work so smoothly, this much might have been expected, and if there is little else to record, it is because a condition of tranquillity is as convincing a piece of evidence, as any reasonable man can desire that everything is going satisfactorily. Still, the year has not passed without some special attractions of its own, for which in chief measure the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee is responsible. During the twelve months ended the 30th September last, 1052 Mark Master Masons were registered, raising the total to 23,279, and 14 new lodges warranted, while 247 Royal Ark Mariner certificates were issued, and warrants for 11 Ark Mariner Lodges granted. One new Province, that of New South Wales, has been erected, with Bro. Norman Selfe, as Prov. G. Master. Five Prov. G. Masters, namely those of Lincolnshire, Natal, Quebec, West Yorkshire, and Leicestershire, &c., have had their patents renewed, and there is one vacancy, in the Prov. G. Mastership of Devonshire, caused by the lamented death of Bro. Lt.-Col. J. Tanner-Davy, who had governed the Province with ability and fidelity to the interests of Mark Masonry for the long period of 14 years. Of the new lodges 11 are located in the Provinces at home, Devonshire and Kent having two each, and Bucks, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Essex, Hants and Isle of Wight, Lancashire, and West Yorkshire, one each. Of the other three lodges one has been added to the Province of Victoria, while one is located in St. Helena and one in Penang. As regards the proceedings in Grand Lodge, we note, in the first instance, with pleasure, that by the wise counsels of Bro. W. J. Hughan that portion of the report of the General Board which was tantamount to a threat of reprisals against the General G. Chapter of the United States, in consequence of the latter having withdrawn its representative at the Mark Grand Lodge, was referred to the Board for further consideration. As we remarked at the time, it would have been both un-Masonic and undignified on the part of the Grand Lodge had it adopted anything like a retaliatory course in connection with proceedings resulting from its differences with the G. Chapter of Quebec, and for this reason we are glad the course proposed by Bro. Hughan was adopted. Had this not been done, the dispute which exists between the Mark authorities in this country, on the one hand, and the G. Chapter of Quebec directly, and the bulk of the G. Chapters in the United States indirectly, would have become embittered, and there is no knowing how this might have affected the future fortunes of the Mark Degree. With this exception there was nothing to disturb the even tenour of the G. Lodge business. A sum of £150 was voted, at the half-yearly communication on the 31st May, as a contribution to the Masonic section of the Imperial Institute, and £50 was granted to the Binckes' Testimonial Fund, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by that able brother to the Mark Grand Lodge during nearly the whole period of its existence. A loyal address of congratulation to her Majesty on the occasion of her Jubilee was passed with acclamation, and having been presented in the interim, a gracious letter of thanks was, by her Majesty's command, returned by the Home Secretary, and was entered in the minutes of the Winter Communication, on Tuesday, the 6th instant. It was also determined, with a view to further commemorating the great event of the year, that every Mark Master Mason, being a subscribing member of a lodge on the 20th June, 1887, should be permitted to wear a Jubilee badge attached to the hanger of the Mark jewel, and at the December Communication a number of distinguished Mark brethren were honoured with brevet rank in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the same Jubilee. We note further that sundry changes have taken place among the principal G. Officers, Bro. the Earl of Kintore having been succeeded as Pro Grand Master by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the latter as Deputy G. Master by Bro. the Marquis of Hertford; while his Royal Highness the G. Master conferred the collar of J.G. Warden on his elder son, Prince Albert Victor of Wales. As regards its financial position, the Grand Lodge has attained to a higher degree of prosperity than it has ever known, the amounts invested in respect of its General and three Benevolent Funds making up together a total of £9300, the increase over the previous year being mainly owing to the largely increased receipts at the 19th Anniversary Festival under Bro. Earl Amherst, Past G.M.M.M., on the 20th July, when, thanks to the efforts of a Board of Stewards numbering 166 brethren and its honorary Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, the unprecedented sum of £2260 was raised, of which close on £1800 had been paid in by the 30th September last. As a result

all the candidates in October, namely, nine (five boys and four girls) on the Educational Fund, and a brother on the Annuity Fund, were placed on the respective funds without the formality of an election. Lastly, the sum of 100 guineas has been unanimously voted as a contribution towards the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School in 1883, and will be placed on the list of Bro. Frank Richardson; and if we add to this that a very successful Moveable Grand Lodge was held at Weymouth on the 22nd July, we shall complete our survey of the proceedings of this branch of Masonry during the year 1887. May the future which awaits it be as uniformly prosperous!

#### CHIVALRIC AND HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

The various systems which are included under this head have been favourably influenced by the stirring events of the year, though, as usually happens, some have felt this influence to a greater degree than others. It cannot be said, for instance, that the Order of the Temple has not fared prosperously, but its membership is not large and its work is carried out very unostentatiously. In the United States, Templar parades and competitive and exhibition drills are constantly taking place; here we seldom hear of the Order and its proceedings except when a meeting of Great Priory or some Provincial Priory is held, and then the business is mostly of a formal character. However, as regards Great Priory, the year 1887 has been somewhat of an exception. Its annual meeting occurred on the 13th May, and, though the attendance was not large, the proceedings attracted a good deal of interest and we trust will be found to bear good fruit in the future. A sum of 100 guineas was voted to the Imperial Institute, and it was announced that warrants for two new preceptories, one at Durban, in Natal, and the other at Blackpool, in Lancashire, had been granted. It was also noted that Sir Knight A. F. Godson, M.P., had been installed Provincial Prior of Worcestershire, and that Sir Knight R. I. Finemore had been appointed to the like office for South Africa, *vice* Sir Knight Giddy, deceased. A tribute of respect was also paid to the late Sir Knight Tanner Davy, Provincial Prior of Devonshire, for the great services he had rendered to the Order, and since then his place has been filled by the appointment and installation of Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., who is an enthusiastic Mason and may be expected to work with as much energy as ability in order to promote the interests of the general body. The difference with the Great Priory of Canada arising out of the issue of a warrant for establishing a preceptory at Melbourne was left over for future consideration, the object in permitting this delay being to await the course of events in Canada. Unfortunately, however, the Canadian authorities appear determined to sustain their action, and in such case we do not see how a conflict between the two Great Priorities is to be avoided. One step has certainly been taken in the right direction. The minimum fee for installing candidates has been reduced from five guineas to three guineas in the case of those preceptories which desire to avail themselves of the change, and, provided the necessary caution is exercised in the proposal and acceptance of candidates, the effect of this reduction should certainly be to strengthen the Order, and raise it to a position more nearly according with its deserts. One change among the Grand Officers deserves to be recorded. Sir Knight A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., having been compelled, by the pressure of his Parliamentary and other duties to resign the Chancellorship, the vacancy thus caused has been filled by the appointment of Sir Knight F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. Among the other noteworthy occurrences of the year the chief place must be assigned to the brilliant reception at York of the American Templar Pilgrims, under Sir Knight C. E. Meyer, G. Recorder of Pennsylvania, by the Ancient Libor Preceptory, and the equally brilliant welcome of the same visitors by the Baldwin Preceptory, of Bristol, whose E.P. (Col. MacLiver) and members journeyed especially to London for the purpose of entertaining their American fratres. Of the other systems, that of the Ancient and Accepted Rite has shown the greatest amount of activity, and has added appreciably to its strength, several chapters of Rose Croix, 18°, having been consecrated during the year; the Adoniram Chapter, with Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., as its first M.W.S.; the Shadwell Clerke Chapter, and the Cœur de Lion Chapter, with Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings as M.W.S., being, all of them, likely to prove serviceable additions to the roll of this influential body. As regards the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, the Allied Masonic Degrees, the Royal and Select Masters, the Rosicrucians, and the Royal Order of Scotland, all in their several positions have done well, while the new Order of the Secret Monitor appears to have been received with very considerable favour.

#### OUR INSTITUTIONS.

But what it will probably interest our readers to hear above all other things is the degree of good fortune which has attended our three splendid Institutions. Have they received the measure of support they require and, taking into account the benefits they confer on our poorer members, they so richly deserve? If we group the three Institutions together, we must answer this question in the affirmative, seeing that their Anniversary Festivals yielded as nearly as possible the same sum as last year, namely, about £42,000; but if we take them separately, we shall see that this support, owing to a variety of circumstances, which it would be tedious as well as out of place to discuss here, has been very unequally distributed, the Benevolent Institution having obtained a far larger total of contributions than either of the Schools. However, this will be more apparent from the following brief summary of the year's proceedings in each case.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its Anniversary, as usual, in the month of February, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, having very kindly tendered his services as Chairman. The Board of Stewards numbered 378, and the total, when finally made up, amounted to £19,229, this, with the exception of the Boys' School Festival in 1883, being the largest sum ever subscribed at any Masonic Festival. This, however, is very far from representing the total of the benefactions which this Charity has, or will have, received in respect of 1887. In March, as we have already stated, Grand Lodge generously voted a sum of £1000, in order to enable it the better to meet the serious increase in the number of petitioners. To this must be added the further £4100—in round figures—contributed, directly or indirectly, by Grand Lodge in connection with, or in commemoration of, the Queen's Jubilee, and the £2100 raised by the Province of West Yorkshire in order to purchase two Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund. Here then we have a grand total for the year of close on £26,500—a clear proof that the needs of our distressed members and their widows are carefully regarded by the Craft generally. That the Festival should have yielded so abundantly can have surprised no one who calls to mind how pitiable was the prospect awaiting the petitioners in the early days of February, when with lists including between 120 and 130 candidates, of whom nearly two-thirds were widows, there were only some seven or eight vacancies on the Male Fund, and abso-



lutely none on the Widows' Fund. With so terrible an inequality as this between the number of applicants and the vacancies available, it was a matter of course that the Chairman, his Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and the Stewards generally, with their indefatigable honorary Secretary in the person of Bro. James Terry to guide and assist them, should have put an extra amount of power into their appeals, and that the Craft should have responded so nobly, the result being that when election day came round as usual in the month of May, the Committee of Management were enabled to place 16 men and 41 widows on the Funds, the additional annuities created being five male and 25 widows. It is no wonder under these circumstances, that the Committee should have presented an honorarium to Bro. Terry for the unprecedented success which had attended his "plan of campaign" in this instance, and we trust that whenever his services are crowned with like success the Committee will be as generous in their recognition of them. There is but little to add to the foregoing record. The usual winter and summer entertainments were provided for the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, and the average number of applications for the election in May next have been sent in and dealt with, or will have been received and dealt with at the first Committee Meeting in 1888; and as, from all we can learn at the present, there is every likelihood of the roll of candidates being as numerous as it was at the last election, we must hope that the Festival, which will be held on the 29th February, under the auspices of Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of South Wales (Eastern Division), will be sufficiently productive to maintain the Institution at its present strength. For this much, at all events, we are justified in hoping.

The Girls' School celebrated its 99th Anniversary in May, with Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Prov. G. Master of Shropshire, in the chair, and a Board of Stewards 277 strong, the total of the donations and subscriptions reaching £11,764, as against about £13,000, both the year previous and in 1886. Here, unfortunately, we have to note a very considerable diminution, amounting in round figures to about £1250, which was the more serious from the fact of the authorities having laid out some £2500 on the purchase of certain houses and grounds conveniently adjoining the School buildings. But we cannot say the result was altogether unforeseen. As the Chairman remarked in the course of his principal speech, "the 99th year was nothing more than other years, but rather less." It was natural that brethren should prefer reserving their services as Stewards till the Centenary year, and that those who cannot contribute to all the Masonic Institutions should wish to have their contributions entered in the list of the Centenary subscriptions. With everyone looking forward to the great event of next year, it was inevitable that the 99th Festival should fare indifferently, and we must be grateful that, under these circumstances so considerable a sum was raised. To this must be added the Jubilee contributions from Grand Lodge amounting to £4100, so that, after all, the Girls' Institution will have had no difficulty in paying its way, even with the additional outlay of £2500 for Mr. Evill's houses and the ground attached. That it deserves the support which it receives is demonstrated by the repeated successes which the pupils achieve at the Cambridge Local and the Science and Art Examinations, all those who went up for the former in December, 1886, having passed, the majority of them with honours, while of those who submitted to the latter ordeal about two-thirds were successful. This shows that the plan of education is well-regulated and as well carried out, and all well-wishers of the School must rejoice that advantage was taken of the completion by Miss Davis of a term of 25 years as Head Governess to present that lady with a testimonial in recognition of her important services to the children. The presentation took place on the 23rd April, with but very little outward formality, but in a manner which must have been particularly gratifying to Miss Davis. It remains to add that during the last months of the year the general attention has been occupied with the preparations for next year's important celebration, and the scheme proposed by the Committee and approved by the Governors for the re-arrangement and extension of the School as a permanent memorial of the event. A signal amount of success has attended the efforts of the Committee up to the present, and the Board of Stewards already numbers close on 600 brethren. A History of the Institution is also appearing in these columns, and when completed will be issued in book form. In fine, everything is being done to keep the School prominently before the Masonic world, and we trust these efforts will be crowned with a success worthy of so important an anniversary.

The Boys' School fared the worst of the three Charities, though the difference between its Festival receipts and those of the sister School at Battersea-rose amounted to only a few hundred pounds. Unfortunately, the celebration of the 89th Anniversary, which took place at the Crystal Palace on the 14th June, was held under the most discouraging circumstances. Bro. Binckes, who has done so much for the Institution during his Secretaryship of 26 years, made every possible endeavour to secure the services of a Chairman, but all his efforts proved unavailing until within about a fortnight of the day appointed, when Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, generously undertook the responsibilities of the office. But though the day had been well chosen, as following immediately upon that set apart for the Jubilee gathering in the Royal Albert Hall; though the Board of Stewards mustered 290 brethren; and though there is no Province in England which more loyally supports its chief whenever he finds it possible to undertake the duties of Chairmanship, the time available was insufficient for any great advantage to be reaped from the support of so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Tew and so strong a Province as West Yorkshire, and Bro. Binckes was able to announce a total barely exceeding £11,100. What made the smallness of the returns the more regrettable was that the cost of erecting the New Hall and Preparatory School had not been defrayed entirely, there being still a considerable balance outstanding. However, the £4100 from Grand Lodge has enabled the Committee to cope successfully with this difficulty, and no doubt the Festival receipts will have sufficed to meet the ordinary expenditure. In all other respects the School has acquitted itself during the year, its candidates at the Cambridge Local Examinations in December, 1886, though few in number, having all succeeded in passing, the majority being placed in the "honours" classes. Nor must we omit to mention that the Festival, though, speaking comparatively, it was so barren in results, was marked by an unusual circumstance of a most gratifying nature. The testimonial raised by the many friends of Bro. Binckes, in order to testify their admiration of the long and valuable services rendered by him to the School in the capacity of Secretary, was publicly presented to him on the occasion by Bro. Tew, who paid the recipient many well-deserved encomiums for the zeal, energy, and ability with which he had fulfilled the arduous duties of his office, and the success which had attended his efforts. We trust that as Bro. Binckes has already secured the assistance of Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of

Devonshire, as Chairman for next year's Festival, the result will make some amends to him for the disappointments of 1887.

#### PROVINCIAL AND OTHER CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

The various provincial and lodge associations which assist our Central Charities in their great work of benevolence have had a fair measure of success during the year, both those which provide for the education of children and administer relief to distressed brethren, and those which provide the means by which their supporters become Life-Governors or Life-Subscribers to our Charities. Among the former, the associations maintained by the two Lancashires and Cheshire occupy the leading position, West Lancashire, with its Educational, Hamar, and Alpass Funds, being the most conspicuous. In the case of all these provinces a regular provision is made for the education of children of poor or deceased Masons in the neighbourhood of their own homes, and the service thus rendered must be an appreciable relief to the heavy demands upon our two Schools. All of them have a capital safely and profitably invested, and their administration is conducted with a strict regard for economy, the outlay in no case exceeding the actual expenses out of pocket. The chief source of income is the subscriptions tendered annually by lodges and brethren, and balls and concerts are regularly organised with a view to supplementing the funds thus derived. This year there were entertainments in aid of this class in Liverpool, Lancaster, and other towns, while the East Lancashire Association, by way of celebrating the Jubilee, treated all the children in their charge to a visit to the Manchester Exhibition. Among other associations of a similar character which give promise of being able to render good service in the same direction must be mentioned that of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which was established in 1886, and celebrated its first annual festival at Southampton on the 24th October, when the total of the Stewards' lists was announced as £786. Of the other class of association which is organised for the purpose of enabling its members to become Life-Governors and Life-Subscribers of our principal Charities on easy terms of payment, the number is so formidable, and the work they accomplish so obviously beneficial, that we feel some hesitation about singling out any particular organisation for that commendation to which all are entitled. We do not, however, imagine that any feeling of jealousy will be experienced if we mention the Charitable Associations of Staffordshire and Cambridgeshire as affording excellent examples of the service which is rendered by these bodies, Cambridgeshire, which is the smaller province, having done wonders by means of its Association during the last half-dozen years.

#### THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

There is little need to say more as to the proceedings of this Board than that it has shown the same wise discrimination in administering our Fund of Benevolence as in former years, and that the service it renders in relieving the necessities of our distressed brethren and their widows is of incalculable value. In saying this, however, we are stating only what is known everywhere throughout the Craft, and it will be enough, therefore, if we record the monthly totals as distributed by the Board. In December, 1886, 54 cases were relieved with £1447; in January, 1887, 15 cases with £380; in February, 32 cases with £810; in March, 37 cases with £1125; in April, 36 cases with £1130; in May, 47 cases with £875; in June, 36 cases with £1148; in July, 25 cases with £540; in August, 26 cases with £825; in September, 13 cases with £255; in October, 38 cases with £985; and in November, 50 cases with £1255. These figures give a total of 409 cases relieved between the 1st December, 1886, and the 30th November, 1887, the sum distributed in aid among them amounting to £10,775, which, as compared with the returns for the previous 12 months show an increase of 23 in the number of cases relieved, and £157 in the amount distributed.

#### MASONIC LITERATURE.

The year has not been quite so unproductive as its predecessor in respect of Masonic literary work, two volumes of first class importance having made their appearance during its progress. One of these is the sixth and concluding volume of Bro. R. F. Gould's elaborate "History of Freemasonry," the publication of which had been looked forward to with great interest. We believe it is the intention of Bro. Gould to issue a supplementary volume, in order that he may lay before the Craft a mass of valuable and interesting matter, for which he found it impossible to provide space in the History itself. But the work, though curtailed in some of its parts, is now complete, and we believe we are expressing the deliberate opinion of all thoughtful Craftsmen when we say that Freemasonry has every reason to be proud of its greatest historian, who by his ability and erudition, as well as by his untiring energy and strict impartiality, has at length relieved our Society from the stigma of having produced no writer or even compiler of its history, to whose opinion it was possible to attach the slightest value. The other work is entitled "Masonic Facts and Fictions," and is from the pen of Bro. H. Sadler. It has been well received by the Craft generally, and has secured a favourable judgment from many. Its aim has been to establish a new theory as to the origin of the so-called "Ancient" G. Lodge, and it certainly contains, within the modest compass of some 200 pages, a rare accumulation of interesting matter from the original archives of G. Lodge.

#### OBITUARY.

It is inevitable that in sketching the progress of Freemasonry during any particular period one part of the duty devolving upon us must be of a painful character. Concurrent with the gains it is our good fortune to enumerate are the losses we deplore, nor is it possible always to realize at once the extent of such losses. The death roll of 1887 is not perhaps as formidable in respect of numbers as it has been in other years, yet it contains the names of several brethren whom we shall terribly miss, and that of one in particular whose services to Freemasonry have been of incalculable value, and whom it will be extremely difficult to replace. The list of dignitaries is headed by the late Bro. Col. A. Stewart, Dist. G.M. of the Punjab, who passed away in December 1886, but of whose death we remained in ignorance till the current year had begun. We have also to lament the loss of Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B. of England, and P.D.P.G.M. of the Isle of Wight, whose ability was everywhere recognised, and who for many years ably discharged the duties of Assistant Secretary to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., Past G. Deacon of England, of whose future career great expectations had been formed; Bros. A. Richards, P.D.G.D.C., and N. Bradford, P.G.A.D.C. of England; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Tanner Davy, for 14 years Prov. G. Mark Master of Devonshire; and Bro. W. Kingston, Dist. G. Master of Malta, who died while on a visit to England. To these distinguished brethren must be added the names of Bro. Lord De Tabley, who did not long survive his resignation of the office of Prov. G. Master of Cheshire, which he

had held with such conspicuous ability for upwards of 20 years; Bro. J. Randle Buck, P. Prov. S.G.W. Worcestershire; Bro. Lieut-Col. Machen, P.D.P.G.M. Warwickshire, who only a short time previous to his death had conferred upon him the brevet rank of P.G.D. of England, and who later still had laid down his office of Lord Leigh's Deputy; and, greatest of all our losses this year, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, a Past G. Chaplain of England, who had been a member of our Society upwards of 40 years, and during a great part of that time had laboured incessantly in promoting the cause of Masonic literature; who was himself a writer and compiler of Masonic works of the first importance; and who for many years was the responsible Editor of this journal. This great catastrophe—for taking into account the paucity of literary Masons and the great learning and immense experience which Bro. Woodford had acquired, his death merits this description—which happened so recently as the morning of the 22nd instant, has come upon us all so suddenly that it seems hardly possible to realize he is no longer in our midst, nor until we have been able to reconcile ourselves to his departure, shall we be in a position to realize fully how difficult it will be to replace him worthily. Among the lesser lights who have passed away are Bro. Sir Francis Bolton, Bro. the Duke of Leinster, Bros. Carleton J. Lewis, Walter Thompson, P. Prov. J.G.W. Oxfordshire; W. Rees, P.M., P.Z.; Briscoe Masfield, the representative of our United G. Lodge at the G.O. of the Argentine Republic; J. Walker, P.M. No. 387; J. G. Chancellor, P.M., P.Z.; R. Whitley, P.M.; Lords Wolverton, Northwich, and Lifford, all initiates of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357; W. O. Goldsmith, who at the time of his death was W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928; W. Honeyball, P.M.; and H. J. Amphlett, an able journalist and frequent contributor to our columns. Of the foregoing many were known everywhere throughout the Craft, while the fame of the others was confined within narrower limits; but they were good men all of them, and the services they rendered will not be readily or hastily forgotten.

