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It must be evident from the figures we presented in our review of "Freemasonry in 1888," on the 29th December last, and again in our sketch last week of "Masonic Benevolence" during the same period, that the Board of Benevolence is making rapid and serious inroads upon the very handsome surplus of about £50,000 which it possessed a few years since, and the utilisation of which, at the time, so greatly perplexed the mind of our worthy Bro. J. M. CLABON. It must also be evident, as a mere matter of arithmetical calculation, that, assuming the distribution of this Fund is maintained at its present rate, —neither exceeding it, which is a very unlikely assumption, nor falling short of it, which is a more unlikely one still—only a few more years must elapse ere the surplus will have disappeared altogether, and the Board will be confronted with the alternative of incurring debt, or very appreciably reducing its grants and recommendations. The annual income of the Fund, as we stated in our review, is between £8000 and £9000—more nearly approaching to the former than the latter—and with outgoings amounting to about £12,000 a year, it will not prove a very difficult operation to calculate in how many years the present surplus of some £35,000 or £38,000 will be used up. This, we think, is a question which should engage the attention of Grand Lodge, namely, what steps must be taken in order to meet this regular, and, indeed, increasing drain on the invested capital of the Fund. It will never do to wait till the surplus is exhausted, to consider what must be done—firstly, because it is an income-producing property; secondly, because we have no right to force on the Board of Benevolence the alternative we have already referred to, either of giving less than they think the necessities of the distressed petitioners call for, or compelling Grand Lodge to vote them occasional subsidies from the Fund of General Purposes, in order to meet the deficiencies on the Fund of Benevolence. Our own opinion is that an increase in the Quarterages from 4s. to 6s. per annum in the case of the London lodges, and from 2s. to 3s. per annum would suffice to meet the difficulty; but Grand Lodge in its wisdom, will no doubt determine at the proper time, what is best to be done in the circumstances we have described.

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Now that the more serious portion of the Christmas and New Year's festivities are over, it is time we again took stock of the prospects of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at its Anniversary Festival on the 27th February. In our former article on the same subject, we pointed out that Bro. TERRY had been fortunate enough to be able to announce, at the annual meeting of Governors and Subscribers in May last, that Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Prov. G. Master of Northants and Hunts, had kindly consented to act as Chairman on the occasion, and, from the brief experience we have had of the zeal and activity displayed by his lordship as the ruler of a Province, we are justified in anticipating that his thoroughgoing advocacy of the claims of this particular Charity to the support of the brethren will be of great value in obtaining the requisite supplies for the coming year. We are also well satisfied that Lord EUSTON's Province will do its utmost in support of his efforts, and if the sum it is successful in raising for the Old People is not so large as we have seen from the Chairman's Province at other Festivals, we know it will be in consequence of the paucity of its lodges, and not from any lack of will on the part of the brethren. We are likewise persuaded that the London lodges will be as numerous and largely represented in the list of Returns as in past years, and that the Provinces will acquit themselves as satisfactorily. But these are only the general anticipations which it is perfectly safe to forecast in the case of all our Festivals. What it more particularly concerns us now to point out is that, in spite of all these points in its favour, the question of meeting the requirements of the Benevolent Institution becomes one of ever-increasing difficulty. Taking the present number of annuitants as our guide, we find that the sum annually to be raised for their support falls very little short of £15,000, the permanent income being sufficient to defray the costs of management and provide a few spare hundreds to meet any unforeseen contingency. The supply of this large annual subvention is of itself a most serious task, but it becomes still more serious when we bear in mind that our two Schools are also compelled to appeal annually to the Craft for about £25,000, in order

to meet their requirements when taken together. And what enhances the difficulty of the problem is that, notwithstanding the many fresh annuities which have been created during the last eight or ten years, there is at the same time a steady excess in the number of petitioners—especially among those approved as candidates for the benefits of the Widows' Fund—over the number of available vacancies. Thus, in spite of the successive augmentations which have taken place since 1883, and which have raised the total number of annuitants from 315—as it was before the election in that year—to 409, as it is now, there have been left over each year as unsuccessful candidates—19 men and 50 widows after that of 1883; 10 men and 52 widows in 1884; 14 men and 50 widows in 1885; 30 men and 58 widows in 1886; 32 men and 33 widows in 1887; and 42 men and 47 widows in 1888. The augmentations during this brief period represent 94 annuities which have been additionally created, namely, 27 men's annuities and 69 widows' annuities, and yet the number of unsuccessful candidates now remaining from the election of 1888 is 84, namely, 37 men and 47 widows. To these must be added 27 men and 34 widows, whose petitions have been approved during the past 12 months, and whose names will appear on the lists for the election in May next, making the total number of candidates 145 or more by a round dozen at least than it has ever been at any previous election. As regards the vacancies for which these will compete, the numbers on the two Funds will not be declared till the next monthly meeting—on the 13th February—of the Committee of Management, but to the present date there are 13 men's and 5 widows' annuities available for competition among the 145 candidates. This is irrespective of the three on each Fund who will be elected, in accordance with the rules of the Institution, as Deferred Annuitants, and it is also quite possible that other vacancies may occur between now and the aforesaid next meeting of the Committee, while such as may take place between the 13th February and the annual meeting on the third Friday in May, will also, no doubt, be filled. But even if the present number should be doubled by these possibilities, there will even then be over 100 old people for whom no provision can be made, for, at all events, a further twelve months. Thus, then, stands the case at present. A sum of close on £15,000 is needed for the requirements of the coming year, and assuming that the Festival of next month yields anything approaching to this amount, it will then be possible to fill up the vacancies which have occurred, and which may yet occur previous to the third Friday in May. But there will still remain, as we have said, over 100 old men and women, who must continue to bear their present afflictions for a period of one or more years, while, on the other hand, the augmentations in the number of annuitants have been so frequent and so considerable for some years past, that, unless some marvellous piece of good fortune befall the Institution, it is difficult to see how any further and greater responsibility can be undertaken. No one knows better than Bro. TERRY how hard it is to raise the large amount of money which is required for the existing establishment, and many might consider it an act of madness if the Committee were to resolve on creating fresh annuitants without at the same time securing to themselves fresh sources of supply. However, it is not the future so much as the immediate present which concerns us most just now. There is this £15,000 for the annuities of the coming year, which has to be obtained chiefly by the medium of the Festival on the 27th prox., and the Board of Stewards, after making allowance for the inevitable withdrawals, is only some 230 strong. Consequently, more brethren are wanted, and we trust that in the course of the six or seven weeks still remaining, Bro. TERRY may be able to enlist the services of such an additional number of Stewards as will place the solution of the problem which is now vexing his mind—how to obtain the aforesaid £15,000 and a little over—beyond the possibility of doubt.

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We have heard some very uncomplimentary remarks made at the expense of the authorities of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls because, while the total of donations and subscriptions at the Centenary Festival on the 7th June last was announced as amounting to upwards of £50,500, the actual amount received in "Donations and Subscriptions" during the whole year was only £44,660 14s. 11d. These well-intentioned but somewhat silly critics appear to regard an undertaking to contribute a certain sum and its payment as being one and the same thing. They do not appear to have heard of a certain percentage of the promised donations and subscriptions being always in arrear, the amount of such arrears fluctuating very considerably from one or two hundreds to one or two thousands of pounds. They seem also to have been under the impression that the Secretary, having announced a particular total at the Festival on the 7th June last, possessed some magic power by which he was enabled to compel payment of all the promised moneys by the 31st December following. All this is very stupid; but just as there are silly critics, so are there people, who, having no opinion of their own worth mentioning, are silly enough to accept whatever the critics may choose to

say. To us, who know something about these matters, it seems to reflect great credit on the Girls' School Secretary and his staff that they should be able to record payment of so large a proportion of the Returns at the aforesaid Festival, nor have we much doubt about the arrear donations and subscriptions being paid to the Institution within a reasonable space of time. We certainly have less doubt about this happening than that the authors of these uncomplimentary remarks will ever be found expressing an opinion which is based on reason and common sense.

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WE announced last week—and we have much pleasure in repeating the announcement—that Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Editor of the Philadelphia *Keystone*, has been elected, and by this time installed, G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the current year. Bro. MACCALLA has played an imposing part in the United States Freemasonry of our time, not only as Editor of one of the best informed and instructive among American Masonic journals, but also as an able exponent of our system both in lodge and chapter. He is chiefly known, however, for his diligent researches into the early history of the Craft in North America, researches which have enabled him to obtain priority of place for the claims of his mother Grand Lodge to be what is commonly spoken of among the brethren in the States as the "Mother-City of American Freemasonry." We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on its election of so able a brother to preside over it as Grand Master, and Bro. MACCALLA on the conspicuous honour thus conferred upon him by his Grand Lodge.

"ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM" (No. 2076).

Another wonderful part is issued of the Transactions of the Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076, London, being the fifth published, and the completion of Volume I., running to considerably over 200 pages, royal octavo. We say *wonderful*, as we are at a loss how to describe this extraordinary volume by terms usual or common to Masonic publications generally.

The first paper printed in Part 5 bears the suggestive title "Scottish Freemasonry in the Present Era," and was written by Bro. Edward Macbean, author of an interesting pamphlet on "Masonic Symbolism" (his Essay-piece for membership of the select *inner-circle*), and well-known in the neighbourhood of Glasgow as an acceptable lecturer on the subject of Masonic History. This address was delivered at the lodge held on October 5th, 1888, and was in continuation of the series admirably inaugurated by Bro. Gould when W.M., in November, 1887, and ably followed by Bro. G. W. Speth, the Secretary, in May last.

Bro. Macbean has furnished a handy sketch of the chief peculiarities of the Scottish Craft that would naturally strike an English brother; and being a member of both jurisdictions, as also a keen observer, he has not failed to note not a few blemishes, as well as one or two advantages, under the North British Grand Lodge, as compared with the usages and customs of the Southern Fraternity. Nearly all the officers are appointed by the Grand Lodge, and even Provincial Grand Masters have to be voted by the same body. The proxy system is in full force, which is a plan we have always disliked, and still much prefer the direct representation that prevails in England. The Degrees recognised are the first three, and the *Mark* (be it noted), besides which, of late years, the esoteric ceremony of installation—as in England—has been adopted. The Master, however, is selected from the Master Masons, the Warden's qualification not being deemed either desirable or necessary, neither is there any limit as to the number of years that members may serve, and the officers generally are selected by the Masters, as in Grand Lodge.

Differences in such matters are expected, as no two Grand Lodges agree exactly as to their rules, but in Scotland the two serious drawbacks are the low minimum fee for initiation, and the fact that there is no compulsory annual subscription to secure lodge membership.

Papers of this kind, by brethren so well informed thereon as Bro. Macbean, are most useful contributions, and should be followed by a similar essay by some competent Irish brother, so that the peculiarities of the Masonic laws and customs of the three kingdoms may be widely known.

On November 8th, 1888, Bro. William Simpson, R.I., was installed as W.M. by his distinguished predecessor, Bro. Gould, and after that ceremony the new Ruler delivered a very appropriate address, which is to be found in this part. Bro. Simpson is a Master of whom the lodge may justly be proud, and in his hands there is absolute certainty of the high aim of the founders being respected and maintained, as by his illustrious predecessors, Bros. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., and Robert Freke Gould. The latter brother, at the "Festival of the Four Crowned Martyrs" (the installation day), in proposing the health of the new W.M. alluded most felicitously to the eventful career of Bro. Simpson, as a traveller, an artist, an archæologist, a patriot, and a Freemason, in all of which departments he has proved himself "first among his equals," and inferior to none. We quite believe with Bro. Gould that the Master's extensive learning, varied experience, kindness of heart, and geniality of disposition peculiarly fit him for that position, especially in relation to such a lodge as No. 276.

At this meeting, in addition to the excellent address of the Master (which should be carefully studied by all the members of both circles who are anxious to properly discharge their duties in connection with the lodge), Bro. Kupferschmidt, P.M. 238, read a valuable paper, entitled "Notes on the Relations between the Grand Lodge of England and Sweden in the last Century." This is the author's "Masterpiece," and will doubtless pro-

cure him the coveted membership of the lodge. The history of this Grand Lodge (as also that of the other, under the so-called Swedish system—National Grand Lodge of Berlin) is involved to some extent in obscurity, and many of the particulars prevalent as to its origin and character are untrustworthy, and not a few are absurd. The author wisely begins his paper with the year 1752, and from that period gives a capital digest of the chief points of interest concerning the early transactions of Freemasonry in Sweden. He does more, for he has traced items of intelligence respecting three lodges, warranted in that country, by our Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Charles Tullman (*not* Fullman, as usually spelt), which hitherto have escaped notice and particularization.

They will be found duly noted by Bro. John Lane in his "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," but not their names, the titles they bore being recorded in a letter written by Bro. Tullmann, and sent by him to the Grand Lodge of England. No word as to their locality occurs in the Grand Lodge Registers, so that this paper is especially important and of great service to all those who make Lodge History, Nomenclature, and Numeration their study. This contribution alone ought to make Part 5 a success, as its originality of research, as well as conspicuous accuracy, are distinguishing features in relation to a most obscure subject.

The subsequent remarks of Brothers Gould, Hughan, Shackles, and Speth prove that Bro. Kupferschmidt has "struck oil," and done good service, and besides which his researches have resulted in the discovery that a medal was struck in 1780, in commemoration of the installation of the Grand Master, which is quite distinct from that of the Byerken medal of the same year, though the authorities usually have considered they were one and the same. At least, such is the opinion of Bros. Hughan and Shackles, who are well versed in such a matter, and cheerfully acknowledge the merits of this portion of the paper, so that Dr. Merzdorf's surmise is incorrect.

A copy of the "Deed of Trust" is printed, for the information of all concerned; and as it relates to the library, now rapidly increasing, it will be eagerly perused by would-be donors, as also by those who have already most generously made gifts of books, &c.

The Reviews are a capital feature, and we hope will be increased in number, as they are all signed by brethren conspicuous for their knowledge of the books reviewed, e.g., Bro. Mackenzie's History of No. 2, Scotland, is by Bro. Hughan; Bro. Johnston's History of the Falkirk Lodge is by Bro. Speth, as also Bro. Simpson's "Tower of Babel and the Birs Nimroud;" Bro. Whymp's Religion of Freemasonry is by Bro. Whythead; and Professor Hayter Lewis's "Holy Places of Jerusalem" is by Bro. Simpson. Bro. Speth has also written a short notice of Bro. Hughan's new work—*Pine's Facsimile of List of Lodges, 1734, with Notes, &c.*, which he describes as "perfect," and contributes several interesting notes, under the heading of Correspondence. An Index for the volume adds much to its value.

FREEMASONRY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

As some of your readers might perhaps like to know something of the ways and customs of Freemasons in the State of California, I venture to send you an account of my Masonic experiences since coming here a few months ago.

Most persons who travel notice chiefly what is new, and what is different to that which they are accustomed to see at home, and if my article is taken up mainly with the peculiarities (as they seemed to me) of Californian Masonry, I hope it will not make anyone forget that the same great principles are inculcated. The same traditions and teachings prevail in both countries, and whatever makes a man counted as a good Mason at home will get him the same recognition here. The rites, ceremonies, and customs vary a little, but not more than is wise, considering the different circumstances of the countries and the characters of the inhabitants.

An English Mason will find on visiting a lodge in America that his certificate is not of very much importance. In most jurisdictions its production is very properly insisted on, but his admission will depend chiefly upon the result of his examination, which is much more rigorous and minute than in English lodges. The examination is conducted by a small Committee appointed for the purpose by the W.M., and if it proves satisfactory, the candidate is pledged that he is entitled to be admitted and will observe Masonic rules.

American lodges meet much more frequently than English lodges. The usual monthly meetings are called "stated meetings," and on these occasions the financial affairs of the lodge, requests for Charity, ballots for candidates, and other routine business are attended to. Degrees are never conferred on these occasions, but at "called meetings," which are usually summoned by advertisement. It is not customary to send notice of regular meetings; members are supposed to keep these in mind.

Candidates for initiation have to apply by petition, vouched for by two members, with age, profession, and residence thereon. These petitions are referred to special Committees, the members of which make all necessary enquiries as to the character and fitness of the candidate, and report their opinion to the next "stated meeting," unless, by resolution, further time is given them for enquiry. Upon receipt of the report, the members ballot for the candidate, who is not elected if even one black ball appears against him. Every candidate is required to pay the initiation fee when sending in his petition, and in case of rejection, this is of course returned to him. The fee is usually in California fifty or seventy-five dollars; in three lodges it is one hundred dollars.

A candidate may take his Second Degree the week after the First, and the Third Degree a week after the Second, and it is not until he is a Master Mason that he can attend a "stated meeting," as on these occasions the

lodge is opened in the Third Degree. No Mason can be a member of more than one lodge. He must procure a "demit" from his old lodge before joining a new one.

The ceremonies are more elaborate and dramatic than in English lodges, and require more study and practice on the part of the officers, who are expected to be smart and prompt in all they do. I have admired very much the careful and correct way in which all the officers of the Californian lodges it has been my privilege to visit have done their work; but I think the English ritual is more dignified and impressive.

It was a surprise to me to find that the "clothing" and regalia of American Craft Masons is singularly simple and modest. The officers while at work wore blue collars and the jewels of their respective offices. The members wore plain white linen aprons. A lambskin apron is presented to each Entered Apprentice, but it is usually put away with his family relics, where it is perhaps joined some day by the P.M.'s jewel, which most lodges present to their Master at the end of his year of office. Neither Past Masters or Past Officers of Grand Lodge wear any distinctive clothing or jewel, or anything more than the plain white apron.

There are many secret Societies in America, nearly all of which have been organised for social purposes or to provide certain contingent pecuniary benefits on their members. As a rule, these Societies make a very showy display of uniforms in all their public appearances, and I am told that, to avoid any appearance of competing with other societies, the Masons decided to adopt only the very simplest distinctions. One of the branches (to which about one-third of the members belong) of the Odd Fellows' Society wear a uniform that costs 75 dollars each.

Where there are so many well-to-do Societies, it is not difficult, by combination or otherwise, to build or lease convenient buildings, and, as a rule, Californian lodges meet in rooms most suitable for the purpose. The Masonic Temple in San Francisco is built on one of the best sites in the city, and has accommodation for several lodges, besides the central offices of the Order, and a good library. The building and site are valued at 400,000 dollars. The lodge rooms are well furnished, and the Temple is adorned with the portraits of all the Past Grand Masters and other worthy officers. The following notice in the ante-room is peculiar to America:—

"NOTICE.

It is particularly requested by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Assn. of the City of San Francisco, that there be

No SMOKING

in the within Hall or its adjoining apartments, and it is mildly suggested to those who indulge in the solacing habit of

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that the Spittoons placed therein are really intended for use, and that the carpets do not require any sprinkling of tobacco juice either for their preservation or adornment."

Californian lodges are not permitted to spend any part of their funds in "refreshment." In some lodges the officers will occasionally provide a modest repast, and a candidate will sometimes invite the members to supper on the night he takes the Third Degree. In England there is, perhaps, too much attention paid to the social side of Freemasonry, but in California I think there is too little, for I am one of those who believe that reasonable opportunities of friendly intercourse are beneficial to the Society and its members.

Temperance is one of the motives inculcated by Freemasonry, and a few American Grand Lodges have decided that keepers of saloons are not eligible as candidates. This may be just in Maine, where the business is not allowed by the State law, for Masons are enjoined to obey the law, but it seems rather illiberal in States where the business is a lawful one. Another question which is discussed in American lodges, of which we hear little at home, is that of the "perfect man." In Georgia it has been decided that "a man with half-front of his foot cut off, does not possess the physical qualifications necessary to make him a Mason." In Mississippi it has been decided that "a candidate with the index finger of the right hand dislocated backwards of the 'metacarpus-phalangeal articulation,' and shortened about three eighths of an inch, still capable of same motion, and with some stiffness of the second finger, is eligible to the Degrees of Masonry." There must be some very knotty points to settle occasionally. Someone has asked how it would be in the case of false teeth or a bald head.

Another Masonic difficulty in America is the "coloured man." I am told that no objection would be made here to the admission of a coloured man as a visitor if he was initiated in any orthodox foreign lodge, but, for the sake of the harmony of the lodge, the petition of a coloured man for initiation would be denied. There is a so-called Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. which consists entirely of these men, but it is considered clandestine, and is not recognised by the Grand Lodge of California. They claim that they work under an old charter, granted to Prince Hall and others by the G.L. of England during last century. It would be interesting to read what Bro. Hughan has to say on this point.

While I was in Los Angeles, I received a hand-bill announcing the "Public Installation of Officers of the St. John's Lodge of A.F. and A.M. by the Grand Master of California." I should say here that the orthodox Grand Lodges in the United States are styled "of F. and A.M." On attending at the appointed place, I found three or four white Masons drawn like myself by curiosity; the rest of the audience were coloured people—ladies and gentlemen, and of these there were a few who had none of the characteristics of the negro voice. The "ceremony" consisted of a procession into the hall of about thirty Masons, an address by the "Grand Master" and another official, and the nomination of officers. The rest of the evening was given up to music and "having a good time." This was considered by those concerned to be sufficient to consecrate the lodge and install the officers, for there was no previous ceremony, nor would there be any in the future towards those ends. The Grand Master, who was a full-blooded negro, made a good speech, and seemed a genial, pleasant man, with good tact; his daily occupation is in some position on one of the ferry boats of San Francisco Bay.

Coming back to the regular Californian lodges, the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary are elected by the members, the Junior Deacon is appointed by the Senior Warden, and the rest of the officers are appointed

by the W.M. There is no Inner Guard; the duties performed by that officer in English lodges is here discharged by the Junior Deacon. California is divided into 38 districts, to each of which an Inspector is appointed, his duty being to visit lodges and see that the ceremonies are correctly performed, and to satisfy himself of the proficiency of the Masters and Wardens. Before a Master is installed, he must produce a certificate from a P.M. that he is capable of performing the duties of his office; so it must be very difficult for an incompetent man to become Master of a lodge here.

