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## THE PHILADELPHIA-BOSTON QUESTION.

We notice that the rival claims of Philadelphia and Boston to be the mother-city of American Freemasonry are again to the front, and are being discussed, in some quarters, at all events, with a very considerable amount of bitterness. Except in so far as it may tend to elucidate the truth as to the establishment of the first lodges on American soil, the question is not one which materially affects us. Our Grand Lodge is on the friendliest terms with the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, both of which derive their origin from us. We naturally watch with keen interest the arguments adduced now in favour of Pennsylvania, now in favour of Massachusetts; but our American brethren, and more particularly those resident within the jurisdiction of the rival Grand Lodges, will readily understand that, except historically, it cannot materially affect us whether Boston or Philadelphia is ultimately successful in the assertion of its claims. Both have our sympathies, because the contest between them is an honourable one; and if it were in our power to determine the result by awarding the palm of merit to both, we should do so without the slightest hesitation. This, however, is quite impossible, and therefore we content ourselves with watching the progress of the controversy, only interposing from time to time a few remarks, when we think they may help to place the question more clearly before the general body of Masons. Thus the present appears to us to be a favourable opportunity for reminding those who are engaged in this argument that there are certain established facts which it is impossible for them to overlook or ignore. One of these is that the Deputation issued to Bro. DANIEL COXE as Prov. Grand Master for New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania in 1730 antedates by some three years that issued to Bro. HENRY PRICE in 1733. Another is that the ledger book (Liber B) of the St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, for the years 1731-38—for the discovery of which we are indebted to Bro. CLIFFORD MCCALLA, present Grand Master of Pennsylvania—points indisputably to the fact of there having been a lodge working in Philadelphia two years before Bro. HENRY PRICE'S patent of 1733. It may not be possible—without the production of further evidence it is unquestionably impossible—for us who are living 160 years after the circumstances in question, to prove that the St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, of 1731, was the outcome of COXE'S Deputation of the year previous. But there is nothing unreasonable in connecting these two facts together, and deducing from them the inference that the origin of American Freemasonry dates from the period 1730-31. COXE may never have done anything to promote the establishment of lodges either in Philadelphia or elsewhere in the district assigned to him by his deputation, and the St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, of 1731, may have had no warrant or charter which justified it in meeting and working as a lodge. In either case the fact remains that the lodge did meet and work some two years before anything in the shape of Grand, Provincial Grand, or private lodges was set up in Boston by virtue of PRICE'S patent. It may have dropped from the sky, or it may have crossed the Atlantic in the packet boat of those days; but no matter how or whence it came or by virtue of what authority it set itself up in Philadelphia, the production of Liber B establishes most clearly the fact of its having been very much in existence during the period to which that book refers. It matters nothing if it were a chartered lodge or not. In the days we are referring to the work of Masonry was not done with the mathematical precision of the present age, and it is absurd to apply as a test of a lodge's legitimacy a century and a half ago the rules which are now in existence. There is, however, no overcoming the fact of this lodge having been at work in Philadelphia in 1731 and for some years subsequently. This is as far as we think the evidence which has thus far been brought to light justifies us in going, and here, therefore, we bring our remarks to a close, with a reminder to those engaged in the controversy, that it is always possible to argue a case with courtesy, if not with dignity. Such a statement as that "within twenty years last past there has been a serious

attempt in Philadelphia to manufacture false history," has in it nothing in common with the spirit of Freemasonry. It disgraces him who writes it more than it injures the person or persons against whom it is written; nor, as far as we know, has there been anything in the conduct of those who support the claims of Philadelphia which would in any way justify so gross an allegation.

## THE CRAFT IN NEW ZEALAND.

We continue to receive many communications from New Zealand from which it is clear that the bitterness of feeling we have before referred to has by no means as yet calmed down. These communications represent, we might almost say, nearly every conceivable opinion on the present disorganised state of Freemasonry in the Colony, and the causes which have produced it, but though we should gladly deal with all of them, and especially with the long and elaborate letter of Bro. the Rev. W. RONALDSON—who we readily admit has expressed his views in favour of the new Grand Lodge in a temperate and kindly spirit—we can only find space to refer to one or two matters, which appear to us to be of the greatest moment.

As to the address of Bro. Sir FRED. WHITAKER, Prov. Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand under the Scotch Constitution, to the lodges under his obedience, and the appendices thereto, we have to remark that the former is temperate and firm in language, and that of the seceding Scotch lodges of this district act in the spirit which that distinguished brother has shown, there ought to be no difficulty in carrying out the secession—if secession there must be—in a just and equitable manner. The appendices show that the Prov. Grand Master has been supported in the course he has seen fit to adopt by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in cases where a majority of the lodge have seceded, but a minority of three or upwards has remained. On the other hand, the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (N.Z.) under the English Constitution, on the 16th October last, show that our Grand Lodge adheres to the Grand Registrar's ruling, *re* Article 219, namely, that such article was never intended to apply to the case of lodges retiring from a Constitution, and consequently that the minority is not competent to retain and continue working under the warrant if a majority has declared in favour of seceding. Here then we have a conflict of ruling between the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, which cannot be said to improve the already sufficiently disorganised state of the Craft in the Colony. We have also received a Return—which we are told by its compilers has been prepared "from official Returns," and is "thoroughly reliable"—showing the distribution of lodges in New Zealand on the 1st October, 1890. From this it appears that the lodges remaining faithful to the old system are 96 in number, namely, 59 English, 8 Irish, and 29 Scotch; while those which have seceded and work under the authority of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand are 52, namely, 28 English, seven Irish, and 17 Scotch. It is only fair to state, that the figures, given by Bro. the Rev. W. RONALDSON in his letter, for the 14th October, 1889—or nearly a year previous—show 92 lodges out of a total of 147 as having voted in favour of the Grand Lodge movement; 34 lodges as not having decided, and 21 lodges as being opposed to it.

However, in the midst of all this gloom, there is just one ray of light. It is good news that Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW, P.S.G.W. of England, who is Governor of the Colony, and would have been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had the brethren been practically unanimous in their desire for its establishment, has taken steps by calling a meeting of the leading Masons of the four Constitutions, with a view to putting an end to the present disordered state of the Craft. What will be the result of the Governor's action remains to be seen, but we hope it will be possible to discover a plan by which Freemasonry in this flourishing Colony can be freed from its present discord.

## TRANSACTIONS No. 2076, LONDON.

Part 3, Volume 3, "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," being the Transactions of the Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076, London, is now before me, and most gladly welcomed.

There are now three volumes completed of our Transactions, which reflect great credit on all concerned, particularly the indefatigable editor and Secretary, to whom so much of the success of this extraordinary organisation is due.

All will be delighted to greet an excellent portrait (in this part), of our beloved Brother George W. Speth, and will rejoice that, at last, he has consented thus to make himself known to the thousand and one members of our ever-increasing "Correspondence Circle." I presume we shall ere long have Bro. Robert Freke Gould in our portrait gallery, possibly very soon, for next to our esteemed Secretary, the Masonic Historian has done the most work for the lodge.

After him a few of us may be inclined to put in a claim for third place as respects our labours for the promotion of the same object. As to this point, however, we know nothing of first, second, or third positions in or for the lodge, for all of us cooperate most harmoniously for the benefit of the Craft, and certainly as regards our own welfare that has frequently to take a "back seat."

The present part is strong, Masonically and generally, artistically and historically. In fact it is one of the best issued, Bro. Rylands' most interesting paper on "A Forgotten Rival of Masonry," being the *chef-d'œuvre*. The wonder to me is how the author of this racy sketch of "The Noble Order of Bucks" has contrived to get hold of such a number of facts concerning that society. He considers that its origin was about the memorable year 1723, and that the society lasted for about a century. The single word *thoroughness* aptly expresses the character of all that Bro. Rylands has written for No. 2076, and as members we feel indebted to him for his valuable papers, which have been prepared for our benefit from time to time.

Bro. Speth leads with a thoughtful article entitled, "A Masonic Curriculum," in response to the request of the "*South Australian Freemason*," and others. Many times in the year do I get letters asking for guidance in the selection of Masonic Works, and especially what to read on the subject. For the future I shall refer my correspondents to this capital paper, which deals with the question so thoughtfully and discriminately. Beyond question it will be eagerly read by many brethren who are qualifying to be students of the Craft, and prove a veritable boon for all who seek such trusty guidance.

The particulars afforded of the decision regarding the "Peeters-Baertsvan Prize" confirm my own independent views on the matter. The prize would appear, in all fairness, to have been Bro. Gould's, for surely no one would venture to contest his claim to the premiership, as a Masonic author, during the decade concerned. On technical grounds, however, he has been passed over, and the sum of £300 divided between six brethren, one of whom is my old friend Findel, the extraordinary feature of the award being that some of the successful writers do not owe their prizes to distinctly Masonic works, and Bro. Findel is one of the lowest down in the scale, though the chief of the six!

*Better no prize than such a fiasco.*

The Grand Masters of Philadelphia and Canada visited the lodge on 4th September, 1890, M.W. Bro. MacCalla reading a paper on "Freemasonry in America," and M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson taking part in the proceedings. The admirable paper is printed in full in this part, and so is Bro. Robertson's able address on the Canadian Craft. Bro. J. P. Horner, M.W. Past Grand Master of Louisiana, also attended, with Colonel Ramsay, Dist. G.M. of Malta, and many other members of the "Correspondence Circle," the meeting being one of the best and the largest yet held.

Bro. Gould appropriately follows with a brief but appreciative "Literary portrait" of Grand Master Robertson, who is an esteemed friend of several members of the lodge. But for an accident, the actual portrait of this distinguished brother would also have appeared, but the delay in its reception by the skilful literary portrait painter unfortunately led to its omission.

The suggestive paper by Mr. Wyatt Papworth, F.R.I.B.A., on *Naynus Græcus*, is a valuable contribution to our Transactions, and though in the nature of the enquiry no positive decision can be arrived at, Mr. Papworth has most ably arranged all known dates, so as to pave the way for a more thorough examination of this historic individual than has hitherto been attempted.

The address of our dear Bro. W. M. Bywater on his installation as W.M. contains a trustworthy account of the proceedings of the lodge during the past 12 months. As regular attendant and one of its first members our esteemed Master is thoroughly competent to speak of the progress of the lodge, which he does with plenty of appreciation, and also gives us all good advice in regard to its future. It is true, as he says, that our lodge "has initiated a new condition of things, and has already been the means of supplying a much-needed incentive to Masonic enquiry and investigation."

Bro. E. Macbean's most readable and important paper on the "Formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland" was the attractive feature on the Festival day. His racy sketches of the old lodges, with records of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, will be perused with great delight by the many who value this "Elementary Historical Series," introduced by Bro. Gould. All will unite in the wish expressed by Bro. Speth, that our zealous Junior Deacon will now "devote his spare moments to carrying the history of the Grand Lodge of Scotland up to date."

The "Notes and Queries" department is rich in contributions. So much more so than heretofore that I dare not spare time even to record the names of the several articles.

Reviews and the "Chronicle" complete the part.