#### SCOTLAND.

The description given by Bro. Sir M. R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Past G. Master Mason of Scotland, at the annual Festival of its G. Lodge on last St. Andrew's Day, of the amazing progress made by Scottish Freemasonry, both at home and in the colonies, during the last ten years, must have been intensely gratifying to his audience. But the year now coming to its close has not been distinguished by any events of special importance, so much as by the even tenour of its prosperity. Its roll of lodges have been increased by the addition of 14, from No. 737 to 751, and there have been upwards of 4400 candidates received into its lodges. Its meetings have been well attended, and there have been sundry occasions on which the Craft has made its appearance known among the general public, as, for instance, when the foundation-stone of the Post Office at Dumfries was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. F. E. Villiers, of Closeburn, Prov. G. Master of Dumfriesshire, and other similar gatherings. The financial position of Grand Lodge, both for general purposes and benevolence, has also been greatly strengthened, but it is in the colonies, and especially in Victoria, New South Wales, and India, that we find Scottish brethren exerting their powers most successfully. In India the destinies of the Craft are presided over by Bro. Sir Henry Morland, who is G. Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in that country, and who, in combination with the English Craft, works incessantly to promote the wellbeing of our Society. In Victoria, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., is the chief of Scottish as well as of English and Irish Masonry, and the members of the three Constitutions work together most harmoniously; while in New South Wales Bro. Dr. W. J. Sedgwick is Dist. G.M. In all these countries the Scottish Craftsmen muster numerously, and their zeal for its welfare is most gratifying. We must not omit to mention that in Scotland, as in England, due honour was paid to the Queen on the occasion of her Jubilee, and that the G. Lodge of Scotland, like that South of the Tweed, voted an address of congratulation to her Majesty, who graciously acknowledged the loyal and kindly wishes it contained in her behalf.

#### IRELAND.

Even if the space at our disposal were less circumscribed, it would be difficult for us to speak at any length about what has passed in Masonry among our Irish brother Craftsmen. Plenty of Masonic news finds its way into the local Irish press, but the press of Masonry is not so highly favoured, and the glimpses we obtain of what is passing in Ireland are only very occasional. However, what reaches is satisfactory. We know that good work is done in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin, and of the local Masonic Charities, and that, in particular, balls, or concerts, or conversations have been held in Antrim, Belfast, Dublin, and other cities and towns, in order to promote these Institutions. There was also a grand muster at Newry of the brethren in the Province of Down, on the 8th November, when a new Hall was consecrated to the purposes of Masonry by Bro. Major Leslie J. Thompson, Dep. P.G.M., acting as Prov. G. Master, in the unavoidable absence, owing to the illness of his mother, of Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., P.G.M. The meeting was a great success, the ceremony being very ably conducted by Bro. Thompson and the P.G. Officers who assisted him, and we trust the lodges and brethren in the town of Newry will find their proceedings more conveniently transacted in the future now that they have quarters of their own in which to perform their Masonic duties. We regret that our account of Masonic doings in Ireland is so meagre, but if our Irish friends will be less reticent, the absence of news as to their meetings will soon cease to be conspicuous.

#### THE COLONIES AND ABROAD.

The good fortune which has attended our Society in the Old Country has been shared by the brethren in our Colonies, whether they belong to independent jurisdictions, as in Canada, Manitoba, South Australia, &c., or are members of lodges under the English, Irish, or Scotch Constitutions. With the exception of Quebec and Illinois, the same friendly relations have prevailed during the present as in past years between the Grand Lodges of the old Country and those of other jurisdictions. The principal event in India has been the installation as Dist. G.M. of Bombay of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, while in New South Wales and other Australian Colonies the reception accorded to Bro. Lord Carrington, P.S.G.W. England, who is Governor-General of New South Wales, is enough to show the strength of the ties which unite the Craft in those parts with the Mother Grand Lodges from which they spring. In Melbourne, which is the capital of Victoria, there have been several brilliant Masonic meetings, as when the brethren entertained their chief, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., at a banquet on his return from England, and also when he consecrated the new Masonic Hall in Melbourne. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, too, who is on his travels for the benefit of his health, has also experienced a hearty welcome on more than one occasion from the brethren in South Africa, and the same kind of

reception was extended towards Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., who has also been visiting the Antipodes. In the United States of North America Freemasonry has not greatly enlarged its borders, but it has done better still—it has consolidated its strength, and there is hardly a jurisdiction under the Stars and Stripes in which the position of the Grand and subordinate lodges has not been changed for the better—that is to say, where any change for the better was either possible or desirable. The Grand Lodge of Maryland celebrated the centenary of its constitution in the course of the summer, and we in this country are only too pleased at the opportunity which a chance visit placed in our way of making the acquaintance of its distinguished G. Master, Bro. Shryock. In New York the brethren, under the auspices of Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, elected for the third time Grand Master in June last, have been doing a great work well, and have at length succeeded in freeing their Hall and Asylum Fund from debt. In Pennsylvania the brethren have had the happiness of seeing the Home they have recently established in Philadelphia for old Masons and Masons' widows thoroughly well and firmly established; while in the other important American jurisdictions there is nearly everywhere the same condition of prosperity noticeable, and not in one branch of Masonry only, but in all. May it be our happy lot to be able to place before our readers a similar description of the Craft in our Colonies and in foreign parts when another 12 months have elapsed!

### THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A., P.G.C. IN MEMORIAM.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

At the fraternal request of the Proprietor of the *Freemason*, and by desire of Bro. R. F. Gould, W.M. 2076, it is my melancholy privilege and duty to write a few personal reminiscences of my friend and brother, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, who "entered into rest" on Thursday morning, the 22nd instant.

Bros. Woodford, Gould, and I, for many years have been closely connected in Masonic studies, forming an independent, yet united trio of students of rather an unusual character. First of all, the union consisted of Woodford and myself, which began so far back as 1867, and arose out of a friendly discussion on the *Origin of the Royal Arch Degree* in the old "Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror." He concluded the discussion on his part by saying "Both Bro. Hughan and I have only one end in view—*Truth*." The recognition of this fact by both parties to a friendly debate is the only correct basis for Masonic and general discussions. He wrote under his favourite *nom de plume* of "a Masonic student," and as I was anxious to know more of the brother who could thus discuss the subject so ably, the editor of that paper gave me an introduction to him; the friendship then begun continued down to the present time.

From 1867 to 1887, a period of twenty years, we have worked together with a right goodwill, and though at times we have had our "skirmishes," and even misunderstandings—for we both held tenaciously to our opinions when we had occasion to differ—yet, whatever difficulties arose, partook of the character of "Family Jars," and could not in any way weaken the affection which was cherished the one for the other. When Gould joined later on and made the *trio*, it was precisely the same as before. Each united as a friend and as a student with the others, but preserved his own independence, so that when occasions arose for objections to be started to any particular view held by either, the remainder spoke out plainly and resolutely, either publicly or privately accordingly. To the outside world it almost appeared at times as if our friendship had suffered from the strain of criticism, but it was not so; after a season of discussion, we unavoidably found the tie was as strong as ever, and that nothing could separate us. The "threefold cord" has only been snapped by death.

No one enjoyed a real hard intellectual tussle more than our lamented friend, and as he, beyond question, has for long been the chief exponent of the legendary and traditionary History of the Craft, Gould and I, as representing the *realistic School*, had many a hard struggle to hold our own. Bro. Woodford was well read, a scholar in fact, and having a thorough command of language, would almost overwhelm us sometimes in his flow of words and enthusiastic and persistent defence of his cherished views. Unless one had had the pleasure of his personal friendship and shared the hospitalities of his home and Library, it would be quite impossible to realise the extent of his researches, the zeal that he manifested, and the unselfishness of his heart. All he had was at the service of his friends. His books he lent by the score, and his varied and extensive information respecting the literature of the Craft, and its cognate studies, was always most readily placed at the disposal of his fellow students. As Editor of the *Freemason* and *Masonic Magazine*, he necessarily wrote a great deal anonymously, but even that mass of composition did not represent anything like the aggregate of his literary labours on behalf of our beloved Society, for he simply revelled in the use of *noms de plume*, and was inexhaustible as a correspondent to the "Notes and Queries" department.

The first assistance he kindly rendered me was to write for my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" (1871), an article on "The Connection of York with the History of Freemasonry in England," in which he emphatically declared that "of what is called the 'Antient York Rite,' 'The York System,' &c., there is not the slightest historical or even Masonic evidence." In the following year Bro. Woodford wrote the Preface to my "Old Charges of British Freemasons," and therein expressed his belief in the value of these old witnesses of "the change from an actual operative and mechanical Association, to a speculative and accepted Brotherhood." He also, in the most generous manner, gave me copies of several MSS. he had by him, in order that they might be printed with the series. It is Gould's opinion, and also mine, that Woodford never wrote better in his life than in those two works of 1871-2. Since then he has been constant in his interest in this particular branch of Masonic study, and has been the means of

tracing several "Old Charges," and, notably, the celebrated "Wilson MS." of the 17th century.

This valuable MS. he edited in "Kenning's Archæological Library," Vol. 1, in 1878, with the reprint of the "Constitutions of 1723," being "the only English complete reproduction" of that remarkable work, which he dedicated to me, in the hope that "in this very library he and I may complete our *magnum opus* of all the known Masonic Constitutions."

The facsimile in part and reproduction of the noted "Sloane MS. 3329," he brought out in 1872, and though we did not agree as to the antiquity of this curious pamphlet, he dedicated the first edition to me. It has been a very popular brochure under the name of "Freemasons' Secrets," a second edition being published in the following year, and the third—improved and enlarged—in 1885.

His "Defence of Freemasonry" appeared in 1874, and he was also the author of a volume of poems, which was published at an earlier period. His most laborious enterprise, however, was "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia," which was rightly dedicated to the spirited publisher. During his progress, I paid several visits to my friend, who was to be found literally almost buried in MSS., books, and papers of one kind and another, and was nearly overwhelmed with the magnitude of the work. He began on too large a scale, as a matter of fact, being determined to make it all it should be; but at that rate he would have required a life time to complete the task. The consequence was, that, as the publisher was anxious to see its advent, the latter portion of the bulky volume was of a less pretentious character than originally contemplated. With this explanation, I consider Bro. Woodford has compiled the best Masonic Cyclopædia, from a purely English standpoint, of any issued, many of the articles being of considerable merit and of conspicuous originality.

But time and space forbid my dwelling longer on the varied, important, and extensive services rendered by Bro. Woodford to Masonic Literature. Those who know most about the History of our Society can best appreciate the Masonic career of our departed friend. Every day letters are coming to me testifying to his zeal and abiding interest in the Fraternity. Initiated so far back as 1842, at Gibraltar, he was a connecting link between almost two past generations of Freemasons and the present. He joined No. 124, *Durham*, in the same year, and served as W.M. in 1844 and 1845. From then to now he has known *five* Prov. Grand Masters as Rulers of that Province. He joined No. 304, *Leeds*, in 1854, and in 1858 and 1859 was W.M. His connection with this Province dates from the period when the Earl of Mexborough was Prov. G.M., since which, the Marquess of Ripon and Colonel Sir Henry Edwards have been the Rulers, and the R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew is now the honoured chief. Bro. Woodford was Prov. G. Chaplain of *Durham* in 1847, and held the same office in West Yorkshire in 1860, but was the Prov. S.G.W. in 1857, and chairman of the Charity Committee for eleven years from its establishment in 1859. Of course, no one could hold the latter position without taking an active part in our London Charities. I find, in all, he served *five* Stewardships each for the "Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys," and *seven* for the "Benovolent Institution," being Vice-President of each of these grand Societies.

Many have been the lectures and orations he has delivered, from time to time, at consecrations, dedications, and meetings of lodges and chapters, those relating to Royal Arch Masonry particularly being of special interest and value. No one has taken greater interest than Bro. Woodford in the starting and subsequent prosperity of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," No. 2076, formed as a rendezvous for Masonic Students. Years ago he suggested such a lodge, but met with such little support that he dropped it for a time, but on Bros. Gould and Speth coming to his help the matter was again to the fore, and the lodge now is not only a credit to its founders, but, I believe, is the pride of the literary Masonic world. Bro. Woodford delivered the oration at its consecration, and did his part exceedingly well. He also acted as I.P.M. for Sir Charles Warren, the first W.M., his presence being always most welcome to the members, who enjoyed either his presidency or participation in the debates. He presided most ably when Bro. Gould (then S.W.) read the first paper "On some old Scottish Customs," and I never remember hearing a more genial and appreciative summary from the chair than Bro. Woodford favoured us with towards the close of that meeting. His paper on "Freemasonry and Hermeticism," read before the lodge, will repay a careful perusal, as he was the *facile princeps* of No. 2076 in that department. The oration and paper, as also another on "The Quatuor Coronati," are printed in the proceedings of the lodge, and in Part I will be found a sketch, in brief, of Bro. Woodford's career, by our esteemed Secretary, which embodies all the chief points in his eventful Masonic life. Though born in 1821, he was as one of the youngest among us, being always lively, ardent, and full of zeal for the true progress of the lodge. He worked incessantly on behalf of the Society to which he had devoted so much of the best of his days and means, and he never seemed to tire either in reading, writing, or speaking about the Craft. Bro. Gould, the respected Master of No. 2076, was with our dear brother to the last days and nights, as required, and was only too glad in every way possible to carry out the wishes, lighten the burdens, and ease the sufferings of the old Masonic chief, his friend, my friend, and a true friend of the Society. No one will miss him so much as Bros. Gould, Kenning, and myself, and I grieve at my inability to take part "in paying the last sad office of respect to departed merit." I know, however, that several of my valued friends will be there so to do, and I shall be there in spirit.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at the South Metropolitan Cemetery, West Norwood. Owing probably to the Christmas holidays and the difficulty of communicating with the many Masonic friends of our late brother, the attendance was small. The principal mourners were: Mr. Woodford, only brother of the deceased, Mr. Woodford, jr., Col. Newdigate, Col. Hutchison, the Right Hon. J. Lowther, Mr. Upton and Mr. Newdigate, and amongst his Masonic friends were Bros. R. F. Gould, George Kenning, Professor Hayter Lewis, W. M. Bywater, H. Rylands, and W. Lake.

## CONSECRATION OF THE FREDERICK WEST LODGE, No. 2222.

A valuable addition to the lodges in the Province of Surrey was made on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when the Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.S.W., attended by other Provincial Grand Officers named below, consecrated the new lodge according to ancient form, after which Bro. Frederick West, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M., installed the first W.M., Bro. R. T. Elsam, who then nominated and installed his officers. Bro. Frederick West concluded the ceremonies by giving the charges in a most impressive manner. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, and two candidates for initiation. A cordial vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, who were made honorary members of the new lodge (for which compliment thanks were returned by the Prov. G.M.), and "Hearty Good Wishes" to the new W.M. brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren, with their guests, adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. John Mayo, the efficient host of the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, where the lodge meetings will be held. This hotel, when Bro. Mayo has completed his arrangements for lodge rooms, will prove of much service to the Craft in the province, and should certainly be a favourite place for London lodges to hold their summer banquets at.

There were present on this occasion:—

Bros. Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.S.G.W., Prov. G.M. of Surrey, as W.M.; Fredk. West, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Joseph D. Langton, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, as S.W.; John Drewett, P. Asst. G. Purst. Surrey, as J.W.; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211, Chap.; Chas. Greenwood, P.P.G.R., P.G. Sec., as Sec.; J. W. Moorman, P.P.A.G.D.C., as D.C. Founders: Bros. R. T. Elsam, P.M. and Sec. 201 and 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, W.M.; John Hughes, P.M. 901, S.W.; John Piller, P.M. 1656 and 1793; J.W.; Julian Pritchard, 141, Treas.; Thomas Weaver, I.P.M. 889, Sec.; David Hughes, P.M. 901, S.D.; Daniel Hughes, W.M. 901, J.D.; Wm. Lane, P.M. 1638, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, I.G.; Abel Lawrence, P.M. and Sec. 1638, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, I.P.M.; Fredk. Lockett, 1638 and 2146; Wm. Thomas, 1853, S.W. 2045; John Mayo, 1614. Visitors: Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. C. Jessett, P.M. 1752, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. Chapman, W.M. 889; W. Drewett, S.W. and W.M. elect 889; Major C. A. Cooper, I.P.M. 2098; C. J. Pettit, 889; T. H. Ward, 1564; A. H. Smith, P.M. 56 and 901; C. Beaumont, P.M. 901, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; W. Glazin, I.G. Mount Moriah; W. Stuart, P.M. 87, 141, 179; H. McClelland, P.M. 901; C. Oldridge, jun., 1638; G. Moorman, W.M. 1638, S.W. 1981; H. W. Willis, I.G. 1638; Thos. Pennington, 1638; Alf. Ginger, P.M. 901; Geo. J. Tagg, 1512; F. Honeywell, P.M. 889, P.P.G. Org. Surrey and Middlesex; J. Dhartz, 901; Ewd. W. Warner, W.M. 1793; R. H. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.G. Middlesex; J. H. Summers, 1738; E. J. Bell, 1319; C. F. Davis, 1981; H. W. Knight, 1981; Robt. Kerr, 697; H. J. Shelly, 1981; F. Hullet, 1981; A. Yardley, 901; H. P. Stevens, 901; A. Martin, 2045; A. Prince, 901; G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, Sec. 2091; A. Hardy, W.M. 201; John Hodges, P.M. 1706; W. Youldon, P.M. 1658 and 1981, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; John Youldon, W.M. 1981; and F. Croaker, P.M. 185, S.W. 1981.

The consecrating vessels, &c., were supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

## CONSECRATION OF THE BROOKE CHAPTER, No. 2005.

This chapter, attached to the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, was consecrated on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, by M.E. the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex, Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R., and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex, assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers, viz.: M.E. Comp. Gerard-Ford, G. Supt. Sussex; Comps. E. J. Barron, P.G.H., as H.; A. C. Veley, P.G.J., as J.; Thomas J. Ralling, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng., Prov. Grand Scribe Essex, as Scribe E.; J. G. White, P.G. Sd. Br., as N.; and A. Lucking, Prov. G.D.C., as D.C. The following were amongst the visitors: Comps. V. P. Freeman, G. Std. Br., Prov. G.S.E. Sussex, Dep. Prov. G.M. Sussex; Aubrey Saunders, P.G. Supt. Madras; W.M. Bywater, G. Std. Br.; E. Shoddy, P.G.S. Essex; James Ricks, P.Z. 33; Edward Parker, 171; J. Cranston Charles, 33; John Hodges, 19; H. R. Duke, 171; J. Newton, P.Z. 174; Thomas Humphreys, 1437; G. J. Brady, P.Z., P.G.A.S.; B. Page, J. 214; W. Bridgland, P.G. Std. Br.; F. W. Imbert Terry, P.G.S., 214; Thos. Distin, and G. T. Carter.

The ceremony having been most impressively performed by the Grand Superintendent, assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers, the following companions were installed as Principals, viz.: Comps. Joseph Clever, P.Z. 12, 171, and P.G.S.B., as M.E.Z.; R. Clowes, Z. 51, P.P.S.G.W., as H.; and G. H. Finch, J. 1297, P.J.G.W., as J.; whilst Comps. J. Sadler Wood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., F. T. Bennett, Rowland Plumbe, Dr. W. Cock, Rev. Morgan Jones, and G. F. Smith, were respectively elected as Scribe E., Scribe N., Treasurer, P.S., 1st A.S., and Organist, and Comp. Very as Janitor. A vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was carried "nem. con.," and they were also elected honorary members of the chapter.

At the banquet which followed, the M.E. the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in replying to the toast proposed in his honour, referred particularly to his association in Freemasonry with the M.E.Z. and some of the founders, and expressed himself certain that as the lodge with which the chapter was associated had so far distinguished itself in the charitable objects of Masonry, he felt sure that, from his knowledge of the Masonic feeling predominating the actions of the founders, a like success would accrue to the chapter, which the province with himself hoped would be realised to the fullest extent.

The other toasts having been duly honoured the companions separated, having, we trust, inaugurated a most successful addition to the chapters in the province.

The furniture, &c., was kindly lent for the occasion by Hope and Unity Chapter, the collars and jewels being supplied by Comp. George Kenning.

The following is the oration delivered by Comp. A. C. Veley, P.G.J.:

Masonry may be traced in all mythology to the remotest parts of the globe in the Temples of the Sun and Moon and in the very idols of Mexico, in the Pyramids, tombs, stonehenge, and in the solemn groves of the Druids, and under various names and forms, but with the same spirit of mutual protection and charity braved time, persecution, fire, and sword for many centuries, and is now more vigorous than ever, whereas vast and powerful



empires crumble and vanished all along its peaceful pathway. And why is this? Is it not because quiet, unostentatious charity and liberal deeds have been, are, and must be characterizing its conduct? It is extremely interesting to trace the rise and progress of both oriental and occidental Masonry; and to realise the strength of Freemasonry in the British Isles one has only to examine the brilliant list of Grand Masters from Alfred the Great (872) to H.R.H. the Present Grand Master (1875). This includes kings, princes, bishops, nobles, statesmen, and artists; and such a continuity of 1000 years cannot be shown in any other country. My privilege, however, to-day is not to go into the history of Freemasonry, much as I should like to, but rather to address you on the nature and principle of the Institution. (1.) What is Freemasonry as commonly received? (2.) What are its principles? (3.) Who are proper persons to be introduced into its mysteries? Freemasonry is, as we are all well aware, a Fraternity bound by certain secrets, governed by certain rules, and illustrated by symbols. Freemasonry differs very materially from any other secret society in the world, having far higher and nobler aims, and based on holier principles. It does not resemble those institutions well known to most of us, and of which probably many here, in common with myself, are honorary members. I allude to the Foresters, Oddfellows, &c. These are provident clubs—grand institutions in themselves, splendidly managed, and most useful to the classes for which they are intended, as I can testify from my experience as an employer of labour. Our three noble institutions are differently supported. They arise from the spontaneous Charity of the various members of the Craft, and are well worthy of the attention of every member of our Fraternity. There are, one regrets to know, other secret societies which also have their signs and tokens. Theirs is to endeavour to overthrow kingdoms, to commit outrages, and even have recourse to assassination. They do not scruple to murder men against whom they have no personal hatred, but are persuaded into crime by the love of money, and are led by unscrupulous orators to dislike the government of the realm to which they belong and which they ought to protect. How different, how visibly different are the tenets of our Order! Its object is not the overthrow of kingdoms, but loyalty to the throne. Its object is not destruction, but protection; not outrage, but virtue and honour; not murder, but mercy and love. It stands pre-eminent in its conception of all that is good, all that is noble, all that is holy. We are taught by it to lead ourselves away from that sordid and corrupt nature that humanity is subject to, and if we obey its tenets and follow its principles we shall fit ourselves so to pass through this life that we may hereafter be received in those realms above where the Great Architect of all reigns for ever and ever. What are the principles we have to follow. They consist, as we are told, in our liturgy of three grand principles and four cardinal virtues. The former are—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The latter—Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. It is needless for me to enter into each one among companions who are so well aware of their importance. Suffice it for me to say that each individual one is a grand trait in any companion's character, and taken collectively they form such a true character as we are enjoined to exhibit, and may they ever actuate our minds and guard our passions. Companions, I now come to the important question—Who are proper persons to be introduced to our Institution. I am sadly afraid that sometimes there is not sufficient care taken with regard to this very important question. Lodges and chapters, especially in the provinces, are apt to think more of numbers than of the real character of those introduced, but from the names of those who are the founders of this Chapter, Arch Masonry need have no fear as to its future career. What should be the character of the candidate? For this I will refer you to the lofty qualifications, probably not before known to you, stated by one Adam Weishaupt. They are as follows:—"Whoever does not close his ear to the lamentation of the miserable nor his heart to gentle pity, whoever has a heart capable of love and friendship, whoever is steadfast in adversity, unwearied in carrying out whatever he is engaged in, undaunted in overcoming difficulties, whoever does not mock and despise the weak, whoever has a soul susceptible of conceiving great designs, desirous of rising superior to base motives and of distinguishing himself by deeds of benevolence, whoever shuns idleness, whoever, when truth and virtue are in question, despising the approbation of the multitude, is sufficiently courageous to follow the dictates of his own heart. Such a one is a proper candidate." Finally, Freemasonry bases itself on three great principles which have been handed down from time immemorial—Fear God, Love the Brotherhood, Honour the King. With these it has breasted the storms of the past, with these it must fight the dangers to come. It appeals not to prejudice and passion, nor to class enmity, but to love of honour, love of country, and to its principles and tenets. So long as it trusts to these, it cannot fail. I have only now to express a sincere hope, shared doubtless by all present, that this chapter, now about to be consecrated, may prove worthy of the name it bears, a source of thankfulness to its founders, and honour to our province, and a glory to Arch Masonry.