No one ought to say anything about Californian Masons without telling of the noble way in which they respond to appeals for Charity. It seems to me they do sometimes more than they ought to do, at any rate I am sure no Insurance Society would bind themselves to do so much for the payments made. The Grand Lodge pays 5000 dollars a year to the "Boards of Relief," and to the same Committees is paid 2 dollars 50 cents out of each initiation fee, and 10 cents per month for each subscribing member of a subordinate lodge. Out of these contributions 16,000 dollars were furnished on account of Charity in 1887, all of this expenditure it should be borne in mind, being applied to the relief of members from other jurisdictions. Every lodge in California is obliged to assist its own distressed members or their families, and they seem to construe their obligations in the most generous manner. In case of illness a necessitous foreign Mason will be visited by a brother, assisted financially, and if death should ensue, he will be buried with respect and reverence in the Masonic Cemetery.

In going through the cemeteries of this country, one is struck by seeing large portions reserved for the different Societies, Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Oddfellows, Freemasons, and so on. I suppose there is a financial advantage in this arrangement, but sometimes, I have thought it was due to the love Americans have for demonstrations.

Some of the Californian lodges are very large. I have visited one with 404 members. It has 24,000 dollars in hand accumulated with a view to purchase suitable premises for a hall; it has paid this year 2100 in assisting members and their dependants besides paying over 500 dollars to the Board of Relief. There are rarely three weeks in any one year in which meetings are not held, so it will be seen that an officer's position is no sinecure. There are about 240 lodges in the States with a membership of about 15,000.

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REVIEW.

THE SYMBOLS AND LEGENDS OF FREEMASONRY. 1889.*

This neat and interesting volume by Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson will prove a boon to many who desire a small treatise on the subject of Masonic symbolism written in a popular style, and withal accurate and as comprehensive as possible; so that Craftsmen have now a trusty guide at hand to consult, and a key to unlock the treasures hidden within the symbols and legends of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. All this will be found in the work by our Bro. Finlayson, and we feel quite certain that it has only to be read to be appreciated. It deserves a large sale, as it is just the sort of book wanted to put in the hands of newly-initiated members, with their copies of the Constitutions, so as to enable them to rightly estimate the character of the sources from which the Fraternity has obtained many of its symbols (which are not strictly operative), and likewise the origin of its curious laws and ceremonies which savour of antiquity and mystery.

Although the work does not exceed some 170 pages in all, its scope is most extensive, and the subjects treated of are both varied and most suggestive. Beginning with a definition of Freemasonry, in its speculative branch, as a Society which "teaches the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe, suggests the probability of an inner principle of life that survives the death of the body, and seeks to unite its members in the great brotherhood of man," Bro. Finlayson proceeds to consider these doctrines, peculiar now to the Society, which are conveyed in symbols and legends, and then seeks to trace these legends to their source, and to give an account of the history of the symbols. Our Aryan forefathers, Chaldea (the land between two waters), Egypt, Judea, Greece, Italy, and Germany have separate chapters devoted to their special treasures, and thus the "wisdom of ages" is elucidated and described, in proof of the vast labours of the Magi, thus embodied in "the great Masonic shrine," the result of "the efforts of the wisest and best men in the world to solve the great problem of life, death, and a hereafter."

The capital illustrations which adorn the volume (by Mr. Walter Willis, A.K.C.) are most effective aids, and are of great assistance to the author in describing the symbols of antiquity, and cannot fail to please as well as instruct the reader. The fact is, the book is issued to promote study, communicate instruction, and render the Masonic neophyte fairly informed as to the nature and history of symbolism, so that, avoiding credulity on the one hand, and ignorance on the other, newly-admitted brethren may become prepared to grasp and appreciate the sublime principles and teachings which underlie the whole Masonic fabric, and be fully informed as to the antiquity and honourable character of the Society of Freemasons.

A larger volume might deter some from entering on the study, but this handy sized, well printed, and ably illustrated book, carefully written, Masonically treated, and interestingly presented, appears to us to meet a pressing need, and doubtless many will be led to continue their researches, and to peruse more ambitious and elaborate volumes relating to the fascinating study of Freemasonry, and all that concerns its eventful past.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

"RULE 210."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent "Flej" has somewhat misunderstood the purport of my letter re Bro. Woodward's motion.

That it should have provoked some demur in the minds of my English brethren I am not surprised at, nor was I unprepared to expect that it would not pass without a challenge; neither can I take exception to the terms in which it has been reviewed by my anonymous brother.

He is a little in error in supposing that the steps we take (summary, no doubt, as they appear to him) are not preceded by a "notice" to the defaulting brother. When I said that we dispense with all notice *in writing*, I meant my statement to be read in the literal sense, as now italicised.

Meeting, as our lodges for the most part do, twelve times in the year, i.e., *monthly*, we periodically, or perhaps I had better say quarterly, append a foot-note to the ordinary notice directing attention to the rule relating to dues in arrears. When these intimations have been repeatedly and persistently disregarded, we think, in the interests of the lodge and of the Craft in general, it high time to take the ulterior course provided for in our own by-laws.

When my brother who signs himself "Flej" tells me that for any private lodge in the Colonies to take such action is to commit itself to an "illegality" which might be "reversed on appeal to Grand Lodge," by which he, of course, means the Grand Lodge of England, I must really join issue with him, and he will, I trust, excuse my reminding him that he is confounding the powers of a Provincial Grand Master (with which he is probably more familiar) with those conferred on a District Grand Master and, *a fortiori*, on the District Grand Lodge over which he presides.

In the exercise of those powers, the District Grand Lodge draws up what I may term a subsidiary Book of Constitutions, or regulations for its own guidance and that of the private lodges working under it. Those regulations, when they have been three times read and passed in the District Grand Lodge, are transmitted home for the approval of the Grand Master, who, if he finds upon comparing them with the Book of Constitutions that none of them are "ultra vires," signs them approved, and returns them to the Dist. G.M.

Under those powers each private lodge formulates its by-laws, which in turn are signed in manuscript by the W. Master, and forwarded to the Dist. Grand Secretary for the approval of the Dist. G.M. When they have received his imprimatur they are sent back to the W.M., who, after he has reported them to his lodge, directs them to be transcribed into a book kept for that purpose, which he subsequently compares and signs. The original MS. is carefully preserved in the archives of his lodge, while a third copy, after being in a like manner compared and attested, is sent to the printer.

Now, my brother will perhaps say "That is all very well, but how do you know that the brother to whom you send the notice receives it?" Well, that is just a point that was made much of, if I remember rightly, in the discussion in Grand Lodge. My answer to that is a very simple one. To all covenants and agreements there must be two parties, both of whom bind themselves conjointly and individually to comply with the terms therein expressed.

Now, we all know that every initiate binds himself *inter alia* to "answer all signs and summonses" sent to him by his lodge. In addition to that (as is our practice), he signs his name on the night of his initiation (of course after the ceremony)—in the books containing the transcribed

by-laws of his lodge, and receives from the hands of the Worshipful Master (as is our custom), 1, a copy of the Book of Constitutions of England, in which are written his name in full, the name and number of his lodge, the date of his initiation, and the signature of the Worshipful Master; 2, a copy of the by-laws of the lodge, the one indicating the duty he owes to the Craft in general, and the other the obedience expected from him by the lodge which has honoured him in making him a member.

Now, Sir, in addition to the arrears by-law, which bristles so dreadfully in the eyes of my brother "Flej," there is yet another, and "it is but a little one," which renders it obligatory upon each brother, on removal from the address in which he was registered on the night of his initiation, to notify the change in writing to the Secretary.

Now, Sir, viewing the Masonic Institution in the same common sense light, that we should regard any other association or club, no brother need lift up his hands in pious horror at the idea of a brother who, in a twofold manner, so utterly neglects the simple duties required of him being dealt with in the manner indicated in my previous letter. And I do not believe that any member of a lodge, who so trifles with the duties required of him, can be regarded as an upright man and a Mason.

I acquit my brother of all intention to give offence by the use of the expression "Colonial way," an expression which is very objectionable to English residents in the Colonies, and not much relished by the native-born either, for the matter of that.

Neither is it much to the purpose whether, as "Flej" says, Bro. Woodward in his reference to my former letter "guards himself against expressing approval of the Colonial way of cutting the Gordian knot," sufficient for me it is to have a feeling of sympathy with the motives which actuated that brother in bringing forward his motion in Grand Lodge—motives which do him the highest credit, for I perceive he is a man whose desire is that Masonry should be what its lofty principles and tenets intended it to be—an association of *honourable* men—and not be made a convenience of by men whose lips have never been touched with the coal from its altars, who in many cases we too sadly know having taken in the most solemn manner the most solemn obligations, trample them without scruple in their daily lives and actions beneath their feet, and as to lodge notices, or reminders to arrears of dues, quietly twist them into pipe lighters, while possibly also indulging in a laugh at the expense of the Secretary, who has wasted the lodge's stamps and stationery on their unworthy selves.

Whether it be a "Colonial way" or any other way, so long as it be a *straight forward* way, no way can be more simple, too direct, by which such men can be got rid of out of the body of Masonry, and such is evidently Bro. Woodward's desire, and should be, may I be allowed to say so, the aim and desire of all other brethren who truly love and honour our noble Institution.

We heard a good deal the other night about "protection of the brethren." My experience leads me to the conclusion that it is the Craft that far more requires to be protected than the individual members of it.

My letter, Sir, has already extended, I fear, beyond the limit your journal justifies, but if you would allow me a few more lines space I would like to add, in conclusion, for the further information of "Flej," that we have another "Colonial way," which is, when we have excluded members who in our plain Colonial way of speaking we regard as having acted in a manner dishonouring to themselves—a violation of their sworn undertaking, and dishonest to the lodge—to send their names to every lodge throughout the district, and which names are read out in the respective lodges when open.

With regard to the "illegality" mentioned by the brother whose letter is now under reply, it will astonish me greatly to find that the late time-honoured District Grand Master of New South Wales—himself a veteran in Masonry, and who when he appeared before the Grand Lodge in 18— (under the Earl of Zetland, I believe) to uphold the position he had taken up in defence of the *freedom* of Masonry in the trying early days of the Colonies, received such marked distinction from the hands of the Grand Master, and whose conduct was so acclaimed by the Grand Lodge itself, should, in the conservative principles on which he has ever acted in governing his district, have sanctioned the adoption of any by-laws by a private lodge which might be held to contravene or override the Masonic statute book of England.

Of that book I say, and with great respect (for we in the Colonies, whether home born or otherwise, are habituated to looking with love and reverence upon the laws of England, whether civil or Masonic), that if Rule 210 does by its application throw an ægis over such men as I have in this and my previous letter referred to, the sooner it is abolished, remodelled, or amended the better; and I, with my Colonial ways still clinging to me, pity my English brethren who in their private lodges have to tolerate such a state of things.

Thanking you, dear Sir and Brother, for your former courtesy to me, and apologising for the length of this communication—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. LYITON HITCHINS.

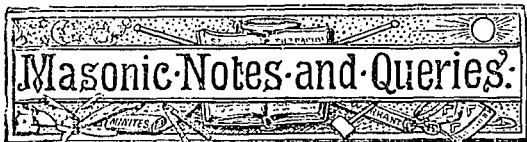
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"ST. JOHN'S CARD," 1888.

Bro. Speth, to whom the idea is due, has issued this Annual of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, in a much improved form. The size is now the same as the Transactions, and so will bind well with those volumes, whereas the first, for Dec. 27th, 1887, was much smaller. Then again he has wisely restricted the titles enjoyed by the members to the Craft, including the Royal Arch, so far as their description is concerned in this excellent annual. Surely this departure will commend itself to all lovers of the Craft, especially as the publication appears under the wing of Lodge 2076; and, in the "Family Circle," or "Outer Circle," it would appear that some of the members would exhaust a page or two, if only to enumerate all the Degrees they belong to, even without noting the offices held in all sorts and conditions of so-called Masonic Degrees! The Address by Bro. William Simpson, R.I., the W.M., should bear fruit in 1889, as he

appeals most fairly and strongly to the members of the "Correspondence Circle" to assist the founders and brethren of the lodge in enabling the painstaking editor and model Secretary (Bro. Speth) to make the journal of the Society all that it ought to be, with over five hundred members of the Craft scattered over the four quarters of the globe, and banded together as honorary members, so to speak, of this remarkable and successful student's lodge. Then the Secretary has his word, and looks forward to 1000 brethren being enrolled as correspondents very shortly. Our brother, at first, almost "took away our breath" in expecting 500, but that number has been reached and passed, and no doubt the thousand will be obtained, and even more. For half a guinea per annum subscribers receive publications that are worth their weight in gold (we speak advisedly), and obtain light and information from the acknowledged Masonic students of the day. It is no wonder, therefore, that the annual contains the names of hundreds of members of the outer circle, neither is it to be wondered at that, considering the high standard raised by the founders, there are not 30 members of the actual lodge itself yet enrolled. The "Local Secretaries" should be increased at home and abroad, and all do their utmost to attain the aim of the Secretary, who will not rest until the lodge has a Home in London for the rapidly increasing library, and as a rendezvous for the brethren of all lands. We are pleased to note that several Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies subscribe for the Transactions, and we sincerely and heartily congratulate Bro. Speth and the members on the excellence of the publications issued by the lodge.



825] OLD EDITIONS OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

I have lately been shown here (Melbourne, Victoria) three fine copies of the "Book of Constitutions." The first is the 1723 edition (re-bound), and the second Entick's 1756 edition. The third, however—Noorthouck's 1784—is the most interesting, as I will endeavour to show. It appears to have originally belonged to the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and has been specially bound in crimson calf, most elaborately "tooled" with Masonic emblems. The following is a copy of the lettering on a black centre piece: "Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 5, Bros. M. Dyer, R.W. Master; A. Badger, S.W.; S. Stephenson, J.W.; C. Montagu, Sec.; A.L. 5792, A.D. 1792." The book is surely an interesting relic of the old Westminster and Keystone Lodge, and the problem to solve is, how it happened to travel to this part of the world. I believe it and the other copies were bought cheap at a second-hand bookstall in Melbourne. The present owner is Bro. T. W. Fowler, C.E., 12, Collins-street West, Melbourne, District Grand Director of Ceremonies, E.C., Victoria.

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Craft Masonry.

OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).—The installation meeting of this old established lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 1st instant. There was, as usual, a large attendance of members and visitors, the former including Bros. T. Whaley, W.M.; G. Evans, S.W.; Carl T. Fleck, J.W.; J. Hancock, Treas.; G. King, P.M., Sec.; R. Steele, J.D.; J. B. Evans, I.G.; H. Tatton Sykes, D.C.; Wm. Hunt, Stwd.; W. O. Beazley, P.M.; Jno. Whaley, P.M.; W. H. Harris, P.M.; and R. D. Hilton, P.M. Visitors: Bros. D. E. Davies, I.G. 1429; A. Ashby, J.W. 619; G. Goddard, 733; W. Bishop, 1693; A. Algar, 834; W. Jones, 371; A. Lachmann, 2150; R. Wake, 2030; W. Radcliffe, P.M. 211; C. J. Biorn, W.M. 733; A. J. Probyn, P.M. 11; T. Middleweek, 1792; J. Smith, 733; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; R. Burleton, P.M. 860; H. Harris, 733; T. S. Dickie, 860; J. Edwards, 1305; H. Guy, P.M. 1706; C. Sweeting, P.M. 700; W. Balchin, 2030; E. Donaldson, Treas. 1963; T. Butler, 55; S. Hayes, P.M. 619; A. Baker, P.M. 1828; G. L. Moore, P.M. 169; H. Wright, P.M. 1827; Jno. Jones, 1624; Thos. Whaley, 55; J. H. Ray, W.M. 1624; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; J. Baker, 511; J. Kent, 2030; L. Honig, 1319; J. Holloway, 173; Jas. Grigson, 2030; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was formally opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Messrs. Brooks and Francis were then initiated into the Order in an able manner by Bro. T. Whaley, W.M. The principal item on the agenda was next proceeded with, and Bro. George Evans having been duly presented as W.M. elect, was regularly installed into the chair by Bro. George King, P.M., Sec., who rendered the ceremony with the ability he has exerted for so many years on behalf of the lodge. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Carl T. Fleck, S.W.; Armour, J.W.; Hancock, Treas.; King, P.M., Sec.; Steele, S.D.; J. B. Evans, J.D.; Sykes, I.G.; Hunt, D.C.; Peyton, Stwd.; and Couchman, Tyler. The newly installed W.M. then commenced his year of office in an auspicious manner by impressively initiating Mr. Eyears into Freemasonry, after which the customary addresses of the installation ceremony were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. King, P.M., Sec. Relief having been voted to a brother in distress, and other routine business having been discussed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a *recherche* repast was served. On the conclusion of the feast, the customary toasts were honoured in the usual hearty manner, the intervals between the speeches being enlivened by an excellent selection of music, under the direction of Bro. C. H. R. Marriott, assisted by Miss Emily Davies and Miss Alice Bocquet, Bros. Henry Guy and James Kift, and Mr. E. Saunders.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., replied for the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said that in connection with the first portion of it, it went without saying that no expression too eulogistic or too complimentary could be used in recognising the services of the two noblemen who rendered such excellent services to the M.W.G.M. in the ruling of the Craft. It only required that the names of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom should be mentioned to obtain a meed of approbation for the services rendered by them, and of gratitude that they had two such noblemen at the head of the Order. With reference to that numerous and heterogeneous body of Grand Officers, it appeared only the other night that in that very room he had the opportunity of saying something on their behalf. They might be considered large factors in the workshop of Masonry, and could be regarded by some from an ornamental point of view, some from a utilitarian, some from both, and probably some from neither. The Grand Officers were imbued with a love for the Order and a determination to do the best they could to promote its interests. Meeting as they were under the banner of the Old Concord Lodge on the first night of a new year, let them indulge in the hope that during 1889, which had just dawned, peace, unanimity, and concord might prevail. He should be sorry to resume his seat without congratulating the members on the advent to Supreme power of a brother who had proved his qualifications to maintain the name of the Old Concord Lodge. He was not present to congratulate the W.M. at the installation ceremony, but he had the gratification of listening to the admirable manner in which he performed the initiation ceremony, and he desired, in the name of the Grand Officers and on his own behalf, to congratulate him, and wish him a prosperous year of office. That was an anticipation already realised, for in his knowledge the members had in Bro. Evans an able W.M. He again thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their kindness.

"The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. T. Whaley, I.P.M., who said that was the first time he had the honour of addressing the brethren as a P.M. of the Old Concord Lodge, and they would know the object of his remarks. He had a difficult task to perform in offering for their acceptance the health of the W.M. There were five initiates on the agenda that evening, and their W.M. made up his mind to initiate them all, which spoke volumes for him. They had all had evidence of his work as an officer of the lodge, and he (the I.P.M.) was quite at a loss to give the toast in a manner befitting it. He was personally acquainted with Bro. Evans, W.M., and could speak of his career privately, as well as Masonically, and he could say that their W.M. was well worthy of respect and esteem, and in 12 months' time, if the G.A.O.T.U. gave him health, they would feel they had done the right thing in installing him. The prosperity of the lodge would be enhanced by Bro. Evans' Mastership in 1889. It was an opportune time to install a new W.M., being the first day of a new year, and the members would join in wishing their W.M. health and strength to carry out his duties.

Bro. Evans, W.M., in reply, said the I.P.M. had told the brethren he had a difficult task to perform in proposing the toast, but he could assure them that he had greater difficulty in answering it. He would do his best, so that at the end of his year of office the same kindly feeling would be shown towards him. He felt it was in the power of every member to render him great assistance, and that was a duty he was sure they would willingly perform. He wished to call their attention to the fact that the jubilee ball of the lodge would shortly be held, the profits of which would be given to the Benevolent Fund. The brethren, therefore, by supporting the ball would be supporting the cause of benevolence. In conclusion, he again thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast.

"The Initiates" was given by the W.M., who impressed upon the newly-initiated brethren the fact that by industry and perseverance they could attain the chair, which he had reached six years after his initiation.

The Initiates having responded, the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and expressed the pleasure it afforded the members to see 37 visiting brethren present. Amongst them were several of his best and dearest friends, and if those brethren felt a pleasure in seeing him in the chair, it was second to the pleasure he felt at seeing them present. He should couple with the toast the names of Bro. Probyn, P.M., Bro. Whaley, who was the father of two P.M.'s of the lodge, and Bro. T. Butler, Burlington, and Kent.

Bro. Probyn, P.M., in reply, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to partake of the hospitality offered the visitors, and to witness the excellent working in the lodge. He had had the pleasure of knowing the W.M. for a number of years, and had always found him the same genial man as the members of the lodge regarded him. Bro. Evans would make a good W.M., and in his hands the prestige of the lodge would never fade.

Bro. Whaley also replied. He said he would not detain them long, as he had a loving wife awaiting him—the mother of his dear boys who had been spoken of so well that evening. He had to thank the lodge for the magnificent banquet put before the visitors, and hoped that while he lived he should frequently be with the members. The working he had witnessed had been *par excellence*, and he was proud to listen to it.

Bros. Butler, Kent, and Burlington, also responded.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said it was by the efforts of the P.M.'s that the lodge had grown to such proportions, and attained its present position. He was proud to be in a position to return thanks for the splendid position they had brought it to. He had a pleasing duty to perform in connection with Bro. T. Whaley, the I.P.M., which was to present him with a jewel in recognition of his services during his year of office. The brethren would agree with him that Bro. T. Whaley, I.P.M., had conducted the business in a manner quite equal to that of any of his predecessors, which was saying a great deal when they considered the excellent Masons who had occupied the chair. He had great pleasure in presenting the I.P.M. with the jewel, and hoped he would be spared for many years to wear it.

Bro. T. Whaley, I.P.M., in response, said he felt somewhat peculiarly placed, that being the first time he had been privileged to reply for the P.M.'s of such a distinguished lodge as the Old Concord. The other P.M.'s frequently responded, and were in the habit of saying how difficult it was to find fresh words in which to reply, but on this, his first reply for the P. Masters, he found it difficult

to find words to adequately respond. He took that opportunity, as he had vacated the chair, of saying how much he felt and appreciated the good feeling that had been exhibited towards him by all the members. It was his ambition to go into office and to occupy the chair, and in that position he had done his best for their good old lodge and Masonry in general. If there were any shortcomings he was sorry, but, as he had previously said, he had done his best, and no man could do more. He begged to thank them for the handsome jewel, which he should prize to his dying day.

"The Treasurer and Secretary and Installing Master" was next given in eulogistic terms by the W.M., and appropriately acknowledged by Bros. Hancock, Treas., and King, P.M., Sec.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The handsome jewel presented to Bro. T. Whaley, I.P.M., bears the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, to Brother Thomas Whaley, P.M., in recognition of his valuable and efficient services during his year of office as W.M. January, 1889."