"St. John's Card," as usual, has a frontispiece by our artistic Past Master, Bro. W. Simpson, R.I., and a Register of the members of the lodge and brethren of the "Correspondence Circle." Thirty of the former, and 980 of the latter. Grand total 1010!

Brethren not already supplied will be glad to hear that copies may still be had of the exact reproduction of the Book of Constitutions, 1738, which is now the rarest and most valuable of all Masonic works. The cost is but half-a-guinea per copy.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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 LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 133,  
 FAVERSHAM.
 

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Bro. Speth's able paper on this lodge not only indicates what may be unearthed by diligent and careful investigation, but also shows how indifferently acquainted our ancient brethren were with the merits and claims of the then two rival Grand Lodges, or they would never have taken an Athol Warrant without knowing that they were not obtaining the "genuine article" they needed.

I do not, however, agree with Bro. Speth that in 1813 the members, then working under the "Moderns'" Warrant could have elected to stand by their "Ancient" Charter, so as thereby to obtain a higher place on the new Register, because it is very evident that the Athol Warrant was as "dead as a door nail." It had not been acted upon since 1764, and no contributions or communications had been made in reference to it to the Grand Lodge from which it emanated. The instances to which Bro. Speth incidentally alludes are not analogous.

As to the discrepancy between "Masonic Records" and the dates of removal to places of meeting, I may be permitted to state that I had to rely almost exclusively on *official*, and presumably authentic lodge lists and calendars, supplementing them (when necessary and practicable) from lodge histories and original minutes whenever they could be obtained. It is obvious that in the present instance, and in many others, lodges failed to notify their removal to the Grand Lodge, hence the Calendars are in some cases not absolutely reliable. If the Secretaries of the past century were like our good Bro. Speth, Masonic lodge history would be a pleasant and profitable pursuit.

I think Bro. Speth will find the date of the Centenary Warrant of No. 133 is 3rd May, 1879, not 1869.

JNO. LANE.

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ENGBUND was a formation of Masons about 1797, though the movement had begun much earlier, to restrict the esoteric teaching of Masonry to that of the three symbolical Degrees, to do away with the influence of the high grade mysticism, and to return to a truer representation of Masonic principles. Many able men were mixed up in the meeting—such as the Brothers Mossdorf, Schneider, Krause, Bode, Fessler, Schröder, Heldmann, etc. It is true that Fessler and Schröder divide on some points, as, the "Handbuch" fairly puts it, men do in the history of Church and State, who, though agreed on the main question, differ on subsidiary points. They called themselves at one time "Vertrauten Brüder." This system of instruction was also termed "Historische Kenntnisstufe"—historical knowledge grades—and some have said that it was a fourth grade. But that was incorrect; it was an attempt to give an intellectual, scientific, humanitarian, and cosmopolitan character to Freemasonry. Our learned Bro. J. G. Findel might, perhaps, agree that Bode's Deutscher Freimaurer Bund at Weimar in 1790 was the germ, so to say, of the idea, which was completed in the useful Verein Deutscher Freimaurer.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Christmas entertainment to those of the children of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls who did not go home for the holidays was given by the House Committee on Saturday last, at the Institution, St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, when the Chairman of the House Committee for the month, Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D. of C., presided. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, E. M. Money, H. W. Hunt, John Toone, E. Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, G. W. Garrod, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), H. Massey, and J. Stevens. Several ladies also attended, but the company was not large on account of the dreadful state of the weather. The enjoyment, however, of the party was not interfered with by this circumstance, for the House Committee exercised themselves to the utmost in making the whole entertainment thoroughly successful. They provided a beautiful tea at the arrival of the visitors, over which Miss Buck, the energetic Matron, presided, and afterwards there was a capital marionette and shadow performance, which had been procured from Whiteley, the "Universal Provider," and dancing was kept up with considerable spirit in the intervals.

The children had their twelfth cake supper with bonbons, &c., and Bro Mathews entertained the visitors at a beautifully-selected supper. The hospitality, as is usual on these occasions, was unlimited, and the visitors and children spent a most pleasant evening. The visitors were shown all the improvements and alterations in the buildings, including the beautiful new hall, which is nearly ready for opening by the Prince of Wales. The visitors, a large majority of whom had known the Institution for some years, could not fail to experience the greater comfort and convenience which the larger rooms afforded. In the course of the evening a telegram was received by the Secretary from Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., stating that he was "fog-bound," and unable to be present, but inviting the children to a *matinée* performance of "In Chancery," on Thursday, the 8th instant.

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

The annual entertainment given to the residents in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon by some of Bro Terry's numerous kindly-hearted co-workers was held as usual on Wednesday, and many brethren and ladies, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, journeyed to the old Surrey town by the South Eastern Railway 1.4 p.m. train. They were received on their arrival at the Institution by Bro. James Terry, who greeted each of them with "A Happy New Year." Bro. Dr. Strong, Hon. Surgeon to the Institution, and Bro. J. G. Stevens were also in the reception hall heartily joining in the same good wishes.

Among the visitors were the following ladies and gentlemen: Samuel Brooks, P.M. 1608, Mayor of Reigate, and Miss Brooks, Mayoress; Robert Griggs, J. A. Farnfield, Charles Frederick Hogard, Bro. and Mrs. T. Goode; Miss Chevalier, Miss Blanche Chevalier, Charles J. Perceval, Bro. A. Mullord, Master and Miss K. Mullord; George Mickleby, T. Burne, John Aldis and Miss Aldis; Bro. George K. Pugh and Mrs. Pugh; Henry Magee and Miss Magee; William H. Making and Mrs. W. P. Clark; Henry Esling, 1321, and Mrs. Esling; G. Ward Verry, Mrs. and Miss Verry; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; H. W. Massey, 160; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 609 and 1928; M. Raiker, L. Raiker, Jessie E. Terry, Kate Terry, Annie Cotter, Harriet Cotter, E. James Anning, W. H. Hubbert, C. H. Cary, Chas. Lacey, J. Wayte, T. Hastings Miller, John J. Berry, C. Kempton, Mrs. and Miss Kempton; A. Cook, Mrs. Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; C. F. Newton, Fanny A. Newton, Aida Crutch, Clara E. Clark, Mr. F. R. Colee (Life Governor); J. Newton, Vice-Patron; A. J. Berry, P.M. 1695; and W. B. Inder.

Many of the visitors brought Christmas presents for the old people, including tobacco for the old brethren, and tea for the widows, and a novelty was introduced this year by Bro. Frank Rothschild, who sent handsome briar root pipes for the male annuitants.

Dinner was served soon after two o'clock, and it consisted of the customary supply of the finest turkeys, sirloins of beef, fowls, plum puddings, and mince pies, the visiting brethren serving the annuitants. Bro. Dr. Strong presided, vice-chairs being taken by Bros. Terry, Farnfield, Perceval, and others, and at the conclusion of the meal, which appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed, the three toasts of "The Queen," "The Founders of the Feast," and "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," were proposed by Dr. Strong.

Bro. Dr. STRONG, in giving the second toast, said he might tell those who were present for the first time that this annual entertainment was provided by voluntary contributions, and was in no way supplied out of the funds of the Institution. The donors were pretty nearly the same every year, and it was one of the most pleasing parts of the entertainment that the same ladies and brethren met each other in that room year by year. On the present occasion he would associate with the toast the names of two brethren who were exceedingly well known to them—one, perhaps, not so much as the other, but he was well known in Masonry, and was now occupying the distinguished position of Mayor of Reigate, Bro. Brooks. The other brother was Bro. Mullord.

After the toast had been honoured,

Bro. BROOKS replied, and said that he and those associated with him endeavoured to do all they could for the good of those dear old people who had fought the battle of life, and who, if they had not reaped the success they had hoped to achieve, at any rate assembling there that day proved that they had earned the love, esteem, and respect of everyone with whom they had come in contact. At the opening of this New Year nothing could be more gratifying than to come to this Institution and see those old friends assembled around the social board enjoying themselves. The visitors had been there on other occasions, and they hoped to see their dear old friends and each other again and again, and to congratulate them and wish them "A Happy New Year."

Bro. MULLORD said it was very kind to couple his name with the toast. He might say it had delighted him to do all he could for the old folks. He and others considered it very much like getting a hot water bottle for themselves; they might have to come to the Institution themselves some day, and if they did they certainly should not regret anything they had done to help the old folks. Anything they could do for them in the future he could assure them they would do, as they had done in the past.

Bro. Dr. STRONG then proposed "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and said if he were to dilate on the merits of the Institution and on its working he might be accused by Bro. Terry of taking the words out of his mouth and depriving him of the power of making a speech. He (Bro. Dr. Strong) thought that would be a difficult thing to do, for Bro. Terry would be sure to find something else to say on behalf of the Institution. All who were present wished success to it. They were pleased to know that even now, notwithstanding all the financial troubles of the past year, the Masonic Benevolent Institution stood at the head of the list of the three Institutions. He said it stood at the head of the list for good reason. The Girls' School had by a small amount the largest sum, but that was because it had sold a small piece of land. The Benevolent Institution had not sold any of its land, and the amount it had received was in donations and subscriptions.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, responding to the toast, said the Chairman had remarked that this Institution was at the head of the list for the last year. The Girls' School really was ahead by £300, it having received altogether £21,700, and the Benevolent Institution £21,400. In that respect it was for the second time in 11 years in the second position among the three Institutions. But taking subscriptions and donations, the Benevolent had received the highest amount—over £15,000; the Girls' School over £13,000; and the Boys' School over £11,000. Therefore, the Benevolent stood No. 1, although it was beaten in the grand total through the sale of a strip of land, at an enormous price, which the Girls' School had had the good fortune to receive. He must, however, say that the Benevolent Institution had received £1500, part of a legacy left to it, and he believed that before two months had elapsed it would receive the balance. The Institution was doing very well as far as regarded its list of Stewards for next Festival; the number was 30 or 35 in advance of the number at this time last year, when it had no province behind its back, having only obtained the sanction of the then Lord Mayor of London to say he would preside that year. He had, however, the advantage of a very big and wealthy province to support him—the Province of Kent—whose Grand Master, the Earl Amherst, was going to preside on the 25th February next, and he had no doubt that the amount which would be then raised would be equal to any of the announcements made in the last five years. The brethren who were acting as Stewards were exerting themselves right well. One brother, who was present, had already a list of £160 or £170, and there were several Stewards who said they would make up lists larger than that. Therefore, though they might not exceed the number of Stewards, he thought the total the Stewards might bring would be quite as large, if not larger than before. With regard to the candidates for the next election, the Institution had now closed its lists, and despite the alterations which had been made, which had restricted the number of persons eligible for the benefits of the Institution, there were still 156 on the list. What the total number of vacancies would be it was impossible to say until the time for election arrived, but at the present time there was something like 25 or 26, and 156 were seeking to have the advantages of the Institution.

At this point of Bro. Terry's speech one of the annuitants was taken very ill, and had to be carried out of the room, and the proceedings at the social board were brought to a close, Bro. Terry stating after a short interval that he was pleased to inform the brethren and ladies that the annuitant referred to was, according to the doctor's statement, very much better, and that any further remarks he had to make with regard to the Institution he would make at another part of the day.