### DRUMMOND'S HISTORY OF PORTLAND LODGE, No. 1.

Past Grand Master Drummond, of Maine, has written several Lodge Histories, and never fails to discover some interesting facts to preserve for the curious, and plenty of information for the Student. His History of No. 1, Portland, Maine (U.S.A.), is exactly what a Lodge History should be. Mainly of value to the members, yet so full of important details respecting the origin and career of the lodge as to prove pleasant reading for the Craft generally. The Grand Lodge of Maine has been fortunate in its Historians, and as a consequence, most of its records of lodges, with aught that deserves preservation and publicity have been written of late years, and become a distinguishing characteristic Masonically of that State. Indeed, it is questionable, if any other Grand Lodge has, proportionately, done so much towards the publication of Lodge Histories as Maine, under the able and well directed researches and labours of Bros. J. H. Drummond, Stephen Berry, and other zealous Craftsmen.

The large volume devoted to the history of the senior lodge of Maine runs to considerably over 300 pages, and is literally "crammed full" of information. The author begins by regretting that the history was not written during the lives of its founders or early members, especially as there is now so little material respecting the origin and career of the lodge during the first few years of its existence. There is, however, "a record book from the organisation" preserved, but unfortunately even this is found to be a compilation of a later period, or rather, the original minutes were probably written on loose slips of paper and afterwards copied into this book, which evidently, even then is not complete, some particulars being missing.

Another misfortune is that the minutes of the Masters' Lodge has not been preserved, the records of that degree being kept separate in early

days, quite distinct from those of the early lodge, though working under the same warrant. However, whatever the drawbacks, there is no lack of reading—good reading, in fact—and the result is a history that may well be accepted as a model of its kind.

The premier warrant for a lodge in Portland (Falmouth)\* was granted by Jeremiah Gridley (of Boston), Grand Master of North America, was dated 20th March, 1762, but it was never used, the W.M., Bro. Ross, having been afflicted with a cancer and died in 1768. In the latter year a petition was presented to Bro. Gridley's successor (John Rowe), signed by nine brethren, the result being a charter for a lodge at Falmouth, dated 30th March, 1769, the opening ceremony taking place on 8th May, following. The by-laws then agreed to are given by Bro. Drummond, and are excellent rules for the period. Originally there was but one ballot for the two Degrees, but in 1785 the vote was taken for each Degree. Candidates for the Third Degree were elected in the general lodge, as was customary then.

Sermons and Dances appear to have been an annual provision, but which was the better attended is not in evidence. The members acted wisely with respect to the difficulties in the "working," for, though of "Modern" constitution, they determined to be fully informed with respect to the differences in the ceremonies peculiar to the "Ancient," and so as to provide for such, they agreed in 1772 that "the lodge be opened one evening in the Modern form, and the next evening in the Ancient form." Bro. Drummond remarks that the two sections "recognised each other as Masons and met in the same lodge." Not so, however, in other provinces, for the rivals were not content without separate organisations and would not fraternise.

It would seem to have been the custom for the Wardens to be Master Masons, as in 1785 Bro. Thomas Oxnard (son of the G.M. of Massachusetts 1743-54) resigned the office of S.W. because he had not been "raised." There were for years the "Fellow-Crafts' Lodge" and the "Masters' Lodge," as with many other lodges in America, as also in England.

Ministers in those days were well treated by the lodge, and evidently their services were gratefully acknowledged. "Parson Smith" on St. John's Day, 1775, was voted the sum of thirty-six shillings for his "entertaining, elegant, and pertinent discourse." The clergyman, accordingly in his diary duly entered the following note: "I prayed with the Freemasons; had uncommon assistance, thank God." The sum of 30s. was also voted to the preacher on St. John's Day for the future, and 6s. to the sexton "for ringing the bells."

In 1775 came the struggle with England, the members of the lodge being divided in their allegiance. Portland was bombarded, and many of the brethren suffered exceedingly, yet when the war was over no animosity, Masonically, prevented the members being received as before, whatever may have been their predilections during the contest.

The lodge was reorganised in 1795, with Edward Oxnard as W.M. (another son of Grand Master Oxnard aforesaid), the missing warrant having been recovered, and from this period may be said to date the name of the Lodge "Portland, No. 1, of Portland, Maine." New by-laws were adopted on April 12th, 1797, the XVIII Clauses being given in the volume. Difficulties fell to the lot of the members later on, especially in relation to the formation of a new lodge, about which the old lodge was absurdly sensitive, and a collapse was imminent. Happily, better councils prevailed, and in 1811 Lodge No. 1 was again active. To 1826 all went well, but then that terrible nuisance and trial arose, which is known as the "*Morgan Excitement*."

The power of the anti-Masonic Party was undoubtedly used for Political purposes, and possibly that was the real motive for getting up the excitement and persecution. As "time rolled on," the hollowness of the charges brought against the Masonic Body became apparent, and ultimately the conspiracy against the Freemasons ignominiously collapsed. Meanwhile however most lodges suffered, many were broken up, and all had reason to remember the unreasonable opposition to which the brethren were subjected. The lodge to which the Portland, No. 1., objected, when its formation was suggested, became a good friend to the latter during the ordeal, and its members often made up the necessary quorum for meetings to be held by its old opponent; co-operation became the rule, and ultimately the two lodges, by the well directed efforts of the proxies, secured the removal of their Grand Lodge to Portland, and also held joint meetings on St. John's Days.

The revival may be considered to date from 1846, and from that period the extraordinary growth of the lodge, of the Grand Lodge, and of the American Craft, is a matter of history.

The Centennial Celebration of the "Introduction of Masonry into Maine," took place 24th June, 1862, the Hon. J. H. Drummond (historian of the lodge) being then the M.W. Grand Master of Maine, and welcomed the numerous guests. Five hundred Knights Templars took part, and so great was the attendance of brethren from all parts that the procession "took nearly an hour to march into the hall and be seated." The Orator on the occasion was the Master of the Lodge No. 1., W. Bro. Moses Dodge. In 1866, their Hall was burnt, furniture and property of every description, saving nothing but the Charters of the several Bodies, and the Jewels and most of the Records of their Lodges. "At the last meeting held in that Hall, a sum of money was voted to aid the members of South Carolina, in refitting their Hall, to replace the one burned when their city was destroyed during the war."

The members did not lose heart however, and with much indomitable courage and perseverance soon set to work to repair the heavy loss. A list of members is appended, numbered 1 to 1207, running really from 1763 to 1881, particulars being given of each brother in a chronological order. Then follows an Alphabetical Roll of Members, with the number to each in the foregoing Register, the preparation of the able Secretary of the lodge, Bro. C. O. Leach. We congratulate Bro. Drummond on this most meritorious publication.

\* Ancient Falmouth originally included the City of Portland, and the towns of Cape Elizabeth, Falmouth and Westbrook. Falmouth Neck was altered to Portland.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

CHIEF PATRONESS:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c.,  
M.W.G.M.

GRAND PATRONESS:

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

FOUNDED 1788.  
CENTENARY FESTIVAL, 1888.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS:  
The Right Hon. The EARL OF LATHOM, D.G.M.,  
Prov. G.M. Lancashire, Western Division.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec.  
5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.



PHILP'S  
"ONE AND ALL"

Celebrated Plate and Glass Polish

Is absolutely free from Grit & Mercury, Acids, or any injurious substance.

It cannot be surpassed for burnishing gold, silver, nickel, and all kinds of white metals, and for cleaning gilt moulding, marble, show-cases, shop windows, mirrors, chandeliers, and glass generally.

It is extensively used by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company on board their steamers, by the principal West End silversmiths and jewellers, and by Sheffield and Birmingham Electro-Platers, &c.

Price 3d., 6d., & 1s.

Wholesale of Messrs. BARCLAY & SONS, 95, Farringdon-street, E.C.,  
or of the Proprietors—

THOMAS PHILP & CO.,

14, Salcombe Road, Stoke Newington, London, N.

FISH,  
POULTRY,  
GAME,  
OYSTERS.

JOHN GOW,  
NEW BROAD ST., E.C.

(Outside Railway Station).

HONEY LANE MARKET, CHEAPSIDE.

93, THEOBALD'S RD., HOLBORN, W.C.

125, BROMPTON ROAD, S.W.

JOHN GOW always has on sale the  
Largest Stock in London of the Very Best  
Quality at Lowest Prices. Barrelled  
Oysters.

PERFECTLY-FITTED OYSTER SALOON  
Now Open at New Broad Street.

PAINS IN THE HEAD, FACE, AND LIMBS,  
GOUT, RHEUMATISM, AND RHEUMATIC GOUT,

Immediately Relieved **EADE'S** and Speedily cured by

**GOUT AND RHEUMATIC PILLS.**

Which require neither confinement nor alteration of diet.

IMPORTANT TESTIMONIAL

FROM  
Mr. FRANK WRIGHT,  
The Comedian.  
Prince of Wales Theatre,  
Birmingham, Feb. 19th, 1887.  
Dear Sir,—I have been a great sufferer from the gout for the past five years. As there are so many actors suffering from this terrible scourge, I write this for their benefit and the public at large. Your Pills will keep off any attack of gout if taken at the first twinge, as prescribed, and if after the disease has set in will cure it in two or three days. I would sooner think of going on the stage without my wig than neglecting to have a bottle of your really wonderful Pills about me.  
Yours faithfully,  
FRANK WRIGHT, Comedian.  
Mr. G. Eade.  
Do not be persuaded to take any other Pills for the above distressing, painful disorders, as EADE'S have been proved by thousands to be the safest and most effectual remedy.

Sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors, in Bottles,  
1s. 1½d., and 2s. 9d.

GEORGE EADE, 72, Goswell Rd., London.

**SHINE!** Caused by wear, promptly removed from Ladies' Jackets, Gentlemen's Coats, &c., any colour, by a NEW DRY PROCESS. Sole Inventor.

W. A. ALLERY,

Tailor, Breeches Maker, Costumier, &c.,  
63, OXFORD STREET, W. Opposite Parkins and Gotto's.

REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS & GENERAL CLEANER.

Six Months guarantee given with every Garment made at this Establishment to remove Shine free of charge.

**A FACT.—HAIR COLOUR WASH**  
will bring grey hair to its original colour in two hours. This is guaranteed. 10s. 6d., sent for stamps, Splints for Bow Legs, 21s. Enamelling, 42s. Nose Machine, 10s. 6d. Skin Tightener, 3s. 6d. —ALEX. ROSS, 21, Lamb's Conduit-st. near Holborn, London. Established 1859.

## THE FIRST MASONIC FESTIVAL

of the ensuing year will be that of the

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS,

GRAND PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,  
K.G., M.W.G.M.,

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street,  
LONDON,

ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY, 1888,

Upon which occasion

Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. Prov. G.M. South Wales (East Division),

Has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that, upon this occasion, owing to the large number of Applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent Income only £3600.

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G.S.B.,

Secretary.

4, FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

E. P. S.  
ACCUMULATORS.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT,**

Permanent or Temporary  
by Accumulators.

The ONLY Safe & Reliable Method.  
Used by the City Companies, the Bank of England, the Royal Mint, Lloyds, and many Banks, Insurance Offices, and Private Residences.

ELECTRICAL POWER STORAGE CO.  
(LIMITED),

4, Gt. Winchester St., E.C.

W. WALLER,  
Theatrical Costumier and Wig Maker.

Fancy Costumes supplied for Balls, Fetes, and Carnivals.

Portable Theatres & Scenery Fitted in Town or Country.

Costumes for every published Play may be had on Hire  
Also Dress Suits for Banquets, Balls, &c.

Estimates and Catalogue of Goods forwarded on application.

84 & 86, Tabernacle Street, Finsbury Square, London.

**THE LODGE OF SINCERITY,**

No. 174,

WILL SHORTLY PUBLISH ITS HISTORY FOR  
THE LAST 103 YEARS.

BY BRO. JOHN NEWTON, F.R.A.S.,

P.M. 174 (and late Sec.), P.M. 1607, P.Z. 174, 975, &c.

PRICE TO SUBSCRIBERS, 5s. nett; by Post, 5s. 6d.

Royal 8vo, bound in Cloth.

The Subscription List will close on January 18th  
for Printing, after which date the Price will be  
7s.; by Post, 7s. 6d.

Application for Copies, with Remittance, to be addressed  
to the Secretary, Bro. C. H. WEBB, 3, Wharf-road,  
Cubitt Town, E.

**SHIRTS.—FORD'S EUREKA DRESS SHIRTS**

"The most perfect fitting made."—Observer.

**SHIRTS.—FORD'S EUREKA DRESS SHIRTS.**

A Large Stock.

Sixteen Different Sizes.

In the Finest Linen.

5s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 9s. 6d.

**SHIRTS.—FORD'S EUREKA SHIRTS.**

Special to Measure.

30s., 40s., 45s. the half-dozen.

Illustrated Self-Measure, post free.

R. FORD & Co., 41, Poultry, London.

**SHIRTS.—OLD SHIRTS RE-FRONTED.**

Wrist and collar banded, fine linen, 3 for 6s.;

Superior, 7s. 6d.; extra fine, 9s.

Send three (not less) with cash. Returned ready for use,  
carriage paid.

R. FORD & Co., 41, Poultry, London.

**MASONS' CERTIFICATES, &c., FRAMED**

TO ANY DESIGN.

H. MORELL,

17 and 18, Great St. Andrew St., Bloomsbury, W.C., London.  
Manufacturer and Importer of all kinds of Picture Frame and  
Decorative Mouldings (Two Million Feet always in stock). Every  
requisite for the Trade and Exportation. Illustrated Book of  
Patterns post free for three penny stamps.

Now Ready, Price 4d. Each, post free.

**Masonic Christmas Cards,**

Printed in colours for Craft, Royal Arch, &c. 4 varieties.

GEORGE KENNING,

THE "FREEMASON" OFFICE,  
16, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.

Telephone No. 6637.

**LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL,**

LIVERPOOL ROAD, N.

FOR THE TREATMENT OF

SCARLET FEVER, TYPHUS, TYPHOID, DIPHTHERIA,  
MEASLES, and all other Contagious Fevers.

FOUNDED 1802.

PATRON—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

PRESIDENT—THE EARL OF DEVON.

TREASURER—SIR R. N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P.

HON. SECRETARY—C. J. STEWART, Esq.,

SECRETARY—MAJOR W. CHRISTIE, at the Hospital.

THE LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL affords  
**Absolute Safety** from the spread of disease  
by patients suffering from contagious fever, by admitting  
them into its wards, and there isolating them. The  
Admission Fee is Three Guineas, which pays for as  
long a period of treatment and nursing as may be ne-  
cessary, generally six weeks. This fee covers only  
about a fourth of the cost; the remainder is borne by  
the Charity.

**Special Privileges to Governors.**—Gover-  
nors have the privilege of Free Admission for their own  
Domestic Servants. An Annual Subscriber of One  
Guinea, after the second payment, or a Donor of  
£10 10s. in one sum, becomes a Governor.

For an Annual Subscription of Two Guineas, Firms,  
Clubs, and Hotels are entitled to send one employé to  
the Hospital free of cost; for an Annual Subscription  
of Four Guineas, two employés; and for an Annual  
Subscription of Five Guineas, three employés.

There is private Accommodation for those who may  
require it at £3 3s. per week.

Nearly 1000 patients have been treated this year.

**FUNDS ARE MOST URGENTLY NEEDED**

Not only to carry on this useful work, but to enable the  
Committee to build extra accommodation, suitable to  
the requirements—medical and otherwise—of the  
present day.

**HELP FOR THE WORTHY POOR AND  
DESERVING UNEMPLOYED.**

**FIELD LANE  
REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS.**

THE COMMITTEE of this old-established Charity  
for relieving the really deserving Poor,  
are compelled to make a very urgent appeal for Funds  
for the continuance of their work. The work is carried  
on amongst the most destitute of the poor, both old and  
young. The Institution possesses no reserve fund to  
fall back upon.

About £1200 is required for the support of the  
Institution to the close of the present year. Upwards  
of 200 persons are maintained weekly. Some  
3000 benefits (temporal and spiritual) are, in addition,  
conferred every week.

HOT DINNER GIVEN DAILY TO 150 CHILDREN.

The Committee trust that the MASONIC BODY will  
help them in this time of difficulty and pressure.

On behalf of the Committee,

PEREGRINE PLATT, Secretary.

Vine Street, Clerkenwell Road, E.C.

P.S.—Contributions will be thankfully received by the  
Secretary, or may be paid to our Bankers, Messrs.  
Barclay and Co., 54, Lombard Street, E.C.; or  
Messrs. Ransom and Co., 1, Pall Mall East, S.W.



**D. HARPER,**

The Original Manufacturer of

1673 **GOLD BLOCKED SHOW CARDS,**

And Inventor of

REGISTERED ARTISTIC NOVELTIES IN ADVERTISING,

22 & 23, CHURCH STREET, ISLINGTON, N.

Samples on Application.

Samples of the NEW IVORINE POCKET ALMANACS, with  
Memo Tablet combined, now ready. Washable and  
untearable.

**PLEYEL, WOLFF & Co.'s PIANOS.**

THESE CELEBRATED PIANOS  
may be Hired for the Evening, on Moderate Terms.  
PIANOS FOR SALE, and may be Purchased on the  
THREE YEARS' SYSTEM.

Sole Agency—

170, NEW BOND STREET, W.



# TESTIMONIAL to Bro. THOMAS POORE, P.M., P.Z., P.M. (Mark), P.W.C.N. (Ark Mariners), P.T.I.M. (Cryptic Degrees), 18°, &c.

IN consideration of the long services devoted to the cause of Masonry in its various grades by this highly-esteemed brother, and in recognition of his abilities as an energetic and courteous Preceptor, the undermentioned brethren have kindly placed their names on the Committee, and have subscribed the following sums:—

	£	s.	d.
W. Bro. Alfred Williams, P.M. (Chairman) ...	5	5	0
V.W. Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas. (Vice-Chairman) ...	5	5	0
V.W. Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., P.G. Treas. ...	5	5	0
W. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D. ...	5	5	0
Major G. Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B. ...	5	5	0
George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx. ...	5	5	0
G. Lilley, P.M. ...	5	5	0
W. R. Palmer, P.M. ...	5	5	0
T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. ...	2	2	0
H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Org. Surrey ...	2	2	0
J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C. ...	1	1	0
C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br. ...	1	1	0
T. Cubitt, P.G.P. ...	1	1	0
H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middx. ...	1	1	0
F. Bennett, W.M. ...	1	1	0
Captain J. E. Anderson, P.M. ...	1	1	0
G. Graveley, P.M. ...	1	1	0
E. Storr, P.M. ...	1	1	0
T. Clarke, P.M. ...	1	1	0
C. Slater, P.M. ...	1	1	0
H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M. ...	1	1	0
R. B. Bryant, P.M. ...	1	1	0
J. Voisey, P.M. ...	1	1	0
G. W. Marsden, jun., P.M. ...	1	1	0
C. Pulman, P.M. ...	0	10	6
G. Allen, P.M. ...	0	10	6

The above from the Committee.

The Cama Lodge ...	5	5	0
W. Bro. Mildred, P.M. ...	1	1	0
G. Treves, P.M. ...	1	1	0
J. K. R. Cama ...	1	1	0
S. Parkhouse, P.M. ...	1	1	0
R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C. ...	1	1	0
Vincent, P.M. ...	0	10	0

Cheques and P.O.O. may be made payable to Bro. H. J. Lardner (Hon. Treas.), St. Clement's House, Clement-lane, E.C. Brethren desirous of co-operating with the Committee are requested to communicate by letter with Bro. T. C. Walls (Hon. Sec.), East Temple Chambers, E.C.

## EVERY READER SHOULD

ONE COPY POST FREE. Write at once for this valuable little book. FIFTY YEARS' RECORD OF FACTS, PRINCIPLES AND DISCOVERIES relating to the Improvement and Preservation of Human Life on Earth. A series of most valuable articles, by Dr. Samuel Birley. Now published, complete in book form (50 pages), post free, from the publishers, GORDON T. MURRAY & Co., 50, Theobald's-road, Holborn. Sound and practical. One copy free and post free. Write to-day and secure a copy.

**MISS EMILY M. FOXCROFT,** "Contralto Vocalist," CAN BE ENGAGED for MASONIC FESTIVALS, INSTALLATION BANQUETS, CONCERTS, &c.—For Terms, Address 3, Holford Street, W.C.

Price 6d., Post Free 7d.

**THE "GREAT PYRAMID AND FREEMASONRY,"** a Lecture delivered on June 23rd, 1886, by JOHN CHAPMAN, P. Prov. G.D., Devon, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, U.S.A. Illustrated with plates from "Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid," by kind permission of Professor C. PIAZZI SMYTH, F.R.S.E., F.R.A.S., Astronomer Royal of Scotland. The proceeds of sale will be devoted to the "DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND." London: GEORGE KENNING, Freemason Office, 16 and 16a, Great Queen-street, W.C.