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—This lodge, which completes its first 100 years of continuous working this year, celebrated its installation meeting on Monday, the 7th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the Mastership of Bro. G. M. Lion. Besides lay members of the lodge, there were present the following: Bros. A. G. Dodson, P.M.; Israel Abrahams, P.M.; G. M. Lazarus, P.M.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M.; Lewis M. Myers, P.M.; Lewis Wall, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Jas. Speller, 1677; R. I. Paton, W.M. 205; B. Field, W.M. 1668; W. McNish, W.M. elect 1962; Geo. Nightingale, W.M. 193; Orton Cooper, 211; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Pickering, 432; D. Shuto, 1439; R. Harris, 1658; M. Levy, 1327; L. Joseph, 975; Chas. Rayner, 1681; and S. Genese (late 188).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Lion raised Bro. Carrociero, performing the ceremony in splendid style. Subsequently Bro. A. G. Dodson, P.M., took the chair, by desire of the W.M., and most efficiently installed Bro. Isaac Botibol as W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing. The following were the brethren invested by the W.M.: Bros. G. M. Lion, I.P.M.; Gardner, S.W.; A. Botibol, J.W.; Rev. S. J. Roco, Chap.; J. S. Lyon, Treas.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; Harry Lazarus, S.D.; Garrod, J.D.; Ansell, I.G.; Dodson, P.M., D.C.; Seigenberg, Asst. D.C.; Arthur Cohen, Stwd.; and Gaskell, P.M., Tyler. In the course of the evening the brethren signed a petition to the Grand Master for authority to wear a centenary jewel, and resolved to hold a centenary festival in March.

After the disposal of other Masonic business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall to banquet, and the usual toasts followed.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., in reply to the toast of "The Pro G.M., &c.," said there was nothing more consoling to the Grand Officers, when their health was proposed, than to find at all times it was heartily received. As there was a long programme before the brethren that night, he would not detain the brethren further than by thanking them for the very kind way in which they had received the toast.

The W.M. next proposed "Prosperity to the Joppa Lodge Benevolent Fund," which they all knew had done so much good, and with the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M.

Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M., in responding, said that this was not a fund of Charity, though it performed that virtue, which was true Masonry, but the Joppa Benevolent Fund was not a Charity Fund; it was maintained for the help and assistance of those brethren who might require it by brethren who might themselves be in need of it. There had been that evening several presentations to the Fund, among the donors being the W.M., the S.W., the J.W., and Bro. Weigel. The Fund was gradually increasing and was in a flourishing condition.

Bro. G. M. Lion, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and the W.M., Bro. Isaac Botibol, returned thanks.

The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M.," to which brother he presented an elegant and valuable Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Lion, I.P.M., said, in responding, that he thought when he was installed in the chair it was the proudest moment of his life, but he thought it was a still prouder moment when he became a Past Master. He thanked the W.M. for the kindness with which he had proposed the toast, and he thanked all the brethren for their kindness. He thanked particularly Bro. Lazarus, Secretary, and Bro. Dodson for the handsome manner in which he consented to instal the W.M., and also all the Past Masters for their assistance during his year of office. He might say that all the P.M.'s were good workers in Masonry.

The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s," to which toast Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M., replied.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors." Bro. R. I. Paton, W.M. 205, replying, trusted that though he was present as the Master of the Lodge of Israel on this occasion, he would when he had passed the chair again be present in the Lodge of Joppa.

Bro. Nightingale, W.M. of 193, said he brought hearty greetings and good wishes from his mother lodge for prosperity to the Joppa Lodge in which he had always been a welcome visitor since he put on the badge of sinecure and the bond of friendship. He trusted he would always receive as cordial a welcome in time to come as he had heretofore. Being one of the founders of the Joppa Lodge, of Instruction, he felt himself at home whenever he met the brethren of the Joppa Lodge. He hoped the W.M. would have a successful year of office.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., replying, as Secretary, to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," thanked the W. Master and the I.P.M. for the kind sentiments they had expressed towards him. It had always afforded him the greatest pleasure to do service to the W.M., though certainly at some periods he had had rather a rough time of it. He thanked also the brethren for the kind support they had given him during the years he had been Secretary. He reminded the brethren that the Lodge of Joppa was completing its centenary year, and he hoped the brethren would assist in making it the most successful of all those hundred years, that brethren would propose their friends, and that

they would start afresh, and let it go forth to the world that the Lodge of Joppa had so far conducted itself well, and that for the next hundred years it would have nothing to regret.

Bro. Lyon, Treas., also replied, and in the course of his speech expressed the pleasure it was to meet the brethren year after year. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the confidence they continually placed in him.

The toast of "The Officers" having been responded to, the Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings terminated.

As usual in this lodge, there was performed a beautiful selection of music, the executants being Miss Laura Brown, Miss Camelia Page, Mr. Henry Thom, and Mr. John Harvey; conductor, Mr. W. Emerson.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst. at Freemasons' Hall, under the Mastership of Bro. Thomas Bicknell. There was a large gathering of brethren, and an excellent programme of work, consisting of two raisings and the installation, in addition to the formal portions, the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reception of the report of the Audit Committee. The Past Masters present on the occasion were Bros. C. Burmeister, C. Burt, Thos. W. Smale, Edw. Humphrey, John Skinner, L. G. Langdon, James Kench, James B. Sly, J. W. Elvin, and E. Child; and the visitors numbered among them Bros. F. West, Dep. Prov. G. Master for Surrey; C. W. Tozer, California; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Lonsdale, 382, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; G. Reynolds, Sec. 2191; B. A. Williams, S.W. 463; H. Hewlett, 1563; George H. Chapman, I.P.M. 1556; G. J. Taylor, I.G. 1987; Geo. W. Williams, 1658; Edwin Bryant, 1541; Stanley Smith, 1929; Ernest Ch. Voss, S.W. 1969; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; John Paul, P.M. 1942; John Skerry, 857; Geo. W. Harrington, 1563; Fredk. Cambrick, P.P.G.O. Surrey; Dr. Nicholls, W.M. 463; and G. Follett, 901.

The W.M. raised Bros. Theophilus Ward and Thomas G. Batchelor, and afterwards installed, in the same perfect style as that in which he had performed the ceremony of raising, Bro. William George Fenn, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the chair of King Solomon. The brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. W. May Clear, S.W.; W. Webb, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; J. B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; G. L. Lyons, S.D.; W. E. Wilby, J.D.; G. T. Augsburg, I.G.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; E. Child, P.M., and S. C. Edridge, Stwds.; Theophilus Ward, R.A.M., Org.; and Walkley, Tyler. The delivery of the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren practically concluded the business of the lodge, which was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to a choice banquet.

The usual toasts followed, the W.M. acquitting himself splendidly as host on the occasion.

In giving "The Pro G.M. and D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said the brethren were fortunate that evening in having two members of the Grand Officers among them. He felt that while the Craft had such Grand Officers as were now wearing the purple there was no fear that the good old ship of the Masonic Craft would ever fade or decay. Rather would each succeeding each cement it and make it harder and more enduring. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Frederick West, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G. Master for Surrey, and their own Treasurer, Bro. Kench, P.G.P.

Bro. Frederick West, in replying, first thanked the Master and brethren for proposing and drinking the toast, and next said the Grand Officers were very much pleased with the way in which the ceremony of installation was worked by the I.P.M. They were also much gratified by the way in which the W.M. for the first time took part in the performance of the duties connected with the chair. He need hardly say anything about the hospitality of the lodge, because that was too apparent from the way in which the lodge had put the banquet before the brethren and extended to them the right hand of fellowship in so cordially responding to that toast. He was only speaking the sentiments of the Grand Officers who were absent when he said they took particular interest in attending installation meetings, and seeing one more brother added to the number of those who were responsible for the management of the Craft. It was a particular pleasure to him to be present, because he saw one of the members of his own province occupying such a proud position as Master of Lodge La Tolerance. He might confidently say that in their W.M. the La Tolerance brethren had one who at any rate would do his best to uphold the traditions of the lodge, who was fully aware of the duties cast upon him by his acceptance of that high office, and that he would not only try to perfect himself in the ritual, but would be able, when called upon, to perform the ceremonies in a way adequate to the Mastership of the lodge. Furthermore, he would not forget the other duties cast upon him of practising with considerable tact the management of the business affairs of the lodge. The duties of a Master were not exhausted by merely performing the ceremonies accurately; there was a great deal more officially which a Master had in a lodge of this importance to bear in mind. He had not only to promulgate the genuine principles and tenets of Freemasonry, and the practice of Charity in its highest sense, but he had at the same time to rule as a ruler, and to rule with tact. Those who were placed under him he had to see were kept up to a high standard, and that the finances of the lodge did not fall below what they had been. He was sure, from what he knew of the W.M., that these duties would be successfully performed, and he ventured to prophesy that when the W.M. was occupying the place which was now in possession of the I.P.M., the brethren would look back with satisfaction upon the time when Bro. Fenn occupied the post of Master of this lodge.

Bro. Kench, P.G.P., also replied, and asked the brethren who were qualified to be present at Grand Lodge to attend there on the first Wednesday in March, when there would be a considerable amount of business to be transacted, and not the least important would be the election of Grand Treasurer. He was pleased to find so many P.M.'s supported Bro. E. Terry, of theatrical fame, who appeared to him to be well qualified for the office. Bro. Terry was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, at Uxbridge, which he (Bro. Kench) had visited many times, and which had peculiar claims on La Tolerance, inasmuch as some 15 years ago they transferred their lodge of instruction to La Toler-

ance, and it was owing to that La Tolerance had such excellent working.

Bro. Bicknell, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said he knew the brethren would receive the toast with enthusiasm, because in their W.M. they had a brother who would fill the chair of Lodge La Tolerance with every satisfaction to the lodge. Their W. Master had always shown himself a very hard working Mason, and on leaving the chair to his custody, he (Bro. Bicknell) felt he could not leave it to a better Mason or a better man. The brethren all looked forward to Bro. Fenn's year of office as an exemplary year.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said: I give you my most hearty and sincere thanks for the very kind and cordial reception you have given me on taking this important chair in Lodge La Tolerance. It is a great event in a Mason's life to be installed for the first time in a Masonic lodge. I think it so, at any rate. The difficulties that beset my path I thought at first were very many, but the kind way in which you have always received me seem to me to make those difficulties vanish. I hope this will always be so during my year of office, and that I shall afford and give every satisfaction which is due from every Master that occupies this chair. Again thanking you for the way you have received this toast, and the I.P.M. for the kind way in which he has proposed it, I will say no more, but tender you my most sincere and hearty acknowledgments.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," to which toast Bros. W. A. Scurrah, Dr. Nicholls, and Paul responded.

Bro. Tozer, of California, who was also called upon to reply, said he expressed publicly, willingly, and gratefully his thanks for the generous and Masonic hospitality of the lodge to him. He had listened with a great deal of pleasure, and he believed with a great deal of instruction, to the lodge's correct exemplification of Masonic work in the lodge room. He had also experienced their hospitality at the banquet. He had thus had another proof, if it were wanted, that Masonic brotherly love and hospitality could reach so far away as more than 6000 miles to a distant country in the newest part of the New World where he claimed his residence. It was all an illustration of the eminence of the English Institution, on which stood proudly the Masonic Institution, extending and exerting its influence everywhere. Since he came here he was asked if there was not in America some sort of illwill existing against the mother country—or at least against the country he was proud to call the mother country; and he replied briefly it was not the case; and he now reiterated that statement, that there, as everywhere throughout the civilised world, English achievements, institutions, laws, and customs received almost, if not quite, the universal commendation and respect of civilised mankind. He was "no orator, but a plain man that loved his friends," and, therefore, he trusted they would not expect from him a more extended speech. His heart was indeed too full for public utterance, and after that repast other parts were too full to enable him to speak with comfort. He had great respect for the English people. He took his origin from them. He would conclude by quoting the words of an American traveller to this country who spent some months here examining the laws, institutions, and manners, who, at the close of the beautiful poem he wrote about English laws and institutions, said:—

Her cliffs of white, her bowers of green,
And oceans rushing to caress her,
Her springs, her woods, her hills between,
Our great mother isle, God bless her.

Bro. George Reynolds, W.M. elect 1614, in the course of his reply gave an account of his recent visit to America, and the cordial reception given to him and Bro. Skinner by the Masons there.

The W.M. next gave "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Bicknell, and the P.M.'s." In that brother they had had as desirable a brother as the members of the lodge could wish to have as Master, for he had managed the affairs of the lodge in an admirable manner, and by some means had converted a deficit into a balance. That was a very desirable thing, which he himself would like very much. He now had the pleasing duty of investing, on behalf of the lodge, Bro. Bicknell with a P.M.'s jewel, and he and the lodge wished Bro. Bicknell long life, health, and happiness; long might he be a member of the lodge to be seen among the brethren wearing that beautiful jewel.

The toast having been drunk with the greatest enthusiasm,

Bro. Bicknell, I.P.M., said that during his year of office he had done all he could do; he had done his best for the lodge, and no man could do more. If he had failed at all it was not his fault. He had taken, and always should take, an interest in that lodge, which was his mother lodge, and he should always do his best to serve its interests. If the present W.M. would carry on the lodge as the brethren had every hope he would do, he would give every satisfaction to the lodge.

Bro. Burmeister, who was also called on to reply, said he hoped the G.A.O.T.U., who had spared him to be 23 years among the brethren, would spare him another 23 years to be the same nuisance as in former years.

Bro. Skinner said the P.M.'s were a sort of ornament to the W.M., because really there assistance was not required. If the W.M. did require it they would be happy to give it. As regarded his visit to America, he might inform the worthy and esteemed brother from California that he and Bro. Reynolds had a most hearty reception on the other side of the Atlantic. If the Prince of Wales had been there he could not have met with a more hearty reception. As a member of La Tolerance he invited three of those American brethren to be present that evening, but they were unable to come, as one was obliged to be at Bournemouth and the others in France.

Bro. Humphrey assured the visitors that the P.M.'s of the lodge were exceedingly proud at the presence of the visitors, and they were also proud of the way in which the W.M. had sustained the character of the lodge that evening in the entertainment of the visitors.

Bro. Kench, P.M., replying as Treasurer to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," testified to the enjoyment of all the brethren of the admirable musical entertainment of the evening which was performed by musical members of the lodge. On another subject he was glad it was decided to have a ladies' banquet, and he could only hope that all the brethren of the lodge would assist the W.M. in making it a credit to the lodge.

Bro. Sly, P.M., Sec., said 20 years ago he was initiated in that lodge. The pleasures attached to his duties as Secretary had been very great during eight past years, and

they promised to be greater still. He was well supported, and that lightened his labours. He congratulated the W. Master on attaining his high position.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and the reply to that toast, with the addition of the Tyler's toast, brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical entertainment provided for the brethren by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Theophilus Ward, was of a most charming character. Assisted by Bros. Stanley Smith, J. J. Pittman, G. L. Lyons, and E. Bryant, and Masters Lionel Wynne and F. Lambert (of Bro. Stedman's choir boys), a delightful selection of music was performed, which gave immense delight to the whole party assembled.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).

—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th instant. Present: Bros. W. Simpson, W.M.; Robert Freke Gould, Past Grand Deacon, I.P.M.; Col. S. C. Pratt, S.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Professor Hayter Lewis, S.D.; Rev. C. J. Ball, I.G.; E. Macbean, Steward; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Steward; J. Finlay Finlayson, and C. Kupferschmidt; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. J. Wood, D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Professor P. L. Simmonds, R. Gowan, Professor F. W. Driver, J. B. Mackey, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; S. R. Baskett, F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; A. Rowley, Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; and Max Mendelssohn; also the following visitors: Bros. Burns Gibson, C. W. G. Pines, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; and C. Meiter.

A ballot was taken, and the following brethren admitted as joining members, viz.: Bro. Gustav Adolf Caesar Kupferschmidt, author of "List of Lodges founded in Germany from 1737 to the Present Time" (still in MS.), "Notes on the Relations between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden during the last Century," and of several essays read in the Pilgrim Lodge; Bro. John Finlay Finlayson, author of "The Legends and Symbols of Freemasonry," and other works; and Bro. Caspar Purdon Clarke, Companion of the Indian Empire, author of a Paper read before the Society of Antiquaries, 1873, upon "The Supposed Mythic Church (or chamber) beneath the Church of St. Clements, at Rome;" before the Society of Arts, 1882 and 1888, on "The Domestic Architecture of India," and "Street Architecture in India;" before the Iron and Steel Institute on "Art Castings in Bronze in India;" before the Royal Institute of British Architects, on "Mughul Art," and of 26 articles in the Calcutta *Englishman* upon "Indian Art," &c.

The following resolutions were carried, viz.: 1. "That this lodge heartily concurs in the object of the Gould Testimonial Fund; is pleased to see that its W.M., Senior P.M., Secretary, and other officers are on the Committee of the same, and, remembering the avowed objects for which this lodge was warranted, amongst which is the encouragement of Masonic Literature, desires the Treasurer to forward to Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., the sum of ten guineas from the Lodge Account Fund, with a request that the name of the lodge may head the list of contributors immediately after the names of the Committee Members." 2. "That the Permanent Committee, taking into consideration that the whole working time of the Secretary has long been devoted to the service of the lodge, do recommend that a minimum salary of £100 per annum be attached to that office while it shall continue to be held by Bro. G. W. Speth." 3. "That the members of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, have learnt with great sorrow the loss which Bro. W. M. Bywater, J.W., has experienced in the recent decease of his wife, and beg to assure him of their fraternal sympathy with him in his grief and distress; that the Secretary enter this expression of their feelings on the minutes of the lodge, and convey to Bro. Bywater the sincere condolence of his brothers." 4. "That Bro. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Past Grand Deacon, having served the office of first W.M. of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati from the date of the warrant, 28th November, 1884, to the 8th November, 1887, the thanks of the brethren be, and hereby are, tendered to him for his valuable services, and for the fraternal generosity evinced by him at its formation, in providing for the preliminary expenses; that the above resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to Bro. Sir Charles Warren." 5. "That Bro. Robert Freke Gould, Past Grand Deacon, having completed his year of office as Worshipful Master of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, the thanks of the brethren be, and hereby are, tendered to him for his courtesy in the chair and efficient management of the affairs of the lodge, and more especially for the time and study devoted by him during his Mastership to the preparation of the commentary and dissertation contained in Volume I. of Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha; that the above resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to Bro. R. F. Gould."

The following 15 lodges and 55 brethren were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle, thus bringing the total of admissions to 517, viz.: Lodge Victory, 1927, Nelson, New Zealand; North Suburban Lodge of Instruction, 2177, Carlton, Victoria; Southern Cross Lodge, 1778, Harrismith, Orange Free State; St. Clair Lodge, 2074, Landport; Minerva zu den drei Palmen, Leipzig; Prince Frederick William of Prussia's Lodge, 431 (I.C.), Ballymena; United Service Lodge, 1428, Landport; Salopian Lodge of Charity, 117, Shrewsbury; Salopian Lodge, 262, Shrewsbury; Eastnor Lodge, 751, Ledbury; St. Matthew's Lodge, 539, Walsall; St. Bartholomew Lodge, 696, Wednesbury; Tudor L. of Rifle Volunteers, 1838, Wolverhampton; Felix Guttlieb Conclave, No. 3, Penang; Lodge of the Marches, No. 611, Ludlow; and Bros. A. C. Smith, P.G. High Priest G. Chapter of Massachusetts; J. Hillis, Boston, Mass.; L. G. Boor, P. Dist. G.W., Wellington, New Zealand; Mr. Justice R. I. Finnemore, Dist. Grand Master of Natal; Dr. W. C. Bland, Portsmouth; Commodore A. H. Markham, C.B., H.M.S. Active, Portsmouth; W. Gillman, Southsea; E. A. Crocker, Fochow, Dist. G. Supt. of W. North China; G. C. A. Haastorther, W.M. 2232, Vryburg, Brit. Bechuanaland; I. A. Gardiner, Longlands, Vaal River; T. MacNaught, Kimberley; J. Mylchreest, Peel, I. of Man; E. H. Croghan, M.D.; J. G. Croghan, M.D.; and J. C. H. Croghan, all of Beaconsfield, South Africa; E. Bull, F. W. Peters, W. K. Bradford, S. Mendelssohn, D. J. Haartoff, F. M. Woollan, and E. Aburrow, all of Kimberley, South Africa; P. Bazenjee, Dist. G. Treasurer; M. P.

Bazenjee, A. W. S. Holmes, and J. McConnachy, all of Hong Kong; S. S. Partridge, Dep. P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, P.A.G.D.C.; J. L. Brayshaw, Settle, Yorks; H. Firth, Baildon, Yorks; T. M. Lawson, Leeds; E. Taylor, Devoran, Cornwall; J. W. Gieve, Prov. G. Treas. Hants and I. of W.; S. G. Munro, Southsea; R. G. Venables, Dep. Prov. G.M. Shropshire; T. Burne, Royal Hosp. Chelsea; S. S. Williams, Past G.M. Ohio; J. Stevens, Author of several Masonic works; J. W. Hayes, sen., Bangalore, P. Dist. G.W. Madras; Dr. C. J. Egan, King William's Town, South Africa, Dist. Grand Master Eastern Division South Africa; G. H. Fowle, Kokstad, Dist. A.G. Purst. Natal; T. Howell, Southsea; Dr. L. van Doesburgh, Amsterdam; W. Lidgley, Devoran, Cornwall; G. H. Piper, Dep. Prov. Grand Master Herefordshire; D. W. Tallcott, Albany, P. Dist. Dep. G.M. New York; J. Wood, Whitstable; G. S. H. Gottlieb, Penang; Rev. J. Sanders, Northampton, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. T. Russell-Wright, P.P.G. Chap. Dorsetshire, Charnister; W. B. Maye, P.P.G.D.C. Devon, Buckfastleigh; H. Stevens, Ashburton; G. A. Nock, Clapham; S. Dyson, Elland, Yorks; Max Mendelsohn, Brownwood Park, Finsbury; and W. J. Cunliffe, Manchester, P.P.G.D. East Lancashire.

The report of the Audit Committee was taken as read, approved, and adopted. From this it would appear that out of a total income of over £500 derived from subscriptions, balances brought forward, and other sources, not one penny had been spent on refreshment; but instead thereof appear such unusual items as postage, £56; library, £28; and printing, nearly £300. This reveals the special nature of the lodge's work, and it is gratifying to learn that, in spite of the amount of printed matter issued by the lodge, a satisfactory balance remains in hand.