The old people afterwards enjoyed a musical entertainment, under the management of Bros. A. Mullord, P.M., and T. Goode, P.M., with Miss Blanch Chevalier as pianist, the performers being the Unity Vocal Quartette, Bro. Millward, Mr. Albert Gorsuch, Bro. Inder, Miss B. Pohler, Mr. E. Pohler, Mr. W. H. Wheeler, the Misses Chevalier, Bro. Walter Syckelmoore, Bro. Arthur Reynolds, Mrs. Arthur Reynolds, Miss C. Mullord, Bro. Pocklington, and Mr. F. Lines.

MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT TO AGED POOR.

The success that has attended previous efforts in this direction, and the general satisfaction that has been expressed by the venerable recipients of the bounty, induced the members of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, to repeat the experiment, and the last day of the old year was selected as a suitable date for the gathering, which took place at the Victoria Hall, Weston-super-Mare. The arrangements were delegated to a Committee, with Bro. G. H. Perrett as Honorary Secretary, whilst Bro. S. Sellick rendered efficient aid in arranging the musical portion of the programme. In response to the Committee's appeal, about £35 was subscribed by the brethren, and this enabled the promoters to invite nearly 300 local patriarchs to a most seasonable entertainment. The weather on Wednesday, December 31st, was most inclement for the old folk to venture out, but bearing in mind the enjoyment of previous similar gatherings, they appear to have resolved to make atmospheric drawbacks of second consideration, and upwards of 250 persons—a very large proportion of whom were verging on, whilst many had exceeded, the allotted span of three-score years and ten—lent their presence. The apartment had been decorated with much taste for the occasion, and around the platform was a display of choice plants from Brooks' Whitecross Nurseries.

Half-past six o'clock was the hour announced for the tea and prompt to time every seat was filled. Grace having been said, the "attack" commenced, and however great the slaughter, the "reserves" of Bro. E. G. Huntley were equal to the occasion, and when all had been satisfied, there still remained sufficient to have deprived a second, if smaller, army of the keenness of their appetites. The duties of the tea tables, for the most part, were discharged by the wives of the brethren, and included Mesdames W. E. Perrett, sen., G. E. Alford, W. H. Glass, T. Sellick, G. Glossop, W. B. Frampton, E. E. Baker, W. H. Webber, E. G. Lalonde, J. P. Curtis, H. Butt, J. Gregory, W. E. Perrett, jun., G. H. Perrett, R. W. Gibbs, Grey, Webb, F. Hauser, T. Cox, F. Blackmore, Misses Forty, Dart, Glass, and Leach.

Each lady on entering the room was presented with a pretty decoration, consisting of a silver Masonic device in the centre of a blue rosette, with gold tassel. The brethren of the lodge officiated as waiters, and discharged their duties in a manner that many of the professionals may well take example by.

Those who so gave their services included the W.M. of the lodge (Bro. W. E. Perrett, sen.), Bros. G. E. Alford, J. P. Capell, W. H. Glass, S. Sellick, G. Glossop, W. B. Frampton, S. E. Baker, Barker, Shanks, H. Grey, T. Cogle, F. Hauser, H. B. ffarington, E. E. Baker, E. C. Norton, E. G. Lalonde, H. Butt, Cooper, W. M. Forty, W. C. Thomas, R. J. Dart, W. H. Webb, T. Cox, S. E. Harvey, F. Blackmore, J. James, W. H. Wooler, and G. H. Perrett. The whole of the above, under a dispensation from the Prov. Grand Lodge, wore the jewels of their respective offices and Degrees, and a prettier sight it is difficult to imagine than was presented by this combined display. The repast over, preparations were made for the entertainment that was to follow. Many hands made light work, and in less than a quarter of an hour after the wants of the "latest arrivals" had been attended to, the W.M., in a few appropriate words, extended, in the name of St. Kew Lodge, a hearty welcome to all present, immediately after which the National Anthem was heartily sung, the solo being sustained by Mrs. Alford. Songs were then contributed by Bros. R. J. Dart, W. C. Thomas, S. Sellick, and Mrs. Alford, whilst recitations were given by Bros. W. H. Glass (the W.M. elect) and E. C. Norton. Then followed some extraordinary feats of legerdemain by Professor Redmond, in which he satisfactorily convinced his audience that the hand is quicker than the eye. The Professor subsequently gave an half-hour's ventriloquial entertainment, the old folks being highly amused with the antics of "Naughty Joey" and "Good Little Tommy." Miss Leach accompanied Mrs. Alford in her song, and Mr. C. T. Grinfield was the general accompanist. During the evening 18 gallons of beer were distributed among those who were not strictly pledged to total abstinence, whilst for those who belong to the temperance section of society ginger beer and lemonade were provided in unlimited quantities. A whole case of "churchwardens" were brought into requisition, and with a bountiful supply of fragrant weed, to see the veterans puff, sip, and laugh afforded the donors of the feast equal pleasure with those who attended as guests.

At 10 o'clock votes of thanks were accorded to the guests for their company, and to the ladies for their assistance, after which "Auld Lang Syne" was sung in a hearty manner, and the company dispersed, either wishing the other a happy New Year and expressing a hope that they might be spared to "come another year."

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1891.

**Masonic Notes.**

Bro. William Watson, of Leeds, has become the fortunate purchaser of the valuable copy of the "Old Charges" of the year 1687. He obtained it on behalf of the Library of the Province of West Yorkshire, so it is understood, and succeeded in securing the prize, notwithstanding so many others were after it.

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Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, will be asked to copy it, and make its contents known to the Craft through the columns of the *Freemason*. The esteemed Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire (which province now owns three most valuable Masonic MS. Constitutions) has decided to call this precious document the "William Watson MS.," out of compliment to the Honorary Librarian. This well-deserved honour will doubtless be much appreciated. The R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Prov. Grand Master, and the province are to be congratulated on this accession to their grand collection.

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We call the attention of our readers to "R.W.O.'s" letter, which appears elsewhere in our correspondence columns, on the subject of "Masters and Wardens." The decisions cited by him are apparently in conflict with each other, and it is desirable that on so important a question any difference of opinion, especially between experts, should be considered and, if possible, explained or cleared up.

The point on which the Book of Constitutions insists so strenuously in Article 130 is that no brother shall be installed in the Master's chair unless he has "served for one year the office of Master or Warden in a regular lodge warranted under the English Constitution." Not only is this point made clear by the Grand Registrar's ruling, as cited by our correspondent—which ruling, as we see, was adopted by Grand Lodge—but a careful study of Article 130 itself will show that, though the phraseology of the law may be open to question, its meaning and intent are sufficiently manifest.

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Article 130 says at the outset, "Every lodge shall annually, on the day named in the by-laws for that purpose, elect its Master by ballot from among those of its members who have served for one year the office of Master or Warden," &c. At first sight this might be understood to intend that only those brethren are eligible for the chair of Master who have completed a year's service as Master or Warden on the day the election by ballot is appointed to take place. In that case, as the interval between a brother's appointment as Warden and the day next ensuing for the election of Master is, as a rule, less than one year, it would be in direct contravention of the Book of Constitutions, Article 130, if any brother were elected Master—as very many indeed have been—after having been appointed only once a Warden. But by the light of what follows a little later on in the Article—"if they (the minutes) be confirmed, at least as relates to the election of Master, he shall be deemed to be elected"—it is evident that the act of electing a new Master is not completed until the minutes relating to it have been confirmed, by which time such Master elect will, as a rule, have completed one full year's service as a Warden.

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This, indeed, is evidently the ground on which the Grand Registrar based his ruling in the case referred to. "If," said he, "a Warden was elected W.M. 11 months after he had been a Warden, and the following month his election was confirmed, he had been 12 months a Warden and was duly elected and installed."

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The Grand Registrar even went further than this in illustration of his meaning, for he added, "if on the 19th November, 1886, he were elected, and on the 18th November, 1887, he were installed, he was properly placed in the chair." In other words—as we understand this illustration—if the by-laws of a lodge provide that it shall hold only one stated or regular meeting in the year, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed and the Master elect installed, and having appointed his officers, then if the brother appointed S.W.—who has never before served as Master or Warden—is elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the minutes twelve months afterwards, so far as they relate to his election, are confirmed, the brother so elected will be properly installed in the chair.

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So far then we have the ruling of Grand Registrar, as accepted by Grand Lodge, in favour of the brother who is elected W.M. after only 11 months' service as Warden, being properly installed in the chair, if at the regular meeting next ensuing after his election the minutes relating to his election are confirmed.

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As regards the other case quoted by our correspondent, it is impossible for us at this distance of time, and seeing that Bro. Hervey is dead, to determine the grounds on which that brother based his decision. It can hardly have been because the S.W. was invested by proxy, as the edition of the Book of Constitutions issued under his auspices as Grand Secretary, and in use at the date of his decision, contained the following clause appended to the article *re* the election of Master, &c.: "It is very desirable that a brother should be present when appointed to office." The word "desirable" would not have been used, if a brother's absence on the day of his appointment to (say) to the office of Warden were intended to shorten his term of service, and so have a disqualifying effect upon his eligibility for the chair.

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Nor do we think he can have been guided, in forming his judgment, by the fact of the brother not having completed a full year's service as Warden, and being ineligible on that ground, for the instances were as numerous then as they are now of brethren being elected to the chair after only eleven months' service as Senior or Junior Warden, and installed the following month. But whatever may have been the reasons on which Bro. Hervey based his judgment, the law as interpreted by the Grand Registrar is clear beyond all question.

**Correspondence.**

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

**WARDENS AND MASTERS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With regard to the last case cited by "A Student" in the letter which appeared in your issue of the 27th December—"A brother appointed to a Warden's chair his first office in a lodge. In this case the brother not being present was elected W.M. at the next regular period of election," I beg to refer your correspondent to the ruling of Grand Lodge on the 7th March, 1888, on a somewhat similar case.

"Bro. Philbrick, G. Reg., next brought up the appeal by Bro. Henry Alfred Michael, of the Emulation Lodge, No. 2071, Sydney, N.S.W., against a ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales declaring that Bro. Joseph James Allen, J.W., had been duly elected W.M. of the said lodge. In this case Bro. Allen, J.W., was elected W.M., and the ground of the complaining brother was that when Bro. Allen was elected and installed he had not been 12 months a Warden. Bro. Philbrick explained that if a Warden was elected W.M. 11 months after he had been a Warden, and the following month his election was confirmed, he had been 12 months a Warden according to the Constitutions, and was duly elected and installed. If, on the 19th November, 1886, he was elected, and on the 18th November, 1887, he was installed, he was properly placed in the chair. He advised the dismissal of the appeal, and the confirmation of the ruling of the District Grand Master.

"Bro. Thomas Fenn seconded the motion, and it was put by the Grand Master in the chair and carried."

A similar case to that of Bro. "A Student" happened in a lodge in 1877. The S.D. was appointed S.W. by proxy. Before the election of W.M. at the regular period in 1878, the case was sent up to the Grand Secretary, the late Bro. John Hervey, who ruled that the S.W. was not eligible for the Master's chair.