JUST PUBLISHED.

## ANTHEM—"BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND JOYFUL"

(Dedicated to Right Hon. the Earl of Mount EDGCUMBE, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall), Composed by Bro. C. E. JULEFF, P.P.G.O. Cornwall, Organist and Choir Director of Bodmin Parish Church.

PRICE 4d. of the Composer.

N.B.—This Anthem is already on several cathedral lists, and will shortly be in a second edition.

COALS.

## COCKERELL'S

13, CORNHILL, E.C.

For Prices, see Daily Papers.

Trucks direct from the Colliery to every Railway Station.

## A. MONARCH-KINO, TAILOR,

Cornhill, E.C., and Regent-street, W., LONDON.

10 PER CENT. DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

THE NEW "SHOOTING" PINCE-NEZ

## GEORGE SPILLER

Surgeon's Optician,

3, WIGMORE ST., W.

SHOT-PROOF SPECTACLES.

THE NEW

"SHOOTING" PINCE-NEZ,

WITH RIGID BRIDGE.

They press the nose much less than any other eye-glass.

## ADVERTISEMENT SCALE OF "The Freemason."

	PER INSERTION
SINGLE COLUMN per inch ...	£0 5 0
ONE PAGE ...	10 0 0
ONE COLUMN ...	3 10 0
PUBLIC COMPANIES' & PARAGRAPH ADVERTISEMENTS, 1S. PER LINE.	
WANTS, &c., FOUR LINES, 2S. 6d., and 6d. PER LINE additional.	

## TO OUR READERS.

THE FREEMASON is published every Friday morning, price 3d., and contains the fullest and latest information relating to Freemasonry of every degree. Subscriptions, including Postage:—

	United States,	United Kingdom, Canada, the Continent, India, China, Ceylon, the Colonies &c., Arabia, &c.
13s. 6d.	15s. 6d.	17s. 6d.

Remittances may be made in Stamps, but Post Office Orders or cheques are preferred, the former payable to GEORGE KENNING, Chief Office, London, the latter crossed London Joint Stock Bank.

NOW READY. Price 6d.

## THE Christmas + Number OF THE "FREEMASON"

Will contain Tales by R. E. FRANCILLON, G. MANVILLE FENN and JOHN PENDLETON, and Masonic Articles by Bros. W. J. HUGHAN, R. F. GOULD, G. B. ABBOTT, and other Masonic Writers; together with a full page Illustration from a print by BARTOLOZZI, of a

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in the last Century.

Orders should be given to any Bookseller or News Agent, or sent direct to the Office, 16, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.

## To Correspondents.

H. D. A.—On consideration we think it would be better for those who desire to criticise the new scheme for enlarging the Girls' School to attend the General Committee and submit their views to those who are responsible for the figures, rather than open up a correspondence on the subject at this stage of the proceedings.

Among contributions held over owing to press of matter are: "THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS FROM ITS ORIGIN 1738 TO ITS CENTENARY 1888."

CRAFT LODGE—Caledonian, No. 204. Prov. Grand Lodge of Derbyshire.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1887.

## 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.]

## CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"There is urgent need for further help, and we believe that when the extent of the urgency is known, the help will be readily forthcoming." These are the concluding words of your able article on the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Who is doing better work at the present time in the interest of the Masonic Charities than the officers of the numerous Charitable Associations? And why should their labour of love be denied the stimulus of recognition by the Craft? I am one who believes that these brethren are deserving of recognition, and I think that the suggestion made in a letter which appeared in last week's *Freemason*, of the issue of a Special Charity Jewel for officers of these Associations would be felt to be a fitting compliment. Such is the opinion of yours fraternally,

ANOTHER MEMBER OF A CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.



"THE REAL HISTORY OF THE ROSICRUCIANS" by C. ARTHUR EDWARD WAITE, London: George Redway, 1887, (with Illustrations, and in Historico-Symbolical Binding.)

If this work of some 450 pages does not settle the matter as to the origin and character of the Rosicrucians, we, at all events intend to let that *vexata quæstio*, as the Americans say "slide." It is quite clear the author believes in his mission, and claims that he has performed his task in a sympathetic manner, "purged from the bias of any particular theory, and above all, uncontaminated by the pretension to superior knowledge which claimants have never been able to substantiate." The amusing fact is that Mr. Waite declares that the only writer in this country who claims to have treated this subject *seriously* and at length is Hargrave Jennings. We always understood that brother dealt with the subject more as a novelist than in any serious light, and surely enlightened English Rosicrucians would only accept "The Rosicrucians, their Rites and Mysteries," *cum grano salis*. The writer's contempt for the present Rosicrucian Society of England simply proves his ignorance of the character of that studious body, and as to the "secret record of the Association, entitled 'The Rosicrucian,' which was first published in 1868," we can say there is not, and never was, aught secret about it, anyone being eligible to purchase copies who are inclined to pay the stipulated subscription. With the exception of the bias against the "Rosicrucian Society," we consider the work by far the best published, the most reliable, the most interesting, and the most exhaustive, and to a member of the body which is so unfairly held up to ridicule, we cannot conceive else of a better guide respecting the early Rosicrucians, of whom the present organisation is a descendent, by adoption only. We note that the same publisher, who turns out his books in a most attractive form, is about to issue a volume by Bro. S. Liddel M. Mathers, on "The Kabala Denudata, containing in an English translation three books of the Zohar, duly collated with the Hebrew and Latin text of Rosenroth's work." It would appear as if there was quite a revival of the old taste for such abstruse and curious books, the present publisher evidently laying himself out for such out of the way tomes.



## 758] "MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS."

Bro. Sadler, at pp. 16-18 of his instructive work, in illustration of the social position of some old Masons, refers specifically to the case of "Bro. Henry Pritchard," who was relieved by Grand Lodge at various times from 1724 to 1731, and adds that the only lodge in which he found "the name of Henry Pritchard in 1723 is No. 15 on the register, 'The Half Moon in the Strand,' consisting of 17 members." Bro. Sadler will not object, I am sure, to my adding another to the many valuable facts he has published. The lodge at "The Half Moon in the Strand" was the fifteenth in order on the engraved and manuscript lists of 1723 [they were not numbered in those days], and in it the name "Hen. Pritchard" (not Pritchard) duly appears, as stated. He is not mentioned in the list of members at the "Half Moon in the Strand," in 1725, but the name of "Henry Pritchard" is noted as a member of the lodge meeting at the "Rose and Crown, King-st., Westminster," in that year, and which occupies the eleventh space on the Engraved List then issued. Neither of these lodges appear to have been in existence in 1729. The name of Henry Pritchard (or Pritchard) is not to be found in the list of members in 1731-2, but he may still have been a member of some lodge at that period, inasmuch as a considerable number of lodges have no members' names registered in the Grand Lodge Records of that date.

JNO. LANE.

## ROWING CLUBS LODGE.

On Saturday last an influential meeting of Masons, members of various Metropolitan amateur rowing clubs, was held at Putney to consider the advisability of forming a lodge for amateur oarsmen, much on the same principle as the Ilex Swimming Club was formed some years ago. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., an old member of the Committee of the London Rowing Club, was called to the chair, and amongst those present we noticed Bros. Eugene Monteuis, P.M. 14 and 2060, P. G. Steward; J. C. Radford, P.M. 177 and 1420; J. F. Savory, 1635; T. W. Willis, 1601; Gordon Smith, W.M. 2041 and J.W. 14; Valentine Robinson, S.W. 14; G. D. Lister, P.M. 1412 and 1361, P.P.G.S. Surrey; H. J. Reynolds, P.M. 91 and 101, P.G.S., S.D. Grand Stewards' Lodge; W. E. Smith, 1891; Ernest T. Smith, 1768; and many others.

After some little discussion, it was unanimously resolved that a petition should be presented to the M.W. Grand Master praying for a warrant for a new lodge, to be holden at Putney during the rowing season, to be called the "Argonauts," and to be open to members of all Metropolitan amateur rowing clubs. It was agreed that the subscription should be small, so as to induce the younger members of the various rowing clubs to join, as well as the elder ones. Bro. Monteuis was nominated first W.M., Bro. Radford first S.W., Bro. Savory first J.W., and Bro. Frank Richardson was asked to act as Treasurer. Bro. Radford kindly consented to act as Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), and a Sub-Committee, consisting of Bros. Monteuis, Savory, and Smith, were elected to act with him in carrying out details and making necessary arrangements. The principal clubs represented at the meeting were the London, Thames, and Twickenham; but we have little doubt that, as soon as the fact becomes known in rowing circles, an acquisition of members from all amateur clubs on the Thames will be obtained. The idea seems to us a very good one, and we wish hearty success to the cause.



### Craft Masonry.

#### COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—

The election meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when there were present: Bros. T. A. Dickson, W.M.; B. Solomon, S.W.; G. Reynolds, J.W.; Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; S. Hewitt, acting S.D.; A. L. Bullen, acting J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M. Org.; G. H. Foan, acting I.G.; I. Jacobs, P.M., Steward; G. H. Reynolds, I.G. 2191, Asst. Stwd.; R. Potter, Tyler; G. Coleman, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; J. Mayo, J. Brusey, E. Mills, W. Unwin, M. Pagani, W. Carlisle, W. R. Faulkes, A. Trow, H. Willis, Turner Wilson, J. Woodward, J. Potter, R. Potter, J. Pullen, W. Belsham, W. W. Cousins, G. Burd, Ernest Nowill, and C. Read. Visitors: Bros. J. Gottlieb, P.D.D.G.M., Eastern Archipelago, P.S.G.D., P.M. 508, 1152, 1555; 1910, 2108, 2127, 2191; G. Tagg, 1512; W. Hancock, 1056, 2191; A. Lefebvre, Treas. 1950; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. James Brusey was then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bro. Carlisle passed to the second degree in a manner which reflects the highest credit on the W.M., and proves the great benefit he has received from the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction at which he is a constant attendant. Bro. Bowers Solomon, S.W. was then elected W.M., and Bros. E. Jacobs and R. Potter, Treasurer and Tyler respectively. The following brethren were then appointed auditors for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. A. Bullen, J. Woodward, and G. H. Foan. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Ernest Nowill and C. Read, which, having proved unanimous, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. All business being ended and the W.M. for the last time having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the Visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet which was served in that excellent style for which the Criterion is so justly famous, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini.

After justice had been done to the various items on the menu card, the W.M. rose and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were given and received in the usual style observed among Masons. In speaking of "The Grand Officers," he said they fulfilled the duties which devolved upon them to their entire satisfaction, and were always ready and willing to go and assist wherever they were required. He begged to couple with this toast the name of Bro. J. Gottlieb, who, on the invitation of their esteemed Bro. G. Reynolds, with whom he was associated in another lodge, had done them the honour of being present that evening, and whose stay in England he trusted would be sufficiently extended to enable him to be present at their installation meeting in January next.

Bro. Gottlieb in reply, said, the W.M. had been pleased to associate his name with the Grand Officers. He was but a very humble personage to return thanks for so august a body, but he was sure that in proposing it the W.M.'s fluency of language had flown from earnestness of feeling, and if they had been present he felt sure it would have given them great pleasure. He felt great reluctance in returning thanks for the Grand Officers of England, but as the W.M. had bidden, he must obey. On their behalf, therefore, he begged to return them his sincere thanks for the very hearty manner in which the toast had been drunk.

The toast of "The W.M." was then proposed by Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., who said he did so with a great amount of pleasure. He had now nearly completed his allotted time in the chair, and he was sure they would agree with him that he had fulfilled the duties with satisfaction to himself and credit to the lodge. He was most painstaking in all he did, and if in anything he had failed, it was not from want of trying. That was the last time they would see him in the chair at the banqueting table, and when he quitted it every one would say that he did his very best to promote good feeling amongst all with whom he came in contact—he was one of those bright ornaments that are wanted in a lodge. He asked them to drink his health for the last time in a bumper.

The W.M., in reply, said he thanked them most sincerely for the very hearty way in which the toast had been received, and Bro. G. Coleman for the very kind manner in which he had spoken of him. He always tried to do his very best, and if he had in any way succeeded to their satisfaction, that was his reward. Bro. G. Coleman had mentioned that that was the last time he would preside at their banquet. He took the opportunity of thanking them all most heartily for the very kind support and indulgence they had granted him during his year of office, without which the duties would have been much more irksome. He could assure them that he felt much more at home than when he first had the honour of occupying that position, which he assumed with some little diffidence. In conclusion, he begged to assure them that he should always be pleased to do all he could for the benefit of the Covent Garden Lodge.

In rising to propose "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. said he congratulated them on their entrance amongst their honourable Fraternity. He trusted that they had been impressed with the ceremony they had taken part in, and if they would only diligently persevere in their work they would become in due course fit to fill the office which he had the privilege to occupy.

The Initiates, Bros. Nowill and Read, made suitable replies.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M. elect," wished him every success during his year of office, and assured him that, as his I.P.M., he would render him every assistance in his power, and trusted that when his year of office was ended he would be able to look back upon it with the same amount of satisfaction as he had.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Bowers Solomon, S.W., thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received the toast, and assured them that he would do all in his power to render his year of office as successful as his predecessor.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M.

said it was always a pleasant duty to propose that toast, and he trusted all who occupied that chair would share his feelings. They had a very distinguished one present, Bro. Gottlieb, whom he should call upon to respond in conjunction with Bro. Lefebvre.

Bro. Gottlieb, in rising to respond to the toast, said if all the visitors had enjoyed themselves as much as he had they would remember with feelings of pleasure their visit there that evening. In responding to the toast of the visitors, he was, to use the words of the W.M., more at home than when responding for the Grand Officers, one of which he had the honour to be, the distinction having been conferred upon him during this Jubilee year. He had been in the east for a number of years, and for over thirty years a member of the Craft; he had the proud distinction of having been Master of every lodge in Singapore and Penang, and had since been appointed by the M.W.G.M. their District Grand Master, which was a honour he highly esteemed. He could not express the pleasure it gave him of meeting them all on that occasion, for the hospitality and right good fellowship shown towards him was a further proof, if any were needed, that if Masonry does nothing else it made them feel for their fellow-man more intensely, and prompted them to extend to him the right hand of fellowship and relieve his wants in time of need. He must repeat that 35 years had seen him boy and man a Mason—he said boy, as he was by dispensation initiated before the specified age. His father and grandfather were both Masons, and he might truly say his was a Masonic family; he had a son whom he called brother, and who attended the same lodge as him, where they worked with harmony, and in all they did their hearts beat in unison. In Singapore they had three lodges, one of which was now extinct, but they had now a new one—called the Victoria Jubilee Lodge—which has been started since he had been in England. They met over there much later in the day than here, on account of the great heat—generally half-past eight or nine sharp; and they oftentimes felt the clothing even then very hot and tiring after the toil and labour of the day. The time he had been in England would not have been lost if he took back with him some recollection of the almost overwhelming kindness and hearty welcome he had everywhere received from brother Masons, and trusted that on his return he should find the lodges working honestly and truly, as he had seen them worked in England. Speaking of the great heat, it was no surprise that they met but four times a year, and only had a banquet once a year, that being at the installation meeting. Notwithstanding the adverse conditions under which their lodges existed, and the thousands of miles they were away, they were able to give a satisfactory account of themselves to the G. Lodge of England, under whose jurisdiction they worked. The W.M. had said that he felt more at home in the chair now than when he was first installed. He (Bro. Gottlieb) came as a stranger, through the very kind invitation of Bro. G. Reynolds, whom he met in the Anglo-American Lodge, but through the kind and brotherly feeling they had extended to him, he felt as if he had known them for years, and frigid as these climes were, he could fully testify to the warmth of the welcome accorded to him by them all. The tenets of their Order were short and few, but if they acted up to them, as he was sure they did by what he had seen that night, by the way in which the brethren were greeted by their brethren, they could in truth as well as in name call themselves Masons, to do unto others as they would have them do unto them, to be happy themselves by communicating happiness to others. A Mason's life was ever to be regulated by his duty towards his God and his Queen. They all remembered the words, fear God, honour the Queen, and love the brotherhood, which he trusted they would always have present in their minds. He was greatly pleased to see them all that evening, especially the kind brother who had invited him and the W.M., who had been most courteous and attentive to him throughout the evening.

"The Health of the Past Masters," having been given, Bro. G. Coleman, in reply, assured them that whatever they could do for the good of the lodge they were always most pleased to do, and that when they retired from the chair and took the jewel, they did not consider that they had done with the lodge, but were most anxious to assist those who were following in their footsteps.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," which was briefly responded to by Bro. Bowers Solomon, S.W.

Bro. G. Reynolds, J.W., in reply, said he could assure them that there was no brother present who congratulated their W.M. elect more than he did, and he should be only too pleased to give him all the support in his power. He was proud of the honour of having brought one of the Grand Officers that evening who had made a speech that they would not soon forget, and he trusted that from what he had seen that evening he would remember, with feelings of pleasure, his visit to the Covent Garden Lodge. On behalf of the Officers he begged to thank them for the hearty way in which the toast had been drunk.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The toasts were interspersed with some excellent singing, and the recitations by the W.M. and Bro. Hancock were much applauded.

**YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—**A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there were present Bros. T. G. Hodgson, W.M.; W. Smith, S.W.; S. Border, J.W.; the Dean of York, P.G.C., Chap.; Jos. Todd, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Purnell, Sec.; C. M. Forbes, S.D.; A. Sample, P.P.G.O., Org.; T. Watkinson, acting I.G.; E. Carter, Stwd.; W. G. Calvert, Tyler; George Garbutt, P.M.; J. A. Barstow, P.M.; A. Buckle, B.A., P.M.; A. H. McGachen, P.M.; M. Rooke, P.M.; George Kirby, P.M.; G. C. Lee, P.M.; George Balmford, P.M.; W. Draper, P.M.; H. Foster, P.M.; T. J. Russell, Tom Archey, Alf. Proctor, T. S. Brogden, M. Bryson, E. B. Kendall, Thos. Tuke, H. S. Hopton, T. W. Wilson, S. F. Gramshaw, L. Hick, and others. Visitors: Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. and D.P.G.M.; H. Sumner, 281; H. Oxley, P.M. 495; W. Reynolds, 250, P.G.T.; and W. Dyson, W.M. 1611.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Bro. W. Smith, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. T. G. Hodgson, P.P.S.G.D., I.P.M.;

S. Border, S.W.; C. M. Forbes, J.W.; Very Rev. A. P. Purnell-Cust, Dean of York, P.G.C. Eng., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; E. W. Purnell, Sec.; T. S. Brogden, S.D.; J. B. Simpson, J.D.; Thos. Watkinson, D. of C.; A. Sample, P.P.G.O., Org.; H. S. Hopton, I.G.; M. Bryson and T. Archey, Stewards; and W. G. Calvert, Tyler. The addresses were given by the W.M., the general charge to the W.M. and brethren by the D.P.G.M., and to the Wardens by Bro. Rooke, P.M.

The lodge was then closed, and subsequently the usual installation banquet was held in the lodge-room, presided over by the W.M., supported by the whole of his officers and numerous brethren, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Dean of York and others addressed the brethren, and the evening was spent in that harmony which characterises Masonry.

#### VENTNOR.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 551).—

The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., there being a goodly number of members and visitors present. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting and report of the permanent committee read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. T. H. Clough, having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Alfred Scott, P.M., P.P.G.D. in his usual masterly and effective manner. After the customary proclamation having been made and salutes given, the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Fredk. P. Ansle, S.W.; Frank Freeman, J.W.; J. J. Webber, P.M., Treas.; E. A. Swane, Sec.; J. J. Williams, S.D.; John S. Ineson, J.D.; E. G. H. Wetherick, I.G.; M. Hibberd, D. of C.; Rev. J. A. Alloway, P.M., Chap. and Org.; F. H. Sheppard and Wm. J. Wetherick, Stwds.; and Charles Small, Tyler. A brother was proposed as a joining member, and a gentleman for initiation at the next regular meeting in January. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Crab and Lobster Hotel, which was admirably served by Miss Cass. The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured,

Bro. F. Topham Jones said he felt very much gratified by the W.M. placing in his hands the honour of proposing "The Health of the R.W. the P.G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, the Deputy P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." It was a toast that he knew would be most enthusiastically received, Bro. Beach having presided over the destinies of that province for upwards of eighteen years, and so well had he performed the duties of his high office that there was not a Mason in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight who would not say "May the G.A.O.T.U. spare him to rule us long." It often happened that when persons of position filled such an office as that which Bro. Beach had the honour to hold, they were content to put in an appearance on certain state occasions, and at other times cheerfully handed over the performance of the duties to others. That most assuredly could not be said of their Provincial Grand Master. No more able, no more willing, no more courteous Prov. Grand Master ever existed than their much esteemed Bro. Beach; they were proud of him, and believed he was equally proud of his province. His reputation was not confined to that province, as for example, he need hardly remind them of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, over which their Prov. G.M. presided with such signal success both financially and otherwise. They would admit that no words of his could do justice to such eloquent testimony to his deserved popularity. Bro. Le Feuvre, their Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was known to them all. They all recognised that there was not a more zealous or a more hard-working Mason living, or that more cheerfully executed the duties he was called upon to perform. With regard to the other P.G. Officers he begged to say with what pride and pleasure they heard of the honour which had recently been conferred on their esteemed Bro. Scott; the honour was well-deserved, and the Yarborough Lodge was delighted that such a distinction should be conferred on such an amiable Mason. May Bro. Scott live long to enjoy it. He gave the toast coupled with the names of Bros. Scott and Linfield.

Bro. Scott, in reply, said he found it very difficult to respond in suitable terms to such an eloquent oration as that which they had just heard, especially with regard to his appointment as P.P.G.D., in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee. He could assure the brethren that he was very proud of the honour conferred upon him. With respect to the installation he need scarcely say he was only too pleased and gratified to be allowed the privilege of doing that or any other work in connection with the lodge, and he felt assured that it gave him more pleasure to deliver it than his hearers to listen to it.

Bro. Scott then said it was his privilege in the absence of the I.P.M. to propose "The Health of their esteemed W.M." It was a toast that he knew would be heartily received by every member of the lodge present, as they all knew enough of him to be quite certain that at his hands the welfare of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren would be well looked after, and for his own part he considered that it ought to be the proudest rank or title that a Mason could receive by being elected Master of his lodge.

The W.M. responded in a few but well-chosen words thanking them for the honour conferred upon him, and for the very kind manner in which they had received and drank his health. He need hardly assure them that it would be his pride and ambition to carry out the duties of his office in such a manner that at the expiration of his term he might worthily take his place amongst the Past Masters who had preceded him.