Bro. Simpson, W.M., then read a highly interesting and original paper on "The Worship of Death." The lecturer propounded several novel and ingenious theories, which were very ably presented and powerfully sustained by arguments. Nevertheless, he was doomed to evoke a perfect storm of opposition, and his views, methods, and deductions were severely combated by Bros. Ball, Woodman, Rylands, and Binckes. Bro. Gould also spoke at length, although not in such direct opposition.

A vote of thanks concluded the business of the evening, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

STERNDALÉ BENNETT LODGE (No. 2182).—The third installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 5th inst., and was attended by a large number of brethren, among whom there were many visitors, including Bros. Philbrick, G.R., and Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Secretary. An emergency meeting had been held on the previous Thursday for an initiation and raisings, so that the installation was the chief event of the evening. Bro. G. F. Smith, jun., P.P.G.O. Essex, having opened the lodge, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, and adopted. Financially, the lodge, for one so young, is in an excellent condition. Bro. Henry Guy, P.M., the W.M. elect, having been presented by Bro. Walmsley Little, I.P.M., the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and, in due time, a Board of Installed Masters formed, the number present being but just short of a score. The customary and well-known order of things followed, and all were highly pleased with the admirable way in which the Installing Master did the work throughout. He was ably assisted by Bro. Simpson, P.M., as D.C. The W.M. next appointed his officers, viz.: Bros. F. Cambridge, S.W.; W. S. Hoyte, P.M.; J. W. J. H. Cureton, S.D.; J. E. Costello, J.D.; J. G. Iby, I.G.; G. Scudder, P.M.; D.C.; and W. H. Harper, Org. We should add that Bro. Clowes was re-installed as Treasurer on the unanimous vote of the brethren, and Bro. Clifford re-appointed Secretary. Another office, by no means unimportant, viz., that of Steward, was filled, or rather doubly filled, by the appointment of two brethren whose names may be recognised when it is said that the proof they gave that they were not *be-hind* their predecessors in office in ability needs no telling to those who partook of the hospitality of the lodge. On enquiry, the W.M. was informed by the Secretary that a proposal had been made by one of the lodges meeting at the Hall to give a grand concert in aid of a charitable object, by the united aid of all the lodges and chapters which meet at Camberwell. Bro. Clifford added a few words, signifying his approval of the particular purpose in view—which is to obtain votes for a child of a deceased brother who was well-known at the Surrey Masonic Hall—but suggesting the advisability of extending the scope of the proposed Committee, so as to promote the formation of a permanent Charitable organisation for the helping forward of any case known to and recommended by the Masons meeting at that place. The proposition met with approval, and the I.P.M. and Bro. Clifford were asked to represent the Sterndale Bennett Lodge and make the suggestion thrown out. The Committee will meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall this (Saturday) evening. Application was also read, and sanction given, for permission to certain members of the R.A. Degree to present a petition for the formation of a Sterndale Bennett Chapter. On further enquiry, two propositions were made of candidates for election, and, after a shower of "Hearty good wishes," the W.M. closed his lodge, halting for a few minutes while a double quartett of musical brethren sang "God is a Spirit," as a tribute to the memory of the distinguished musician after whom the lodge is named.

The adjournment to the lower regions then took place, where the banquet awaited the guests, and of it more need not be said than that the utmost hospitality was shown. The speeches, as is the rule here, were short.

In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. referred to the pleasure it gave them to be honoured with the presence of the Grand Registrar and the Grand Secretary, who consecrated the lodge.

Bro. Philbrick replied in that effective and witty way which is his peculiarly, and, after expressing the gratification it gave him to be at the meeting of the lodge, which two years ago last December he consecrated, he said that warrants were not granted very readily in the London district; but the recommendation which came with the petition for No. 2182 was such, that the prayer was at once granted. It pleased him greatly to find that the anticipations of two years since had been amply fulfilled, and expectations realised. He had had that night evidence that Grand Lodge did right, for not only was there good work in the lodge—

and he was very pleased with the working of his worthy Bro. Smith, from whom, however, he expected it—but in every way he was sure that the grant of the warrant had been in all respects justified.

The Grand Secretary followed with a few remarks, but jokingly complained that the Grand Registrar had, as usual, said everything that could be said, and had left him (the G. Sec.) nothing to speak about. Col. Shadwell Clerke spoke in complimentary terms of the progress of the lodge, and endorsed all that the G. Registrar had said.

The toast of "The W.M." was received with the utmost cordiality, and some amusement was caused at his expense a little later on, when he proposed "The I.P.M." Bro. Smith rose to reply, and at once dropped a hint that he had been voted a P.M. jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), by the lodge, but had not yet seen it. The W.M. had the jewel in his pocket, but had forgotten to make the presentation, an omission soon set right.

The I.P.M. referred to the music they had heard that night for the first time, and from the pen of their W.M., and delicately suggested that he thought such contributions from other members would be most acceptable.

The other customary toasts followed.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the professional brethren present contributed very considerably thereto by their finished vocalisation. The "grace" used was a new one, written by Bro. Henry Guy expressly for the lodge. It is quite a gem, but more suitable for a body of voices, such as sang it on Saturday night, than for a quartette, as it opens with a bold unison passage. The same composer furnished a part song, words by Sir John Suckling, sung here for the first time. Bro. Guy led the selected choir, and must have been pleased with the splendid rendering of his music. The listeners were delighted, and clamoured for a repetition. The words are somewhat humorous, and tell of a "pale and wan lover" asked "Prithee, why so pale?" He cannot move the object of his affections, and of her it is said—

"If of herself she will not love,
Nothing can make her—
The Devil take her!"

The vigorous finish, no less than the pathetic passages, are worthy to be ranked with the best productions of the most popular writers of part songs for men's voices. The only solo was by Bro. Harper on the pianoforte, and the music was under the direction of Bro. John Hodges, P.M. 1706, who is never at a loss to find an apt quotation for his book of music, as witness his last (from Kirke White)—

"Oh! surely harmony from heav'n was sent,
To cheer the soul when tir'd with human strife;
To soothe the wayward heart by sorrow rent,
And soften down the rugged road of life."

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—The brethren of this well-known and highly-respected lodge met on St. John the Evangelist's Day, according to the usual custom, in the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, to install the W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel Rutter, in the chair of King Solomon. A large muster of the brethren of the lodge were present, whose number were materially increased by the presence of the W.M.'s and officers of the surrounding lodges, amongst whom may be mentioned Bros. Walter Reynolds, 250, P.G. Treas.; J. Bilson, W.M. 1010; H. Hirst, W.M., and J. Chappell, I.P.M. of 1605; W. Gillett, W.M. 2134; W. S. Border, W.M. 236; Sydney Smith, W.M. 294; H. Watson, W.M. 1040; L. Stephenson, S.W., and L. Brekke, of 250; F. L. Bishop, J.D. 1010; A. Cook, J.W., and F. Peat, S.W., 1605; Redfeare, S.W., and Woodall, J.W. 2134; and H. Foley, S.W. 294.

The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. G. Wilson, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D., and who was assisted by Bros. O'Donoghue, P.M., and Corris, P.M. The W.M. having been duly saluted with the usual Masonic honours, proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Clark, I.P.M.; James Hargreaves, S.W.; Joseph Henderson, J.W.; Edward Corris, P.G. Reg., Chap.; Thomas Thompson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; William Tesseymen, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treasurer of the Benevolent and Pension Fund; Martin Kemp, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treasurer of the Sinking Fund; William Day Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treasurer and Almoner of the Poor Fund; Morris Haberland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Lecture Master; D. J. O'Donoghue, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; James Thyer, Sec.; John Petch, S.D.; A. Emmerson, Kessen, J.D.; John Richard Forman, D.C.; Joseph Rodgers Stringer, Org.; William Wilkinson Fletcher, Librarian; Charles Taylor White, I.G.; James Walker, Stwd.; William Cuthbert, Tyler; and John Priest, Asst. Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the various lodges, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by the Chief Steward of the lodge, in the magnificent dining-hall of the lodge.

After the brethren had done full justice to the splendid banquet provided, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. John Clark, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M. and Officers of the Humber Lodge," assured those brethren that every brother of the Humber Lodge wished them every success in their new year of office. He knew full well the difficulties they would feel at first, as he had experienced some, but he assured them that, with steady perseverance and close attention to their duties, they would find that when they had finished their work they would hardly know they had done it.

The W.M. having suitably responded, concluded by proposing "The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. G. Wilson, P.M.," who, he said, had so thoroughly done his work that evening, and he trusted that he would be spared for many years to come to perform the same duty.

Bro. G. Wilson, P.M., in responding, said it afforded him the greatest pleasure in performing the ceremony of installation, or any other. He loved Masonry for its sake, and was always willing to assist in any way to advance its tenets. He looked on that day as a red-letter day in his life, and trusted he might still have more. In conclusion, he proposed "The Health of the Retiring Master and his Officers," and congratulated him on having so ably managed the lodge during his year of office, and for having been so well supported by all his officers.

Bro. J. Clark, I.P.M., responded, and thanked the bre-

thren for so kindly remembering him. When he started office he had intended doing many things, but he was afraid much was left undone. He had done his best, and he trusted the brethren would accept that explanation.

Bro. M. C. Peck, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., G. Std. Br., Eng., then submitted the toast of "The Founders of the Humber Lodge." In giving a brief history of the lodge, he remarked that those worthy brethren little thought that the Humber Lodge, begun on so small a scale, would reach so gigantic a size, and if it were possible that the spirit of these departed brethren were hovering round them, how gratified they would feel to see their efforts so successful. He urged the brethren to go on as the founders had—quietly but surely—and they would still find their lodge improving, and in proposing what he termed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Founders of the Humber Lodge," he asked them to drink it in solemn silence.

Bro. S. Hodgson, P.M., then gave "The Health of the Sister Lodges," which was responded to by the various officers of those lodges.

Bro. E. Corrie, P.M., in giving the toast of "The Charities," remarked how excellent was the work done by them, but he thought he could not do better than propose the toast, and ask Bro. Tesseymen, who took so much interest in them, to respond, and who would give them more information than he could.

Bro. W. Tesseymen, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to do so, and he had hoped that that toast would have received more prominence, and have been brought under the notice of the brethren earlier in the evening. Charity they knew was the Freemasons' great aim and landmark, and, although they subscribed their thousands and tens of thousands yearly, that did not represent the great acts of Charity which were practised privately. The three great Masonic Charities had during the past year received £73,000, which had assisted in educating a large number of boys and girls, and also in providing annuities for aged and distressed Masons. He was happy to say that a scheme was being prepared to form a charitable and benevolent institution in connection with the lodges of the North and East Ridings, and he was sure all lodges would liberally contribute to so worthy a plan when they knew the benefits they intended conferring. In conclusion, he urged all Masons to support it, and not to do less in the future than they had in the past.

The evening was much enlivened by the capital songs and recitations rendered by Bros. Isle, Walton, G. Kenningham, F. C. Bishop, Corris, Latus, and others.

CHELTENHAM.—Foundation Lodge (No. 82).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Thursday, Dec. 27, St. John's Day, and there was present a very large gathering of Masons from the various lodges of Gloucestershire. Bro. E. L. Baylis was the W.M. elect, and his installation was conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. the Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, assisted by the D. Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, and Past Masters of the lodge. The following were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. the Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, I.P.M.; J. W. Drew, S.W.; Major Rogers, J.W.; the Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austin, Chap.; W. R. Porcher, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; F. Ticehurst, P.M., Sec.; Mascie Taylor, S.D.; Powell, P.M. 900, J.D.; Col. Ford, I.G.; C. Atkins, P.M., Stwd.; and J. A. Matthews, P.P.G. Org., Org.

Among the many brethren present, in addition to those named, were Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; T. Nelson Foster, Prov. G. Treas.; J. B. Winterbotham, Prov. G. Sec.; E. Denning, W.M. 951, Prov. S.G.D.; R. G. Prowde Smith, P.M. 82, Prov. S.G.W.; Major-Gen. Vizard, P.M. 761, Prov. G.D.C.; J. Walker, M.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. C. Sewell, P.M. 592, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. Chris. V. Childe, P.M., P.P.G.R. Bucks; G. Norman, P.M. 246, P.P.G.R.; S. Green, M.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Bubb, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. W. Keeling, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. L. Butler, P.M. 246, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Lawrence, P.M. 246, P.P.J.G.D.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 246, P.P.S.G.W.; B. H. Dyer, W.M. 53; J. David, W.M. 702; W. Edwards, W.M. 493; F. Fenner, W.M. elect 246; W. C. Ferris, W.M. 1005; Col. Moutray Read, Major Logan, Captain J. C. Griffith, E. W. Brereton, R. Creswell, Bruce Bryce, C. J. Newton, H. B. Todd, J. Ramble, 757, Bombay; W. A. Meek, 1610; L. L. Evans, 416; G. C. Pike, 839; R. P. Sumner, J.W. 839; W. Heath, J.W. 246; T. L. Wright, 246; W. H. Glynn Smith, 1691; W. T. Gould, C. W. Wheeler, 839; and others.

Nearly sixty brethren sat down to a banquet, served in the dining hall, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

The presence of Bro. Binckes and of Bro. S. Green, M.A., who has recently been engaged in examination of Girls' School, gave especial interest to the toasts affecting the Masonic Charities, and the brethren could not have been otherwise than gratified at the excellent account given by Bro. Green of the Girls' Institution. He spoke in the warmest terms both of its educational efficiency, and of the comfort and happiness by which its inner life was characterised.

Bro. Binckes, also, while expressing his pleasure at being present at the installation of a son of a very old friend, in a town where he spent the early years of his own life, spoke with confidence of the general result of enquiry into the management of the Institution to which his name had so long been connected, and trusted that whatever course the report of the Enquiry Committee took its effect would be the widening of the usefulness and the increase of the efficiency of the Boys' School.

GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—It is not often that the W.M. elect is placed in the chair of a country lodge in the presence of a Board of 24 Installed Masters, yet such was the good fortune of Bro. L. J. Nicolle on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst. A more brilliant or numerous assemblage of brethren had seldom, if ever, taken place in the Masonic Temple, as on this occasion. The ceremony was conducted in an excellent and impressive manner by the retiring Master, Bro. W. H. Lovell.

It is very gratifying to see this grand old lodge working and flourishing so vigorously as it appears to be doing. Much of its success and prosperity is doubtless due to the untiring energy of its P.M.'s. Unfortunately, we are not acquainted with all of them, but we do know Bros. Pen- gelly, Parsons, Courtney, Quick, and De Jersey—excellent

Masons and worthy men all. We could not, however, fail to notice, what appeared to us at first the singular absence of all indications of provincial rank amongst the numerous P.M.'s assembled, till we recalled to mind that the Guernsey lodges, from some inexplicable and certainly very mistaken reason, hold aloof from provincial association. We sincerely trust that this condition of affairs will soon be ancient history, and that we shall shortly have to chronicle that this fine old Lodge of Mariners—the oldest lodge, we believe, in the Channel Islands—has taken the leading place in the furtherance and realisation of the suggestion recently offered to them by an old and experienced Mason, well known for his services to the Craft in Gibraltar and Madras.

WEYMOUTH.—All Souls' Lodge (No. 170).—The brethren of this ancient and influential lodge assembled in their handsome and superbly furnished rooms at the Masonic Hall, on St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, to install the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. J. H. Scott, M.A. The W.M., Bro. Z. Milledge, P.P.G.D.C., occupied the chair, and he was supported by the following members of the lodge: Bros. P. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.R.; A. Graham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. Lowe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. T. Targett, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; G. J. Davis, P.M.; J. H. Scott, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Smith, J.W.; Rev. J. Meigh, Chap.; J. H. Sherrin, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; H. J. Jesty, Sec.; A. Rayner, S.D.; P. A. Elliott, J.D.; W. B. Morgan, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; E. T. Targett, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Stwd.; J. T. Whettan, jun., acting I.G.; S. Milledge, J. H. Bowen, W. H. Porter, J. Lyon, J. T. Whettan, sen., A. Reynolds, W. Osborne, F. Betley, and the following visitors: Bros. G. J. G. Gregory, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. J. Phillips, P.M., 130, P.P.S.G.D.; J. T. Hillier, P.M., 1146, P.P.G.O.; C. P. Gee, P.M., 1037, P.P.G.O.; J. H. Longman, W.M., 56; W. C. Brown, W.M., 386; W. S. Stroud, W.M., 417; E. Tinsley, P.M., 386; J. W. Tribbett, P.M., 386; E. Q. Louch, S.D., 2038; E. Mills, S.W., 1037; G. F. Parsons, 1146; G. Oldfield, Sec., 417; R. W. Board, Sec., 2255; T. W. Board, 1037; and others.

After the transaction of ordinary business, Bro. W. B. Morgan presented, in appropriate terms, the W.M. elect, Bro. Rev. J. H. Scott, who was formally installed into the Master's chair in the presence of a Board of no fewer than 16 Installed Masters, the ceremony being most impressively and efficiently performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Zillwood Milledge.

The following officers for the year were then appointed: Bros. Zillwood Milledge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; W. Smith, S.W.; H. J. Jesty, J.W.; G. J. Davis, P.M., Chap.; J. A. Sherrin, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., Treas. (his tenth year of office in this capacity); A. Rayner, Sec.; W. B. Morgan, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., D.C.; P. A. Elliott, S.D.; F. Reynolds, J.D.; A. Reynolds, P.M., P.G.O. Somerset, Org.; Sidney Milledge, I.G.; E. T. Targett, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., and J. T. Whettan, jun., Stwds.; and Simmons and Clare, Tyler. Following the address to the newly-installed W.M., which was well rendered by the Installing Master, the newly-appointed Chaplain delivered appropriate addresses to the officers respectively, as to the nature of their duties, and the lessons symbolically by the jewels severally attached to the official collars, also a joint address to the Wardens, and an exhortation to the brethren generally. The novelty of this part of the proceedings, and the emphatic and effective delivery of the addresses, created no small interest among the brethren present, to many of whom that feature of the ceremony, so regularly observed in many lodges, was entirely new. During the evening a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring W.M., Bro. Zillwood Milledge, for the efficient manner in which the business of the lodge had been conducted, and for his untiring energy and devotion in promoting its interests, his year of office having been one of the most prominent amongst the greatest successes which the history of this ancient lodge presents. The financial position of the lodge, as detailed by its esteemed Treasurer, Bro. J. A. Sherrin, is most flourishing. The income for the past year has exceeded £250 from fees and contributions alone; £200 has been spent in alterations, improvements, and new furniture and decorations in the lodge room, &c.; and on the Capital Account there appears an excess of assets on liabilities to the extent of £2000.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the comfortable and commodious dining hall, where a sumptuous banquet was well served and heartily appreciated.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly and appropriately submitted by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Scott, and were suitably accepted and honoured by the brethren, several of whom contributed vocal efforts of no mean order.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Zillwood Milledge upon the highly successful year to which that interesting occasion was a fitting conclusion, and we cordially compliment him upon the state of efficiency which the lodge has attained under his guidance and management.

BOURNEMOUTH.—Hengist Lodge (No. 195).—The installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year and investiture of officers took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. R. Hodges was duly installed in the chair of the lodge by Bro. H. J. Atkins, P.M., the Installing Officer, who did his duty in a very impressive manner. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge and visitors, numbering 62, of these 20 were P.M.'s. The following officers were then invested by the W.M.: Bros. Keep, S.W.; Dunn, J.W.; Scott Evans, Treas.; Humphry, Sec.; Rogers, P.M., D. of C.; Townsend, S.D.; Redfern, J.D.; Cutler, Org.; Vye, I.G.; Painter and Rolls, Stewards; and Beamish, Tyler. The first duty of the W.M. must have been a pleasing one—that of presenting, on behalf of the lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M., Bro. Woodhouse, and also, on behalf of the lodge, he next presented to Bro. Scott Evans a Treasurer's jewel, in recognition of his able services for 10 years as Treasurer, and a Secretary's jewel to Bro. Stonham, for his services as Secretary for four years (both these jewels were manufactured specially by Bro. George Kenning).

The retiring W.M. then handed over to the care of the W.M. the valuable minute books, dating many years back, of this old lodge, and also presented to the lodge a framed autograph letter he had received from the King of Sweden when in Bournemouth, in which the King expressed his regret that, owing to his having to leave Bournemouth, he was unable to attend the old Lodge Hengist.

At the Board of Installed Masters, it may be interesting to state that the W.M. of the Boscombe Lodge and the W.M. of the Horsa Lodge (the sister lodges of Hengist) acted as Senior and Junior Wardens.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren dined together at the Bijou Hall.

RAMSGATE.—Royal Navy Lodge (No. 429).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. Among those present were the following: Bros. J. S. Eastes, Dep. Prov. G.M., &c.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; A. Wootton, P.M., 127 and 1209, P.P.J.G.W.; F. W. Willett, W.M., 127; F. Stanley, S.D., 127; W. Crawford, P.M., 127; W. Seales, 127; J. O. Eve, P.M., 429 and 1209, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; G. Page, P.M., 1209, P.P.J.G.D.; I. Fenwick, P.M., 1209, P.P.G.S.B.; J. S. Salmon, P.M., 917; E. Robertis, W.M., 917; T. B. Green, 158; A. F. Casperd, J.D., 1668; G. F. Baker, W.M., 503; G. Baker, P.M., 503; J. F. Solly, P.M., 784; A. Frost, W.M., 784; T. Bent, P.M., 784; Rev. G. D. Pagden, W.M., 709; C. F. Wachter, P.M., 2099, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Adams, P.M., 181; W. Larkin, 1209; H. J. Sturgeon, W.M.; Rev. E. C. d'Auquier, 1209; J. Hazeldine, P.M.; G. Blackburn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Hiller, P.M.; Isaac Jarman, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. S. Ford, P.M.; M. H. Gill, and E. L. Dixon, all of the lodge, and others.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. H. J. Sturgeon, W.M., in a manner that called forth the universal approbation of the brethren, as also a favourable comment from the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes; and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. May, was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. A. Valon, S.W.; S. Holbourn, J.W.; J. O. Eve, P.M., &c., Treas.; Rev. E. C. d'Auquier, M.A., Sec. and Chap.; E. L. Dixon, S.D.; M. H. Gill, J.D.; A. H. Lanfear, I.G.; G. Goodbourn and W. Richford, Stwds.; R. Morley, P.M., D.C.; and D. Walker, Tyler.