In an unanswered communication of mine on the ruling of Grand Lodge in case of the Emulation Lodge, No. 2071, Sydney, N.S.W., in the *Freemason* of 17th March, 1888, I asked the following query: "Is the decision of the Grand Lodge on the appeal of Bro. Henry Alfred Michael, of the Emulation Lodge, No. 2071, Sydney, N.S.W., declaring that Bro. J. J. Allen, J.W., had been duly elected W.M. of the said lodge in accordance with the Constitutions, Rule 130? 'Every lodge shall annually, on the day named in its by-laws for that purpose, proceed to elect its Master by ballot from among those of its members "who have served for one year the office of Master or Warden" in a regular lodge warranted under the English Constitution. The ballot shall be declared in favour of the member thus qualified who obtains the largest number of votes of the brethren present and voting.' Was Brother Allen qualified to be balloted for as W.M. in accordance with the above law when he had only been 11 months a Warden?"

Trusting that some brother will take up the ruling of Grand Lodge upon this vexed question of 12 months a Warden, and clearing it up with regard to Rule 130 of the Book of Constitution.—I remain, yours fraternally,

R. W. O.

**"OLD MASONIANS."**

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir,

I should esteem it a favour if you will kindly bring it to the notice of your many influential readers that there are several boys who have just left the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys who are anxious to obtain situations. As Hon. Secretary of the "Old Masonians" (an association of old pupils of the Boys' School), I should be glad to enter into communication with any gentlemen who can assist me in obtaining suitable situations for the lads.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

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**A QUERY.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Punch's advice to those about to be married was—"Don't;" my humble advice to "A Student," when rushing to print trivial questions not affecting his lodge, is the same—"Don't." It will be pardonable to surmise that "Student" is young in Masonry, or he would not be surprised at other lodges differing from his own.

Why a poor F.C. should be debarred from serving as Steward I cannot understand, as the barrier which "Student" thinks must be surmounted first—the M.M. Degree—would only take a month to remove. It looks as if the one on whom "the highest honour of the lodge had been bestowed" was a trifle selfish.

In answer to the second query, "Wardenship," I am afraid "Student's" stumbling block is to be found in the words, "the brother in question is of a high social

position," inferring thereby that on this account only the office of Warden was given. Brother "Student," moralise on the "level." In many cases the Warden designate is unable to be present at the installation ceremony to receive his collar, but that does not prevent his Wardenship beginning on that date. "A pretty kettle of fish" we should have otherwise, the Master's term of office would expire at a different date to that of his Wardens, so that a new Master would not be able to appoint his Wardens till the old ones had completed 12 months.—I remain, your fraternally,

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From the report, which has been so courteously forwarded to us, of the Proceedings of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, at the celebration, on the 18th October last, of the constitution of this body, it is evident that it started into existence under the most favourable auspices, that during its career it has met with an unusual share of prosperity, and that at the present time it is one of the most influential of the commanderies on the roll of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. This we gather from the highly interesting address delivered by Sir Knight Charles E. Meyer, who is the Recorder of Mary Commandery, as well as Grand Recorder of Pennsylvania. Sir Knight Meyer, indeed, was one of the first to propose the establishment of this body, and having been associated with it from the day of its consecration on Monday, the 18th October, 1869, till now, his record may be accepted as trustworthy in all particulars. As for the celebration of this particular anniversary it appears to have passed off admirably. When Sir Knight Meyer's address was concluded, Sir Knight Bruckhardt, on behalf of the Committee of the subscribers, formally presented the portrait of the late Sir Knight Robins, who also had taken part in the constitution of the commandery, and when the gift had been accepted, the commandery was closed, and the sir knights, to the number of about 500, including visitors, sat down to a grand banquet in honour of the occasion. It is, perhaps, worth mentioning that this was the commandery which during a pilgrimage to Europe in 1878, was entertained at dinner at Freemasons' Tavern by Bro. George Kenning.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Royal Jubilee Lodge (No. 72).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. E. W. Lewcock, W.M., presided. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. F. Reynolds was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Lewcock then installed Bro. W. R. Russell as W.M. for the ensuing year. The work was performed in a most creditable and impressive manner not only by the Installing Master, but also by the officers. In investing Bro. F. Dunn, P.M., as Treasurer, the W.M. said Bro. Dunn had been again unanimously elected Treasurer, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to invest him. It was Bro. Dunn who introduced him to the Royal Jubilee Lodge, and it was he who initiated him into the arts and mysteries of the Craft. He congratulated the lodge in having chosen for its Treasurer one who possessed so many Masonic virtues. He hoped Bro. Dunn would live many years to enjoy that respect which by a blameless and useful life he so well deserved. In investing Bro. A. Darch, P.M., as Secretary, the W.M. said he did not know a brother so well qualified to act as Secretary as Bro. Darch. His excellent work in the lodge in the past was a guarantee for the future. The other officers were as follows: Bro. E. W. Lewcock, I.P.M.; J. Reid, S.W.; J. Braham, J.W.; G. Horton, S.D.; C. F. Williams, J.D.; E. Weekly, I.G.; J. N. Bate, P.M., D.C.; F. H. Williams, A.D.C.; W. Smith and T. H. Fairhead, Stwds.; J. A. Barton, Org.; C. H. Randall, Asst. Sec.; and J. Rawley, Tyler. Messrs. Francis Philip Witham and Horace James Bantick were initiated by the newly-installed W.M., and after the Auditors' report had been received, the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a sumptuous banquet was served.

A large number of brethren sat down, among those accepting the hospitality of the lodge being Bros. Lynn, W.M. 217; Stratton, W.M. 753; Thomas, P.M. 753; Gill, P.M. 1641; Harding, W.M. 1585; Grummant, P.M. 1559; Voisey, P.M. 1329; Jones, P.M. 1607; Sard, 73; Harris, 162; Crabb, 749; Oldfield, W.M. 1269; Cohen, I.G. 206; Neale, 1366; Clough, 217; Herron, I.G. 206; Woodruff, 957; W. T. Massey, 160 and 1928; and Parker, 1269.

After due justice had been done to the banquet, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," and "The Dep. G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," all of which were heartily received, and duly honoured.

Bro. E. W. Lewcock, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that toast on such an occasion as the

present was certainly the most important toast of the evening. All the members of the Royal Jubilee Lodge and a large number of the visitors had had the pleasure of being in the W.M.'s company for a number of years, and during that time they could not have failed to have noticed an assiduity to do his utmost for the Craft, and with what zeal he had endeavoured to master the ritual of Freemasonry. That evening they had an opportunity of witnessing his working, and they had remarked how well he got through the business on the paper, which gave a good augury of what he would do during his year of office. They wished him every success, and he was sure every one present would heartily receive the toast.

The toast was received with enthusiasm. In reply, the Worshipful Master said it was a misfortune he could not speak what he felt. He thanked Bro. Lewcock for the kind sentiments he had expressed, and he thanked the brethren for the way they had received the toast. Before he became a Freemason he believed that there was no happiness apart from being good and doing good. Since he had become a Mason he still held the same view. He hoped that when his year of office came to an end the brethren would give him credit for doing his best. He would not detain the brethren further than wishing them every happiness and prosperity.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and the Installing Master," the W.M. said it was a most pleasing duty to perform, and one which would, he knew, be very acceptable to the brethren. He (the W.M.) did not hesitate to say that whilst they might have had Past Masters equal to him they never had one to excel him. Not only had he been an excellent Master but he was an excellent man, and if the brethren knew him as much as he did they would strive to further their acquaintance with him.

Bro. Lewcock said he felt placed in a very uncomfortable position in having to respond to such an opinion of his character as had been expounded to them by the W.M. He did not know how to express his gratitude to them for the way they had responded to it. He thanked them for the way they had always treated him, and if he had given them satisfaction in his year of office then he was satisfied. He had always tried to do his duty, to the Royal Jubilee Lodge especially, as it was his mother lodge. The happiest and best time of his life he spent in the lodge. He could not let that occasion pass by without expressing his thanks and pleasure in doing so to those officers who stood by him in his year of office. Of the present W.M. he could not speak in terms of too high praise, and as to the other officers he thanked them for that assiduity in the discharge of their duties. Once more he thanked the brethren sincerely for the kindness they had evinced towards him, and he wished them all "A Prosperous New Year."

The toast of "The Initiates" was ably proposed by the W.M.

Bro. Witham, in response, said he could assure the brethren the first ceremony he had gone through had left a lasting impression on him, and he trusted he should never cause regret to the brethren who introduced him.

Bro. Bantick also said the ceremony of initiation had impressed him very much. He hoped to become a thoroughly good and true Mason, and that he should never disgrace the ancient Order.

"The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., who said they were always pleased to see visitors in the Jubilee Lodge, and to give them a hearty welcome.

Several brethren responded. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," without whom, he said, he often thought a lodge of Masons could not keep on. As the time was getting late, he coupled with the toast the names of the Treasurer and Secretary, whose excellent work they were all acquainted with.

Bros. Dunn, P.M., Treas.; Darch, P.M., Sec.; Bate, P.M., D.C.; and Turner, P.M., responded to the toast, which was heartily received.

The toasts of "The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers," to the latter of which Bro. J. Reid, S.W., responded, were also proposed.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Bros. Barton, Org., Wright, and C. F. Williams enlivened the proceedings with some good songs, and Bro. Cohen recited in an admirable manner the speech of Mr. Sergeant Buzfuz in "Bardell v. Pickwick."

**Manchester Lodge (No. 179).**—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday, the 18th December, the W.M., Bro. Gettings, presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. Fetch, S. E. Rowbottom, and E. J. Rowbottom were raised to the Degree of M.M., also Bro. A. J. Sheriff, by desire of the W.M. of the Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353. The by-laws were then read, and the S.W., Bro. Herbert Kew, was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Walter Dickson was elected Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Gettings, for the valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, which was rendered the more agreeable by some vocal and instrumental music, which was much appreciated.

**Joppa Lodge (No. 188).**—This centenary lodge held its annual meeting for the installation of a new W.M. at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday evening. The business of the day was confined to the installation and the necessary appointments and investitures, the reception of the balance-sheet, and the report of the Benevolent Fund. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. J. Gardner, W.M., and the other officers who were present were Bros. A. Botibol, S.W.; H. Lazarus, J.W.; Israel Abrahams, P.M.; J. J. Botibol, P.M.; A. G. Dodson, P.M.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M.; C. M. Lion, P.M.; J. S. Lyon, Treas.; L. Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; G. Ansell, J.D.; A. Cohen, I.G.; H. S. Donkin, D.C.; and the Rev. S. J. Roco, Chaplain. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Sadler, G. Tyler; A. I. Myers, W.M. 185; M. Emanuel, W.M. 205; and Vandye, W.M. 1017.