Bro. Topham Jones then gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," who he regretted had not been with them that day, but he was quite sure that they all sympathised with him for the reason—the sudden death of his brother, the news of which only reached him just before the lodge met.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Past Masters," which was responded to by Bros. Webber and Topham Jones, who, in responding, said he begged to thank them for the very flattering reception of that toast. Although he was well aware, and had often declared, that the well-being of a lodge depended very much upon the Past Masters, yet he felt compelled that evening to bear testimony to the fact that the recent stride forward which the Yarborough Lodge had made was due mainly to the energy which the younger members had infused into the lodge, and gladly gave expression to that conviction and belief.



In response to "The Visiting Brethren," Bro. M. Linfield, in a very happy manner, said, having been an old P.M. of the lodge, he hardly considered himself a visitor, but as long as health permitted, and he had the good fortune to reside near, he should always feel it a pleasure to attend any invitation of his old lodge. He was an old Mason, but totally unaccustomed to respond for the visiting brethren. Singular to say that during 30 years that was only the second occasion, the other was in Cornwall at the Prov. G. Lodge, when there was 1500 present, and the only visitors were a parson and himself, and he was thankful to be able to say the parson as usual did the needful oratory.

The W.M. then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," stating that he should have hesitated in accepting his exalted office had he not been well assured that he would receive their prompt, cheerful, and entire support. But still he asked the Past Masters, who ought to be the backbone of the lodge, to show their appreciation and love for the Craft by attending on all occasions when summoned, no matter how trivial it might appear.

Bro. Ansle, S.W., in reply, said, in referring to the remarks of the W.M., Bro. Jones, and others, he begged to assure the brethren that the officers of the lodge intended to support the W.M. in every shape and form; and that a great improvement must lately have been seen in the working of the Yarnborough Lodge, which was due to the lodge of instruction recently formed, and which he was happy to say was well attended, and nearly all the officers appointed that evening were well up in the Ritual, and he thought that all would agree with him that they had made great progress. But they did not mean to rest contented with that, and intended by the time the W.M. retired from his position, to convince every brother who visited them, that as far as the Ritual was concerned they were second to none in the province.

Several songs by Bros. E. G. H. Wetherick, Trueman, Webbner, and Swane, and recitations by Bro. F. Topham Jones, enlivened a most enjoyable evening, which was brought to a close shortly after 10 o'clock.

**NEW MILLS.**—Peveril of the Peak Lodge (No. 654).—The installation of Bro. A. T. McGregor, J.W., took place and the St. John's Festival celebrated on Wednesday, December 21st, 1887, at the Crown Hotel. There was a large muster of brethren present, including Bros. J. F. Jackson, W.M.; T. Owen-Arnfield, I.P.M.; A. T. McGregor, J.W. (W.M. elect); J. A. Wyatt, Sec.; W. Campbell, S.D.; H. Salisbury, J.D.; J. T. Wyall, I.G.; J. Wright, C. Slack, H. Barber, J. H. Jackson, P.M.; John Hawthorne, J. Moul, J. Johnson, G. H. Fernley, F. Rowbottom, J. Dalton, C. F. Johnson, R. Thornley, R. Brown, G. H. Scott, G. Higginbottom, P.P.G.S.; J. P. Hill; A. W. Slack, J.W. 1688. Visitors: J. G. Bromley, P.M. 1375; F. A. Bodger, 1009; G. S. Smith, P.M. 1134; W. P. Stamper, 1952; J. O. Stuart, 1345; F. Warburton, W.M. 1219; G. Makin, 1534; J. Smith, S.W. 323; J. W. Broadhurst, 1962; W. Hall, I.P.M. 1387; Jos. Hadfield, 381; J. Tilton, W.M. 268; R. H. Lomas, S.W. 1235; J. Whitehead, P.M.; G. Kinder, 1150; J. St. Leger, 1952; and G. A. Bowen, 2144.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Jackson, P.M., occupied the chair of K.S. for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect (A. T. McGregor, J.W.) who was presented to the installing Master by Bro. T. Owen-Arnfield, and after the customary formula he was inducted into the chair with all due ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. McGregor was proclaimed and saluted by them. The officers for the year were then invested as follows: Bros. J. F. Jackson, I.P.M.; W. Campbell, S.W.; H. Salisbury, J.W.; J. Wyatt, Sec.; J. H. Wyatt, S.D.; F. Rowbottom, J.D.; J. Hawthorne, P.M.; D. of C.; S. Whitehead, Org.; B. Thornley, I.G.; C. M. Johnson and G. Fernley, Stewards; and Thos. Hibbert, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. were delivered by Bro. J. T. Wright, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. J. Hawthorne, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. J. H. Jackson, P.M. The installation ceremony being completed the lodge was closed, and subsequently the brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**CARDIFF.**—Bute Lodge (No. 960).—The annual festival of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Working-street, when Bro. J. Radley was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Present: Bros. J. Munday, P.G.R., W.M.; John Hussey, I.P.M.; James Radley, S.W.; C. Carey Thomas, J.W.; W. C. Peace, P.M., Treas.; D. S. Varzopoleo, Sec.; W. H. Martin, P.M., D.C.; John Dutton, Org.; Thomas Evans, S.D.; Thomas James, J.D.; and W. P. Phillips, Stwd. P.M.'s Bros. W. E. Shackell, T. Matthews, P.P.S.G.W.; Henry White, P.P.G.T.; A. P. Fabian, P.P.S.G.W. Herts; Benjamin Arthur, P.P.S.G.D.; and W. D. John, P.P.G.D.C. Bros. W. B. Ferrier, P. J. Riley, W. Hellier, P. L. Thomas, A. M. Parsons, H. Elliott, F. H. Simpson, John Williams, Elliott, H. Goldman, John Rees, John Robson, Evan Williams, A. Taubmann, W. A. Baker, D. J. Morgan, W. J. Peace, J. Wills, C. E. Gibbon, E. J. C. Smith, H. Sweeting, W. Coates, W. Richards, J. Kate, A. W. Dovey, T. F. Harris, Thomas, John Williams, W. S. Prestage, Henry Tainsh, W. T. Jones, S. O. Williams, C. H. Owen, Hugh Brown, A. C. Botterill, C. E. Dovey, and R. Price. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Howard, W.M. 1578; John John, 1578; T. King, 1578; Stephen Lewis, I.P.M. 1578; A. Delguerra, 1992; C. M. Vinzie, 36; John James, 202; C. W. Page, W.M. 36; H. F. Clarke, W.M. 833; W. Page Wood, 1039; J. David, 1754; J. H. Taylor, J.D. 1573; J. W. Hall, J.W. 1882; G. F. Harris, W.M. 110; S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Mon., P.A.G.D.C.; A. Taylor, P.M. 1429, P.G.S. Mon.; A. J. St. Clair, P.M. 1429; R. Cullen, S.W. 1429; S. Cooper, P.M. 36, P.P.S.G.W.; W. E. Donovan, 36; F. G. Hodges, W.M. 1754; F. P. Adey, P.M. 1754; W. Hilditch, 1754; T. H. Belcher, S.W. 1754, P.G. Stwd.; F. Clarke, 51; L. W. Paynter, W.M. 471; J. H. Beale Lewis, 36; and Walter Nichol, 36.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. John Munday in a manner that evoked the highest praise from the brethren present. The following brethren were then invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Mun-

day, P.G.R., I.P.M.; C. C. Thomas, S.W.; D. S. Varzopoleo, J.W.; W. C. Peace, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Treas.; Thomas Evans, Sec.; J. H. Hussey, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D. of C.; R. Elliott, Org.; John Dutton, S.D.; Thomas James, J.D.; John Rees, I.G.; W. F. Marwood and W. B. Ferrier, Stewards; and A. Jenkins, Tyler. Bros. W. C. Peace, P.M., and J. Hussey, P.M., were appointed to serve on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, and Bros. Dovey and Champneys-Smith were elected to serve on the Finance and Standing Committee. At the close of the installation ceremony Bro. Homfray, D.P.G.M. for Monmouthshire, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir George Elliot, P.G.M., and Bro. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M., presented Bro. John Munday, the retiring W.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, and at the same time complimented him on the manner in which he had that day performed the installation ceremony. The jewel was of a special design, with the arms of the town, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, presided over by Bro. James Radley, W.M., and supported by the distinguished visitors and brethren above mentioned. The musical arrangements were undertaken by the brethren, assisted by the gentlemen of the Llandaff Cathedral choir.

**KIRKBURTON.**—Beaumont Lodge (No. 2035).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the George Inn. Bro. John William Cocking was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Wm. Schofield (the first Master of the lodge) in an impressive manner, the working tools of a Fellow Craft were explained and presented by Bro. Fitton, P.M., and those of an Entered Apprentice by Bro. Brierley, P.M. The following officers were invested by the W.M.: Bros. Charles Hargreaves, S.W.; H. Calverley, J.W.; G. A. Schofield, Reg.; Rev. R. Collins, Chap.; O. Drummond, Secretary; Fitton, Treas.; J. W. Senior, D.C.; Galloway, A.D.C.; J. W. Bedford, S.D.; Groves, J.D.; A. Gledhill, I.G.; J. Kenye, B. H. Moxon, and Menzies, Stwds.; and B. Denton, Tyler. Bro. Wm. Schofield was elected to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee. Bros. Stocks and Cook were appointed Auditors. The visitors included Bros. Thos. Ruddock, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Col. Day, P.M. 275; W. Riley, 258; Joe Calverley, 1514; Geo. Hirst, 1514; J. Hopkinson, East Grinstead; R. H. Armitage, 275; Ruddock, 357; H. Shaw, 521; and Geo. Sykes, 290. Lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. During the evening the following brethren enlivened the proceedings by singing—Bros. Wm. Riley, J. Calverley, R. H. Armitage, Fitton, and Ruddock.

It was mentioned during the evening that a company was in the course of formation for the purpose of building a new Masonic Hall for the lodge, and that a large amount had already been subscribed. The want of a properly constructed room very much impedes the progress of this lodge.

## INSTRUCTION.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. E. Nice, W.M.; W. Hancock, S.W.; A. Clark, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; F. Kedg, J.D.; W. Cursons, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; T. C. Seary, W. Brindley, H. C. Chevalier, E. L. Campbell, V. Smith, J. Rowe, H. G. Marsden, and F. M. Noakes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 1st, and Bro. W. Brindley worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 2nd, and Bro. W. Brindley worked the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. W. Hancock be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**ABBAY LODGE** (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, 23rd inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Hume, J.D.; Piper, I.G.; Harvey, Hobbs, and Holland.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hobbs, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Hobbs being the candidate. Bro. Hume, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Hume being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Holland, 1624, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M. for the 6th prox., to-night (Friday) being devoted to the mother lodge. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT** (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Davies, 733, M.E.Z.; M. Speigel, 834; H. J. Sims, J. 834, J.; H. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; G. N. Watts, Z. 1196, S.N.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, P.S.; J. J. Cantle, 180, 1st A.S.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 477, P.P.G.R. Dorset; S. Cochrane, 3; and J. Smith, 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cochrane being candidate. A cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously passed to Comp. Davies for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the duties of First Principal for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

At the last regular meeting of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth, Bro. A. Cooper, S.W., was elected W.M. by a unanimous vote.

## Mark Masonry.

**FRIZINGTON.**—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Bro. Chas. Gowan, W.M., presided, supported as follows: Bros. Jas. Routledge, S.W.; Dr. Jas. I. Lace, J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, M.O. and Reg. of Marks; B. Craig, S.O.; George Lowden, J.O.; Jas. Harper, I.G.; John Gordon, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when the list was read over of those eligible for election to the chair, and Bro. Dr. Jas. I. Lace, P.J.G.D., was elected by a unanimous vote; Bro. Jas. Harper, P.M., P.J.G.W., Treas.; and Bro. J. Gordon, Tyler. Three candidates were proposed for advancement, and, with other general business, and "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW GRAMMAR SCHOOL, CHELTENHAM.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Grammar School at Cheltenham, with Masonic honours, was performed on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., opened the Provincial Grand Lodge at the Masonic Hall, and a pleasing feature in the business transacted was the conferring of Past Prov. Grand rank as Jubilee honours on two of the brethren of the province, those selected by the R.W.P.G.M. for this distinction being Bro. Henry Jeffs, who received the rank of P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. Sir Brook Kay, Bart., that of P.P.G. Reg.

The following signed the Tyler's book: Bros. T. Nelson Foster, P.G.T.; E. T. Chipp, W.M. 1005, P.J.G.D.; J. Shaw Carleton, P.G.D.C.; W. Hayward, P.G.S.B.; H. Phillips, P.G. Tyler; J. Winterbotham, P.P.G.R.; R. Chandler, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Hulbert, 702, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Jeffs, 1005, P.P.J.G.W.; H. G. Roberts, 1005, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Tomes, 1005, P.P.J.G.W.; J. S. Gee, 1005, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Bruton, 839, P.P.S.G.D.; W. C. Heane, P.P.G.R.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; J. L. Bretherton, W.M. 839; E. C. Sewell, P.P.J.G.W.; A. H. Turner, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Ferriver, J.W. Royal Union; W. T. Byett, J.P., Zetland, P.G.S.; A. E. Green, P.M. Bedford; T. Hattersly-Smith, S.W. Foundation; G. Norman, P.P.G.R.; C. Penly, 855, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Perris, P.G.S. of W.; W. P. Want, 761, P.P.J.G.W.; H. J. Small, P.M. St. John, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Millman, P.M. Sympathy, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Bloodworth, S.W. St. John; J. A. Matthews, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. C. Wheeler, 839; R. Worlock, Sympathy; T. J. Cottle, P.M. 82, P.P.J.G.W.; E. W. Brereton, 82; J. Drew, 82; E. Baylis, J.W. 82; and W. Porcher, 80, P.P.G.R. Visitors: Bros. D. Chandler, S. Newman, E. Teakel, M. Hodges, T. Hanman, C. Roberts, A. Barrett, G. H. Goid, J. Coombes, W. Heath, Surgeon-General Ringer, R. J. Weston, B. London, E. Lea, H. Godwin Chance, R. Blizard, H. Tovey, J. F. Nicholls, F. Evans, R. Proud Smith, B. Kay, E. A. Dunn, J. Ryland, E. Dering, W. C. Ferris, H. Fernald, J. Walker, J. Bryan, G. Newmarch, J. Greenfield, G. C. P. Pike, J. C. Hill, S. Bland, A. W. Woodward, J. H. Goid, E. Crossman, W. Renwick, W. Jenkins, F. W. Fisher, R. F. Pomeroy, J. Butler, W. Felton, P. Moore, J. H. C. Baxter, J. A. Fisher, R. Rogers, C. Wilson, A. Parker, G. Woods, H. Tuthill, T. Steel, G. W. Capel, W. Powell, and others.

After leaving the lodge room the Masonic brethren adjourned to the class-room of the school, and robed there, and the Prov. G.M., with the Mayor and Corporation, in their robes, and other distinguished guests having been received by the Governors of the school, a procession was then formed to the site of the stone.

The Cheltenham Company of the Gloucestershire Engineers formed a guard of honour, and spaces were reserved for the Corporation, the Grammar School boys, and the general public.

On arrival at the stone, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master was received by the Governors of the Grammar School, and the Chairman, Bro. W. H. Gwinnett, J.P., having presented the Mayor, the Head Master, the head boy of the school, and the captain of the football club to the Provincial Grand Master, requested him to lay the foundation-stone.

The Provincial Grand Master then took up his position, the vessels of corn, wine, and oil being deposited on a table placed for their reception. The upper stone, having been raised,

Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH said: Brother Masons, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—I ask you to listen to a few words from me before we proceed with the interesting and important ceremony to-day. I have been invited, as Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Gloucestershire, to take a leading part in laying the foundation-stone of the new buildings of your Grammar School at Cheltenham, and I readily accepted that invitation because I felt the importance of the event, not only to Cheltenham, but also, I hope, to the whole of Gloucestershire. This is an ancient school. More than 300 years ago it was founded, and now we hope it is about to commence a fresh and wider career of usefulness among those for whose benefit it was intended by the founder. I need not dwell here upon the benefits that may be conferred upon this town and county by the education which we hope will be obtained in the buildings which we are now met to begin. I would rather remind you, speaking as I am to brother Masons, but also to those who are not so fortunate as to belong to our Order, of the old connection of Freemasonry with some of the most splendid buildings of Europe and England, and the fitting tradition which comes down to us, through which we are called to take part in ceremonies such as the one in which we are engaged. We are not operative but speculative Masons nowadays, and in the whole of our Masonic system, in every item of the ceremony which I am about to perform, you will find nothing of what may be strictly called an operative nature, but you will find it throughout a tissue, if I may so speak, of moral symbolism. We lay this stone on the square, because with us the square is an emblem of that morality which, we trust, will always be inculcated in the Cheltenham Grammar School. We test it with a level, fitting symbol of that equality which in no part of our life removes from us so completely the adventitious circumstances of rank and fortune as it does when we are all



boys together at school; and we test it with the plumb-rule as an emblem of that justness and uprightness of thought and action which we trust will always characterise both teachers and scholars at this school. We also pour out corn, the symbol of that plenty, both of pupils and the means to educate them, which we hope will always be forthcoming here; we pour out wine, the symbol of that cheerfulness which ought to rule all the actions of those who will be educated and those who educate them; and finally, we pour upon it oil, the symbol of that peace which we trust may subsist between the governors, the masters, and the boys of this school. And now I will conclude by wishing all prosperity and success to the undertaking in which we are engaged, and by calling upon the Prov. G. Chaplain to appeal for that prosperity and success to that quarter from which alone it can come.

Bro. Dr. LYNES, Prov. Grand Chap., then offered up an appropriate prayer, after which the boys, under the direction of Bro. J. A. Matthews, P.P.G. Org., sang the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell."

Bro. W. H. GWINNETT, P.P.G. Treas., chairman of the School Governors, then placed in a cavity in the lower stone two bottles, the contents of which he described, they comprising local papers, documents bearing the names of the governors, teachers, and boys of the schools, current coins of the realm, and a local Jubilee medal.

The Prov. Grand Master then adjusted the cement on the face of the lower stone, with a trowel handed to him for the purpose, and the upper stone was lowered in due form. The Prov. Grand Master next proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, which were successively delivered to him by the Prov. J.G.W., S.G.W., and Deputy G. Master. Being satisfied in these particulars, the Prov. Grand Master gave the stone three knocks with the mallet, which was handed to him by the Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and declared the stone "well and truly laid." The Prov. Grand Stewards then delivered the corn, wine, and oil to the Prov. Grand Master, who strewed the corn, and poured the wine and oil over the stone in ancient form. The architect, Bro. Knight, and the builder, Bro. Collins, were next presented to the Prov. Grand Master by Bro. Alderman Parsonage, Deputy Mayor, one of the Governors of the School. The Prov. Grand Master, having inspected the plan of the intended building, delivered the same to the architect, together with the tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desired the builder to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan. The Town Crier having rung his bell and cried "Oyez, Oyez, God save the Queen,"

Bro. J. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Prov. G.W., one of the Governors of the School, and Hon. Secretary of that body, then mounted the stone, and thanked the Prov. G.M. for his presence, and for sanctioning on this occasion the use of those Masonic honours, which have not been witnessed in Cheltenham for upwards of 60 years. He was sure he did not exaggerate when he said that there was no single Englishman who did not sympathise with Sir Michael in the illness which laid him aside for a time, and none felt greater pleasure than they in Gloucestershire at his recovery, and they welcomed him to his own county. They were grateful to see him amongst them that day exercising, at any rate to some extent, operative rather than speculative Masonic implements, wielding the trowel instead of the ancient gavel, and they prayed that the Great Architect of the Universe might deign that a superstructure should be raised perfect in all its parts, and honourable not only to him who had laid this first stone, to the founder of the school, and to those whom it was intended should receive benefit within the walls of the new building, but also to this fair town of Cheltenham, to which they hoped these schools would for many years to come prove an honour, benefit, and ornament.

The ceremony was brought to a conclusion with the singing of the National Anthem and cheers for Sir Michael.

Subsequently upwards of 200 sat down to a *recherché* luncheon laid by Mr. George in the Assembly Rooms. Bro. W. H. Gwinnett, chairman of the School Governors, occupied the chair, amongst those present being Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, M.P., and Bro. J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. After luncheon a lengthy toast list was gone through.

"The Queen" having been duly honoured,

Bro. J. B. WINTERBOTHAM proposed, in eloquent terms, "The Pious Memory of Richard Pate." He remarked that the endowment was made 300 years ago, and it was not altogether immaterial to mention, in these days of depression, and depreciation, when some people thought that the value of property had diminished, that the endowment, which in Queen Elizabeth's time was worth £73 10s. 4d., in the Jubilee year of the greater Queen exceeded £2500. Much of this property had been presented to Richard Pate 12 years before by Elizabeth, "out of her Divine and fervent zeal for good learning," and it might be assumed that he spent those 12 years in erecting his school-house, establishing his school, and perfecting those wonderful ordinances whereby he provided for all things that might happen. The final endowment, when he left it to the president and scholars of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, as trustees, came none too soon, for the autumn of the following year strewed its leaves over his grave. He died at the age of 72 years, having lived in four reigns. The toast having been drunk in silence,

Bro. AGG-GARDNER, M.P., in proposing "Success to the Grammar School," said that the success they wished to imply was not merely a commercial success, but that the success waiting on the future Grammar School should be that of the pupils, the teachers, the town in which they lived, and the country which they hoped it would be their best interest to serve. He coupled with the toast the name of the head master, Mr. Styles; if they might accept the past and present as an augury of the future, his career showed that the omens of success were with them, and friends of the school might look forward to a realisation of the most sanguine anticipations with reference to the school.

Mr. STYLES having acknowledged the toast,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of the Trustees," coupling with it the name of

Dr. FOWLER, President of Corpus Christi College, who responded.

Bro. Baron DE FERRIERES, in proposing "The Health of Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach," said this was the first time he had appeared in public in Cheltenham since the trying and sad illness which he trusted he was now surely recovering from. It seemed but a few years since they looked with great pleasure, and almost with wonder, upon the progress

made in public life by Sir Michael, and the prospect he had of reaching the highest offices of the State, and the intelligence that some failing of the sight was likely to put an end to his political life fell upon them, as it must upon Sir Michael himself, like a thunderclap; but now that cloud was passing away, and he was sure the sympathy that had been called forth would make up for many of the trials of that illness. They hoped that now he was restored to health he would be able to carry on those labours which he felt sure would be for the welfare of his country, and that he would be enabled once more to take up that position in the State he was so well calculated to fill, and to use for benefit of his country.

Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, who on rising to respond was very cordially received, said he could assure them nothing was more agreeable to him than to remember the friendly and cordial sympathy which was shown towards him on all sides at the time of his sudden trial last spring, and nothing could be more pleasant now than to feel that when he was able once more to take a part, he hoped a useful part, in public life, he came among them as friends, whether they agreed or differed with him in political opinions. He was glad that one of his first appearances, after his return, should be at a place which was associated with so many agreeable memories of the past, politically, socially, and friendly, of all kinds, but he was perhaps more glad than anything that he met them in connection with a subject on which they could all feel in common, and which raised no hostile differences of opinion among them. The proceedings of that day had been interesting from a Masonic and an educational point of view. Remembering what fell from Mr. Winterbotham, when he told them that 60 long years had elapsed since Cheltenham had been favoured with a sight of a Masonic ceremony, he was glad that the Freemasons had that day been able to dissipate a most dangerous and unfounded delusion. They all knew that the fair sex had no voices, but they were mortal and had a few agreeable failings, and one of the most remarkable of them was a tendency to jump at too rapid conclusions from insufficient premises. He was speaking in the presence of many Freemasons who had heard their lady friends speak of Freemasonry as a society the members of which merely associated for a display of their inordinate vanity in fine dress and love of good dinners. That day's proceedings showed how utterly unworthy were such statements. Far from their making a great display that day, they emerged humbly and quietly from the ruins and sandpits into their presence at the ceremony, after which they as quietly disrobed, and so far from thinking of anything connected with good cheer, they performed their share of the work without fee or reward, and it was due to the Governors of the school that they were now so happily assembled around that festive board. For the future he hoped every lady would impress upon her friends two things—firstly, that Freemasons were the most humble and retiring of all individuals, and secondly that the last thing they ever thought of was a good dinner. The proceedings of the day had been of great interest from an educational point of view. He confessed Cheltenham had always struck him as being overdone with educational institutions, and some might have wondered why there should be a grammar school, or what on earth it could find to do except to attract pupils from other less fortunate schools. But he thought those who reflected upon the proper functions of grammar schools would see that there was a real opening for its work quite independently of all the other educational institutions, and not only for all work but for all the funds it possessed. The founders of their grammar school and those who dealt with them now bore in mind this fact, that there was great need of a link between the university and elementary systems of education. He believed the grammar schools supplied that link, and his friend who was sitting near him had, in furtherance of that view founded a scholarship in connection with Cheltenham Grammar School, available for scholars attending the elementary schools. After all, their ancestors were not such fools as some of the wise young people of to-day seemed to imagine. Take one instance—technical education about which they heard so much now-a-days. What was the desire for technical education after all but a feeling that there had been a very great mistake made by the practical abolition of that system of apprenticeship which was so widely and profitably known in England a few generations ago? And so again with elementary education. Had not this generation been making a great mistake in attempting to add on to elementary education excrescences that did not in any degree belong to it? Was it not utterly unfair upon those who had to pay for elementary education that an attempt should be made in the elementary schools to teach not only the three R's or the foundation of future knowledge, but all kinds of sciences and languages which certainly would not, however valuable in themselves, be likely to form any practical part in the working life of 99 out of every 100 of the children educated there. Would it not be better if anything was to be superadded to the educational work of the elementary schools, that some instruction in handicrafts or some things that would be really useful to the men and women of the future, who must, after all, whatever our state of civilisation, be largely employed in such work, should be taught them, instead of the languages and sciences. He was far from suggesting that these languages and sciences ought not to be taught, or that the fullest opportunity ought not to be given to the child of the poorest labourer to learn such things, if he is fitted to learn them, and to raise himself to a position in society; but the way to learn such things was by means of such scholarships as their friend had founded for the benefit of scholars in the elementary schools, going to the grammar school and obtaining the highest education there, and then proceeding from the grammar school to the University, and crowning their career there. Therefore, if those connected with Corpus Christi College should find, on mature consideration, that they could aid the Cheltenham Grammar School in some more material and practical way than either by their management of its property or even by their genial presence on those occasions, he thought that in some such way as he had indicated their efforts might be very usefully employed, and without any harm to the real intentions of the founder. He thanked them once more for their kindness, assuring them that wherever he was, and whatever he did, he should always have a corner in his heart for such a town as Cheltenham.

Bro. R. V. VASSAR-SMITH, in submitting the toast of "The Mayor and Corporation of Cheltenham," mentioned that Richard Pate was a member of the Gloucester Corporation, being the Recorder of Gloucester. He congratulated the Mayor on being at the head of a body whom he was expected to lead and not to be driven, and trusted he might be given health and strength to carry out the duties of his office with ability and courtesy.

The Mayor, Mr. J. HADDON, in response, said this should be marked as a red-letter day in the Cheltenham calendar. This was a step in the right direction; they had started a fine building that would be a credit to the town and a boon to the rising generation, and he hoped they would be able to say that they had a good Grammar School at which boys could have a first-rate education at a normal cost.

Col. FORD, the new Master of the Ceremonies at Cheltenham, proposed "The Colleges and Schools of this Town," and pointed out how the prosperity of the town of Cheltenham depended on the welfare of its educational institutions. He coupled with the toast the names of Dr. Kynaston (principal of Cheltenham College), the Rev. C. Naylor (head master of the Crypt Grammar School, Gloucester), and Miss Beale (principal of the Cheltenham Ladies' College).

Dr. KYNASTON, in responding, said that whatever the difference might be between a college and a school, or whether they presided over a public, private, proprietary, endowed, chartered, or unchartered educational institution they had but one object in view. Like those masons who would now set to work on the structure of the Grammar School, they took their materials in hand, engraved on them the mark of education, and shaped them as to be fit to be placed in their proper position in the great structure of civilised society. Their methods might differ, but they were agreed on vital points, and this agreement had been much developed by the founding in Cheltenham of the Teachers' Guild, much of the life which kept it going being furnished by many members of the Training College. It struck him as a very ill-advised thing that people did not come to reside in this county and send their children to the schools and colleges of Cheltenham. The place was conveniently situated, while its climate was beautiful; in fact, when one considered that there was everything in this county to develop a "corpus sanum," it seemed extraordinary that any one should fail to place in that "corpus sanum" a "sana mens." The Corporation were able to do much by rendering the town attractive to residents, and the educational authorities would try to do the same, and if they could form a league for the purpose, let them join hand in hand and do so.

The Rev. C. NAYLOR also responded.

Other toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and responded to by Mr. H. M. JEFFREY, late Head Master of the Grammar School, and "The Governors," proposed by Sir M. HICKS BEACH, and responded to by the CHAIRMAN.

The new school will be in the Elizabethan style, Messrs. Knight and Chatters being the architects. It will be arranged in three blocks, the form being somewhat like the letter F inverted and reversed. The connecting corridors will be nine feet wide. The front building, facing High-street, will be occupied by the assembly room, 68 feet by 32 feet and 27 feet in height, with the addition of a large bay on the left 15 feet by 6 feet. On the right of the principal entrance under the tower will be the governor's board-room, with business or waiting-room adjoining, and over these apartments and the entrance hall will be the rooms set apart for class-rooms or school library. The second block will be in the rear of the front buildings, and run parallel to them. It will contain rooms for the head master, boys' dining-room, drying-room and caretaker's residence, whilst on the first floor above will be the preparing room, &c., the floors being made fire proof. The third portion will be at right angles to the former buildings, and will contain on the ground and first floors seven class-rooms, each 24 feet by 22 feet, assistant master's room and room for drawing 45 feet by 22 feet, the windows of this room being lofty and with a northern aspect. The front buildings will be set back about 12 feet from the street line and will take the whole of the frontage now occupied by the old school premises and the master's house. Accommodation is provided for over 300 boys, and the sanitary, ventilating, and warming arrangements will be effected on the newest principles. The old school was founded in 1578 by Richard Pate, who provided a valuable endowment for the purpose.

All the arrangements were perfect and passed off without a hitch, thanks to the energy of the Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. G. Norman and E. Lawrence.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN OSBORN, P.P.G. Std. Br., Middx.

A meeting of the members of the Sir Hugh Myddelton and Citadel Lodges and the Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Station on Friday, the 23rd inst., the object being to pay a graceful compliment to Bro. John Osborn, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Middx. The brethren of the lodges and chapters mentioned, having heard with great regret that Bro. Osborn had had a valuable watch stolen from him on his return from the last meeting of the Citadel Lodge, a general desire was felt that it should be replaced by another which would serve to mark the respect and esteem with which he is regarded. Bro. John Weston, W.M. 1897, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Homan, W.M. 1602; Greenfield, P.M. 1602; T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Von Holtorp, S.W. 1897; Hughes, J.W. 1897; Jno. Osborn, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Weedon, 813; Snook, P.M. 1603; Chas. Dearing, J.W. 1602; Cave; Garner, S.D. 1602; W. Wright, 1897; Everett, Baker, Green, W. W. Lee, and others.

Ample justice having been done to a substantial repast, "The Queen and the Craft" was given by the presiding brother.

Bro. JOHN WESTON, W.M. 1897, then said it was his pleasure to propose the toast of the evening. They had met to honour one whom the majority present had known for many years. It had been his pride and pleasure to be associated with Bro. Osborn for a lengthy period, for they were almost twins in Freemasonry, and had worked shoulder to shoulder in the Craft. He had found Bro. Osborn always ready to give time and the benefit of his experience to brethren desiring Masonic instruction. He had felt considerable pride in his association with that brother, for no man had won his esteem and regard as he had done. They had been connected by many ties, and if they had differed they had listened with respect to

each other's views. The brethren had heard a rumour that a large amount of gold had been found in Wales, but however pure that might be, there was no better or purer article than they had in the sterling qualities of Bro. Osborn. All present knew his merits so well that it would be presumption to detain them with lengthy remarks. He had before him a watch that had been subscribed for by the lodges and chapter with which they were connected, as a mark of their esteem and regard for Bro. Osborn. The idea was mooted a long time ago, but it was a cowardly attack made upon their respected brother on his return journey from a lodge meeting, that had brought the idea to a successful issue. The watch stolen from Bro. Osborn was one highly prized by him, having received it from his father on his death bed. That watch could never be replaced, but on looking at the one he had now the pleasure to offer for the acceptance of Bro. Osborn, he would be reminded of the esteem in which he is held. They hoped he would wear it as long as he lived for it carried with it the loving and fraternal good wishes of the subscribers.

Bro. JNO. OSBORN, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. in returning thanks, said, the present occasion was a proud moment of his life. He thanked Bro. Weston sincerely for the loving sentiments and kindly manner in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the enthusiastic reception accorded those few remarks. As they had heard, Bro. Weston and himself had been associated for many years in Masonry, and he was indebted to that brother for kindly counsel and advice. They had worked together and done their best for the benefit of the lodges and chapter. It had, however, been a work of love, although he had but attempted to do his duty. His Masonic life had enabled him to make many friends whom he respected and loved, and whom he would not have known but for Masonry. He thanked them most cordially for their handsome present. The watch stolen from him he had worn for twenty years, having received it from his father. He felt considerable pain at losing it, but the loss of one had been the gain of another, which carried with it friendship and esteem, and he hoped that their friendship would exist as long as he lived. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart, for he appreciated their kindness, and whenever he looked upon the watch he should think of the present moment when he was surrounded by such a number of old and tried friends.

The watch, which was a handsome gold hunter, bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Osborn, P.M. 1602, 1897, P.Z. 1602, by the brethren of the Sir Hugh Myddelton and Citadel Lodges, and the Companions of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter, and others as a token of esteem. 23rd December, 1887. John Weston, P.Z. for the Sir Hugh Myddelton, R.A.C. 1602; Edwin Woodman, I.P.M. for the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897; Reuben A. Homan, W.M. for the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge 1602; Jno. Greenfield, P.M., I.P.Z., Chap. 1602, Treasurer; W. C. Wigley, Chap. 1602, Secretary."

"The Health of Bro. Greenfield, P.M." having been given, the case of Mrs. Somers, who is a candidate for election in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was mentioned, the brethren unanimously agreeing to endeavour to secure her election.

Other toasts having been given, the brethren separated.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of Subscribers to this Institution met on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G.S.B., in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Peter de L. Long, E. H. Finney, G. H. Newington Bridges, C. H. Webb, Thomas Massa, G. Massey, Charles F. Hogard, J. J. Caseley, John French, Samuel H. Parkhouse, J. S. Cumberland, and Bro. Peachey, in place of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, who was unfortunately absent through illness.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, some grants and additions to salaries were made in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee. Eleven vacancies were declared for the April election, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques according to list.

The brethren then considered the petitions for admitting children to the list of candidates for election into the School in April. Of these petitions there were 22. Two were deferred for further information, and one was rejected as not coming within the rules. The remaining 19 were accepted, the list for April thus standing at 42, with which the 11 vacancies were recommended to the Quarterly Court in January, 1888.

On the motion of Bro. WEBB, seconded by Bro. PARKHOUSE, a vote expressive of the regret of the Committee at the death of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., Vice-President of the Institution, was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Bro. CUMBERLAND, and seconded by Bro. WEBB, was passed; and a vote of regret at the Secretary's illness was likewise agreed to.

#### CHINE LODGE, No. 1884, SHANKLIN.

The regular meeting of the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, was to be held in the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 29th instant. The agenda paper contained a considerable array of business, among the propositions to be submitted being those for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, and one by Bro. Greenham, W.M., to the effect that Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G. Master of Hants and Isle of Wight, J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M., E. Goble, Prov. G. Sec., W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng., and George Taylor, Prov. G. Sec. Worcestershire should, in consideration of their services to the lodge, be elected honorary members. Afterwards the lodge was to be called in order that the ceremony of inscribing the marble tablet which had been placed in the Hall to serve as a memorial of the kindness of those who assisted by their contributions in reducing the mortgage on the building by the large sum of £200, as well as of the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign, may be performed by W. Bro. Dr. G. H. R. Dabbs, who had the honour of being the first W. Master of the lodge, and who on all occasions since his retirement from the chair has been ready to do any service in his power to promote the success of the lodge. Bro. Dr.

Dabbs is well known as the author of sundry plays which have been very successfully played at Shanklin—"Black-Mail," "The Under Study," and "The Contractor" being his latest and best known pieces. Consequently his general popularity will no doubt have the effect of exciting additional interest in the unusual Masonic occurrence fixed for Thursday, the 29th inst. We have no doubt that when the reports of the proceedings reach us it will be found that the ceremony of unveiling was very successfully carried out by all concerned, but especially by Bro. Dr. Dabbs, P.M.



Not to be outdone by its formidable rival the Alhambra management has put on the stage a new ballet, entitled, "Enchantment." Second to none is this diversification which has been arranged by M. Cassate, and to which some of M. Jacobi's stirring and clever music has been composed. Each of all its four scenes are pictures of beauty and delight. Signorina Bessone is the admirable premiere danseuse. A variety entertainment is given in the intervals between the ballets. Whilst the Alhambra has such attractions it need not fear any lack of public support.

The re-opening of the Empire Palace as a music hall on Thursday, the 22nd inst., brought together the largest gathering ever met in a place of amusement, excepting Drury Lane. It would be easier to say who were not there than to enumerate who were—of the social, theatrical, press, or political world. We will, therefore, only mention one name—that of the first gentleman in the realm. The syndicate ought to feel highly honoured that our Grand Master "assisted" at the first performance, of what, we believe, will prove a great financial success as long as Bro. Augustus Harris is responsible for the entertainments, and Mr. George Edwardes for the other side, and with the experienced Bro. Hitchens as acting manager. A vast sum of money has evidently been spent on embellishments. The decorations of the Palace are superb, Persian being its character. The colouring is in turquoise, indigo blue, crimson, with black and gold. The entrance hall is Indian in style, whence one passes into a Japanese vestibule, complete with bamboos, birds, butterflies, and lanterns. On account of its vast size, the Empire is to be a home of ballet more than the ordinary music hall. The two which just now are the talk of the town are named "Dilara," which is an Eastern story, and the last "The Sports of England." This, to our mind, is the best, because it appeals to every Englishman, for all of us are fond of some, if not many, sports. Represented faithfully in every detail are boating, cricket, polo, football, cycling, hunting, tennis, and shooting. Our boys will enjoy this, and so will the girls. The Two Macs are to be seen here, as also a very clever juggler, Bellonini, and a girl gymnast, who calls herself "La Petite Amoros." We have no fear but that the Empire Palace has entered upon a long and prosperous career.

To say that Bro. Augustus Harris has surpassed himself in his ninth pantomime is only to utter a hackneyed phrase which we in common with most journals have used towards the Drury Lane pantomime one year after another. After the experience of this latest stupendous work we will not say that Bro. Harris cannot possibly excel his new production, for he has himself led us on and on year by year to something more grand than the previous annual that we are sure that the pantomime of 1888-9 will be even finer than the one which has already taken a firm hold of his patrons. "Puss in Boots," produced on Boxing Night in a scale of magnificent and tasteful splendour, is a pantomime to be seen again and again. The plot which one can follow thanks to Mr. Blanchard, who writes for the eleventh time; its jokes, thanks to Bros. Herbert Campbell and Harry Nicholls, and we must add Bro. Rigold and Mr. Danby; its ballets, thanks to Miss Katti Lanner; its music, for which we thank Mr. Slaughter; its scene-paintings, again thanks to Messrs. Emden, Beverley, and Craven, and its whole production, for which much thanks to Bro. Augustus Harris, cannot fail to fill old Drury Lane every afternoon for the next two months, and each evening for the ensuing three. "Puss in Boots," is at once a children's and an adults' pantomime, all can enjoy and understand it. It has no competitor, for nothing at any other theatre, in or out of London, can hold a candle to it. The topical allusions and sly jokes brought down to date—including the recent prize fight and Jockey Club quarrel—are genuinely comic and perfectly clean. We cannot give even an epitome of the various scenes, nor is it necessary, but we will allude to the two grand set-scenes only. The reception of the King and Queen seated on their thrones surrounded by their court, numbering some hundreds of supers, to receive the suitors for the hand of the Princess is a spectacle beyond all previous efforts of Bro. Harris. The blending of uniforms and dresses made of rich goods of all colours and designs make up a sight not easily forgotten. The other grand scene is that of a staircase—a sort of Jacob's ladder by its great height—descending which we have a procession representing every specimen and type of England's chivalry all clad in various sorts of armour. The lime lights on the metal make the stage a blaze of brilliancy. Miss Wadman, who is the lover, we were agreeably surprised to find, easily fills the house with her voice, and besides the songs she renders so exquisitely she enters into the fun of the pantomime. Miss Letty Lind (the Princess), dances most gracefully. We take credit to ourselves that we were one of the first London journals to mention the latent talent of this young lady, who appeared about five years ago at the Avenue Theatre in a short off season in a small part. We singled her out for special mention, and are glad to find our prophecy that Miss Lind would develop into a first rate dancer, has been realised. It is a pity her voice is not stronger, but she evidently has pleased her audience by her coquettish and sweet style of dancing. Bro. Lauri, jun., is the cat, and gets an encore for a solo dance. Bros. Herbert Campbell and Harry Nicholls, respectively, the King and Queen, are full of humour in both speech and songs. Already the fun is going well and requires no pulling together, but something must be cut out to get the performance over a little earlier,

We shall conclude by saying that the dresses, dances by Miss Lanner's children, and whole production defy description. Every one must, and we believe will, go to see for themselves. Compression is the only thing needed and otherwise "Puss in Boots" must be said to be composed of everything gratifying to eye and ear which commences at the outset and continues without any intermission till the curtain falls.

\* \* \*

The new burlesque of "Frankenstein," written by the successful author of "Monte Christo, Jun.," and "Miss Esmeralda," was seriously handicapped on the night of its advent at the Gaiety Theatre. Whether Christmas Eve be a bad night for a first production on account of the "larkish" mood some of the younger members of society feel in. Whether to a fancied insult offered to the occupants of the pit, or the piece beginning somewhat after the advertised hour, or whether a clique had been sent in we are unable to say exactly why there was so much disturbance on Saturday, but certain it is that "Frankenstein" did not meet with that cordial reception which all of Mr. George Edwardes' burlesques have had since he became the lessee of that house. We are inclined to think that the suggestions we have hazarded had all something to do with the inharmonious reception. Respecting an encroachment on the pit by the stalls, we have ascertained for ourselves that not a single extra row had been added to the ordinary number according to the plan of the house which prevails there every night except during the hot summer nights. So serious did the hooting and yelling become that the normal apathy of the sitters in the dress parts of the house became aroused, and it became developed into a pitched battle between applause and hisses in which the "ayes" had it, and so a favourable verdict was passed on Mr. Richard Henry's latest melodramatic burlesque. We sympathise with some of the discontent, but it was delivered with too much unfairness. What "Frankenstein" burlesques it is difficult to say, for there seems to be no plot. Besides, how many people have read Mrs. Shelley's weird story? We asked several friends on the first night this question, and all replied they knew nothing of the book. To be popular a burlesque should be a take off on something well known. The music and songs are for the most part not so catching as the three last burlesque dramas, but the dresses and scenery, mounting, and general effect given to the piece are quite equal, if not superior to any of Mr. Edwardes and Bro. Charles Harris' former productions. The company, including such talent as Miss Farren, Miss Sylvia Grey, Bros. Fred Leslie, F. J. Lonnen, Mr. George Stone, Mr. F. Thornton, Miss Marion Hood, Miss D'Arville, and Miss Emily Cross are beyond reproach, and it is our opinion that the new entertainment will settle down into another Gaiety success. Probably some new fun and songs will be imported. The laboratory scene in the first act gives Bro. Leslie and Mr. Stone an opportunity for an immense amount of real drollery in representing statues in terra cotta, made by Frankenstein (Miss Farren), which come to life. The boxing scene between the pair and the reference to the late prize fight were heartily recognised as genuine fun, as were the allusions in the last act to the Pelican Club and the special constables, Bro. Leslie causing much laughter by unscrewing the top of his truncheon and using it as a spirit flask. Of the songs, the most favoured was "The five ages," cleverly sung as a duet by Miss Farren and Bro. Leslie. The popular lady also sings "One of the boys," and "It's a funny little way I've got," both of which went down well. Bro. Lonnen is not provided by Mr. Martin, in "The Dispensary Doctor," with such a genuinely comic ditty as he has had before. Miss Marion Hood's sweet voice is heard to perfection in "Sweet pearls of Granada." Miss Sylvia Grey dances charming, à la Kate Vaughan. As a spectacle, "Frankenstein" has probably never been excelled. Much credit is due to Mr. Percy Anderson for the beautiful dresses he has designed, and taste displayed in arranging the colours on the stage by Bro. Chas. Harris. A second addition of "Miss Esmeralda" is being given every afternoon at the same theatre, where Miss Jenny Rogers proves herself a worthy successor to Miss Fanny Leslie. Bro. Lonnen's song, "Killaloe," is encored again and again, and both he, Messrs. Stone and Thornton, and Miss Florence Dysart keep the fun going all the afternoon. The two Macs have been added to the cast, and we need scarcely say they provoke roars of laughter all over the theatre.