After the installation, the annual banquet took place, at which nearly forty brethren assembled.

Owing to the length of the ceremonies, the banquet was rather late in commencing, thus necessitating the Deputy Prov. Grand Master leaving before the commencement of the regular toasts. He, however, addressed a few observations to the brethren, urging them to unity, harmony, and brotherly love, expressing the hope that he would be able to visit them again shortly, the pleasure of his visit being only damped by the absence of so many well-known faces who had ascended to the Grand Lodge above. He wished the lodge prosperity, and the brethren a Happy New Year.

The usual Masonic toasts followed, proposed by the W.M., Bro. J. T. May, Bros. H. J. Sturgeon, I.P.M.; R. Morley, P.M.; J. O. Eve, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; and W. A. Valon, W.M., 1209, S.W., 429, to whose duty fell that of "The Charities," responded to by Bro. F. Binckes in an eloquent manner.

The evening was enlivened by some really good music, contributed by visiting brethren and members of the lodge, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

CAMBRIDGE.—Three Grand Principles Lodge (No. 441).—The installation meeting was held in the Assembly Room at the Lion Hotel, on the 7th inst., and was attended by upwards of sixty brethren, including the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. of England. The duties of Installing Master were efficiently performed by Bro. John Fuller, P.S.G.D., the outgoing W.M. Upon Bro. John E. Ledsam Whitehead, P.P.A.G.P., being installed in the chair of K.S., the officers for the year were appointed as follows: Bros. J. Fuller, P.M., P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; J. Symonds, P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; W. C. Dewberry, P.P.G.O., J.W.; J. S. Youngman, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Chap.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; F. G. G. Barber, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; J. Royston, S.D.; H. E. Fuller, J.D.; F. Dewberry, P.M., P.P.G.O., D.C.; A. Morrell, Org.; P. H. Young, I.G.; and J. Vail, P.M., and F. Cole Stwds.

The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd instant, in the Masonic Hall, Bull Fields, Bro. W. H. D. Keeble, W.M., presiding, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. and Treas., and P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, P.M.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec., and P.P.J.G.D.; F. Barry, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); B. de B. Lopez, P.G. Stwd. Eng., S.W.; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., J.W.; W. Bushbridge, S.D.; W. Saunders, J.D.; W. C. Taylor, I.G.; C. Clapham, D.C.; A. T. Summers, Stwd.; F. Tyler, Org.; W. Larder, Tyler; W. Swiss, E. Lewis, R. Pollard, J. Widger, H. Delatouche, J. Buckley, W. Pryce, W. Davidson, A. Moore, J. Murphy, R. Rabson, G. Frost, J. Bryceson, R. Newton, C. Scantlebury, J. Taylor, F. Hambrook, J. H. Campbell, E. W. Foster, G. Roberts, J. H. Bull, J. G. Tucker, F. Hayward, J. O. Cook, J. Clifton, Capt. W. Young, J. Griffiths, H. G. Baker, L. Mills, and R. Saunders. Among the visitors were Bros. Lieut. W. Tailby, W.M., 13; H. Parsons, 1368; H. Richmond, H. G. Cox, 700; and Newbould.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Mr. Sedgley, a candidate, was duly initiated, Bros. Chaney, G. Dickinson, and Roberts were passed, Bro. Wren was raised, the three ceremonies being admirably worked by the W.M. and his officers. One of the best respected, and, indeed, beloved, P.M.'s of the lodge, namely, Bro. H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R., having recently suffered a terrible injury, whereby he has lost his left arm, by being run over by a locomotive in H.M. Royal Arsenal, where he is manager of the Carriage Department, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of sympathy should be sent to him from the lodge. It was reported that Bro. Butter was progressing favourably.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of supper.

At the social board the usual toasts were abbreviated, and, in response to the toast of his health, the W.M. said he was very pleased to think that although they were small in

numbers, yet they were pretty jolly and evidently meant to enjoy themselves. The festive season was, no doubt, the cause of their shortness of numbers. With regard to their prospects, they had had a good year in the past, they had begun the new year with an initiation, and had two propositions that night; so they looked well. He asked them to put their shoulders to the wheel, and make the coming year even more prosperous than the last. For himself, he thanked them for their unvaried kindness to him, and would do all in his power for the interests of the lodge and the comfort of the members.

Bro. Col. Hughes, in responding for the toast of "The Officers," said he felt himself a sort of "Rip Van Winkle," who came back as it were from the dead to find them all very much alive indeed. The W.M. had kindly invited him to resume his old position as a Warden of the lodge, and he trusted to make himself worthy of his position and the lodge, and in the course of time reach the chair of it. It would be his duty as one of the staff to do all he could to assist his superior officers and the W.M. It certainly was an honour to him after 20 years to once again occupy a Warden's chair; he looked upon it as a great privilege, and trusted in the course of the year to merit it. They were in a magnificent building, but he trusted it would soon be made more comfortable. He recommended blinds, and had no doubt that by their next meeting everything necessary for their comfort would be done.

Several other toasts followed, and the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a pleasant gathering.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting for installing the W.M. on Thursday, 3rd inst., when there was a good muster to do honour to the occasion. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. A. Cooper, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; when Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., 872, P.G.D.C., was invited to the chair to discharge the duties of Installing Master, ably assisted by Bro. C. Morton, the Senior P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Bro. F. Smith, W.M. elect, was duly presented and installed in the chair, and on behalf of the W.M., Bro. Morton, invested the officers for the year and delivered the customary addresses, viz.: Bros. T. C. Burn, S.W.; T. Atkinson, J.W.; J. Fidler, P.M., Treas.; Dr. Forsyth, Sec.; F. H. Burn, S.D.; A. Entwistle, J.D.; D. Sinclair, I.G.; J. Ewbank, and J. Burns, Stwds.; and J. Hewson, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

The following brethren also signed: Bros. Richard Robinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Jas. Black, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Thos. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; H. Simpson, P.M., 1271; Robt. Sawhyer, J. Taylor, J. Towers, A. Moordaff, D. Reece, P.M., 962, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Eden, P.M., P.G.S. of Wks.; John Lewthwaite, P.M.; G. B. McKay, Jas. Jones, S. Bettoney, 371; G. Rayson, and others.

With the usual "Hearty good wishes" from the many visitors, and other routine business, the lodge was closed, and at Bro. Smith's invitation all present retired to the Globe Hotel, where a banquet was served, for which the Globe is proverbial, and cannot be surpassed.

A long toast list was gone through. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair.

"The Newly-Installed Master" was proposed by Bro. Peacock, who paid a high compliment to Bro. Smith for the excellent way he had discharged his duties in the past in the various offices he had filled, and predicted that his year as Master would be a prosperous one.

Bro. Smith briefly replied, and thanked the members for the honour they had conferred upon him, and nothing would be wanting on his part to uphold the honour and dignity of the lodge.

Bro. R. Robinson proposed "The Installing Masters, Bros. Dalrymple and Morton," and, in doing so, made special mention of Bro. Morton, he having been the first Master not only of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, but also of 1267 and 1660; and at length alluded to the very valuable services that had been rendered by him, not only to the province, but to Masonry in general, for over 30 years, and yet, to all appearance, was perfectly active in the work, and he hoped he would be long spared to pay his annual visit to Cockermonth.

Bro. Morton replied for the Installing Masters, and subsequently gave a short address on the early history of Craft Masonry in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, which was highly instructive to all, but more especially to the junior members.

With other toasts, and a few capital songs from Bros. Jones, Moordaff, and Cooper, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, after a very enjoyable meeting.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—St. Kew Lodge (No. 1222).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on New Year's Eve, at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. H. B. Harrington, S.W., was formally installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Perrett, the I.P.M., in the presence of a full average attendance, including several wearing the "purple." Subsequently the newly-installed Master invested the following with collars of office: Bros. E. S. Nunn, S.W.; W. E. Perrett, sen., J.W.; S. Lewis, Treas.; F. W. L. Wickstead, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Chap.; W. E. Perrett, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; S. J. Sellick, S.D.; A. W. S. Cross, J.D.; E. E. Baker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D. of C.; R. H. C. Butt, I.G.; J. J. Lovell, Org.; W. E. Hillier and W. Cooper, Stwds.; B. Cox, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Almoner; and H. Galpin, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, an adjournment was made to the banqueting-room, where a recherché repast was provided, and a large company of the initiated assembled to pay their homage to the newly-installed Master.

LIVERPOOL.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).—On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the twelfth annual festival of the brethren of this lodge was held at the Derby Hall, Tuebrook, where there was a good attendance, nearly thirty P.M.'s and W.M.'s being present, in addition to the rank and file. The chair was taken by the retiring W.M., Bro. Dr. O. B. Limrick, who was supported by Bros. W. B. Pitts, S.W.; Thomas Airey, J.W.; Luke Bagnall, Treas.; H. Peers, Sec.; John Stubbs, S.D.; J. Gresham, J.D.; W. Naylor, I.G.; T. C. Ingham, D.C.; R. Stirzaker, I.P.M.; R. Armitage, P. Asst. G. Sec.; P. Asbury, P.M.; Dr. H. Pitts, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Delamere, P.M.; J. Henderson, P.M.; H. Jones,

P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. F. F. Foulkes, P.M. 292; Isaac Smith, P.M. 897; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249, P.G. Stwd.; D. M. Gaskin, P.P.G.T.; G. Morgan, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.D.; J. M. Tear, P.G.D.C.; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; W. H. Vevers, P.M. 594; J. C. Hallwood, S.W. 1505; W. J. Fleetwood, P.M. 1713; P. Thomas, P.M. 1505; J. Taylor, P.M. 1276; R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. Judson, P.M. 1070; J. B. Sparks, P.M. 1389; J. Pendleton, P.M.; and others.

Bro. Dr. H. Pitts afterwards very effectively installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. B. Pitts, who was presented by Bros. Stirzaker and Delamere, P.M.'s, after which the following officers were invested: Bros. Dr. O. G. B. Limrick, I.P.M.; T. Airey, S.W.; H. Peers, J.W.; L. Bagnall, Treas. (re-elected); E. T. Ingham, D.C.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Gresham, S.D.; W. Naylor, J.D.; W. J. Gilchrist, I.G.; G. Brebner, J. Tarbuck, T. Docherty, and F. T. Parry, Stwds.; and R. Neville was re-elected Tyler.

A capital musical programme was given after dinner, which was well put on by Bro. Capper, and, during the evening's proceedings a handsome P.M. jewel was presented to Bro. Dr. Limrick on behalf of the lodge.

Bros. S. Kirkham, E. Edwards, J. Heginbotham, T. Fargher, and N. F. Burt most creditably rendered the musical items, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Bryan.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

SANDOWN.—Sandown Lodge (No. 1869).—A number of visiting brethren joined the members of this lodge at the installation meeting held on Thursday, the 20th December, at the Masonic Hall, Wilkes-road, when, after the lodge had been opened by Bro. Dr. Barker, W.M., the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. McQueen (twice W.M. of No. 11), was impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. A. Shaw, P.M. The officers invested by Bro. McQueen for the ensuing year were Bros. Dr. Barker, I.P.M.; G. W. S. Withers, S.W.; G. T. Cluett, J.W.; J. Bunt, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. P. Hoskens, Sec.; W. Cluett, S.D.; H. H. Izod, J.D.; W. B. Martin, D.C.; T. G. Addley, I.G.; A. G. Prickett, Org.; W. J. Davidson and T. Ford, Stwds.; and A. Callaway, Tyler. After the business was concluded, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet in the Town Hall.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held at Bro. Harvey's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, on Friday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Deaton, W.M. elect 25, W.M.; J. R. Harnell, S.W.; Elliott, J.W.; Dickeson, S.D.; C. J. Gwos, J.D.; Thompson, I.G.; Baker, P.M., Preceptor; Wingham, W.M. 25; Blundell, P.M.; Pratt, P.M.; W. G. Cannon, W.M. 1022; W. Roots, 1293; A. Wingham, 25; Harvey, P.M.; and R. J. Harnell.

Bro. Wingham, P.M. 25, worked the ceremony of installation. On rising for the first time, Bros. W. G. Cannon, W.M. 1022; W. Roots, 1293; and A. Wingham, 25, were elected joining members. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. R. Harnell was elected W. Master for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers. On rising for the third time, Bro. Baker, P.M., proposed "That a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Wingham, P.M., for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation;" seconded by Bro. J. R. Harnell, sen., and carried unanimously. Bro. Wingham, P.M., made a suitable reply. It was proposed by Bro. Harvey, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Dickeson, P.M., "That a Committee be elected to revise the by-laws of the lodge of instruction"—carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. Pratt, P.M., seconded by Bro. Dickeson, P.M., "That five be appointed on the Committee." Proposed "That Bros. Wingham, P.M.; Dickeson, P.M.; Pratt, P.M.; Groves, P.M.; R. J. Harnell, jun., and Deaton, Sec., be the Committee"—carried unanimously.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Goldfinch, W.M.; Evans, S.W.; G. Holland, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; Clarkson, Sec.; Mims, S.D.; Coombs, J.D.; J. Ray, I.G.; Weekes, Tyler; C. Taylor, P.M.; Strip, Badderly, Luckhurst, Hobbs, Bailey, Smales, H. Holland, Wing, Bowen, and Quick.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The W.M. answered the questions of the 5th Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smales candidate. Bro. Evans was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was proposed that Bro. Mims, W.M. of the mother lodge, be invited to work the ceremony of installation on Wednesday, the 16th inst. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. C. B. Shemmonds, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; James Rowe, J.W.; J. Greenaway, acting as Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; F. W. Cash, S.D.; H. Price, J.D.; D. C. Smith, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. W. Buxton, P. Frangellucci, F. Kedge, W. Hancock, and J. E. Spurrell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Greenway, acting Preceptor, worked the 1st and 2nd, Section of the First Lecture. Bro. F. W. Buxton, having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. Hancock worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. E. A. G. Smith, 177, and Bro. J. E. Spurrell were unanimously elected joining members, being proposed by Bro. H. Price, and seconded by Bro. J. D. Graham. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. D. Graham was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. acting Preceptor proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. C. B. Shemmonds for the very able manner in which he had occupied the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and also for the clear way he had worked the ceremony of initiation. Seconded by Bro. Hancock, carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. The usual New Year's Gifts were unanimously voted to Bro. T. E. Weeks, Tyler, and Bro. Tooley, serving brother. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Woodard, W.M.; Jennings, S.W.; Cavers, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Cross, S.D.; Josey, P.M., J.D.; Ridgley, I.G.; Sims, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; T. H. Wood, P.M.; Martineau, Cockrill, Higginson, Arnott, Craggs, Head, and Cotton. Bro. Blazey, P.M. 1490, Bengal, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed,

Bro. Higginson candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cross, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. Arnott, candidate, having answered the questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony was completed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren. Bro. Blazey was elected a joining member. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Brown, Sec., W.M.; T. Wilcocks, S.W.; T. W. Biggs, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., acting Preceptor; H. D. Aslett, acting Sec.; J. Wood, P.M., S.D.; A. H. Salter, J.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; Hyde, A. Williams, Wilkins, H. Clark, and R. H. Wimpey.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. Williams being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Hyde being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Spiegel, P.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bro. Wilcocks was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Piper, W.M.; Badderly, S.W.; Rymer, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Hobbs, J.D.; Abbott, I.G.; Green, P.M.; Bristow, Edwards, F. Purnell, Roberts, and Shaw.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bristow being the candidate. Bro. Purnell, 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. Purnell being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Badderly was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Poole, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Steele, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Smith, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; Garland, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Sherring, Cochrane, Newton, Moore, Hill, Chapman, Mitchell, Esling, Folkard, Jones, Lingley, and Gatliff.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Jones as candidate. Bro. Westley took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, with Bro. Sherring as W.M. elect, the lodge being resumed to the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. Sherring was duly installed into the chair of K.S., and was saluted and proclaimed in the usual manner, the lodge being resumed at each Degree. Bro. Sherring appointed and invested his officers. Bro. Westley gave the usual charges. Bro. Esling, W.M. elect 1321, assumed the chair, and appointed and invested officers. Bro. Lingley, W.M. 1351, gave the addresses. Bro. Poole resumed the chair, and rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Russell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

FIDELITY CHAPTER (No. 3).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th inst. Amongst those present were—Comps. A. T. Pearce, M.E.Z.; Joseph Heming, H.; Chas. Greenwood, Prov. G.S.E. Surrey, J.; A. W. G. Weeks, Treas.; W. E. Williams, S.W.; C. E. Birch, P.S.; Wm. Radcliffe, 1st A.S.; J. B. Stevens, D.C.; Rev. Jas. Amos, P.Z.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; G. Cowdrell, P.Z.; F. Graves, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.Z.; P. Cochrane, H. J. Lardner, S. Hinkley Kinsey, J. Withers, A. H. Larcome, W. Hale Hilton, G. T. Bell, and W. J. Collens. Visitors: Comps. D. Haslett, P.Z. 145; Fredk. Williams, S.N. 1237; W. D. Merritt, P.G.H. Essex; W. Poole, 1572; R. Goffin, P.Z. 1572; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The convocation having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The installations were then proceeded with, and the following companions were inducted into their respective chairs by Comp. Pearce, I.P.Z.: Comps. J. Heming, M.E.Z.; Chas. Greenwood, H.; and W. J. Collens, J. The following officers were invested: Comps. A. W. G. Weeks, Treas.; W. E. Williams, S.E.; C. E. Birch, S.N.; W. Radcliffe, P.S.; Sims, 1st A.S.; Larcome, 2nd A.S.; Kinsey, D.C.; Goddard, Janitor. A further sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to complete a life governorship, one guinea to each of the Old People's Fund, and one guinea to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The convocation was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Drawing Room of Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently given, and received by the companions with the customary heartiness.

Comp. Pearce, I.P.Z., said that having inducted their M.E.Z. into the chair he occupied, it was his privilege to propose the next toast, which was "The Health of Comp. J. Heming, M.E.Z." There was no member of the chapter more entitled to that title than Comp. Heming, for he had performed the work leading up to the chair in the manner in which it ought to be done. Their M.E.Z. had stolen into the hearts of the companions, and had made them feel that which they would like to feel with regard to every companion they esteemed and regarded. He was proud that Comp. Heming had arrived at the chair, and hoped it would act as a stimulus to those young Royal Arch Masons who had been exalted into that old and revered chapter. The M.E.Z. would add another year of lustre to their good old chapter, and had the good wishes of all for a prosperous term of office.

Comp. J. Heming, M.E.Z., having returned thanks, said he considered it a great honour to preside over the chapter. He had spent some years in it, and, without any want of truthfulness, could say that he had never spent such satisfactory evenings as in the chapter. The geniality and kindness that had always characterised the Fidelity Chapter had been remarkable. He hoped that before the end of the year, the companions working with him would be able to show that they knew their work.

In giving "The I.P.Z." the M.E.Z. said it was the custom to present the retiring Principal with a jewel for the services rendered during his year of office. He need not, however, say one word on behalf of Comp. Pearce, for he

had endeared himself to the companions during the many years he had been a member of the chapter, and had filled every office well and worthily. Now that Comp. Pearce had arrived at the end of his term of office, he carried with him the good wishes and kindly remembrances of all the members. It was a pleasing duty to present the I.P.M. with the jewel, and the companions sincerely trusted he would live many years to wear it, and that as long as he lived he would remain a member of the chapter.

Comp. Pearce, I.P.Z., said it was a particularly pleasing moment to him to rise to respond for the toast of the I.P.Z. of one of the oldest chapters in existence—having passed its centenary. It must at all times be gratifying to a member of a chapter or lodge to pass through the several offices into the position he held. When he was exalted he was particularly and peculiarly impressed with the ceremony, and that impression was not eradicated to the present day. It was in reality the Master Masons' Degree completed, and he could say that the fact of his being exalted had led him to look oftener into the grand old Book than he did before. He was not ashamed to confess that, and he could place his hand upon his heart and say, it was a fact that Masonry had not done him harm, but, on the contrary, had done him good. It had brought him into contact with men whom he would never have known, and those whom he was always glad to see. Royal Arch Masonry had done for him that which he hoped it would do. He was glad to find the chapter flourishing, and that there were men coming on who would fill the offices with honour and add lustre to it. What he had done had been for love of the chapter, and Royal Arch Masonry, and he had been well repaid. He should prize the jewel as conveying good wishes from every member, and hoped the wish of the M.E.Z. would be realised, and that he would live for many years to be a member of the chapter. Although he had passed the chair, the interest of the chapter would not be lost sight of, for he would do all he could to promote it. He thanked them for the manner in which he had been received during his year, and he hoped the M.E.Z. would have as pleasant a time of office as he had had.

"The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms by the M.E.Z., and ably responded to by Comps. Goffin, Merritt, and Haslett.

Comp. C. Greenwood, H., in responding to the toast of "H. and J.," said the companions had listened to such eloquent speeches, that any words falling from his lips would be "flat, stale, and unprofitable." His feelings were those of thankfulness. He had filled various offices in that chapter, and in whatever position he found himself he would endeavour to do his duty to the best of his ability, and emulate those who had gone before. He considered it a high honour to hold his present position, and hoped that at the end of the year he should have earned their approbation.

Comp. W. J. Collens, J., in a humorous speech, also replied.

Comp. McDougall, P.Z., replied for "The P.Z.'s," after which "The Officers" was given.

Comp. Weeks, Treas., assured the M.E.Z. and companions, in reply, of his intention to continue to exert his interests for the benefit of the chapter.

Comp. Radcliffe, P.S., said he deemed it a high honour to be connected with that chapter. Whatever humble abilities were invested in him were the property of the chapter, and would be devoted to its best interests. The Janitor's toast closed a pleasant evening.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present: Comps. G. W. Knight, M.E.Z.; H. Dickey, H.; T. C. Edmonds, J.; J. C. Smith, I.P.Z.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., S.E.; G. Mordey, acting S.N.; F. Silvester, P.S.; Little, D.C.; B. Kauffman, Stwd.; R. Whiting, Janitor; Hawtre, Sadler, Green, Coste, Hosegood, Price, and others.

Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. There being no exalte, the M.E.Z. closed the chapter, and, with the companions, adjourned to supper.

After the usual loyal toasts, the companions joined the M.E.Z. in spending an harmonious evening. Comp. J. C. Smith, P.Z., presided at the pianoforte.