The preliminary business of the lodge being disposed of, the W.M. announced that, as the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Lazarus, was the son of Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec., who had initiated the W.M. elect five years ago, Bro. Lewis Lazarus would like to perform the installation ceremony,

and there would then be in the Joppa Lodge the unique condition of affairs that a father had both initiated his son in Freemasonry and installed him as W.M. He had therefore great pleasure in acceding to Bro. Lazarus's desire to delegate to him the duty which naturally fell on his (Bro. Gardner's) shoulders. The chair was then taken by Bro. Lewis Lazarus, to whom was presented by Bro. Dodson, P.M., D.C., Bro. Henry Lazarus, J.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. Lewis Lazarus thereupon installed Bro. Henry Lazarus as Master of the lodge. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Gardner, I.P.M.; Arthur Cohen, S.W.; Garratt, J.W.; J. S. Lyon, Treas.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; Weigel, S.D.; Siegenberg, J.D.; Paul Frantz, I.G.; Donkin, D.C.; and Gaskill, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Gardner, I.P.M., delivered the addresses. The following telegram from an old friend of the new W.M. was received during the evening:

"To Harry Lazarus, Joppa Lodge,  
"Freemasons' Tavern, London.

"Hearty congratulations on this memorable day in your career on your appointment to such an exalted position, and only regret that severe indisposition prevented my being present to witness your installation. I beg all brethren present to drink on my behalf "For he's a jolly good fellow," in which I should so much like to join, as he is a good brother, son, husband, father, and friend.—SAM. KRAMRISCH."

On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by the I.P.M., and supported by Bro. Dodson, P.M., the lodge unanimously passed a vote of condolence and sympathy with the family of the late Bro. Heilburt, the oldest member of the lodge.

After some other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts followed, being interspersed by some well performed music on the violin and pianoforte by Miss Sarah Lazarus, on the violin by Miss Lillie Bernstein, G.S.M., I.M.S., and vocal and pianoforte by Mrs. R. Shaw.

Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler, replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said that although he had frequently been invited to the Lodge of Joppa, he had never been able to accept the invitation until the present occasion. The event was unique in his Masonic life of over a quarter of a century; a father who had initiated his son on that son's birthday, had installed the same son as W.M. on his birthday. The subject was one for the student of Masonic history and the archaeologist, and he felt himself privileged in having been allowed to be present when the event took place. He had very much enjoyed himself during his visit.

Bro. Gardner, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He could not say what sort of Master Bro. H. Lazarus was, but they would no doubt very soon discover. From what they had seen that night he would begin the year with some work. (The names of several candidates for initiation had been given in.) They could judge what his conduct would be in the future by what it had been in the past. So far as he (Bro. Gardner) could speak, during his year of office he had found Bro. H. Lazarus careful and painstaking, always in attendance in time to do his duty, and able to do it. He hoped he would be a Master of whom the Joppa brethren might be proud; indeed, he hoped that next year they would be able to say he was the best Master they had ever had.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that as regarded the work it would be his endeavour to do all he could to show the brethren they had not made a mistake in placing him in the chair of W.M. He would try to sustain the duties of the position in the fullest measure. In presiding at the banquet table, which was an after consideration, he should do all he could to make the brethren comfortable and happy.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., at the request of the W.M., proposed "The I.P.M.," and the W.M. presented Bro. Gardner with a Past Master's jewel, with the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. J. Gardner, P.M., by the members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, as a mark of esteem and recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during the year 1890-91."

Bro. Gardner, I.P.M., in returning thanks for the toast and the jewel, said that the present was undoubtedly to him a happy moment; a moment which would never occur to him again, certainly not again in the Joppa Lodge. Bro. L. Lazarus had painted his (Bro. Gardner's) portrait in very pretty colours, and he wished he could conscientiously say that he was worthy of all that had been said of him. If he could he would flatter himself that he had done his duty during the past year very much better than he had. If he had in the course of the year given any dissatisfaction he could assure them he had had but one wish and one effort in view—to do justice to the lodge, and to give satisfaction to the brethren. He did not for a moment flatter himself that he had given satisfaction to everybody. A man who could please everybody had yet to be born; for he did not believe such an one at present existed. Still every one could try by doing his duty fairly and honourably to every member of the lodge to please them all. He should never forget the kind way in which he had been received that evening as long as he remained in the Lodge of Joppa, which he hoped would be as long as he lived. He wished the W.M. a prosperous and happy year of office.

Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," which he said was doing a great work, and had now £768 invested, notwithstanding that large grants had been made out of it.

Bro. Asher Myers, in reply, said that, as the W.M. of the Lodge of Tranquillity, it had been one of the most agreeable parts of his duty to visit what was known as the sister lodges, and coming that night to the Joppa Lodge he felt that he was coming, as it were, to one of his sisters. But he could not help remembering that the Joppa Lodge was the mother, so to speak, of what were called the four sister lodges in London. Tranquillity sprang out of the loins of the Joppa Lodge, and it had been his pleasure to be at 16 or 17 installations of that lodge, and he had always found that at the banquet table there was thorough good fellowship. Undoubtedly it had been most interesting that evening to see a father install his son as Master of the lodge. He believed he had a recollection of seeing the father installed, but he had always associated his earliest recollections of the Joppa Lodge with Bro. Lewis Lazarus. It had been already mentioned that not only had the father installed the son on the son's birthday, but when the son was initiated he was initiated, by his father also on his birthday,

It was among the dearest wishes of a true Mason that he might initiate his son, and not only so, but to see his son progress in his Masonic duties. He hoped that pleasure would be given to all the brethren. He had himself three boys, and it was his sincere desire to see them become Masons, and take their place in the ranks of Masonry. He could hardly understand any member of the Joppa Lodge not thinking it a great pleasure to see Bro. Lazarus installing his son in the chair of K.S. He could not imagine any true Mason grudging Bro. Lazarus any honour that had been given him that evening. He, moreover, hoped that he would not be presuming on his position as a visitor when he said "Beware Masons of any un-Masonic thought in your heart," because there was not anything which was more like the cankerworm or dry-rot in Masonry than that miserable feeling which sometimes found expression in a lodge which sprang from un-Masonic thought. Again, he said, beware of that dry-rot, it was difficult to eradicate, and no Mason should think it his duty to give it the least countenance in any lodge, the history of which was at all identified with true Masonry. He congratulated the W.M. on his being installed that evening, and hoped that in his turn he would have the gratification if it were possible, as years went on, of installing his son, and might he (Bro. Myers) be there to see it.

Bro. M. Emmanuel also responded, and stated that Bro. Asher Myers had so thoroughly expressed all his feelings, that he felt he could not improve upon that speech by any remarks he might make.

Other visitors also responded. Bros. Dodson, and Dewsnap replied to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Lewis Lazarus responded for himself and Bro. Lyon, who had been compelled to leave through ill-health, to the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary."

The Wardens and other officers replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**Lodge La Tolerance (No. 538).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on New Year's Day at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Wm. May Clear, W.M., presiding. Among the brethren present were Bros. W. Webb, S.W.; G. L. Lyons, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., Treas.; James B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; W. E. Wilby, S.D.; S. Eldridge, I.G.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; Walter Hooker, C.S.; M. E. Fenn, P.M.; Thos. W. Smale, P.M.; E. Humphreys, P.M.; John Skinner, P.M.; and Thos. Bicknell. Visitors: Bros. B. Hanson, 411; R. W. Wilson, S.W. 2054; George F. Smith, 163; A. Taylor, 463; R. M. Hammond, 463; H. A. Howe, 1362; Thos. W. Aubrey, 1766; W. F. Hawes, W.M. 463; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; G. Guterbock, P.M. 173; S. A. Cooper, P.M. 1637; G. H. Martin, 463; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 1744; W. D. Hayworth, 2096; John Paul, W.M. 1287; Fred Cambridge, W.M. 170; J. E. Fox, P.M. 297, 1266; Alfred Hamted, P.M. 1556; Wm. Gonner, P.M. 720; A. Duckett, 1347; and L. A. Longmead, 1563.

Bro. John Gibson was passed by the W.M. to the Second Degree. There were the names of two candidates for initiation on the summons, but neither gentleman was able to attend, and Bro. Kench, P.M., P.G.P., at the request of the W.M., installed Bro. William Webb as Master of the lodge for the year. The roll of officers was as follows: Bros. W. May Clear, I.P.M.; G. L. Lyons, S.W.; W. E. Wilby, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; J. B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; S. G. Eldridge, S.D.; Hooker, J.D.; Pittmann, I.G.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Fenn, P.M.; and J. L. Prior, Stwd.; Theo. Ward, R.A.M., Org.; and Walkley, P.M., Tyler. The ceremonies of the evening were beautifully performed by Bros. Clear, Kench, and the officers. Lodge was closed, and the work was followed by a choice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

The banquet was succeeded by the usual Masonic toasts and some lovely singing by Mddle. Vagnolini, Miss Flora Edwards, Bro. G. L. Lyon, and Bro. J. J. Pittmann, with Bro. Theo. Ward at the piano.

Bro. Kench responded to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," and wished the brethren on that first night of the new year all the health, prosperity, and hearty good feeling which he desired for himself. On behalf of Grand Lodge, he would say that the Lodge La Tolerance was well represented at the Quarterly Communications and at the meetings of the Board of Benevolence. It was the duty of the W.M. to attend those meetings, and he was sure the new W.M. would do so. Although the Past Masters and Wardens had the right to attend the Quarterly Communications, it was only the Master who was permitted to attend the Board of Benevolence. There was always something of interest at those meetings. At a recent meeting of Grand Lodge there were three distinguished visitors, the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, Louisiana, and Canada, and it was most interesting to listen to the speeches of those brethren on the subject of Masonry in those districts. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge a sum of one hundred guineas was voted to the families of the crew of H.M.S. Serpent, which was lost with all hands, except three, off the coast of Spain. There were some who maintained that the funds of Grand Lodge should be voted only to Masonic purposes, but that was not the feeling of the members of Lodge La Tolerance any more than it was his. Whilst fully admitting that Masons' first care should be for those ranged under the banners of Masonry, yet they would be false to the old teaching and spirit of the Craft did they not also endeavour to help, succour, and defend all those who were in peril, danger, and tribulation. They were all only stewards of those good things their Heavenly Father had entrusted them with. He did not suppose there was ever a period in the history of Masonry when those efforts for good were so powerful as now. The more its tenets became known and understood, the more they were subscribed to and practised, the greater would be their reverence for the Sacred Law, and the better would they be enabled to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

Bro. Clear, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," a brother who was initiated at the same time as himself (Bro. Clear). They had since then worked up together. There was no brother in whose hands the interests of the lodge could be with greater safety left. It was impossible it could lose any of its lustre in the hands of Bro. Webb. In a W.M. they required many good qualities; he must be a good man and true, he must have powers of governing with firmness and yet with discretion, he must be genial in disposition, and Bro. Webb possessed all those qualities. They all knew he

had them, and he would show he had them: he would set an example to the La Tolerance Lodge, and would represent it as Steward at the next Festival of the Girls' Institution, an Institution to which all the brethren of the lodge gave their support.