#### The Craft Abroad.

GRAND COUNCIL, R. and S.M., NEW YORK.

The following are the Grand Officers installed and invested for the current year at the annual meeting of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters held in New York on the 6th September, namely, Comps. John L. Brothers, G. Master; R. C. Christiance, D.G.M.; John L. Macomb, G.P.C. of W.; John F. Baldwin, G. Treas.; Geo. Van Vliet, G. Recorder; Alex. B. King, G.C. of G.; George A. Newell, G.C. of C.; Thomas J. Bishop, G. Marshal; Rev. John G. Webster, G. Chap.; Samuel C. Pierce, G. Lecturer; John G. Barker, G. Stwd.; and John Hoole, G. Sentinel.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY (N.Z.).

A regular Quarterly Communication of this Dist. G. Lodge was held in the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christ Church, N.Z., on the 20th October last, under the presidency of Bro. Deamer, D. Dist. G.M., as Dist. G. Master, the Dist. G. Officers present including Bros. F. J. Smyth, Dist. G. Reg., as Dep. D.G.M.; S. Derbridge, D.S.G.W.; W. B. Allwright, as D.J.G.W.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; H. Sawtell, D.S.G.D.; A. Sharland, as D.J.G.D.; W. T. C. Mills, D.G.D.C.; J. C. Revell, D.G.S.B.; J. G. L. Scott, D.G. Purst.; and Rich. Stevens, D.G. Tyler. The business was of an unimportant character, and the only point worth recording is that the Dist. G. Treasurer's statement of accounts showed a balance in bank and in deposit, amounting to upwards of £577.

The Corporation of London have recently determined to confer the freedom of the City on Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and his lordship has expressed the pleasure it will give him to accept the honour, but, at the same time, has requested that the formal presentation may be deferred until after the meeting of Parliament.



## OCCURRENCES OF THE YEAR.

1ST DECEMBER, 1886, to 30TH NOVEMBER, 1887.

## DECEMBER—1886.

- 1.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge. Appointment of Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., as President of the Board of Benevolence, with rank in Grand Lodge after Past G. Secretaries.
- 5.—Death of Bro. J. Henderson Scott, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Sussex.
- 7.—Death of Bro. T. W. C. Bush, P.M. Nos. 185 and 1728.
- 8.—Centenary Banquet of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13. Consecration of the new Masonic Hall, Wairra, New Zealand.
- 11.—Bro. W. O. Goldsmith installed W.M. Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. Death of Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M. No. 1326, P.G.P. Middlesex. Lecture by Bro. the Dean of York, Past G. Chaplain England, in Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, Leeds.
- 13.—Annual Meeting, at Derby, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Derbyshire. Death of Bro. Col. A. Stewart, District G. Master of Punjab.
- 17.—The Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, consecrated by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, at the Surrey Masonic Hall. Bro. H. W. Little, Mus. Dr., first W. Master.
- 20.—Bro. Gerard Hodgson installed W.M. York Lodge, No. 236. Quarterly Communication, at Melbourne, of the District Grand Lodge of Victoria; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. England, present as a visitor. Installation of Comp. L. Court, as G. Superintendent Prov. G. Royal Arch Chapter New Zealand (S.C.).
- 21.—Consecration by Bro. the Hon. W. P. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, of the new Lodge Room of Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley. Banquet by the Melbourne Masonic Club to its President, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Dist. G.M. Victoria, on his return from England.
- 22.—Board of Benevolence; 54 cases relieved with £1447.
- 27.—Entertainment to the Poor of Hexham by the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1537. Consecration by Comp. W. E. Warder, P.Z. of the Royal Edward Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1870, Bermuda; Comp. James Smith first M.E.Z.
- 28.—Death of Bro. C. W. Smyth, P.M. No. 1524.
- 29.—Presentation of testimonial to Bro. Major Crombie, P.M. St. Machar Lodge, No. 319 (S.C.), P.G.W. Scotland, by the members of No. 319.

## JANUARY—1887.

- 3.—Presentation of Testimonial to Bro. J. S. Lyon, Treasurer of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188.
- 5.—New Year's Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon. Death of Bro. Sir Francis Bolton. Masonic Ball by the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, at the Town Hall, Bournemouth.
- 7.—Annual Meeting, at Shanghai, of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China. Committee appointed to frame a Jubilee Address to the Queen.
- 8.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 10.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Entertainment to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, England and Wales, &c.
- 11.—Grand Festival and Ball in the Town Hall, Liverpool, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.
- 13.—Annual Ball of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 14.—Installation of Bro. Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P., as W.M. of the Bedford Lodge, No. 157.
- 18.—Consecration, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190; Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W., first W.M. Ball by the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 19.—Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.P.J.G.W. Gloucestershire, installed W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham. Masonic Ball at St. Helen's in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Charities.
- 20.—Dedication by Bro. W. D. Rogers, D.P.G.M., of the New Masonic Hall, Brixham, Devonshire. Masonic Ball in St. James's Hall in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687. Annual Meeting at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand.
- 21.—Visit of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir R. Hanson to the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962.
- 25.—Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., installed W.M. Empire Lodge, No. 2108.
- 26.—Meeting of the Board of Benevolence; 15 cases relieved with £380.
- 27.—Bro. A. Greenham, for the second time, installed W.M. Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin.
- 28.—Annual Meeting, at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, of the East Lancashire Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.
- 29.—Consecration, by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P. G.M. Middlesex, of the Royal Hampton Lodge, No. 2183; Bro. the Rev. W. F. Reynolds, M.A., first W.M. Consecration, by G. Comp. C. L. Mason, P. Prov. G.H. West Yorkshire, of the Harrogate and Claro Chapter (R.A.), No. 1001, Harrogate; Comp. Richd. Carter, first M.E.Z. Banquet at the Mansion House by Bro. Lord Mayor Sir R. Hanson, W.M., to the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591.
- 31.—Annual Meeting at Winchester, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Hants and Isle of Wight.

## FEBRUARY.

- 1.—Serious accident in the hunting field to Bro. the Earl of Haddington, Dep. G.M. Scotland.
- 2.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of R.A. Masons.
- 3.—Opening of the Jamestown Mark Lodge, No. 370, St. Helena; Bro. Capt. C. E. Reynolds, R.A., first W. Master. Presentation of Testimonial to Bro. J. H. Handyside, W.M. for the 5th time of the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, Stokesley.
- 4.—Grand Masonic Concert at Antrim in aid of the Irish Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin.
- 7.—Annual Ball at Leicester in aid of the Masonic Charitable Institutions.
- 8.—Installation of Bro. Augustus Harris as W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127.
- 9.—Meeting of the Leeds Lodges to concert arrangements for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.
- 10.—Second Annual Ball and Concert, at the Peckham Public Hall, of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.
- 11.—Consecration by Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, of the Adoniram Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 101; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., first M.W.S.
- 14.—First Ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188.
- 15.—Ball in aid of the Masonic Charities by the St. John's Lodge, No. 328, and the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay. Annual Meeting at Darlington of the Prov. Priory K.T. of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed. Ball in aid of the Masonic Charities by the Royal Wharfedale Lodge, No. 1108, Otley, Yorkshire.
- 16.—Board of Benevolence; 32 cases relieved with £810. Consecration by Bro. C. L. Mason, Prov. G. Mark M. West Yorkshire, of the St. Chad's Lodge, No. 374, Leeds; Bro. the Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., first W. Mark Master. Lecture in the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 264, Taunton, on Early Freemasonry, by Bro. W. J. Hugban, P.G.D.
- 17.—Special Convocation to revise By-laws of the Prov. G. Chapter of Durham. Annual meeting at Shrewsbury of the Prov. G. Lodge of Shropshire.
- 18.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., of the Adur Lodge, No. 2187, Henfield, Sussex; Bro. C. F. Lewis first W. Master.
- 19.—Annual meeting at York of the York College of Rosicrucians.
- 21.—Presentation of testimonial to Bro. Dr. Brette, a founder, P.M., and Secretary of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.
- 22.—Anniversary Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, in the chair—proceeds £19,229. Funeral at Newcastle-on-Tyne of Bro. E. D. Davis, G. Std. Br. England.
- 25.—Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; Bro. the Earl of Milltown, P.S.G.W. England. New Masonic Hall and Club at Folkestone, opened by Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G. Master of Kent.
- 26.—Special meeting at Brighton of the Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex; Bro. Gerard Ford installed Deputy P.G.M. Special Convocation of the Prov. G. Chapter of Sussex; Comp. G. Ford installed G. Superintendent Royal Arch, Sussex. Consecration at Dover, by Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, of the Hubert de Burgh Chapter of Rose Croix; Bro. E. Luky first M.W.S.
- 28.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, Past D.G.M., and G. Recorder of the Veram Council, No. 18, of the Allied Masonic Degrees; Bro. E. Margratts first W.M.

## MARCH.

- 2.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge. Bro. Richard Eve elected G. Treasurer. The Past Master's Collar Question definitively arranged. £1000 voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 3.—Bro. W. F. Smithson installed second W.M. of the United Northern Counties' Lodge, No. 2128.
- 7.—Annual Grand Conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine. Consecration by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.P.G.M.M.M. Lancashire, of the Jubilee Mark Lodge, No. 375, Ulverston; Bro. the Rev. F. G. McNally, M.A., first W.M.
- 8.—Initiation in the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, of Prince Ibrahim Hilmev Pacha.
- 11.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Le G. N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, of the Ardwick Lodge, No. 2185, Manchester; Bro. J. T. Richardson, first W.M.
- 14.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192; Bro. E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., first W.M.
- 16.—Annual Festival of the G. Masters' (Mark) Lodge of Instruction; Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G. Warden, in the chair.
- 17.—Consecration by Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., District G.M. of Victoria, of the new Masonic Hall, Melbourne.
- 19.—Presentation by Bro. T. H. Tilton, Past District G. M. New York, to Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D. England, of the jewel of the Masonic Veterans' Association of New York. Foundation-stone of the Australian Church, Melbourne, laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. W. J. Clarke, Bart., District G.M. Victoria.
- 21.—Special General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; provisional purchase of certain houses and ground for £2500 ratified; increase of five girls agreed upon. Constitution at St. John's, New Brunswick, of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter; Comp. E. Lester Peters first G.Z. Meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, of the District G. Lodge of Victoria; appointment of District G. Officers for the year.
- 22.—Presentation to the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, of an illuminated diploma of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, 1886.

- 23.—Festival of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, in honour of the 90th birthday of the Emperor William of Germany.
- 23.—Board of Benevolence; 37 cases relieved with £1125.
- 24.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191; Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., first W.M.
- 25.—Conversazione at Belfast in aid of the Belfast Masonic Charities and Widows' Fund.
- 29.—Half-yearly Communication at Valetta of the District G. Lodge of Malta.
- 30.—Annual meeting, at Manchester, of the Prov. G. Chapter of East Lancashire. Meeting, at Huddersfield, of the Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire; purchase of two Perpetual Presentations to Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for £2100 decided upon as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee.

## APRIL.

- 1.—Consecration by Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent, of the Military Jubilee Lodge, No. 2195, Dover; Bro. G. F. Smyth first W.M. Death of Bro. Walter Thompson, P.M., P.Z., P.P.J. G.W. Oxfordshire.
- 4.—Installation at Cardiff, by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., of Comp. Marmaduke Tennant, as G. Superintendent Royal Arch Masons South Wales (Eastern Division).
- 6.—Presentation of address to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., by the members of the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, Pontypriid.
- 12.—Presentation of framed portrait and engraving of installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, Stonehouse, by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A.
- 14.—Consecration by Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devonshire, of the Ashburton Lodge, No. 2189, Ashburton; Bro. the Hon. R. M. W. Dawson first W.M. Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society.
- 15.—Installation at Chester of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton as Prov. G.M. of Cheshire. Annual Meeting, at Carlisle, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland. Annual Meeting, at Hayle, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Cornwall. Half-yearly Meeting, at Carlisle, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.
- 16.—Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School; Election without ballot of 28 girls.
- 18.—Quarterly Court of the Boys' School; Election of 27 boys from a list of 45. Consecration by Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, P.G.M. Cornwall, of the Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166, Calstock; Bro. H. Down first W.M.
- 19.—Death of Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., J.P., P.G.D. England. Death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner-Davy, Prov. G. M.M. of Devonshire.
- 20.—Board of Benevolence; 36 cases relieved with £1139. Consecration by Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.M.M. Kent, of the Invicta Mark Lodge, No. 378, Ashford; Bro. J. S. Eastes first W.M. Meeting, at Leeds, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire; Jubilee Address to the Queen. Consecration, at Romford, by Comp. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Superintendent of Essex, of the Francis White (R.A.) Chapter, No. 1437; Comp. F. C. White first M.E.Z.
- 21.—Children's Masonic Carnival at Reading in honour of the Queen's Jubilee.
- 22.—Installation by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of Comp. Col. Colville as G. Superintendent R.A. Masons Cambridgeshire.
- 23.—Presentation of testimonial to Miss Davis, after 25 years' service as Head Governess of the Girls' School. Presentation of address and purse of £700 to Bro. V. P. Freeman, J.G.D., and Prov. G. Sec. and G.S.E. Sussex.
- 27.—The Grand Festival; Bro. Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., in the chair; appointment of Grand Officers. Meeting, at Ilkeston, of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, &c.; Consecration by Bro. W. Kelly, P.G.M.M., of the Ilkeston Mark Lodge, No. 373; Bro. C. Malby first W.M.
- 28.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, of the Queen's Jubilee Lodge, No. 2193, Nelson, near Barnsley; Bro. J. Exley first W.M.
- 30.—Consecration by Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex, of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, Tilbury; Bro. C. T. Lewis first W.M. Meeting at Leeds of the Prov. G. Chapter of West Yorkshire; appointment of Prov. G. Officers.

## MAY.

- 4.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme G. Chapter of England; appointment of G. Officers.
- 5.—Quarterly Communication Grand Lodge of Scotland; Jubilee Address to the Queen. Annual meeting at Singapore of the District G. Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago.
- 6.—Installation by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of Comp. Earl of Zetland as G. Superintendent Royal Arch Masons of N. and E. Yorkshire.
- 7.—Meeting at Dewsbury of the Prov. Priory K.T. of West Yorkshire.
- 9.—The 150th Anniversary of the Felicity Lodge, No. 58; Bro. A. T. Day installed W.M. Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Girls' School. Unveiling the portrait of the late Bro. J. Pearson Bell, M.D., P.G.D., Deputy P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire, in the Hall of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull.
- 10.—Celebration at Baltimore of the Centenary Anniversary of the G. Lodge of Maryland.
- 11.—The 99th Festival of the Girls' School; Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M. Shropshire, in the chair; proceeds, £11,764. Annual meeting at Manchester of the Prov. G. Lodge of East Lancashire.



- 12.—Annual meeting at Chippenham of the Prov. G. Lodge of Wiltshire.
- 13.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Lyne, P.G.M. Monmouthshire, of the Strigul Lodge, No. 2186, Chepstow; Bro. the Rev. D. G. Davis first W.M.  
Annual meeting of the Great Priory K.T. of England and Wales.
- 14.—Annual meeting at Great Stanmore of the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex.
- 16.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202; Bro. D. P. Cama, Past G. Treasurer, first W.M.  
Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, Past J.G.W., of the Farnley Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 58, Halifax.
- 17.—Annual meeting at West Bromwich of the Prov. G. Lodge of Staffordshire.
- 18.—Foundation-stone of the Great Yarmouth Hospital laid with Masonic Ceremonial by the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Prov. G. Lodge of Norfolk assisting. Board of Benevolence; 47 cases relieved with £875.
- 20.—Annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; election of 16 brethren from 51 candidates, and 41 widows from 77 candidates.
- 21.—Consecration by Comp. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past G. Supt. Bengal, of the Tennant Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1754, Penarth; Comp. J. Hunnan first M.E.Z.
- 24.—Consecration by Bro. J. Hodgson, Prov. G. Registrar Isle of Man, of the Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge, No. 2197, Douglas; Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, Prov. G. Sec., first W.M.  
Foundation-stone of the St. Olave New School, Ramsey, Isle of Man, laid with Masonic Ceremonial by Bro. Major J. E. Goldie Taubman, Prov. G.M. Isle of Man.
- 24.—Annual meeting at Loughborough of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland.  
Jubilee address to the Queen by the Dist. G. Lodge of Bombay; conveyed to England by Duke of Connaught, Dist. G.M. Designate.
- 25.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, Past J.G.W., of the Wiltshire Anchor Lodge of R.A. Mariners, No. 178, Devizes.
- 26.—Consecration by Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W., D.P. G.M. Derbyshire, of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge, No. 2129, Haddon; Bro. A. E. Cokayne first W. Master.
- 31.—Half-yearly communication of the Mark G. Lodge; Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Pro G.M.; Marquis of Hertford, D.G.M.; Prince Albert Victor of Wales, S.G.W.; Jubilee Address to the Queen.  
Annual meeting at Cheltenham of the Prov. G. Lodge of Gloucestershire.

## JUNE.

- 1.—Quarterly Communication of the United G. Lodge; grants of £2000 each to the three Masonic Institutions; salary of G. Secretary raised to £1000 per annum; Bro. A. A. Pendlebury invested Assistant G. Secretary, and Bro. H. Sadler appointed Sub-Librarian.
- 2.—Annual meeting at Towcester of the F. & A. Lodge of Norths and Hunts.  
Annual meeting at Lincoln of the Prov. G. Lodge of Lincolnshire; Service in the Cathedral, and Jubilee Address to the Queen.
- 4.—Annual meeting at Harrow of the Prov. G. Lodge of Middlesex.
- 6.—Consecration by Bro. General Clerke, G. Treasurer-General of Supreme Council 33°, of the Shadwell H. Clerke Chapter of Rose Croix; Bro. H. Lovegrove first M.W.S.
- 7.—Annual communication of the G. Lodge of New York; Bro. Frank R. Lawrence installed for the third time M.W.G. Master.
- 13.—Grand Masonic Assembly in the Royal Albert Hall in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in the chair. Address voted to her Majesty, and Jubilee honours conferred on distinguished brethren.
- 14.—The 89th Festival of the R.M. Institution for Boys; Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, in the chair; proceeds £11,104.
- 16.—Entertainment by Bro. Alderman Savory, at Buckhurst Park, to the children of the R.M. Institution for Girls.
- 18.—Consecration by Comp. Gen. Brownrigg, G. Supt. Surrey, of the George Price Chapter (R.A.), No. 2096; Comp. H. M. Hobbs first M.E.Z.  
Jubilee Masonic Medal struck by Bro. George Kenning.
- 20.—Board of Benevolence; 36 cases relieved with £1148.
- 22.—Consecration by Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Grand Secretary-General, 33°, of the Cœur de Lion Chapter of Rose Croix; Bro. Rev. H. Cummings first M.W.S.
- 23.—Consecration, by Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M.M. of Kent, of the Folkestone Mark Lodge, No. 380; Bro. Klatt first W.M.
- 24.—Special Communications of the District Grand Lodges (E.C. and S.C.), of New South Wales; Jubilee Address to the Queen, to be transmitted by Bro. Lord Carrington, P.S.G.W.
- 25.—Annual Fête and Distribution of Prizes, Boys' School.
- 27.—Annual Meeting at Windsor, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Berks and Bucks.  
Masonic Exhibition at Plymouth; opened by Bro. W. J. Hugan, P.G.D.  
Dedication by Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, District G.M. Queensland, of the Masonic Hall of the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1315, Toowoomba.
- 28.—Presentation of Grand Lodge Clothing to Bro. Sir P. Campbell Owen, K.C.M.G., I.P.M. of the Empire Lodge, No. 2128.  
Meeting, at Dartford, of the Provincial Priory of Knights Templar of Kent and Surrey.
- 30.—Presentation of testimonial to Bro. T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec. Essex, by the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester.

## JULY.

- 4.—Annual Convocation, at Melbourne, of the District Grand Chapter of New South Wales.
- 6.—Annual Meeting, at Dartford, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent.
- 9.—Corner-stone of the Victoria Jubilee School, Blackpool, laid by Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Reg. Hanson, Bart., P.G.W.

- 11.—Annual Meeting, at Durham, of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Durham.
- 13.—Annual Meeting, at Workington, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.
- 14.—Annual Meeting, at Maidenhead, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon.  
Annual Meeting, at York, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East-Yorkshire; Service in the Minster; Jubilee Address to the Queen; Conversazione in the Exhibition Building.
- 15.—Consecration by the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M. Sussex, of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, Brighton; Bro. G. Ford, D.P.G.M., first W.M.  
Annual Meeting, at Bridgewater, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Somersetshire; presentation of testimonial to Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.
- 19.—Consecration by Bro. J. W. Whilbourne, as D.P.G. M.M., of the Kingston Mark Lodge, No. 368, Kingston, Jamaica; Bro. W. Andrews first W.M.
- 20.—The 19th Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund; Bro. Earl Amherst, Past G.M.M., in the chair; proceeds, £2260.  
Grand Reception at York of the American K.T. Pilgrims by the Ebor Preceptory K.T., No. 101.  
Board of Benevolence; 25 cases relieved with £540.
- 21.—Annual Meeting at Cheltenham of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Gloucestershire.  
Entertainment by the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, of distinguished American brethren.  
Foundation-stone of the Parochial Rooms, St. Jude, Brixton, laid by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.  
Quarterly Communication at Christ Church of the District G. Lodge of Canterbury (N.Z.).
- 22.—Moveable G. Mark Lodge at Weymouth.
- 23.—Quarterly Communication at Bombay of the G. Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India.
- 25.—Entertainment of the American Knights Templar by the Baldwin Preceptory K.T., Bristol, at the Holborn Restaurant.  
Meeting at the Masonic Hall, Durban, of the Prov. Priory of Knights Templar of South Africa.
- 26.—Annual Meeting at Romford of the Prov. G. Lodge of Essex.  
Reception by the G. Lodge of South Australia of Bro. Lord Carrington, P.S.G.W.
- 27.—Annual Meeting at Croydon of the Prov. G. Lodge of Surrey.  
Consecration by Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Past G.M.M.M. of the Unity Mark Lodge, No. 381, Ringwood, Herts; Bro. Jenkins first W. Master.  
Consecration by Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M. Kent, of the Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205, Gravesend; Bro. A. Tisley, first W. Master.
- 28.—Summer Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon.
- 30.—Consecration by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B. of the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206; Bro. W. A. Scurrah first W. Master.