The M.E.Z. proposed the toasts of "The Principals, H. and J.," "The Past P.Z.'s," and "The Officers, &c."

Comp. Kauffman, Stwd., thanked the companions for their liberality in supporting his list (he acting as Steward for the chapter for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), hoping the absent members would be as liberal as those present had been.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. T. Grumman, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Eedle, H.; W. Briant, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Oldfield, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; Benedetti, A.S.; H. Vickery, P.Z.; Acocks, H. Martin, Whitby, J. Vickery, and Addington.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Acocks personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, when Comps H. Vickery, P.Z. 1269, and J. Vickery, 1269, were admitted members, after which the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Eedle was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and the chapter was closed.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BUTLIN.—On the 2nd inst., at 80, Talfourd-road, Camberwell, the wife of the Rev. W. G. B. Butlin, B.A., of a daughter.

BAKER.—On the 9th inst., at 6, Morella-road, Wandsworth-common, S.W., the wife of Horace C. W. Baker, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

FROMM.—On the 7th inst., at Vivian House, Seven Sisters'-road, Caroline, the beloved wife of Bro. W. H. Fromm.

SNOW.—On the 5th inst., Bro. G. M. E. Snow, of Leytonstone, Essex, aged 63 years.

Mark Masonry.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held for the first time in the New Masonic Hall, on Friday, Dec. 21st, Bro. W. Moulds, P.P.G.I.G., W.M., in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., and G. Stwd. of Grand Lodge, Eng., Treas.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., acting S.W.; G. Kennedy, P.P.G.N., J.W.; J. Whiteheart, P.P.G.I.G., M.O.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., S.O.; E. West, P.M., P.G.D.C., S.D.; F. Reed, acting I.G.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Hully, 311; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes passed, grand honours were paid to Bro. Coupland. Bro. Hayes was welcomed home from his recent tour through Egypt and Malta, and returned thanks. A vote of sympathy was passed to the widow of the late Bro. H. Vallom, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Vallom, expressing the sympathy of the brethren, and their regret at her and their loss. The W.M. then wished the brethren "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year," and then the lodge was closed.

After refreshments had been partaken of, the W.M. gave the usual loyal, Grand, and Provincial toasts, and after having responded to a hearty reception of the toast of his own health, gave that of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Hayes, who, in responding, and by special request, gave an eloquent and interesting resumé of his late journey. He graphically described the incidents that occurred, some of which were most absorbing, while others were intensely comical. Armed with letters of introduction from Bro. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., and P.P.J.G.W., who is as well-known, Masonically, at Cairo, Malta, and Gibraltar, as he is in Kent, he (Bro. Hayes) visited the Bulwer Lodge, at Cairo, where he encountered Bro. Stackwood, of the Ordnance Store Corps, and several other military brethren from Woolwich. They received him with open arms, and most hospitably entertained him. Bro. Stackwood took him everywhere, and showed him everything worth seeing. He was much struck with the fact that nearly every mosque, tomb, pyramid, building, even the very ruins, bore evidences of the Craft and its emblems. At Malta he met Bro. Col. Graham, P.M. 700, and 2041, and there they met with a hearty reception, and true Masonic welcome. Wherever he went he found Masonry flourishing, and what it meant; for never had he met such true Masonic and brotherly love and welcome as he had in those distant lands.

Several other toasts followed.

GATESHEAD.—Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Monday, the 7th inst., for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M., Bro. W. F. Carmon, P.S.G.O., presided, and was supported by the following: Bros. R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M.M.; John Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; M. Corbitt, P.P.G.M.O.; John Page, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Straker Wilson, P.G.S.; Thos. Bell, P.G.D.C.; Thos. Coulson, P.P.J.G.O.; J. C. Moor, P.G.M.O.; M. H. Dodd, P.P.I. of W.; W. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Whitfield, J.W.; and W. Mures Lyon, S.W. T.I.

Bro. Robert Whitfield, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. M. Corbitt, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. Carmon, by whom the ceremony of installation was ably performed. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. F. Carmon, I.P.M.; Wm. Brown, S.W.; R. W. Klyne, J.W.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; Robert Wilson, M.O.; Wm. Richardson, S.O.; Alf. Simpson, J.O.; J. A. Armstrong, R. of M.; Thos. R. Short, Sec.; Thos. R. Jobson, S.D.; A. Dodds, J.D.; M. Corbitt, P.M., D. of C.; R. Curry Tate, I.G.; F. A. Black and C. P. Laidler, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. The Dep. Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M., expressed the regret of the Prov. G.M.M., Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., at being unable to be present from indisposition, but added that he was pleased in being able to say that their much-loved Prov. Grand Master was progressing favourably, and it was hoped he would soon be convalescent. A motion was carried unanimously expressing the sorrow of the brethren at the illness of the Prov. Grand Master, and expressing the hope that by the blessing of the G.O. of the Universe he might soon be restored to his wonted health.

After other business had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the annual festival was held, the proceedings being presided over by Bro. Robert Whitfield, W.M.

There was a full attendance of brethren at the banquet, and the after proceedings were quite enjoyable, the usual Masonic toasts being interspersed with the harmony of Bros. Ferry, Robert Wilson, J. A. Armstrong, A. Simpson, T. R. Jobson, and others.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SHADWELL CLERKE CHAPTER (No. 105).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present E. and P. Bro. H. H. Shirley, M.W.S.; Ill. Bros. H. Lovegrove, 30°, Prelate; John Read, 30°, Recorder; E. and P. Bros. W. A. Scurrah, 18°, 1st General; W. R. Palmer, 18°, 2nd General; N. Goodchild, 18°, Raphael; Edwin Storr, 18°, D.C.; E. C. Mulvey, 18°, Herald; C. J. Dunkley, 18°, Organist; G. W. Pragnell, 18°, and Felix Weiss, 18°. Visitors: Ill. Bros. Walls, 30°, and Lardner, 30°.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. E. Coffin for perfection, which proved in his favour, and that brother having received the intermediate Degrees from the Recorder, was perfected by the M.W.S., Bro. Shirley, to the 18°. Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed.

A Glasgow correspondent states that the late Bro. Sir Wm. Pearce has left property to the value of £1,200,000. After making provision for the present baronet in life rent, the remainder is to be divided between Lady Pearce and Sir William.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. J. SPRATLING, B.Sc., F.G.S., GRAND RECORDER.

As is his custom at the end of the year, the Supreme Grand Ruler of this Order, M.W. Bro. Dr. Zacharie, invited a large number of the brethren of the Order to see the Old Year out and the New Year in at his house, and in American fashion. More than a hundred guests had accepted his hospitable and courteous invitation, but the almost impassable fog prevented very many from being present.

The G.S.R. and the brethren had taken advantage of this re-union to present to Bro. W. J. Spratling, Grand Recorder, a piece of plate as a testimony of their appreciation of the services he has rendered to the Order, and Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and Philbrick had promised to be present for this purpose. The fog having completely forbidden their arrival, the presentation was made by the S.G.R., who, in very complimentary language, referred to the absence of many of those he had expected to see, to the growth of the Order, to the hold this rehabilitation of the old and genuine principles of Freemasonry had taken among the brethren of the Craft, and to the excellent and unwearied services of the brother in whose honour they were met. He then, in the name of the subscribers, numbering more than a hundred, presented a handsome epergne, valued at sixty guineas, and bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to R. W. Brother W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., G. Rec., by members of the Order of the Secret Monitor, in recognition of his zeal and ability in promoting its organisation in the United Kingdom.—December, 1888." He wished him long life and much happiness in the use of it, and trusted that his interest in, and services to, the Order would continue, and, if possible, increase from year to year, and that he would soon see the Order established on so firm and sure a footing that nothing could shake or remove it.

In thanking the G.S.R. and the subscribers generally, Bro. SPRATLING said: It is difficult in presence of this company of ladies and gentlemen, and of yourself and family, G.S.R., to speak without visible emotion. In thanking you all for this beautiful manifestation of your appreciation of the services I have been able to render to yourselves and to our excellent and much prized Order, believe me when I first undertook, at the request of the G.S.R., the Recorder-ship, I little dreamt that before two years had passed over our heads we should have numbered nearly 400 members; and when I look ahead a few years and foresee that these hundreds will have become thousands, it is with feelings of dismay, and of my own inefficiency for the office. Yet, believe me, I shall endeavour to do my best, and I take this handsome present less as a reward for what I have been able to do heretofore than as an encouragement to me to go on, and do even better in the future. The balance-sheet, laid before Grand Council recently, shows the Order to be in a healthy condition financially, and so long as the present steady flow of brethren, who in their respective lodges and districts are the cream of the Craft, shall continue, this Order will go forward and prosper, filling, as it is acknowledged to do, a want, hitherto unsupplied, among us. In the presence of ladies I am not allowed to give further details, and, indeed, if I were, I am reminded that this is not the purpose of the present meeting or of the present speech. Allow me then to say, from an overflowing heart, that I thank you, G.S.R., most cordially for the kind words you have been pleased to address to me, and you all, ladies and gentlemen, for the kindness which has prompted you to give this shape to your mark of appreciation. I trust that the G.S.R. of All may give us all a Happy New Year and much enjoyment during its course.

Egypt.

ALEXANDRIA.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 707, S.C.).—The installation meeting and annual banquet was held on Dec. 17th, in the Masonic Hall, Okella Katib Pasha. Bro. Westrick, R.W.M., presided. After the minutes had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Marsden, which proving unanimous, he was initiated. Bro. Dickson, J.P.M., having taken the chair, Bro. Quartermaster Sergt. J. Nicklen, R.E., was presented as the R.W. Master, and in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters was installed into the chair. The admirable working of the Installing Master and the earnest and practical words of the new R.W.M. left nothing wanting to make the ceremonies complete. Among those present at the Board of Installed Masters might be noted Bros. Capt. St. Clair, P.M. 2074, E.C., P.P.G.R. Hants and Isle of Wight; F. Warwick, P.M.; H. F. Dickson, P.M.; Sergt.-Major Hathaway, P.M. 1157, E.C.; and J. Towrest, W.M. 1157, E.C.

There was a goodly number of visitors present, as may be testified by the following lodges being represented: Zetland, 1157; Independence, 721; Broad Arrow, 1890; Bulwer, 1068; Sun, 106; St. Clair, 2074; Phoenix, 257; Dunheved, 789, E.C.; Dublin Garrison, 730, I.C.; Egypt, 290; A. and A. Scottish; Supreme Grand Cou. de France; Nuova Pompeio (Italian); Stella di Assandria (Egyptian); and Phoenix L. Corfu (Greek).

The R.W.M. invested the officers who had been elected to the various offices as follows: Bros. Louth, D.M.; Barlow, S.M.; Williams, S.W.; Kerr, J.W.; Bell, S.D.; Blather, J.D.; Sergt.-Major Bird, R.A., Sec.; H. F. Dickson, Treas.; Greatreax, I.G.; Farrall, Stwd.; Sidki Bey, D.C.; and Figari, Org. A resolution thanking the Installing Master for his excellent services having been adopted and "Hearty good wishes" presented, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Hotel Abbat, to partake of a splendid and sumptuous banquet, served by its far-famed host.

The R.W.M. presided, supported by most of the visitors and members of the lodge. At the clearing of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including "The Queen," "The Khedive," "The G.M. of Scotland," and "The Sister G.L.s."

The I.P.M., in responding to the toast of his health, thanked the members for their support during the past year, and assured them he should still continue to interest

himself in the lodge's welfare. The lodge was shown to be, financially and numerically, healthy, and he hoped it would not suffer from lack of interest, and he was led to believe that in the hands of their R.W.M. the lodge was in no danger, but would enjoy a pleasant and prosperous year.

"The Health of the R.W. Master" having been proposed,

Bro. Nicklen replied, and, while expressing his thanks to the brethren for the honour they had conferred, and his thorough appreciation of their goodwill, said that as he had found the lodge in so flourishing a condition, it would be his great endeavour to prevent its falling into decay. He assured them he would do his utmost to render it still a growing and prosperous lodge; but he felt that as much depended on the assistance rendered by the members themselves as upon his own personal efforts; and that much as he might wish, and as thoroughly as he might strive, without their co-operation and help, their work would be a failure.

Bros. St. Clair, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Hants and Isle of Wight, and Rev. J. K. Lethbridge, P.P.G. Chap. for Cornwall and for Malta, in returning thanks for "The Visitors," expressed themselves thoroughly pleased with the admirable working they had seen and the very great pleasure they experienced at being able to join in such a homely and enjoyable gathering and entertainment while so far from home. They wished the lodge a successful year.

In proposing "The Past Masters of the Lodge," the R.W. Master said they were only a few in number, the lodge having only being in existence a little over three years, but they were all able brethren and would, he was sure, render him all the help their past experience and knowledge of the Craft could afford. He regretted very much the compulsory absence of the father of the lodge, Bro. J. S. Morfitt, P.M., and felt sure that his thoughts were at that time with them.

Bro. Dickson, P.M., Treas., responded, assuring the R.W.M. of their continued interest, and promising in the future all the counsel and help they had at their command.

The harmony usually prevailing at social meetings of the Craft when assembled to strengthen the mystic tie was conspicuous throughout the entertainment. A very pleasant evening was spent, the Masonic toasts being interspersed with songs and recitations, given in thoroughly good style by Bros. Warwick, Sergt.-Major Williams, Royal Irish Rifles; Wakefield, Medical Staff; and Sergt.-Major Hathaway, O.S.C.; proving that there was no lack of talent among the brethren. Bro. Figari, Org., presided at the pianoforte.

The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close, all present joining in the wish that the lodge may have before it a year full of success and prosperity.

THE POET BURNS.

Brother Allan Mackenzie, the excellent Historian of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, in replying in the *Freemason* of December 15th, to my communication as to the Poet Burns having held the office of Poet Laureate of that lodge, is pleased to state that there is "apparent truth" in "some" of my "assertions." These "assertions" were made after careful enquiry, and they are to the best of my belief correct. If they are only apparently truthful, Brother Mackenzie, with his full knowledge, and his facilities of access to the lodge's records and documents, could have had little difficulty in exposing my errors, if any existed; but he has not done so.

It is in vain for my respected brother to speak of the "repeated testimony recorded in the minutes and other documents" of his lodge. There is no such testimony of a *contemporaneous* character. The subject is not mentioned until the year 1815, 28 years after the alleged event. Indeed, the propounders of the theory, in 1846, alleged that of set purpose, and after mature deliberation, and acting on the advice of competent advisers, it was resolved to suppress all record of the occurrence!

On the death of Burns, his brother Gilbert, and many of his more intimate friends, wrote sketches of his life, as illustrated by their association with him. Among others who did so was Professor Dougald Stewart of Edinburgh, one of the most eminent men of his day. The Professor's intimacy with Burns extended only from October, 1786, until the end of the winter of 1787. The Professor is said to have been present in the Canongate Lodge at the alleged "Inauguration." He met Burns in the Farbolton Lodge at one of its ordinary meetings, and he describes with some minuteness the trifling occurrences at that small meeting. But he says nothing of the grand Masonic gathering of eminent Scotsmen, of which he was one, who are said to have assembled in the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge on the 1st March, 1787, and to have then installed Burns into the office of its Poet Laureate! It is impossible to believe that the Professor, then in the prime of life, could have forgotten that striking scene, which the reviewers of Bro. Marshall's work describe as having "brought the Bard of Ayr into view in one of the few situations in which, during his own lifetime, his genius was duly acknowledged;" . . . "surrounded as he was by the illustrious, the lordly, the élite, the joyously witty, and the rampant convivals of the *Auld Reekie* [Edinburgh] of the time, all assembled in the picturesque Hall, historically famous for music, song, and boisterous merriment—the Can. Kil.;" and yet we are asked to believe that this tragic scene occurred, and that all record of it was purposely suppressed by its promoters! This is truly a desperate apology!

The initiation and election of Bro. the Honourable Henry Erskine as R.W.M. of the lodge has nothing to do with this question; but if Bro. Mackenzie desires to ascertain the date of that distinguished brother's initiation, he will find it given at page 240 of his own History.

As regards the picture of the installation, Bro. Murray Lyon, in 1873, in answer to a letter from the Secretary of the lodge, enquiring whether he intended to "discredit" the fact of Burns having been the lodge's Poet Laureate, specially asked him—"Can you show me proof that the picture in question is a representation of what actually took place?" and the Secretary replied that the work, published in 1846, entitled 'A Winter with Robert Burns,' gives a faithful exposition of the picture of Burns' Inauguration as Poet Laureate. Therefore, if "A Winter with Burns" gives a faithful "exposition" of the picture, the picture gives a faithful "representation" of what actually took place. Besides, a photograph of the picture is inserted in the history, along with a key map to the individuals whose

portraits are portrayed in the picture, and beneath the photograph the following words are printed: "Inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2." I presume that Bro. Mackenzie desired his readers to understand that it was a "faithful representation" of the event? If not, why publish it as such?

As regards the minute of the 1st March, 1787, Bro. Mackenzie states that, among other business, the lodge met that evening for the purpose "of conferring a tribute of respect on Burns. In the course of the evening, the R.W. Master conferred upon him the title of Poet Laureate of the Lodge, and the minute is signed by the Master," &c. I submit that anyone reading these words would infer that the minute of that meeting instructed the author's statement. But there is no such statement in the minute! The Secretary of the lodge, in his letter to Bro. Murray Lyon, places the matter in another light. He says, writing by authority, that at the meeting of 1st March, 1787, "it is understood the inauguration took place;" and in a foot-note there is added, "The reference to 1st March, 1787, is not embraced in Lyon's History." There was no occasion for embracing such a reference. Bro. Mackenzie says there was, because a Bro. More signed the minutes both of 1st March, 1787, and 9th June, 1815. But what of that? Nothing was said in the March minute of Burns, and there is thus no connection between the two. It is worthy of observation that the Secretary of the lodge, writing on behalf of "the R.W.M. and office-bearers of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning," does not positively say that the "Inauguration" took place, but simply that it rested on an *understanding*!

We are told that Bro. William Campbell, at a meeting of the lodge on the 12th November, 1845, stated that he had "had many opportunities of giving testimony in favour of the particulars referred to, that he had travelled in company with Burns, and spent two of the most happy days with him at Auchtertyre Castle."

Whether Brother Campbell met Burns, as here stated, I have no means of knowing. Certainly he did not travel with Burns to Auchtertyre, and Burns, in his letters written from that place and elsewhere, makes no mention of this brother. As regards the "particulars" of which it is said that he had "many opportunities of giving testimony in favour of," we are not told what these were, nor when, nor where Brother Campbell gave the "testimony" he refers to. But the minute of the lodge of 12th November, 1845, quoted in the History, is given at length in "A Winter with Burns," and the words of the minute as there quoted differ from the above quotation. As given by Brother Marshall, the minute of the 12th November, 1845, reads as follows: "Brother W. C. stated that he was initiated a year or two after the Poet had left Edinburgh, yet he could vouch for the truth of what had been advanced in relation to the tradition of members a few years his seniors. He had himself spent three of the happiest days of his life in the company of Burns at Auchtertyre House during the Autumn of 1787." Tradition, as regards this matter, was thus appealed to before it could have arisen, for statements made so recently as a "year or two," do not form tradition. Brother Campbell, according to the Grand Lodge Register, joined the Craft some time between February, 1801, and April, 1802. If he travelled, as is said, with Burns in his summer tour of 1787, he must have been on terms of close personal intimacy with the Poet; and, if the honour in question had been conferred, and so recently, on the Poet, it would, I think, have been spoken of in the course of their intercourse; but this is not said.

The letter of Bro. George Simson, P.M. of the lodge, does not aid the lodge's contention. All that he says is embodied in the lodge's minute of 1815, and I admit the terms of that minute, and that, at that date, for the first time, the lodge claimed Burns as having held the office of its Poet Laureate. The question remains, was that claim founded on fact? The registration of the members of the lodge in the Register of Grand Lodge in the beginning of the present century was irregular, but I find from it that Bro. Simson joined the lodge some time between 1808 and 1815. He could not, therefore, have been present at the meeting of March, 1787, and he does not make any statement which he personally could have known. At the time Bro. Simson wrote Burns had been dead 19 years, and his name and genius had become famous throughout the world. Had the lodge on the Poet's death claimed him as its Laureate, referred to the vacancy created by that event or have otherwise noticed it, the claim that the lodge has since put forward would have been rendered probable. But on the Poet's death it took no notice of the event in any way, and it passed no expression of commiseration with his afflicted widow and young children. Nor did it take any steps towards the appointment of a successor in its Laureate'ship until after the lapse of 39 years! But in 1815 the Poet's name had become renowned, and then those at the head of the lodge's affairs stepped forward, and subscribed with a flourish of trumpets 20 guineas towards the erection of a Mausoleum to his memory, and claimed him as its Poet Laureate! It would have been much more to the lodge's credit had it sent on his death the 20 guineas to his starving family.

Bro. Mackenzie attempts to explain away the omission in his lodge's minutes of Burns' election to an office which, according to the minutes, had no existence, by asserting that "the minor office bearers receive but scant notice in the minutes of Scotch lodges, unless indeed as in the case under review, where the brother attained a high standard of fame after the event; or the reverse, as in the case of James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd." This is a queer apology! How could the framers of a lodge's minutes know whether a man was to become famous or otherwise? The minutes of the Canongate Lodge at the period in question were kept by a practising solicitor. They appear to have been kept with care and ample fulness of detail. The very minute assuming Burns a member of the lodge, illustrates this fact, for it bears evidence of careful revision, being partially erased in at least two places.

The minutes show that the lodge created and elected Hogg to the office of Poet Laureate, but there is no similar entry as regards Burns; and they further show that since Hogg's election the office has been regularly filled. Burn's fame was in 1787 much greater than that of Hogg in 1835.

Burns only on two occasions resided in Edinburgh continuously, and the dates I gave had reference to those occasions, and not to the short special visits he paid to it subsequently. Brother Marshall evidently considered Burns' residence in Edinburgh, subsequent to March, 1787, so unconnected with his Masonic life, that he does

not refer to it in his book; and limits Burns' Masonic career in Edinburgh to the winter of 1786-87.