The Worshipful Master, who was received with hearty applause on rising to respond, said he did not think he was a vain man, but he was afraid he might become so when he found himself so warmly received. He thanked the brethren for his election to the chair, a position it had been his ambition to occupy ever since he was initiated. He believed the ambition to be a right one. He made a mistake when he was quite a young Mason. He thought when a man got in the chair there was nothing for him to do, but he now found that the more he knew the more he wanted to know. That he thought accounted in some measure for the fact that old Masons who had been in the Craft many years took such a great interest still in it; they were, in fact, more enthusiastic every meeting. He was the youngest man who had had the honour to preside over that lodge, and he must ask the brethren to excuse him if he made any mistakes on that ground, if on no other. He hoped they would have plenty of work during the year, and he would pledge himself to do the best he could for the lodge, and, with Bro. Kench and other Past Masters to assist him, he was sure he would succeed.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The I.P.M." He said during his year of office Bro. Clear had governed the lodge with the firmness which was necessary, but he had combined that firmness with such heartiness and bonhomie, that it was a pleasure to be ruled by him. The lodge had voted him a Past Master's jewel, but, although it was but a slight token of their regard, Bro. Clear would take it, as it was meant, as a sincere token, and the brethren hoped he would have many years of health and strength to wear it and be proud of it.

Bro. Clear, I.P.M., in responding, said that during the year he had occupied the chair he did all he could in regard to the ceremonial work. He had to thank Bro. Kench for performing the installation that evening. It was a pride to them that they had an old Past Master who could do it so well. Thanking the brethren for the jewel, he assured them he would wear it with pride, and it would be a sort of remembrance to him of the time when he was W.M. It had been a very happy year, and he should always look with regret on his relinquishment of it. He was, however, able to reflect that it was now occupied by a brother who would do it honour.

Bro. Scurrah and other brethren responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Skinner and Fenn for that of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Kench and Sly replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Lyons and other officers to that of "The Officers."

Bro. Walkley gave the Tyler's toast, the drinking of which closed a very happy and pleasant evening.

**Yarborough Lodge (No. 554).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney. There was a goodly number of members present, together with many visitors.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read. Bro. W. Hawes, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a most able manner by Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers—Bro. F. Whitworth, S.W. designate, was too ill to be present, and the W.M. appointed Bro. Hugh Cotter, P.M., to that office *pro tem*. The other officers were Bros. A. E. Wood, I.P.M.; H. M. Read, J.W.; J. J. Berry, P.M., Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec.; O. W. Peacock, S.D.; W. Sheppard, J.D.; A. E. Salloway, D.C.; G. Seddon, P.M., Org.; S. Gillard, I.G.; G. Ward Verry, F.M., Stwd.; and J. Taylor, P.M., Tyler.

Among the large number of visitors were the following: Bros. W. H. Hubbert, P.M., Sec. 1625; Crow, S.W. 1076; E. Daniel, 309; W. C. Sweetman, 1306; J. Bowman, 959; J. West, 933; C. Wood, W.M. 1472; B. Stewart, 1278; J. Newton, 174; G. W. King, 1437; W. Wills, 1962; J. Hudson, 975; W. T. Massey, 160, 1928; J. Barnes, 2184; W. Harper, 1306; A. Hunter, 1501; S. Ellis, 1981; and Lacey.

The whole of the working of the lodge was performed in an admirable manner, and after the lodge had been closed the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet.

After full justice had been done to it, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," all of which toasts were heartily drunk.

Bro. A. E. Wood, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so he said it was the most important toast of the evening. The brethren of the Yarborough Lodge had done wisely in having chosen Bro. Hawes to preside over them. Perhaps he (Bro. Wood) could speak better than a good many, because Bro. Hawes and he had trod the Yarborough Lodge together. There was only a month between the date of their initiations. He was very proud in having such a Master to follow him. They had followed each other not only in the offices in the lodge, but also in the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction. He thought they had chosen wisely and well, because he knew he was made to be a good Master. He was sure whatever work they brought him, and he hoped it would be a lot, he would do it well.

The toast was heartily received.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he felt that the brethren had conferred an honour on him by taking him as their W.M., an honour which he should never forget. He trusted that his year of office would be a successful one, and a pleasant one. Nothing on his part should be wanting to benefit the lodge, and he trusted he should have plenty of work to do.

The Worshipful Master next rose to propose the toast of "The Past Masters." He said he was sure all the brethren knew the good qualities of the Past Masters, and it needed no remarks from him to commend the toast to the brethren. They were always pleased to see the Past Masters there, and without them they could not get on. He looked on the Past Masters as his right hand, and he was sure that if he went wrong in the least thing they would put him right. As the brethren went on, and if they aspired to the position which he (the W.M.) held that night, they would do well to fall back on the Past Masters.

Bro. A. E. Wood, I.P.M., in responding, said that his year of office as the W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge,

was certainly one of the happiest years of his life. For the very kind way he was treated he thanked the brethren very much.

Bro. J. L. Anderson, P.M., said he was sure it was with deep regret that Bro. Whitworth was not there that night. He was under the doctor, and he could not leave his room. He knew they, one and all, wished Bro. Whitworth a return to good health and all the best wishes they could give him. He was one of the best and kindest members of the Yarborough Lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Installing Master," the W.M. said he considered it the toast of the evening. It was very interesting to him, and it must have been interesting to the brethren, to see the manner in which Bro. Stevens performed the ceremony of installation. He (the W.M.) paid great attention to the ceremony, and the way Bro. Stevens performed it was very grand and impressive.

Bro. Stevens, P.M., returned his sincere thanks. The older they got in Freemasonry, he said, they knew the ceremonies wanted to be done with the heart, and if there was one ceremony which wanted to be done with the heart, it was the ceremony of installation, so as to make an impression on the Master. It had been his desire to do that, and if he had done it he was very gratified. He first performed the ceremony 22 years ago, and since then he had done it very many times.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed by the W.M., who said they were used to the toast at the Yarborough Lodge. He never remembered a meeting of the lodge at which they did not have visitors, to whom they always accorded a hearty welcome.

Bros. Lacey, Newton, and several other brethren responded.

Bro. Stevens, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," which was ably proposed by the W.M. Bro. Stevens said that he was pleased to hear that both the W.M. and Bro. Hugh Cotter, P.M., were Stewards for the Benevolent Institution Festival. The total receipts of the three Institutions during the past year amounted to something like £60,000. Of that amount the Benevolent Institution took about £21,000. If the brethren would take their memory back to last February they would remember that the announcement made by Bro. Terry at the Festival was £13,050. The result now was they had received £15,000, or £2000 over the announcement in February. The Benevolent Institution gave £40 a year to men, and £30 to the widows of Freemasons. They had 229 widows, and 189 men receiving the annuities of the Institution, and 23 widows were receiving half of their husband's annuities. To keep up those annuities the Institution had to raise £15,000 a year. The Committee of Management last year, in their wisdom, made some alterations in the laws of the Institution, with a view of limiting the number of candidates. Notwithstanding that there were now 150 candidates on the list for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Stevens then alluded to the various ages of the recipients of the annuities, one of whom was 90 years of age, many of them over 80, and a great many over 70. There was no doubt that the annuities lengthened the lifetime of the annuitants. In concluding, Bro. Stevens asked the brethren to give according to their means, and he hoped that they would do their level best to make the lists of the W.M. and Bro. Cotter most successful. The Benevolent Institution deserved the sympathy of every Mason.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was heartily drunk.

Bros. J. J. Berry, P.M., Treas., and G. W. Verry, P.M., Sec., responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Officers." He said he hoped he should fill the office of W.M. to the satisfaction of the brethren. He had made up his mind to carry his year through well, and he appealed to his officers to assist him.

Bro. Hugh Cotter, P.M., S.W., returned sincere and heartfelt thanks for the hearty manner the brethren had responded to the toast. He said he had the Yarborough Lodge at heart, and if at any time he could help or assist the W.M., it would be his greatest pleasure to do so.

During the evening an entertainment of high class was provided by Bro. G. Seddon, P.M., Organist, whose daughter, Miss Gertrude Seddon, gave two charming violin solos. Among the brethren assisting were Bros. J. J. Berry, P.M.; Hugh Cotter, P.M.; J. G. Stevens, P.M.; A. E. Salloway, D.C.; W. Murrin, P.M.; H. M. Read, J.W.; the W.M.; and A. E. Wood, I.P.M.

**Southgate Lodge (No. 1950).**—This lodge held its first meeting of the session at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, on New Year's Day, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Samuel Stretch, jun. Bro. Emery was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Mr. Fenton Folkes was initiated. This being election day, Bro. Phipos, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Lefeber, by the unanimous vote of the brethren, was re-elected Treasurer. The lodge voted the sum of 10 guineas, to be placed on the W.M.'s list, as Steward for the R.M.B.I. at the forthcoming Festival.

Business concluded, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Folkes, the new proprietor of the hotel.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed by music and song, and the brethren took advantage of the season, and exchanged hearty New Year's wishes.

**Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).**—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., in the chair; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., as I.P.M.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd, as S.W.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; W. M. Williams, I.G.; C. Kupferschmidt, Stwd.; and W. Simpson, P.M. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. E. H. Ezard, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Charles, G. W. Taylor, J. J. Pakes, E. H. Cartwright, G. R. Cobham, J. Wood, W. C. Mapleton, E. Armitage, Max Mendelssohn, H. L. Warner, C. B. Barnes, L. G. Gordon Robbins, W. G. P. Gilbert, and R. A. Gowan. Also the following visitors: Bros. F. B. Phillips, 2265, and Thomas Archer, 2140.

The following District Grand Lodge, five lodges, and 28 brethren were elected members of the Correspondence Circle: District Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic; Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2370, Lahore, Punjab; Unie Lodge (D.C.), Riekuil, Transvaal; Darling Downs Lodge,

No. 775 (S.C.), Toowoomba, Queensland; Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham; Airedale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley; Bros. S. Lissack, 744 (S.C.), J. Kapaport, 744 (S.C.), both of Johannesburg; A. J. C. Molyneux, 2315, Klerksdorp, in the Transvaal; D. L. Lensey, of Glen Falls, New York State; T. W. Sparks, Philadelphia; W. W. Barrow, Richmond, Virginia; L. C. Haskall, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.; James Spiers, P.D.G.M. Queensland, of Toowoomba; E. E. Van Toll, 303, Lausanne, Switzerland; W. Bracewell, P.G.S. East Lancashire; Rev. H. T. Mason, P.P.G. Chap. Dorset; A. W. Slack, P.M. 1688; W. Wright, P.M. 311; J. S. Haddon, P.M. 1966; F. Mabin, 105; J. Robertshaw, J.P., P.M. 1239; H. Hughes, P.M. 869; H. J. Hughes, 404; E. H. Cartwright, 357; Rev. J. H. Scott, P.P.G. Chap. Dorset; C. Fruen, W.M. 1632; E. H. Ezard, 171; A. G. Browning, P.M. 32; J. Castello, P.M. 227; C. Fletcher, 10; G. S. Criswick, F.R.A.S., P.M. 1593; G. R. Cobham, W.M. 20; and F. H. Fulford, 68, 610.