## AUGUST.

- 2.—Annual Meeting at Exeter of the Prov. G. Lodge of Devonshire.
- 3.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme G. Chapter; Jubilee honours conferred.  
Annual Meeting at Framlingham of the Prov. G. Lodge of Suffolk.
- 11.—Frater the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., installed at Stonehouse Prov. Prior of Devonshire.  
Entertainment at the Manchester Jubilee Exhibition of the Children of the East Lancashire Educational Fund.
- 11.—Death in England of Bro. W. Kingston, Dist. G. Master of Malta.
- 15.—Annual Meeting at Portsmouth of the Prov. G. Lodge of Hants and Isle of Wight.
- 17.—Foundation-stone of the Town Hall Buildings, West Hartlepool, laid by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cameron, P. Prov. S.G.W. Durham.
- 18.—Annual Meeting at Swanage of the Prov. G. Lodge of Dorsetshire.
- 24.—Board of Benevolence; 26 cases relieved with £825.
- 26.—Visit to Newark of the York College of Rosicrucians.

## SEPTEMBER.

- 3.—Grand banquet at Bombay to Bro. Sir H. Morland, M.W.G.M. of all Scottish Freemasonry in India in honour of his having been knighted by the Queen.
- 7.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge. Her Majesty's reply to the Address read and entered on the minutes. Vote of thanks to Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Thos. Fenn for their services in connection with the Jubilee meeting.  
Annual meeting, at Salisbury, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Wiltshire.
- 9.—Consecration by Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, D.P.G. Mark Master Hants and Isle of Wight, of the Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge, No. 320, Sandown; Bro. Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap., first W.C.N.
- 14.—Annual meeting at Halesowen of the Prov. G. Lodge of Worcestershire.
- 19.—Reception of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon by the Dist. G. Lodge of Natal.
- 20.—Annual meeting, at Altrincham, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Cheshire.  
Bro. Shryock, M.W.G.M. Maryland, U.S.A., entertained by the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence: 13 cases relieved with £255.
- 26.—Bro. Shryock, M.W.G.M. Maryland, entertained at an emergency meeting of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York.
- 27.—Annual meeting, at West Hartlepool, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Durham; Jubilee Provincial honours conferred.  
Half-yearly Communication of the Dist. G. Lodge of Malta; Tribute of respect to the late Dist. G. Master, Bro. Kingston.
- 29.—Consecration by Comp. Wylie, P. Prov. G.H. West Lancashire of the Lindsay R.A. Chapter, No. 1335, Wigan; Comp. the Earl of Crawford first M.E.Z.

## OCTOBER.

- 5.—Meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire; Address by Bro. Tew, P.G.M.; Thanks to Bro. the Earl of Zetland and his Province of N. & E. Yorkshire for the Jubilee reception at York; Jubilee Provincial honours conferred.
- 8.—Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School; Election of 16 from a list of 30 girls.

- 10.—Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School; Election of 12 from a list of 54 boys.  
Consecration by Comp. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, G. Superintendent of Oxfordshire, of the Cherwell R.A. Chapter, No. 599, Banbury; Comp. John J. Palmer first M.E.Z.
- 11.—Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite.
- 13.—Annual Meeting, at Bodmin, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall; Jubilee Prov. honours conferred.
- 14.—Consecration by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight of the Farnborough and North Camp Lodge, No. 2203, Aldershot; Bro. W. J. Rix first W.M.
- 15.—Foundation-stone of the Dumfries Post Office laid by Bro. Villiers, Prov. G.M. of Dumfriesshire.
- 17.—Installation, at the Town Hall, Northampton, of Bro. the Earl of Euston as Prov. G.M. of Northants and Hunts.
- 18.—Foundation-stone of the Northampton General Infirmary laid by Prince Albert Victor of Wales, S.G.W.  
Masonic Banquet at the Mansion House to the Dep. G.M. and G. Officers of England by Bro. Lord Mayor Sir R. Hanson, Bart., P.G.W.  
Consecration by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., D.P. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, of the Horsa Lodge, No. 2208, Bournemouth; Bro. H. N. Jenkins first W.M.
- 19.—Board of Benevolence; 38 cases relieved with £985.  
Death of Bro. Lord De Tabley, P.P.G.M. of Cheshire.  
Annual Meeting, at Leicester, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland; Jubilee Prov. honours conferred.
- 21.—Annual Meeting, at Crewe, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire; Tribute of Respect to the late Bro. Lord De Tabley, P.P.G.M.; Jubilee Prov. honours conferred.  
Annual Meeting, at Whitehaven, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland; Jubilee Prov. honours conferred; Presentation of Jubilee Medal to Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M., by Bro. George Kenning.
- 22.—Consecration by Bro. F. L. B. D. Kes, P.G.D., D.P. G.M., of the Windermere Lodge, No. 2217; Bro. G. J. McKay, Prov. G. Sec., first W.M.
- 24.—Special Meeting, at Southampton, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight; Jubilee Prov. honours conferred.  
First Annual Festival, at Southampton, of the Hants and Isle of Wight Benevolent Institution; proceeds, £786.  
Annual Meeting, at Barnsley, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire.
- 26.—Second Annual Festival, at Southport, of the Alpass Benevolent Institution.
- 27.—Consecration by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, of the Egerton Lodge, No. 2216, Swinton; Bro. J. Chadderton first W.M.
- 28.—Annual Meeting, at Darlington, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham.  
Annual Meeting, at York, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.

## NOVEMBER.

- 1.—Annual meeting at Uttoxeter of the Prov. G. Lodge of Staffordshire; Consecration by Comp. Tudor, G. Supt., of the Dove Chapter, No. 456; Comp. G. Cooper first Z.
- 2.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Chapter. Brevet rank conferred on distinguished companions in Colonies and abroad.  
Preliminary meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. Officers appointed.  
Meeting at Sheffield of the Prov. G. Chapter of West Yorkshire. Revised Provincial By-laws accepted and signed.
- 3.—Annual meeting at Eccles of the Prov. G. Lodge of West Lancashire. Jubilee Prov. honours conferred.  
Meeting at same place of Prov. G. Chapter of same.  
Annual meeting of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees.  
Deputation of Cornish brethren present at the Consecration of Truro Cathedral.
- 5.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Asst. G. Mark Sec., of the King Solomon Mark Lodge, No. 385; Bro. Harry Tipper first W.M.
- 8.—Installation of Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., as W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.
- 10.—Consecration by Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W., Dep. P.G.M. Derbyshire, of the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2224, Long Eaton; Bro. W. Silver Hall first W.M.  
Consecration by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Dep. P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, of the Dene Lodge, No. 2228, Cookham; Bro. C. Belton first W.M.  
Meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Devonshire.
- 11.—Annual meeting at Cambridge of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cambridgeshire; Jubilee Prov. honours conferred.
- 12.—Installation at Bombay of the Duke of Connaught as Dist. G.M. of Bombay.
- 13.—Death of Bro. J. Randle Buck, P. Prov. S.G.W. Worcestershire.
- 14.—Presentation to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, of a portrait of the late Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., Prov. G.M. Cornwall, by the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.M.
- 15.—Death of Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, W.M. Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.
- 18.—Presentation of G. Lodge Clothing to Bro. the Rev. F. V. Bussell, Past G. Chap., by the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Newark.
- 19.—Death of Bro. Col. Machen, P.G.D., P. Dep. P.G.M. Warwickshire.
- 21.—Special meeting at York of the Prov. G. Lodge of N. and E. Yorkshire. Jubilee Prov. honours conferred.
- 23.—Board of Benevolence; 50 cases relieved with £1255.
- 24.—Annual meeting, at Iiverton, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Devonshire.  
Annual meeting, at Lincoln, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Lincolnshire.
- 28.—Visit of Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser and the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. De Keyser) to the R.M. Institution for Girls.
- 30.—Festival of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.  
Annual meeting, at Oxford, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Oxfordshire.



The members of the Fletcher Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 213, Whitehaven, have presented a petition for a warrant to hold a Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge under their banner.

A fine specimen of the golden eagle has just been shot near Bagshot by one of her Majesty's keepers, its spread being fully nine feet.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has distributed Christmas gifts, consisting of joints of beef and groceries, to nearly 500 families on her Columbia estate, Bethnal Green.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, presided at the distribution of prizes to the cadets on board her Majesty's ship Britannic on the 23rd inst.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., has been spending the Christmas holidays as the guest of Bro. the Duke of Manchester, Past Prov. G.M. of Northants and Hunts, at Kimbolton Castle.

Bro. the Earl of Chichester, Past Prov. G.M. of Sussex, as President of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis and other diseases of the Nervous System, has made an earnest appeal to the public for special Christmas donations.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Lady Randolph Churchill have arrived in St. Petersburg, where they propose to spend the winter, and his lordship has already had the honour of being invited to visit the Czar at Gatchina.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the whole of their family except Prince George, who is in the Mediterranean, have been spending Christmas at Sandringham, the festivities commencing on Saturday last with the usual distribution of joints of beef to all the labourers on the Royal Estate.

Bro. Henry Irving had taken out with him on his present visit to America some "honest water" from Shakespeare's fountain, erected by the American editor, Mr. Childs, at Stratford-on-Avon, and has recently caused it to be conveyed to Mr. Childs, so that, to use Bro. Irving's own words, "it may give" him "a touch, as it were, of the beautiful monument which the poet's town owes to" him.

The Anniversary Festival of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution, which was founded in 1849, and of which Bro. Sir S. Waterlow, Bart., is President, was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. T. F. Blackwell, of the firm of Crosse and Blackwell, among the principal guests being Bros. Sir S. Waterlow, Bart., Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., Sir H. A. Isaacs, and others. The list of subscriptions announced during the evening amounted to £2900.

The Grand Theatre, almost immediately opposite to the well-known Angel at Islington, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday night, not very long after the audience, who had been enjoying the pantomime of "Dick Whittington," had left the theatre. Fortunately, no lives were lost, but the whole of the building is destroyed, and all the scenery and dress in connection with the pantomime. The loss will tell very heavily upon the 300 persons or thereabouts who will thus be deprived of their employment. The Grand was the successor of the Philharmonic, which was almost burned to the ground in September, 1882.

Boswell tells a good story of a rebuke that Richardson's amiable but inordinate egotism on one occasion received, much to Johnson's secret delight, which is certainly worth quoting before we dismiss the old printer altogether. "One day," says Boswell, "at his country house at Northend, where a large company was assembled at dinner, a gentleman who was just returned from Paris, wishing to please Richardson, mentioned to him a flattering circumstance, that he had seen his 'Clarissa' lying on the king's brother's table. Richardson, observing that part of the company were engaged in talking to each other, affected then not to attend to it; but by-and-by, when there was a general silence, and he thought that the flattery might be fully heard, he addressed himself to the gentleman: 'I think, Sir, you were saying somewhat about'—pausing in a high flutter of expectation. The gentleman, provoked at his inordinate vanity resolved not to indulge it, and with an exquisitely sly air of indifference answered, 'A mere trifle, sir; not worth repeating.' The mortification of Richardson was visible, and he did not speak ten words more the whole day. Dr. Johnson was present, and appeared to enjoy it much."—From "Cassell's Old and New London" for January.

The corner stone of the monument, now in course of erection by a joint Executive Committee of the German lodges and societies in Philadelphia to the memory of the great German poet, Bro. Goethe, was laid by Bro. Eichbaum, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, in Fairmount Park, on the 14th November last, in the presence of a large gathering of the brethren and of citizens, with their lady friends, of German nationality. The German lodges—Herrmann, No. 125, and Humboldt, No. 359, both of Philadelphia—were in great force on the occasion, and the Grand Master was supported by Bros. Clifford P. MacCalla, D.G.M.; the Hon. J. Simpson Africa, S.G.W.; the Hon. Michael Arnold, J.G.W.; Thomas R. Patton, G. Treas.; Michael Nisbet, Past G.M.; G. Secretary; Samuel C. Perkins and Conrad B. Day, Past G. Masters; the Rev. James W. Robbins, D.D., and S. J. McConnell, G. Chaps.; George E. Wagner, acting S.G. Deacon; Hibbert P. John, acting J.G. Deacon; J. Wesley Miller, G. Std. Br.; A. R. Hall, acting G. Std. Br.; John Slinluff, acting G. Std. Br.; Edwin S. Stuart, G. Pursuivant; and W. A. Sinn, G. Tyler. The Masonic ceremony was very impressively performed, the German oration being delivered by Bro. Otto Schättle, P.M. 125, and that in English by Bro. the Hon. M. Arnold, J.G.W. At the close of the function, the Grand Officers returned in carriages to the Masonic Hall, and there partook of a banquet as guests of the Executive Committee.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, who has been confined to his room for some months past, is still too weak to leave his house, but is improving in health.

Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has appointed Mr. Walter Langley his private Secretary in place of Mr. H. Austin Lee who has been appointed Secretary to the British Embassy at Paris.

The first concert of the 16th season of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society took place at the Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, on the 21st inst., among those present being her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., entertained at tea on the 22nd inst. all the children attending the Colliery Schools at Monkwearmouth, in celebration of the jubilee anniversary of his services as a viewer of the Colliery.

The Queen has kindly promised to lend her two famous Hogarths—the Mall and the portrait group of David Garrick and his wife—to the coming Exhibition of Earlier English Art at the Grosvenor Gallery.

The Lord Chancellor has been pleased to add the name of Bro. Alderman Joseph Howes Smith, P.M. 539, Prov. G. Std. Br. of Staffordshire, to the Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Walsall.

We will remind our readers that the usual New Years' entertainment will take place at Croydon on Wednesday next, the 4th prox.; and for the benefit of those who intend being present, we will add that a special second class carriage will be reserved by the 12.57 a.m. train from Charing Cross, or the 1.9 p.m. from Cannon-street for East Croydon at reduced fares.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Montagu Williams, one of the Magistrates of the Greenwich and Woolwich Police Courts, who has been suffering from an affection of the throat and was under the impression that serious symptoms had set in, has returned reassured in this respect to England from Berlin, whither he had been for the purpose of consulting Professor Hahn.

ROYALTY—French Plays.—The house closed on last Saturday evening, after a short run of "La Perichole," the rendition of which was in every respect a source of gratification to both management and public. Mr. Mayer will re-open on Saturday, 7th January, with "La Grande Duchesse." Those who desire to see Offenbach done justice to, vocally and histrionically, should not fail to secure their places at as early a date as possible.

There is every reason to hope that the Royal Agricultural Society will be able to hold its Exhibition next year at Windsor. No decision can be arrived at until the guarantee fund of £2000, which the Society requires, has to be made up, and her Majesty, Prince Christian, and the influential inhabitants have already promised to contribute liberally.

CITY MASONIC CLUB.—The annual dinner of this club took place on Monday evening, the 19th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, when a large number of brethren assembled, Bro. A. H. Lilley, President and Treasurer, in the chair. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., proposed "The Health of the President," and took occasion to present to him a gold watch, which had been subscribed for by 41 members, as a slight token of appreciation of the President's very long connection with, his able services rendered to, and his regular attendance at the Club. The toast of "The City Masonic Club" was subsequently given, and in responding for it, Bro. J. Brockett Sorrell, the Secretary and Preceptor, alluded not only to the valuable Masonic instruction which was imparted at the club, but also to the substantial assistance it had afforded to the Masonic Charities, amounting to over £300. Some excellent recitations and songs were given during the evening by Bro. W. Darkin, C.C., and others. The dinner was capably served under the personal direction of Bro. G. Anderson.—City Press.

A new lodge, to be known as the Old Westminster's, No. 2233, and the membership of which will be limited to Old Westminster scholars, will be consecrated on Friday, the 20th January next. The ceremony will take place at the Café Royal, at the hour of 4 p.m., and will be performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who will be assisted by Bros. Hyde Clarke, Past District G.M. Columbia, as S.W., General Randolph, C.B., P. Prov. G.S.W. Sussex, as J.W., the Rev. C. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson as Director of Ceremonies. The principal officers designate are Bros. W. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.M., who is W.M. designate, R. J. Mure, S.W., and T. Walkley, jun., P.M., J.W., while the Secretary, pro tem., is Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke, son of Bro. Hyde Clarke.

The 17th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland was held in Baltimore, on the 22nd and 23rd November last, under the presidency of Sir Knight Charles Wm. Halter, G. Commander. There was a full attendance of Grand Officers, and all the subordinate Commanderies but one were represented. The G.C. reported the appointment of several Grand Representatives, and congratulated the members on the harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction. An elaborate report, rules in force, which will take effect on Easter Monday next, was presented. The following are the Grand Officers for the year now current, namely: Sir Knights J. A. Charles Kahler, G. Commander; Chas. McDonald, jun., D.G.C.; Alfred E. Brooks, G. General; Henry O. Kuse, G. Capt.-General; Joseph S. Hindes, G. Prelate; Stephen R. Mason, G.S.W.; James P. Clark, G. of W.; Samuel W. Register, G. Treasurer; and Charles P. Sisco, G. Recorder. The meeting was followed by a grand Banquet.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT exert a rapidly favourable effect in all those diseases which are induced by exposure to damp or by great changes in temperature. They will therefore be found eminently serviceable to those who work in iron foundries, copper mines, and collieries. These well-known remedies present manifest advantages in respect of use and effectiveness, being entirely compounded of vegetable drugs selected with the greatest care and regardless of price. When used in accordance with the ample printed instructions which accompany them, they act surely but mildly, and do not interfere with the daily work. There are but few diseases which are not capable of cure—or, at all events, of great relief—if Holloway's remedies are perseveringly used.—ADVT.

The first monthly meeting, in 1888, of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday next, at the usual hour.

Orders have been received at Portsmouth to get the royal yacht Victoria and Albert ready for sea by the end of February next, when it is rumoured that it will be kept in readiness for the Queen in the event of her deciding to proceed to the Continent to visit the Crown Prince of Germany at San Remo.

THE LORD MAYOR AND THE ROYAL ARCH.—Bro. P. De Keyser was exalted in the Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, on November 6, 1863. He was elected Director of Ceremonies January 3, 1868; Principal Soj. January 8, 1869; and Scribe N. November 5, 1869, in that chapter.

P.P.P.P.—A sample card of Perry's Patent Planished-Pointed Pens has lightened our labours during nights of long-continued writing. In smoothness of work they are fit companions for the "midnight oil." Each variety, from the broad-nibbed (No. 1200) to the fine-pointed (No. 114) is perfect in its kind. No. 1202, a German silver pen, is all that the most exacting writer can require.

It appears from the returns compiled by Sir Knight A. F. Chapman, Grand Recorder of the G. Commandery of Knights Templar for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that the number of subscribing members in the jurisdiction is 7213, showing an increase of 6 per cent. over that of last year.

A delegation of the members of the Cœur de Lion Commandery of Charlestown, Massachusetts, visited the Portland Commandery, No. 2, Maine, on Friday, the 18th November last, for the purpose of presenting a handsomely framed address, in recognition of the courtesies which had been shown by the Portland to the Cœur de Lion Sir Knights on the occasion of the pilgrimage of the latter to Portland and Bath, Maine, in June last. The reception accorded to the visitors was very hearty, and the meeting passed off very successfully.

We have received a very handsome wall calendar from the Chancery Lane Safe Deposit, which is very creditable alike to the enterprising proprietor and to the artist who has designed it. The various methods of securing valuables in the past are very graphically depicted, and contrasted with the real security afforded by such an establishment as the Chancery Lane Safe Deposit. The design is artistic, and is well printed in colour, and set in a gold edged mount ready for hanging on the wall.

The Beauceant Commandery of Knights Templar, at Malden, Mass., being the 41st on the roll of the G. Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was consecrated, and its first E.C. installed on the 25th October last, the ceremonies being performed by Sir Knight E. P. Chapin, G. Commander, who was assisted by Sir Knight George H. Allen, and the other G. Officers. After the installation—Sir Knight Fred. J. Foss, as the first E.C. of the new Commandery, the asylum in which the body will meet will be duly dedicated.

The new tomb-stone over the grave of the New-castle pastoral poet John Cunningham, was publicly unveiled on Monday, the 12th instant, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Dr. Thomas Hodgkin, in the presence of a numerous gathering of the admirers of the poet, who died as far back as the 18th September, 1773. The tomb-stone was furnished by public subscription. Bros. Henry Irving and Edward Terry being conspicuous among the members of the dramatic profession who contributed towards the fund. Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master of Northumberland, and many other celebrities wrote letters expressive of their regret at being prevented by other duties or engagements from attending.

The annual G. Conclave of the G. Commandery of Knights Templar of New Hampshire was held on the 27th September last, when the following were installed and invested as Grand Officers for the current year, namely, Sir Knights John J. Bell, G. Commander; Edward R. Kent, D.G. Commander; Charles C. Darnforth, G. Generalissimo; Nath. W. Cumner, G. Captain General; Rev. Daniel C. Roberts, G. Prelate; Henry A. Marsh, S.G. Warden; Thaddeus E. Sanger, J.G. Warden; Frank A. McKenn, G. Treas.; George P. Chaves, G. Recorder; George W. Currier, G. Std. Br.; Charles H. Sawyer, G.S.B.; Andrew Preston, G. Capt. of Guard; and Charles C. Hayes, G. Warden. The installation ceremony was performed by Sir Knight Andrew Bunton, Past Grand Commander.

The mysterious disappearance of Bro. Archibald McNeill, Secretary of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, has caused a large amount of anxiety among both his personal and Masonic friends. It will be remembered that Bro. McNeill, as representative of the Sportsman, crossed over to France with the excursionists who accompanied Smith and Kilrain on the occasion of their fight. On his return he came as far as Boulogne, where he deposited his luggage on board the boat and returned to the shore. Since then no one has seen or heard anything of him, nor, if he be still living, has any idea of his whereabouts been formed. Of course, as the interval since he was last seen grows longer, the chances of our seeing him again become fewer, but knowing as we all do what a number of persons disappear mysteriously and re-appear afterwards in an equally strange manner, we still indulge in the hope that our worthy brother will be again restored to us. Bro. McNeill was initiated in the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, and was a founder and first Secretary of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, which was consecrated in the early days of the present year. During his brief connection with our Society he had made hosts of friends, and if the news which we all fear may, and we all hope will not come, at length reaches us, the regrets at his loss will be both numerous and sincere.

Pertinent questions. What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy"? What is more beneficial to the weak and aged than this wholesome tonic recommended by Medical Men? What do Sportsmen and Travellers find more sustaining than a flask of this unrivalled liqueur, and for whom a stronger quality ("Sportsman's") is prepared? Beware of imitations. Observe our branded corks and capsules. Sold by Wine Merchants, and by Thomas Grant and Sons, Maidstone, and 46, Gresham-street, E.C. Makers of the delicious Morella Marmalade. Sold by Grocers.