Brother Mackenzie, however, thinks it probable that Burns visited the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning during the flying visits he refers to. I think that it is much more probable that he spent his time among his numerous friends. But the monthly meetings of the lodge were then held on the first of every month. Burns, in March, 1778, came to the city on the 10th and left it on the 15th of that month. Some time after the 9th February, 1789, he was again in Edinburgh for a few days, and he was in it again for the last time on the 6th December, 1791. His latter visit must have been short, for he was then in active duty as an Excise Officer; and "Clarinda" writes, in her Private Journal—"6th December, 1831—This day I never can forget. Parted with Burns in the year 1791, never more to meet in this world. Oh! may we meet in heaven." It is, however, not said that the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning held any meetings corresponding to these dates. If it did not, Burns could not have attended any. From all I can discover, he does not appear to have attended any Masonic meetings in Edinburgh subsequent to the winter of 1787.

Great stress is laid by the lodge on the alleged delay in contradicting Burns' alleged "Inauguration;" but it was not propounded until 1815, and then only by the Canongate Lodge itself, the members of which had an interest adverse to its contradiction. It was not until 1846—59 years after the alleged inauguration—that it was for the first time made known to the public, and then at least one of the reviewers of Marshall's "Winter with Burns" publicly doubted the story. Those at that time taking an interest in Freemasonry and in Scottish lodge history did not have access to the lodge's records, and had no means of ascertaining whether the statement made by Bro. Marshall was correct or incorrect. Every biographer of Burns, all his letters, journals, and diaries, and other documents known to the public are silent on the subject. But about 1870 Bro. Murray Lyon, for the purpose of his forthcoming "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," happened to obtain access to the records of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, and it was then for the first time seen, by an independent and able enquirer, that the pretension of the lodge, and the story of Bro. Marshall were baseless assertions. Bro. Murray Lyon's opinion on the subject having become known, prior to the publication of his history, to the lodge, the Secretary, by instructions, wrote to him enquiring if it were true that he "discredited" the lodge's connection with Burns, and assuring him that there was "ample evidence" of its existence. The "ample evidence" was not given, but certain statements were made to Bro. Murray Lyon, which he, unfortunately, without enquiry, accepted as correct. He, in consequence, inserted in his History the substance of the statements made to him.

I am glad to see that the story of the jewel alleged to have been worn by Burns, and the engraving on it, are virtually admitted incorrect. The fact that his name was engraved on a jewel in 1835 goes for nothing as evidence either that he wore it, or that he held the office which it represented.

WILLIAM OFFICER,
Past G.D. of Scotland.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their first meeting of the year at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Belchamber, C. Kempton, H. Cox, Chas. G. Hill, E. West, J. Dixon, Hugh Cotter, B. E. Blasby, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; W. Hilton, Charles Lacey, J. Newton, A. H. Tattershall, J. J. Berry, W. H. Murlis, Sam Brooks, Hugh M. Hobbs, Alex. Forsyth, Louis Stean, John Larkin, George Mickleby, Charles F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; C. H. Webb, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of two male and one widow annuitants and one male candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

An application from the widow of a deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was acceded to. The report of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., as to the purchase of roadway in front of the Institution and the question of a boundary fence was received.

The Committee considered the various petitions, which were 18 in number—six men and 12 widows—the result being that five of the men's petitions were accepted and 11 widows' petitions accepted and one deferred.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT TO THE ANNUITANTS.

The annual New Year's Entertainment, inaugurated more than 10 years ago by Bro. James Terry, to the annuitants resident in the establishment of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, was given on the premises, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when the following party of visitors were accommodated by the South-Eastern Railway Company with saloon carriages attached to the 1.9 p.m. train from Cannon-street: Bro. C. F. Hogard, V.P.; Bro. T. Hastings Miller, C.C., V.P., and the Misses Miller; Bro. Thos. Cubitt, V.P.; Bro. Hugh Cotter and the Misses Cotter; Bro. John J. Berry, V.P.; W. J. Crutch, V.P.; Bro. R. H. Halford, Mrs. Halford, and Miss Halford; Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P.; Bro. J. Newton, V.P., Mrs., and Miss Newton; Bro. Alex. Mullord and Mrs. Mullord; Bro. J. A. Farnfield; Bro. Tongue and Mrs. Tongue and daughters; Bro. Cooper; Bro. Henry Cox, V.P.; Bro. Kempton and Mrs. Kempton; Bro. Charles G. Hill, V.P., and Mrs. Hill; Bro. Tacon and Mrs. Tacon; Bro. W. W. Morgan; Mrs. Terry and the Misses Terry; Mr. and Mrs. Dury; Bro. H. Massey, Miss A. R. Massey, and Miss Charlotte Massey; Miss Edith and Miss Gertrude Smith; the Misses Crutch; Bro. Raikes and Mrs. Raikes; Bro. James E. Terry, W.M. 1064; Bro. Charles Lacey, V.P.; Bro. Cohu and Mrs. Cohu; Mrs. Edmund Terry; Miss Julia Halford; Mrs. Moss; and Mrs. Rowbottom.

There was an agreeable change in the weather shortly before noon, and, in place of the distressing and dangerous fog with which the previous week had been troubled, a comparatively bright atmosphere prevailed. The visitors arrived at the Institution shortly before two o'clock, and received a hearty greeting and New Year's good wishes from Bro. Terry, who might be said to be host on the occasion, and his energetic assistants, Bros. John Mason and John G. Stevens, and not the least prominent official of the establishment, the Matron, Miss Norris. The distribution of the presents of tea and tobacco to the lady and brother annuitants was first proceeded with, and then the Institution's bell was rung to summon all the residents whose health permitted them to leave their homes to the beautiful hall to dinner.

The customary bountiful provision was found by these duly spread, and, Dr. Strong having taken the chair, the dinner commenced, all the brethren acting as carvers and servers of the viands, and the lady visitors sitting down to the repast with the old people. The meal was, as it deserved to be, thoroughly enjoyed by those present, and the old ladies and brethren who were unable to join their friends were accommodated with their banquet at their own residences. When the dinner was concluded all the company were asked to charge their glasses for the very few toasts which always precede the interval between the morning and the evening's entertainments, and Dr. Strong having proposed "The Queen," and that toast having been duly honoured, proposed "The Founders of the Feast," in doing which he informed the company that the entertainment which was started ten years since by Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, was provided for by certain benevolent, and kind hearted, and true brethren, including those of the Province of East Lancashire, and no portion of the cost came out of the subscriptions to the Institution. One of the most delightful results of these gatherings was that it brought a large number of the same friends together year after year, and enabled them to shake hands and once more wish each other a Happy New Year.

Bro. THOS. HASTINGS MILLER replied, and expressed the gratification all the contributors to the entertainment felt at affording a few hours' enjoyment to their dear old friends, the annuitants, and also to the visitors.

The toast of "Success to the Institution," associated with the name of the matron, Miss Norris, was also proposed by Dr. Strong, who stated that every one who visited the Institution knew the debt they owed to Miss Norris for the valuable assistance she rendered towards the welfare of the residents. She devoted her whole attention and thought to them, and during her temporary holiday for a few days her first anxiety was to be back again to her "children."

Bro. TERRY, replying for Miss Norris and for the Institutions, said that at these annual gatherings a manifesto was expected from him at a later period of the afternoon, and therefore at present he should content himself with only a few remarks. With regard to the matron, they all knew how well she performed her duties, and he might say that, although he had known her some years, she certainly did not look any older. She made others happy, and he hoped she would do so for a long time to come. She was one of those who were very rare—only one or two of whom they came across in a generation. No one could discharge her duties better than Miss Norris, and the Committee of Management and the House Committee valued her highly. With respect to the Institution, as the Chairman had alluded to the circumstance of these happy meetings or festivals, some years ago he (Bro. Terry) came down to Croydon and found that the residents in the Institution did not even know each other, and he thought, as a good and true Freemason, there was nothing like having them together at a banquet. Therefore, having spoken to some kind friends on the subject, they banded themselves together and subscribed out of their own pockets for an entertainment. This had gone on from year to year, and it had grown to what they saw it that day. Of the Institution itself he could say that during the past year it had been successful. It had had the adverse circumstance of the centenary of the Girls' School, an event the result of which had startled the whole of the Masonic world, as well as the world outside Masonry. That Festival realised £50,500, and the brethren might be sure that sum could not be got together by one Institution without the other Institutions suffering. However, the Benevolent Institution had not suffered so much as the Boys' School. The brethren had no doubt seen in the daily papers that the Girls' School received £49,259 last year. The Benevolent Institution took the second place, having generally had the first for some years, and been lower only twice in ten years; they received £21,361. The Boys' Institution received only £12,293. If they took the whole together, reckoning the Girls at over £50,000, they would find that the three Institutions took nearly £85,000 in 1888. That sum was never known to have been collected till last year, and it was not likely to happen this year. But in three years' time the Benevolent Institution would celebrate its jubilee, and if the Girls' School, at its centenary, could, with the Prince of Wales in the chair, get £50,000, the brethren connected with the Benevolent Institution would not, at its jubilee, be content with £50,000; they would "pass it by as the idle wind which we regard not." He did not expect to see the centenary of this Institution, but he hoped to see its jubilee, and the centenary of the Boys. As to what the Benevolent Institution was doing, he might inform the brethren that they had 430 annuitants on their fund; 50 residents, male and female, at Croydon, but, still some apartments vacant. The amounts paid by the Institution were about £15,000 a year. Some 12 years since, the amount paid was £2800, so that in 12 years they had been able to increase the payments, by the generosity of the brethren, to £15,000. The present year would be a very eventful one, as the Institution had the largest number of candidates seeking the annuity, and there were only seven vacancies on the Widows' Fund, and 11 on the Male. That was a bad look out for those seeking admission. He hoped they would have increased support, and he thanked the brethren for what they had done in the past. Bro. Terry then announced that the East Lancashire brethren were at that moment entertaining the annuitants of East Lancashire to an entertainment at Manchester similar to this one; that, besides that, they contributed yearly five guineas to this entertainment at Croydon; and that he had sent a telegram there conveying best wishes. He was sure the company all missed a brother who always contributed and came to these festivals—Bro. Edgar Bowyer. They all regretted they had lost him; but he (Bro. Terry) had sent a telegram to Mrs. Bowyer.

Later in the day, replies were received to these telegrams as follows:

"From Mrs. Bowyer.—Just received telegram. Many thanks to all. Wish everyone a pleasant evening and happy New Year."

"From Jefferis, Manchester.—Annuitants and friends reciprocate your kind wishes. Prosit neujahr."

The brethren who had assisted at the dinner subsequently had a repast of their own, at which Bro. John Newton, as Chairman of the House Committee, presided, Bro. Terry taking the vice-chair, and, at the conclusion of the dinner, the CHAIRMAN proposed the usual toast of "Success to the Institution," the toast which produces Bro. Terry's annual manifesto.

Bro. TERRY, in reply, said he was exceedingly indebted to Bro. Newton for proposing the toast of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—an Institution he was certain everyone around the table always had taken the deepest interest in. When he looked round and saw 14 or 15 members of the Committee of Management and three of the House Committee there, he saw an evidence of all of them taking a deep interest in the Institution. Come next June, he should have been 25 years connected with it. Contrasting it now with what it was a quarter of a century ago, the difference was remarkable. Twenty-five years ago they had between 60 and 70 annuitants. The men were then receiving £26 a year and the widows £25, and the payments did not reach anything like £1800 a year. The utmost amount they received from any Festival up to that period was a sum of about £2400. The Festival of 1888 produced £15,200, and they paid in annuities alone no less an amount than £14,860. They had 430 annuitants, the men receiving £40 a year each, and the widows £32. Twenty-five years ago that Institution was scarcely known. Not one of the brethren who had acted as Stewards had come down to visit it as a body, the residents scarcely knew each other, and the room the brethren were then assembled in (the Committee room) was only half its present size, and, instead of being used for the purpose for which it was built, the recreation and enjoyment of the annuitants, was a store room for lumber; in fact, the paper was hanging from the walls and the ceilings. Now there was not a prettier room in Croydon. The annuitants now met in it once a week, and enjoyed music and each other's society. The money for the alterations did not come out of the funds of the Institution, but was raised through the medium of two bodies of brethren who met there—one called the House of Lords and the other the House of Commons, from the rooms they met in. There was a great competition between these two Houses in raising the money. Having watched the Institution for 25 years, he knew full well the change that had taken place in the happiness and comfort of all the annuitants there, and he hoped this would continue as long as the Institution lasted. The prospects of the Institution in the future were rather encouraging. This time last year they had 194 Stewards for their festival; to-day they had 220; but there was this to be said of last year—that out of the 194 Stewards two of them (Bro. McKay, of Cumberland and Westmorland, and Bro. Thompson, of Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed) promised to bring in 1000 guineas each. He did not know that at present any Steward out of the 220 for this next Festival had promised to do the same. They had, however, 30 Stewards for East Lancashire last year, who had promised and they brought in £2900, so that from those three sources alone there was a total of £5000 at the Festival of 1888. He hoped all the Stewards were working zealously; he knew many of them were. On Thursday he would be at Northampton, the Grand Master of which province (the Earl of Euston) was going to preside at the Festival for 1889. The Chairman would be supported by many brethren of his province. The Earl of Euston was going to visit the Institution on the 18th, accompanied by several noble brethren, as he wished to go over the Institution and see what was being done. He would come down by the 12.18 p.m. train, have a little lunch, and return to town so as to attend a meeting of the Stewards at 4 o'clock. Going to the work which had been done, and the raising of subscriptions, Bro. Terry said no doubt it entailed a great deal of work; but it was something to be able to say that during ten years past the youngest of the three Institutions had, with two exceptions, been the highest on the list each year in obtaining money. It was very pleasing to visit the Boys' and the Girls' Institutions, for there could be seen at one glance the children assembled in a large room. It was different with their Benevolent Institution, because a person would have to travel the length and breadth of the kingdom to see the annuitants. But he ventured to say this Institution was doing an equal amount of good with the educational Institutions. Every comfort was provided for the annuitants in the building at Croydon; house-rent free, coals, gas, and everything found for them in the shape of such expenses; their money brought to their rooms as regularly as the quarter came round, always paid to date, so that they might not go in debt; they had the care and attention of the medical officer. At the table that day there had been three or four over 80 years of age, a great number between 70 and 80, and many between 60 and 70. This being what the Institution had done, and was doing, he hoped it would always commend itself to the favourable consideration of the Craft at large; and that whatever they did for the other Institutions, there would always be a shot in the locker left for the Benevolent. These poor people needed all the help, sympathy, and support that could be given them. As the boys and girls were getting every year more capable of helping themselves, those old people were becoming less and less capable of taking care of themselves. The coming year he had already pointed out would be a trying one; 142 candidates and 18 vacancies. The Institution could not be expected to increase the number of its annuitants; they had already to draw out cash at call to meet payments, and they had a balance of £1500 or £1600 at the bank to commence the year with. Whatever the result of the Festival might be, he hoped it would enable the Committee to determine what to do in the future, and he trusted they would be able to see their way to increase the annuitants. Bro. Terry concluded by thanking the founders of the feast, the brethren and ladies for attending, and for their kind recognition of his services.

Some other complimentary toasts followed, and the room was prepared for the evening entertainment. When the company assembled after tea, a musical evening was provided under the direction of Bro. Robert De Lacy (St.

Paul's Cathedral), who was assisted by Bro. Edward Dalzell (Westminster Abbey), Bro. Alfred Kenningham (St. Paul's), and Bro. Schartau (Westminster Abbey), Miss Jessie Terry, Miss Strong, Miss Cotter, and Miss Owen also added some choice vocal and instrumental performances, and Bro. Barnard gave some amusing recitations, and the whole proceedings passed off most happily and satisfactorily. After a hearty farewell to the annuitants, the visitors returned to town by the 10.36 p.m. train on the South-Eastern.

GIRLS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual entertainment to the pupils who spend the Christmas vacation in the Institution on Battersea-rise was given on Monday last. There were a large number of friends and patrons of the Institution present, among whom were the following: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Lieut. Col. McCullum, W. Palmer, J. W. Stransom, C. Cooke, Thos. Fenn, Thos. Kingston, W. Roebuck, G. Mickley, Louis Hersch, P. S. Buck, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, C. Stevens, H. E. Lloyd, H. Hinson, E. Hinson, L. Stransom, A. Dicketts, H. W. Massey, W. T. Massey, F. C. Gates and Mrs. Gates, Miss Nelly Massey, Miss Williams, Mrs. D. Richardson, Miss Sykes, Miss Bingham, Mrs. J. F. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Hooper and family, Miss Kingston, Mrs. Hopkinson, Mrs. Colborne, Master R. T. Dicketts, and Master S. P. Dicketts.

At half-past five the visitors were shown into the room set apart for tea and coffee. After regaling themselves, an adjournment into the school room was made, when Professor Lenton, aided by a gentleman, gave what was called in the programme "Thought-reading, Ventriloquism, and Conjuring." The children looked in wonder at the various tricks the Professor performed, and evidently believed for the time in magic. The "thought-reading" must have cost both the Professor and his assistant much time, and was very successful. The conjuring chiefly consisted of the old tricks of growing flowers, changing the places of a bottle of water and a glass, and bringing yards of paper out of an apparently empty hat. At the end of this portion of the programme the Professor distributed prizes of small value to the scholars.

Dancing was the next order of the day. The visitors could but admire the correctness of the children's steps, and more than one were heard to say that great credit was due to the instructor in this respect.

It was nearly half-past eight when the musical clown (Mr. Frank Buckley) made his appearance. His witticisms were thoroughly appreciated, and deservedly so. The number of instruments this gentleman played we cannot say, but the applause he gained at the conclusion went to show that his efforts were not lost on an audience chiefly juvenile.

When the musical clown had finished, the children were marched out to supper.

At ten o'clock the National Anthem was sung in the Hall, and a short time later most of the visitors left.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., Trustee, presided, and there were present Bros. Stephen Richardson, W. Maple, James Moon, T. Hastings Miller, H. Venn, H. W. Hunt, J. H. Ebsworth, W. A. Scurrah, G. P. Britten, A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., J. S. Cumberland, W. G. Kentish, W. W. Morgan, Rev. Richard Morris, M.D., LL.D., Abbott Smith, A. E. Gladwell, J. Glass, Fred. Richards, A. Williams, G. Cooper, S.G.D., J. Rayner, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., A. M. Cohen, George Mickley, J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Geo. Lambert, W. A. Glass, and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Sec.).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the Committee considered the merits of the petitions, 19 in number, accepting 17 of them, while two were deferred.

Eight applications for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and two notices of motion for the Quarterly General Court having been handed in, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

There are now 72 candidates on the list, and this may be increased at the Quarterly Court to 74, while the number of vacancies is 17.

PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. E. ASHBY.

New Year's Day being the 50th anniversary of the birthday of Bro. E. Ashby, the very able and courteous manager of the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, it was considered by the members of the staff of that establishment to be a fitting opportunity to present Bro. Ashby with a testimonial as an evidence of the respect and esteem in which that gentleman is held by those acting under his control. This was amply evinced from the fact that everyone connected with the establishment was desirous, and actually did subscribe for that purpose, thus making the presentation so highly gratifying, and demonstrating the universal esteem and respect secured by Bro. Ashby from all.

The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, on a salver, with the following suitable inscription: "Presented to Mr. E. Ashby, on his 50th birthday, by the staff of the Ship and Turtle, as a mark of their esteem. 1st January, 1889."

The presentation was made by the senior member of the staff, who expressed the pleasure and gratification it afforded them in acknowledging, in some degree, their respect and good feeling towards Mr. Ashby for the manner he exercised his duties towards them, and, in the name of all contributing, wishing him long life, health, and prosperity for the future.

Bro. Ashby, in a few well-chosen words, and with much feeling, replied in very suitable terms, thanking the members very warmly for their handsome present, and most sincerely and heartily reciprocating their kind wishes.

Bro. E. Ashby is a member of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, also a member of the Ezra Chapter, No. 1489, and it is with pleasure we record the above gratifying testimony to the worth of Bro. Ashby, whose unvarying attention to the patrons of Messrs. Painter's Hotel is only equalled by his success.

THE MASONIC CALENDARS FOR 1889.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for the current year, which has been issued annually by our Grand Lodge for considerably more than a century for the benefit of the Charity Fund, though it does not appear to contain any new features—and it is difficult to see how an annual like this, which is published in order to meet a particular want, can be continually introducing some fresh matter into its pages—is distinguished by all those qualities of accuracy, sufficiency of information, and excellence of arrangement which have invariably characterised the Calendar issued officially by Grand Lodge. It is difficult to see how the list of Past G. Officers could be made more complete, or that of the Provincial Grand Masters, which precedes the section devoted to the distribution of the country lodges in the several provinces, but we offer it as a suggestion that what has proved so useful an addition to the Craft portion of the Calendar should be applied to the Royal Arch section and that lists of Past Grand Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter and of the Grand Superintendents of Provinces should find a place in some early edition—the former to precede the roll of Grand Officers for the year, and the latter the provincial distribution of country chapters. The two branches of Constitutional Masonry would thus be placed, as they deserve to be, on an equal footing. Nor do we think it would be too much to hope that lists of the Prov. Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland may be inserted at an early date under the Grand Lodges to which they respectively belong. These would not constitute a very formidable addition of new matter, and they would certainly be of use to brethren who have occasion for consulting authorised lists of the personnel of these Grand Lodges. As for the information which the Calendar contains, we have already had occasion to test it on several occasions, and in every instance we have found it—so far as our knowledge goes—remarkably correct. It is certainly a necessary *vade mecum* for every Craft and Arch Mason to be furnished with, and we congratulate the staff of Grand Lodge on the successful character of this year's edition.

Our old friend "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" for 1889—or briefly and more familiarly "The Cosmo"—which is now issued for the 19th consecutive year, is also a marvel of accuracy, especially when we have to take into account that it furnishes information about every recognised branch of Freemasonry at home and abroad, the only limit to its supply of matter being the extent to which the officials of foreign Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, and other bodies will furnish the desired information. However, as we believe we are justified in asserting that there is no other Masonic Calendar appealing to the members of every branch of Masonry which is in the main so accurate, and contains such a mass of valuable information in so small and convenient a compass as this same "Cosmo," it is very certain that foreign Grand Lodges already recognise most fully the desirability of forwarding regularly whatever particulars the Editor may consider it his duty to ask for. It is, so far as we know, the only Masonic calendar which, in addition, to full information about Craft and Arch Masonry, furnishes similar particulars as to the Mark, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the Order of the Temple and the Red Cross, the Allied Degrees, the Royal and Select Masters, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Rosicrucian Society, &c., at home and abroad. In the same way, it is the only Calendar which contains full lists of the lodges, chapters, and other bodies in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, of the independent Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada and other portions of the British Empire, and such leading particulars as the limits of its space will permit of Craft, Arch, Temple, and High Grade Masonry in the United States of North America. It is marvellous, indeed, how so much trustworthy information about so many different Degrees and organisations could have been compressed into so small a compass, and we have no hesitation whatever in recommending it to all Craftsmen, and especially to those who have Degrees other than those recognised by the Articles of Union, and who feel an interest in the organisation of foreign Grand Bodies as a book of reference which every year is becoming more and more indispensable.