The report of the Audit Committee was adopted. In the absence in Syria of the author, Bro. the Rev. Haskett Smith, the Secretary read a paper, entitled "The Druses of Syria and their Relation to Freemasonry." Herein our reverend brother sought to prove two propositions of great interest to the Craft, viz., 1, That the Druses are none other than the original subjects of King Hiram of Tyre, and that their ancestors were the builders of King Solomon's Temple, and 2, That to this very day the Druses retain many evident tokens of their close and intimate connection with the ancient Craft of Freemasonry. The paper was a most interesting production, and was listened to with great attention, provoking a long and varied discussion, in which Bros. Gould, Simpson, Rylands, Westcott, Williams, and Speth took part.

### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

#### BEVERLEY.

**Constitutional Lodge (No. 294).**—The annual installation of officers of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 1st inst. The ceremonial was performed by the Mayor, Bro. Tom Turner, P.M., assisted by Bro. M. M. Westerly, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. After taking his seat the newly-elected W.M. appointed the following his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Thomson Foley, I.P.M.; David Morley, S.W.; Thomas Wood, J.W.; W. E. Bryan, P.M., Treas.; M. M. Westerly, P.M., Chap.; Harry Adams, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Lane, S.D.; R. Pape, J.D.; J. P. Park, M.D., P.M., Orator; John Kemp, P.M., Almoner; Charles Goulding, P.M., Charity Representative; Joel Edgar, D.C.; Harry Wray, I.G.; G. H. Knight, J. J. Ridley, A. T. Gates, J. J. Stephenson, Stewards; and John Westoby, Tyler. The usual banquet followed.

#### BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—At a regular meeting held on Thursday, the 11th December, at the Masonic Hall, Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; John Haigh, P.M., Chap., as S.W.; John Niven, J.W.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; John Thornton, S.D.; Alfred J. Boyle, J.D.; Arthur Holmes, I.G.; John Hill, Tyler; Joseph Wilson, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., as Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C.; J. B. Fearnley, as Sec.; J. Morton, G. Root, and A. E. Harris. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Stansfield, J.W. 600; E. Grosbaum, 1474; Sydney Ward, 1034; and Arthur Ingham, Org. 439.

The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and duly confirmed, after which Bro. Harris was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M. The working tools of a F.C. were presented and explained by Bro. Niven, J.W., and the charge in the Second Degree delivered by Bro. Bailey, P.M. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several of the officers and brethren through indisposition, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren and visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

#### BRIDGWATER.

**Perpetual Friendship Lodge (No. 135).**—At the annual gathering on Monday, the 5th instant, of the members of the above lodge, the installation of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place, Bro. Wallace Buffett, S.W., being installed as successor to Bro. J. M. Davis. The installation ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. of Eng., and the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. D. Burston, S.W.; W. T. Baker, J.W.; Rev. C. G. Anderson, Chap.; J. B. Soper, P.M., Treas.; T. L. Laxton, Sec.; A. Basil Cottam, S.D.; A. Squibbs, J.D.; G. B. Laffan, D.C.; H. W. Pollard, I.G.; and J. McGowan, Tyler. The lodges in the Province of Somerset are most fortunate in having such an expert as Bro. Else to conduct their installation ceremonies.

#### CAMBRIDGE.

**Three Grand Principles Lodge (No. 441).**—The annual meeting for the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year took place at the Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. F. Symonds, P.P.G.D.C., who initiated Mr. F. W. Miller. Bro. W. C. Dewberry, S.W., P.P.G.O., was then installed as W.M., the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. J. F. Symonds, whilst Bro. F. Dewberry, P.M., P.G.D.C., officiated as D.C. to the satisfaction of a large muster of brethren. The following officers were then invested: Bros. J. Royston, P.A.G.D.C., S.W.; H. E. Greef, J.W.; J. S. Youngman, P.M., Chaplain; J. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; F. G. G. Barber, P.M., Sec.; P. H. Young, S.D.; J. Catling, J.D.; F. Dewberry, P.M., D.C.; W. R. Roper, I.G.; and J. Vail, P.M., F. Cole, P.M., and J. Fuller, P.M., Stewards. Bro. Hurry, the Tyler, was prevented by illness from attending. There were a large number of visiting brethren.

At the subsequent banquet the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. England, congratulated the province on its continued prosperity, and said he was glad to see in all the lodges the outgoing W.M. install his successor, which was Masonically correct, instead of the work being done by a sort of permanent Installing Master for each lodge.

The toasts of "The Worshipful Master" and "The Installing Master" were most cordially received, and suitably acknowledged.

Bro. E. H. Jennings, P.M., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," for whom Bros. W. Purchas, W.M. 88; W. H. Francis, W.M. 859; Rev. J. H. Gray, P.M.; and R. W. Baker, P.M. 1126, responded.

Bro. J. S. Youngman, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.M., Hon. Sec. Cambridge Masonic Charities Association, responded.

During the evening some glees and songs were admirably rendered by Bros. F. Coward, A. H. Cross, F. Dewberry, and R. W. Baker. Altogether a most pleasant evening was spent.

#### CHICHESTER.

**Lodge of Union (No. 38).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. G. C. Inkpen, W.M.; W. Doman, S.W.; Oliver Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br., Sec.; C. F. Charge, S.D.; J. Fielden, J.D.; A. W. Lambert, P.M. 588, P.P.G.O. Lincoln, Org.; H. H. Moore, I.G. (*pro tem.*); G. Fielder, Stwd.; Beatson, Tyler; W. H. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. W. Gruggen, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; J. St. Clair, P.M., P.P. J.G.W.; A. Raven, E. J. Gadd, C. Brassfield, D. Waddington, A. Buquet, E. King, W. N. Malby, R. E. Browne, Jas. Lillywhite, H. Heather, C. Howard, E. J. Caffyn, H. Waite, A. Mannings, 1639; and H. T. Holmes, W.M. 56.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Messrs. E. W. Greenwood and H. W. Kablich, having been unanimously accepted, were initiated. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and a pleasant hour having been spent, with the officers of the lodge as hosts, the W.M. expressed wishes for a "Happy New Year" to all, and the business was resumed. Bro. Waddington having been raised to the Third Degree, the annual report of the Audit Committee, with the Treasurer's statement of accounts, were presented, and, being satisfactory, were unanimously adopted. Following on a recommendation in the report, a Sub-Committee was appointed to take into consideration the better preservation of the Masonic relics and curios belonging to the lodge. The election of W.M. followed, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. William Doman, S.W. Bro. Wyatt was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Beatson, Tyler. A vote of thanks and the customary jewel was, on the motion of Bro. Hawes, seconded by Bro. Lloyd, accorded to Bro. Inkpen for his services as W.M. in the past year. A grant of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to the Boys' School, on the motion of the Treasurer, and, after the dispatch of other business, the lodge closed after a lengthy sitting.

#### EAST MOLESEY.

**Arnold Lodge (No. 1981).**—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. J. Shelley, W.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M., S.W.; Ball, J.W.; Youdon, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Moorman, P.M., Sec.; Wright, S.D.; Chapman, J.D.; Ellis, I.G.; J. Neale, D.C.; Britton and Holoday, Stwds.; Moorman, I.P.M.; Catterton, P.M.; and a good muster of members of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. Humphrey, P.G.S.B.; Locket, P.M. 1638; and Purkis, 2222.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings were read. Owing to a private calamity, the S.W. and W.M. elect was unable to undertake the duties of W.M. of the lodge, and the installation ceremony had to be postponed, and a new election for W.M. will have to take place at the next meeting, of which notice has been given. Bros. Gosling and Purkis, 2222 (by special desire), were passed to the Second Degree very ably by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was brought before the lodge, which proved very satisfactory, as the lodge has always had a small deficit, but in the present year there is a small balance in favour of the lodge. Bro. Moorman, I.P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for his kindness in presenting the lodge with all the officers' jewels, which was seconded by the J.W., and carried. The vote was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. suitably acknowledged the compliment. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent supper had been provided by Bro. Mayo.

The usual loyal toasts and those of "The Visitors" and "The Officers" were given and responded to. In the intervals several of the brethren sung some excellent songs.

#### GRANTHAM.

**Doric Lodge (No. 362).**—A meeting was held on the 1st inst., at Doric Chambers, when there were present Bros. G. W. G. Beaumont, W.M.; B. Beeson, P.G.S., S.W.; R. W. Anderson, J.W.; Rev. C. Elsmere, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; E. T. Wigelsworth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; A. G. Gamble, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; F. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. F. Lee, I.G.; T. Jackson, Tyler; Captain B. H. Russell, P.M., P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Scarborough, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; S. G. Gamble, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; H. P. Dickenson, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. C. Barker, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; R. Collingwood, P.M., P.J.G.W.; and A. Childs. Visitors: Bros. T. Brander Jacobson, P.P.G. Std. Br., W.M. 588; H. C. Clarabut, P.P.G. Org. Norths and Hunts; R. Payling, P.P.G.S.B. Norths and Hunts; C. Smith, P.M., P.P.A.G.S.; W. Knowles, 618; E. R. Dibben, 588; H. W. Hutchinson, J.W. 1661; J. Constable, W.M. 1482; and C. E. Williams, 588.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. Trotter was raised. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Bennett Beeson, was performed by Bro. Captain B. H. Russell.

There were 46 brethren at lodge banquet at the Angel Hotel, when the chair was taken by the I.P.M., in absence, through family bereavement, of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including "The Queen and Craft," "M.W.G.M.," and "Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Lee proposed the "R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. R. Scarborough, P.J.G.W., responded. Bro. J. Collingwood proposed "The W.M.," Bro. A. G. Gamble "The I.P.M.," and Bro. F. C. Southwell "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bro. Rev. C. Elsmere in a splendid speech, after which a collection was made on behalf of the Boys' School—result, £5.

Other toasts and songs followed. Bogen's band was in attendance during the evening.

#### GUERNSEY.

**Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship (No. 84).**—The installation of W.M. and the investiture of his officers for the ensuing year took place under unusually favourable auspices on December 27th. There was an excellent attendance of old Past Masters, all the junior members of the lodge, and several visitors. In consequence of the severe illness of his son, Bro. Lainé, the W.M., was unable to attend, but Bro. Balfour Cockburn, I.P.M., occupied the chair, and conducted the ceremony of installation, and placed Bro. T. P. Hamel in the chair of K.S. Bro. Hamel then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. Giles, S.W.; Pickering, J.W.; Longman, S.D.; Hay, J.D.; and Major Percy Groves, I.G. Bro. Colonel Highton Wilkins, an old P.M. and a strenuous supporter of the lodge, was good enough to accept the office of Secretary, and Bro. Gilbert retained the office of Treasurer—a post which he has held for many years to the great advantage of the lodge.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren repaired to the Royal Hotel, where Bro. James Gardner had prepared a banquet in his best style.

In addition to the brethren already named, the following sat down to the entertainment: Bros. Stickland, P.M.; Randall, P.M.; Royle, P.M.; Ozanne, P.M.; Osmond Prial, De Jersey, Major Quayle Jones, Dr. Ryan, W. J. Lainé, and also the following visitors: Bros. Col. Bell, C.B., Capt. Grème, W.M. Aldershot Lodge; Rev. Pickering, and H. Rougier.