Obituary.

BRO. G. M. E. SNOW.

General regret will be felt, especially in the Province of Kent and among the supporters of our Institutions, at the announcement of the death, on Saturday last, at the comparatively early age of 63 years, of Bro. G. M. E. Snow. Bro. Snow was a P.P.G.W. of Kent, and had played his part, as may be imagined, very successfully in lodge and chapter. But the sphere of labour in which he seems to have taken the greatest interest comprised whatever related to our Masonic Charitable Institutions, to which he was a great benefactor. Bro. Snow had qualified as a Patron of all three Charities, and had served several Stewardships for each.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Prince Henry of Battenberg as Governor and Captain General of the Isle of Wight and Governor of Carisbrooke Castle, in succession to the late Viscount Eversley.

The Aldermen of the City of London held a meeting on Monday, for the purpose of receiving the returns from the several wards with reference to the election of Common Councilmen on St. Thomas's Day. Sundry officials were also sworn in. In the evening Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead gave the usual Plow Monday banquet to the officials of the Corporation.



The installation meeting of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, took place at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 7th inst., when Bro. George Deaton was duly installed as W.M. A full report will appear in our next issue.

At the last meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, 10 guineas were voted to the Gould Testimonial Fund.

Bro. Colonel Sewell will preside on Wednesday, 16th inst., at the distribution of prizes to the members of the St. John's Swimming Club.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson (of the Needle-makers' Company) will take the chair at the forthcoming dinner in aid of the funds of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots. It will take place at the Albion on Wednesday, March 13th.

While leaving the Hôtel Métropole on the night of Colonel North's ball, Bro. Col. Sir A. Kirby sustained an accident, being thrown out of the bath-chair in which he was being carried. In consequence of this further casualty, his recovery from the accident he sustained in the hunting field some weeks since has been somewhat retarded.

Very general regret will be felt at the announcement of the death, on Sunday last, in the 85th year of her age, of Mrs. Swanborough, who was for so many years manageress of the Strand Theatre. The funeral has been arranged to take place to-day (Friday) at Brompton Cemetery at 12.30 p.m.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow is expected to leave England about the middle of next month for Wellington, in order to take over the government of New Zealand. His lordship will be accompanied by the Countess of Onslow and family.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., presided at a meeting held at St. Andrew's Hall, Newman-street, on Saturday evening last, in order to promote the candidature of Messrs. H. Farquhar and H. H. Marks to represent the East Marylebone Division in the London County Council.

A Masonic Ball will be held in the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., under the auspices of the five lodges in Leicester—Nos. 279, 523, 1391, 1560, and 2081—in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. H. Nicholson's Royal Quadrille Band has been secured for the evening, and an efficient and influential Committee of Stewards has been formed. Tickets, to include supper and light refreshments—gentlemen, 12s. 6d.; ladies, 10s. 6d. each. Particulars may be had of Bros. J. H. Marshall and J. B. Waring, honorary Secretaries, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

Bro. George Reynolds, the popular and energetic Secretary of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, was installed W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, on Tuesday evening. There was a full attendance of members, and also of visitors, and everything passed off most successfully, the congratulations to Bro. Reynolds on his accession to the chair being as hearty as they were general. We shall give a full report of the proceedings next week.

LIFE-BOAT SERVICES IN 1888.—The Royal National Life-boat Institution has, by means of its fine boats and gallant crews, done splendid work during the past year, resulting in the rescue of 617 persons from, humanly speaking as regards a majority of the cases, certain death by drowning. Besides these grand services, the life-boats were instrumental in either helping into safe waters or in saving from total destruction 25 vessels. They also conveyed to shore numerous open fishing boats overtaken by gales. In addition to the launches resulting in the saving of life or property, the life-boats were sent out 159 times in reply to distress signals, or what were believed to be such, only to find that the signals had been improperly made or that the vessels were out of danger. Rewards were also granted by the Institution in the year for rescuing 174 lives by means of shore-boats, fishing-boats, and other means, bringing up the total number of lives for the saving of which the Society has granted rewards during 1888 to 791, and to 34,034 since the establishment of the institution in 1824. Every effort is being made by the Committee to place on the coast boats possessing the best modern improvements, and help is much needed to complete this very important work. A large number of the Society's 293 boats has already been "improved" or replaced by others of the new type, much to the satisfaction of the life-boat crews, but many more new boats must yet be built to make the service perfectly efficient, and the "ways and means" for the purpose should certainly be forthcoming from the British public. All wishing success to such a noble work and desiring to assist in it, should contribute. Subscriptions and donations will be gladly received by all bankers, the Honorary Secretaries of the different branches, and by Charles Dibdin, Esq., Secretary of the Institution, 14, John-street, Adelphi, London.

I notice that champagnes are labelled first quality and extra quality, as the evening papers are called "special" and "extra special," or "extry special" as the boys prefer to call it. I suppose if the champagne were described as first and second quality, no one would buy the "second." Yet we are asked, "What's in a name?"—"Dogberry," in the *City Press*.

"Sweet Lavender" reaches its 300th performance at Terry's Theatre to-day (Friday).

The Electric Light in its vast superiority to gas and all other forms of artificial light, is an apt illustration of the position which "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy" maintains in comparison with all other Liqueurs, in its perfection of rich fruity flavour. Comforting in cold weather. Sold everywhere. Be sure and ask for Grant's. T. Grant and Sons, Maidstone. Makers also of the non-alcoholic wine "Morella," and of the delicious "Morella Marmalade." Sold by Grocers.

The third annual ball of the Joppa Lodge, 188, will be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Tuesday evening, February 19th.

At Padstow, on the 2nd inst., the foundation-stone of an obelisk to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee was laid with Masonic ceremonies. The obelisk is the gift of the Rev. Samuel Paynter, a local landowner, who lives abroad. Major Prideaux Bruce Brune, W.M. of St. Petrock Lodge, laid the stone as Deputy for the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the Rev. Viscount Molesworth also took part in the ceremony. The site of the obelisk is Dennis Hill, a promontory in Padstow harbour. The erection has been designed by Messrs. Henry and John Paynter Hamilton, architects, London.

The Prince of Wales visited Lambeth Palace on Monday for the purpose of receiving an address from a deputation of working men on the subject of the Vauxhall Park, which it is proposed to purchase as a recreation ground for the poorer classes. His Royal Highness was welcomed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who introduced to him individually the members of the deputation, and, after listening to the address and returning a gracious reply, his Royal Highness returned to Marlborough House.

Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, was elected an honorary member of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, on Tuesday evening last. The proposition that the ballot be taken for such a distinction was made, at the regular lodge held last month, by Bro. John Chapman, founder and P.M., P.P.G.D., and was duly seconded by Bro. John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., both brethren alluding most appreciatively to the services rendered by Bro. Greenham in originating and managing the largest Masonic Exhibition ever held in England. The honour is very rarely conferred by the members of No. 1402, the only other two to whom the compliment has been paid being Bros. Hughan (on coming to reside in the town) and Gould (who visited the lodge immediately after the completion of his great History), so that Bro. Greenham is in good company. Bro. Hughan referred to the "Shanklin Masonic Exhibition" as a marvellous undertaking by a young member of the Craft, and assured the brethren that the projector of that most successful collection was worthy of any honour the lodge had the power to bestow! Bro. Greenham is now honorary member of No. 70, Plymouth; No. 75, Falmouth; and No. 1402, Torquay.

Clouds House, East Knoyle, Wiltshire, the residence of the Hon. Percy Wyndham, which had been recently erected at a cost of £100,000, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning last, several of the inmates, among whom were Lady Elcho and two children, experiencing great difficulty in escaping. Bro. Lord Stalbridge, whose residence is close by, was early on the spot and rendered valuable help in the work of rescue. The loss is believed to be covered by insurance.

On Saturday afternoon last, Bro. Earl Granville, as President of the Dover School of Art, distributed the prizes to the successful pupils, and then delivered a highly interesting address on the subject of art, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded his lordship for his kindness.

The current number of the *Practical Teacher* contains the first part of an article on drawing, from the hand of Bro. Charlie Woods, 1869, Asst. Soj. elect 1275.

Bro. Andrew Middlemass, P.M. 1329, P.Z. 176, &c., an active Camberwell politician, a vestryman, and a member of the Metropolitan Board of Works, died on Sunday last, after a short illness.

We are informed that Bro. F. Adlard, who for many years has taken an active part in Masonry, and who has been a diligent supporter of our Charitable Institutions, has retired from business in consequence of bad health and impaired eyesight. Bro. Adlard has fairly earned his right to surrender the cares of business into other hands, and we sincerely hope that, in the quieter world in which he will now move, he will regain much of his former health and strength.

The accounts as to the condition of the Earl of Warwick are very unfavourable, and Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., the eldest son of the noble Earl, has arrived at Warwick Castle.

The will of the late Bro. John Chase Craddock, Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, of Queen's-road, Peckham, and of the firm of Whitmore and Craddock, 16, Bishops-gate-street, City, who died on the 2nd ult., has been declared at £1626 10s. 10d.

The Olympic Theatre has been leased by Mr. Valentine Smith from January 26th for a season of Grand Opera in English. "Maritana" will probably be the production, with Mr. Smith in his well-known impersonation of Don César de Bazan. Mr. Smith has under consideration an opera which has not yet been heard in England, but which he hopes to produce during the season.

The matinées of "Oliver Twist," at the Royal Princess's Theatre, have been abandoned in consequence of the alarming illness of Miss Grace Hawthorne. Should Miss Hawthorne recover her health in time, she will appear during Wilson Barrett's engagement, in "Now-a-Days," at daily matinées, with Mr. Barrett. At present Miss Hawthorne lies at her residence, in Weymouth-street, in a critical and prostrate condition.

The Australian Eucalyptus, or Vegetable Tooth Paste, is pleasant to use and aromatic in its flavour, while at the same time its action on the teeth and gums is decidedly beneficial. A sample can be had of Mr. A. Vickers, 152, Carlton-road, Gospel Oak, N.W., and we can strongly recommend our readers to make a trial of its properties.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all outward complaints a desperate effort should be made to at once remove these annoying infirmities, and of establishing a cure. The remarkable remedies discovered by Professor Holloway will satisfactorily accomplish this desirable result, without any of those dangers or drawbacks which attend the old method of treating ulcerative inflammations, scrofulous affections, and scorbutic eruptions. The most timid invalids may use both the Ointment and Pills with the utmost safety with certain success, provided a moderate attention be bestowed on their accompanying "directions." Both the preparations soothe, heal, and purify. The one assists the other materially in effecting cures and renewing strength by helping exhausted nature just when she needs succour.

The members of Lodge Unanimity, No. 102, gave an invitation ball on the 2nd inst., at the Assembly Rooms, King's Arms Hotel, at which there were about 120 present. Dancing commenced shortly before 8 p.m., and was kept up until after 3 a.m., to the strains of Howlett's band. The ball-room was tastfully decorated by Messrs. Holborn, of Norwich.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., J.P., will take the chair at the "Christmas" election of the Asylum for Fatherless Children on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Twenty children (twelve boys and eight girls) are then to be elected.

Mr. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, has contributed a very interesting article to the Christmas Number of the *Freemason*, upon an ancient MS. of Old Charges referring to the Masonic Order, recently presented by Bro. J. W. Cocking, in whose family the scroll had been for some generations, to the Masonic Library and Museum founded by the Province of West Yorkshire. The roll is composed of three strips of parchment, of over six inches in breadth, the length being six and a half feet. The caligraphy is better than in many MSS. of the same period, and it is considered at least two hundred years old. The MS. consists of 280 lines, apparently written at different times by the same scribe. Mr. Hughan, in reviewing the curious document, points out that it contains additions and alterations to be found in no other copy of the "Old Charges" known. A transcript of this ancient MS. is appended to the article, which will be read with much interest by all members of the Craft.—*Torquay Times*.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1889." (London: George Kenning, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields.)—In a leather-bound, gilt-edge pocket-book of convenient size, running to upwards of 300 pages, is contained a mass of information on the Masonic bodies throughout the world. It forms, in fact, a most comprehensive Masonic book of reference, and to Freemasons of whatever rank will be found invaluable. As a diary it is not so useful, and for others than Freemasons it has, of course, no interest. It is published at 2s.—*The Western Times*.

A Masonic ball will be held at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park, S.E., on Wednesday next, the 16th inst., under the auspices of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, and the Henley Lodge, No. 1472. A dispensation has been granted to wear Craft clothing, and the proceeds, after defraying all the expenses, will be devoted to the Masonic Charities. Tickets—double, lady and gentleman, 15s.; single, lady, 7s. 6d., gentleman, 10s. 6d. Full particulars of Bro. George Hughes, Hon. Secretary, 11, Argyle-road, Leytonstone-road, Stratford, E.

Bro. E. B. l'Anson (Dowgate), who succeeds the late Mr. William Harvest in the Common Council of the City of London, is the son of Mr. Edward l'Anson, a former President of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He was born at Clapham, being educated at Cheltenham College, proceeding subsequently to Cambridge, where he took the degree of M.A. On leaving college, he was articled to his father, who carried on an extensive architectural practice at Lawrence Pountney-hill. Later on, he was admitted into partnership, succeeding to the sole practice on the death of his father, a few years since. Bro. l'Anson, who is a Fellow of both the Architects' and Surveyors' Institutes, holds appointments in connection with several public bodies. He is a liveryman of the Merchant Taylors' Company. Bro. l'Anson was initiated in the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, and is also a member of the Bayard Chapter (Rose Croix), No. 71.

Bro. George Samuel Elliott is a candidate for the County Council for the South Islington Division. Bro. Elliott has made his mark in various boards connected with the locality, and would bring knowledge of affairs and business experience that we believe would be valuable to the constituency.

We have had submitted to us a very ingenious book-marker, which, we believe, will come into almost universal use when it becomes known to readers, which, in these days, means the whole population. Hitherto, so called book-markers have been more trouble than they are worth; but by a very simple arrangement the one in question becomes almost perfectly automatic, and when set to a book will mark each page right through where the reader leaves off. It is patented by Messrs. Walter Cross and Co., 62, High-street, Bloomsbury, London.

Bro. Sir J. Somers Vine, W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge (the London correspondent of the *Norwich Argus* says) proceeds forthwith to the British Dependencies on behalf of the Imperial Institute, and started for India on Friday, the 4th inst., several brethren and friends giving him a hearty send-off from Charing Cross; previously to which, at the weekly Savage Club house dinner the energetic knight took the chair, surrounded by an unusual crowd of gentlemen connected with art, literature, science, and the drama—his chief (Sir Frederick Abel), Sir Saul Samuel, and several other Agents-General of the Colonies being also present. Speeches are tabooed at these gatherings, but the Secretary referred to the services Sir John had rendered to the club for some years past, and Sir John, in reply, said the club had done very much for him, and he should always have its interest at heart, whether at home or abroad—and he was going where he knew the Savages were held in high esteem. The convivial portion of the entertainment was characteristic of the meetings at the wigwag on the Thames Embankment—Bro. Charles Collette, W. H. Denny, Hamilton, Bros. Drew, Carrodus, and Jacobi, (violins), Barrett (flute), Rignold, Oswald, Nicholls, Thorndike, Cobbe, and others taking part therein. A Past Master's jewel is to be presented to Sir Somers Vine by the lodge attached to the club on his retirement from the chair of K.S. The Secretary, Bro. P. Soman, also retires from office owing to business engagements; his place being taken by Bro. John Paige. The installation of Bro. Thomas Catling as W.M., in February, promises to be a very brilliant affair.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, January 19, 1889.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
 1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
 2029, King Solomon, 81, Red Lion-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
 Manchester, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-road, S.E., at 7.
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne Hill, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 5, St. George and Corner-stone, Freemasons' Hall.
 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
 1237, Enfield, George Hotel, Enfield.
 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow.
 2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
 Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Tavern, Tottenham, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square,
 Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
 Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
 Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
 St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.
 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
 Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Rope-maker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
 Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7.
 Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
 Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

MARK LODGE.

- 44, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
 75, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1420, Earl Spencer, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park-road.
 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 7.45.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-street, Jermyn-street, W., at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
 Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 26, Castle Chapter of Harmony, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
 46, Old Union, Albion Tavern.
 171, Amity, Cannon-street Hotel.
 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

- 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

- Grand Stewards', Freemasons' Hall.
 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.

- 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.
 Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
 Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
 Londonborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
 St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
 United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 1227, Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.
 1257, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hotel.
 1365, Clapton, 191, Bishopsgate-street, E.C.
 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1963, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, at 6.30.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creation, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 Guclphi, Town Hall, Leyton, at 8.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 7.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-rd., at 8.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
 733, Westbourne, Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 834, Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.
 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18.

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 1704, Anchor, Cannon-street Hotel.
 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.M.s.), F.M.H. at 6.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.
 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
 St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
 The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.
 Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich, 8.
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.
 Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1732, King's Arms, Anderton's Hotel.
 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

- 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC MEETINGS

For the week ending Saturday, January 19, 1889.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 20, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
 37, Anchor and Hope, New Masonic Hall, Silverwell-st., Bolton.
 40, Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
 68, Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 75, Love and Honour, Masonic Hall, Church-st., Falmouth.
 88, Scientific, Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge.
 104, St. John, White Lion Hotel, Great Underbank, Stockport.
 105, Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth.
 106, Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth.
 133, Harmony, Old Grammar School, Faversham.
 151, Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight.
 189, Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, Devon.
 237, Indefatigable, Masonic Hall, Swansea.
 240, St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields.
 262, Salopian, Vaughan's Mansions, College Hill, Shrewsbury.
 292, Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 296, Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 297, Witham, Masonic Rooms, Mint-street, Lincoln.
 303, Benevolent, Masonic Hall, Teignmouth.
 313, United Friends, Victoria Hotel, Great Yarmouth.
 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.

- 339, Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 379, Honour, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 411, Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham.
 481, St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 502, Rectitude, Masonic Hall, Albert-street, Rugby.
 587, Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 589, Druids Lodge of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth.
 643, Royal, Crescent Hotel, Filey, Yorkshire.
 661, Fawcett, Masonic Hall, Seaham Harbour.
 665, Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyne Regis.
 671, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Llanelly.
 721, Independence, 27, Eastgate-row, near Chester.
 797, Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
 893, Meridian, Masonic Hall, Millbrook, Cornwall.
 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
 949, Williamson, St. Stephen's School, Monkwearmouth, Durham.
 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Abbey-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
 1069, United Brothers, Masonic Hall, Highbury-st., Portsmouth.
 1112, Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants.
 1113, Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
 1174, Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
 1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
 1237, Enfield, George Hotel, Enfield.
 1253, Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
 1302, De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax, Yorks.
 1350, Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1373, St. Hubert, Freemasons' Hall, Andover.
 1408, Stamford and Warrington, Ma. Club, Market-st., Stalybridge.
 1436, Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
 1449, Royal Military, Masonic Temple, St. Peter-st., Canterbury.
 1474, Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 1496, Trafford, Western Hotel, Moss Side, Lancashire.
 1592, Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
 1611, Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York.
 1618, Handyside, Private Rooms, Saltburn-by-Sea.
 1792, Tudor, Masonic Hall, Harborne, Staffs.
 1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.
 1885, Torridge, Market Hall, Great Torrington, Devon.
 1948, Hardman, Queen's Arms Hotel, Rawtenstall, Lancashire.
 1952, High Peak, Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith.
 1966, Fidelity and Sincerity, Masonic H., Mantle-st., Wellington.
 2034, Masefield, Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, Moseley, Worcester.

- 2197, Spencer Walpole Temperance, Masonic Hall, Douglas, I.M.
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 74, Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham, at 7.
 184, United Chatham, Ass. Ro., Old Brompton, Chatham, 7.30.
 213, Perseverance, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich.
 302, Hope, Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 315, Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 8.30.
 378, Loyal Welsh, M.H., Queen-street, Pembroke Dock, at 7.30.
 382, Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.
 429, Royal Navy, Shipwrights' Arms, Ramsgate, at 8.
 521, Truth, F.M.H., Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, at 8.
 721, Independence, Bar's Hotel, Chester.
 724, Derby, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 962, Sun and Sector, Ass. Ro., Portland-sq., Workington, at 8.
 1071, Zetland, M.H., Alexandra-square, Saltash, Cornwall, at 8.
 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, at 7.
 1221, Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds.
 1424, Brownrigg, King's Arms Hotel, Old Brompton, Kent, 7.30.
 1449, Royal Military, 38, St. Peter's-place, Canterbury, at 8.
 1536, United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.

- 1600, Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Alford, at 8.
 1643, Perseverance, M.H., Carr-street, Hebburn-on-Tyne, at 7.45.
 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, 8.
 1692, Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30.
 1776, Unity, F.M.H., 79, Commercial-road, Landport, at 7.
 1799, Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 8.
 1802, Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford, Notts.
 1804, Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
 1981, Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park-road, Norbiton, at 8.
 2134, Wilberforce, 55, Charlotte-street, Hull, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 148, Elias Ashmole, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-st., Warrington.
 154, Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 248, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham.
 495, Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 827, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Devsbury.
 1331, Aldershot Camp, Masonic Hall, Barrack-road, Aldershot.

MARK LODGES.

- 73, Meridian, Masonic Hall, Redruth, Cornwall.
 172, John O'Gaunt, Gainsborough, Lincoln.
 281, Beverlac, Masonic Rooms, Register-square, Beverley.
 302, Derby, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
 337, Streonshalh, Masonic Hall, Whitby, Yorkshire.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 213, Perseverance, 47, Giles-street, Norwich.
 223, Charity, 193, Union-street, Plymouth.
 384, St. David's, Masonic Hall, Bangor.
 402, Royal Sussex, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 414, Union, Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading.
 418, Menturia, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley, Staffs.
 432, Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
 468, Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
 551, Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
 660, Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton, Yorks.
 662, Dartmouth, Masonic Rooms, West Bromwich.
 667, Alliance, Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.