#### HALIFAX.

**Lodge of St. James (No. 448).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, on Tuesday, December 23rd, for the purpose of installing the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Walter Hanson, and the investment of his officers for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. Robertshaw, and there were present Bros. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Worsick, P.M.; J. Jessop, I.P.M.; J. Haigh, P.M.; and J. Mathewman, P.M., Prov. Asst. G. Sec. The representatives from other lodges present were Bro. W. Wright, S.W. and W.M. elect of 61; Bro. F. Buckley, J.W. 61; and a numerous attendance of representatives from lodges in the parish, and also from Liverpool, Leeds, Kidderminster, Huddersfield, &c. The ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. A. Robertshaw, very ably assisted by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Robertshaw, I.P.M.; T. Woods, S.W.; R. Hodgson, J.W.; Rev. Hy. Williams, Chap.; R. Jessop, P.M., Treas.; J. Jessop, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Normanton, Asst. Sec.; T. Robertshaw, S.D.; W. S. Milligan, J.D.; John H. Oates, D.C.; Allen Haigh, Org.; T. H. Thompson, I.G.; Hy. Wilson, Almoner; John Smith, J. W. Sykes, J. S. Vest, A. S. Topham, W. J. Morris, and A. Spencer, Stwds.; and S. Greenwood, P.M., Tyler.

The ceremony over, the usual banquet took place, at which the newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. Hanson, presided, being supported by a numerous gathering of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M. of England, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was given by the Worshipful Master.

"Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. of England, P.G.M. West Yorks; Bro. Hy. Smith, P.G.D. of England, D.P.G.M.; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. J. Mathewman, P.A. G. Sec.

"The Worshipful Master of St. James's Lodge" was proposed by Bro. A. Robertshaw, I.P.M., and responded to by the Worshipful Master.

"The Installing Officers" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and acknowledged by Bros. A. Robertshaw, I.P.M., and C. T. Rhodes, P.M.

The rest of the toasts were "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge," "Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren," "The Officers of St. James's Lodge," "Masonic Charities," and "Poor and Distressed Masons."

The proceedings were enlivened by songs, glees, and recitations from several of the brethren. Bros. Ehud Hanson, Sykes Broadbent, and W. J. Morris very liberally assisted the Halifax Harmonic Vocal Quartette Party. Bro. W. J. Webb, of the Old Cock Hotel, was the purveyor.

#### LEWES.

**Pelham Lodge (No. 1303).**—At the ordinary meeting of this lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall on the 26th December last, Bro. G. Wilson, W.M., occupied the chair. Considering the inclemency of the weather and being the day after Christmas Day, a large number of the members of the lodge presented themselves for a very interesting occasion.

After the usual preliminary business, the W.M. rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was in the first place to congratulate Bro. White (late Mayor of Lewes for two successive years), their respected Treasurer, on his having attained his silver wedding day. He might mention that Bro. White had been a member of their lodge for some considerable time, and acted as Secretary for 15 years, which office he filled with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge. He was a good officer and a good man, and he (the W.M.) was sure the brethren thoroughly valued his services, and thought that a fitting occasion to show him some slight token of their esteem and regard as Treasurer to the lodge, and was sure they all trusted he might long be spared to fulfil the duties of that office. The lodge was now in a good financial position. It was well known that in previous years the duties of Secretary of the Pelham Lodge had been a very arduous one, not so much on account of the large number of its members, but rather for lack of the same. It was a very pleasing fact that nearly all the members of the lodge had subscribed to the presentation. In conclusion, he could only hope that Bro. White might be spared to them for many years and to see his golden wedding day. Bro. Wright, I.P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., thoroughly endorsed the remarks of the W.M., and begged to assure Bro. White that the brethren very highly valued his sterling worth as Treasurer to the lodge, and expressed a hope that he might long continue in that office. The W.M. then presented Bro. J. R. White, P.M. 311 and 1303, P.P.A.G.D.C., with a handsome silver salver,

with a suitable inscription engraved thereon. Bro. White returned thanks in very feeling terms, and assured the brethren their kind present would have the effect of making him yet more desirous of the welfare of the Pelham Lodge, and he hoped to justify the good opinion they had of him; he was thankful that the small services he had been able to render to the lodge had been so appreciated. He begged his brethren to believe that he himself valued their handsome gift very highly, and was sure it would equally be a source of great gratification also to Mrs. White. He trusted that his brethren would strive with him in endeavouring to uphold the principles of the Craft in every way. On behalf of his wife and himself he wished to return their very sincere thanks for that very handsome present, which would always be placed in a prominent place in his house. After one proposition for initiation and one for a joining member, the lodge was closed.

MERTHYR TYDVIL.

**Loyal Cambrian Lodge (No. 110).**—On the 1st inst., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall. The brethren present were as follows: Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; D. R. Lewis, W.M.; D. E. Jones, S.W.; E. B. Nash, J.W.; T. W. Goodfellow, P.M.; Treas.; D. Macdonald, Sec.; W. Howfield, S.D.; W. C. Williams, J.D.; W. R. Harris, Org.; H. Bailey, I.G.; J. T. Docton and H. M. Bradford, Stwds.; W. T. Flocks, Tyler; J. E. Davies, P.M.; E. H. James, P.M.; G. F. Harris, P.M.; John Plews, P.M.; John J. Jones, P.M.; R. R. Davis, P.M.; T. J. Dyke, S. Sandbrook, I.P.M.; T. F. Elliott, T. Williams, W. H. Jones, A. H. Lewis, A. Abelson, W. Williams, W. R. Cohen, John Jenkins, T. Williams, W. R. Cohen, John Jenkins, T. Williams, Thomas Wake, F. Wilkins, R. T. Jones, A. Mackintosh, T. S. Edwards, W. Roberts, D. of C.; G. W. Davies, J. M. Berry, M. Goodman, H. Colman, J. W. Lewis, R. H. Owen, A. Botterill, J. Rosser, John M. Williams, L. M'Intosh, and H. Gittelsohn. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Dovey, W.M. 960; W. E. Miles, W.M. 1992; J. O'Neill, 1992; R. C. Rann, 1992; D. Jones, J.W. 1562; D. W. Havard, 1098; J. J. Williams, W.M. 1098; J. W. Barry, 2357; Rev. D. Phillips, J.W. 1578; B. Rees, 2226; L. Marks, 2226; D. P. Pritchard, W.M. 2226; F. C. Williams, J.D. 2226; M. Williams, J.W. 1573, P.G.S.; and J. Prag, W.M. 1502.

The installation of Bro. D. E. Jones as W.M., in succession to Bro. D. R. Lewis, was conducted by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M., and the following officers were also invested: Bros. D. R. Lewis, I.P.M.; E. B. Nash, S.W.; D. Macdonald, J.W.; T. W. Goodfellow, Treas. and Chap.; W. Howfield, Sec.; W. C. Williams, S.D.; H. Bailey, J.D.; R. Harris, Org.; W. Roberts, I.G.; J. T. Docton, D.C.; and H. M. Bradford, L. F. Fine, and T. R. Jones, Stwds.

PLYMOUTH.

**Lodge of Harmony (No. 156).**—This lodge held its annual meeting on the 6th inst., when Bro. W. E. Chapell, was impressively installed W.M. by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Parker. The officers invested were Bro. T. Parker, I.P.M.; W. Thomas, S.W.; W. J. Newell, J.W.; Rev. W. Whittley, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. England, Chap.; H. F. Hearle, Treas.; W. K. Mitchell, P.P. A.G.D.C., Sec.; Jenkins, S.D.; A. B. Manley, J.D.; G. H. Widger, D.C.; P. S. Snell, A.D.C.; R. Greet, Org.; W. V. Jones, Asst. Org.; C. S. Stebbing, I.G.; T. B. Luke, Endacott, F. Barter, and Clark, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. Bros. F. G. Knight and G. Whittley were re-elected respectively representative at Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward.

SOUTHALL.

**Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).**—A regular meeting of this lodge—the first after the installation—was held at the Railway Hotel, on Monday, the 5th inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. Tidmarsh, W.M.; Meech, I.P.M.; Harper, S.W.; Herbert, J.W.; Seward, P.M.; P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Cocks, Sec.; Mead, J.D.; Passmore, I.G.; Freemantle, Stwd.; Hall, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br.; Jamieson, W. F. Sanger, C. C. Sanger, Butters, Moseley, Fewkes, Purnell, Webb, Pontifex, and J. A. Webb.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a vote of condolence with a brother who had recently sustained a heavy family bereavement was unanimously passed, as was also one wishing speedy recovery to another brother who was absent through illness. Bro. J. A. Webb was then passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. Pontifex raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Both ceremonies were worked in a satisfactory manner by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history. Three candidates were proposed for initiation. The arrangements for the annual ball, to be held under the auspices of the lodge, on the 26th instant, were reported as being in a forward state, and dispensation has been granted for brethren to appear in Masonic clothing.

After lodge the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, the proceedings following which being enlivened by musical selections rendered by Bros. Passmore, Webb, Pontifex, and Butters, under the direction of Bro. Hall, Org.

WITHINGTON.

**Architect Lodge (No. 1375).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. John Ibbotson Tiller, W.M., presiding. There were about 60 brethren present, amongst whom were the following: Bros. W. T. Hesketh, P.M.; H. Nall, S.W.; D. D. Fryer, J.W.; John G. Bromley, P.M., Sec.; James Laidlaw, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; C. H. Beever, S.D.; Jas. Morrison, J.D.; J. W. Wilcock, I.G.; A. Pickford and Wm. C. Flint, Stewards; John Bradshaw, P.M.; Arthur Moss, P.M.; Thos. Dod, J. A. Carse, T. A. Holland, L. R. Kirkham, S. Hargreaves, W.M. 755, P.G.S. of W.; Dunbar Murray, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; Carl Millington; J. R. R. Jeffery; G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; J. Crompton, P.M. 1387; F. W. Wollaston, S.W. 44; Edwin V. Smith, 2363; G. R. Ward, 204; Cooke, 2322; J. H. Daglish, P.M. 1147; Martin Thomas, P.M., W.M. 2363; C. H. Gerrard, P.M.; D. Macpherson, P.M.; Edwin Barton, W.M. 2109; S. Locke, P.M. 1387; J. L. White, 237; John Southam, P.M. 1140; James Batty, 1387; Seth Wrigley, P.M. 1052; and C. Duckworth, W.M. 204.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and some other routine business transacted, the installation of Bro. Henry Nall, S.W., W.M. elect, by Bro. J. I. Tiller, W.M., was proceeded with, the ceremony being efficiently conducted throughout according to Emulation. There were 18 present in the Board of Installed Masters. According to custom, Bro. Nall was proclaimed and saluted as W.M. The working tools were presented respectively by Bros. J. G. Bromley, S. Hargreaves, and A. Moss. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John I. Tiller, I.P.M.; W. Dyson Fryer, S.W.; C. H. Beever, J.W.; James Laidlaw, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. G. Bromley, P.M., Sec.; J. Morrison, jun., S.D.; J. W. Wilcock, J.D.; Bennet R. Howell, P.M., D.C.; W. Moulton, Org.; John Bradshaw, P.M., Charity Representative; A. Pickford, jun., I.G.; and C. Rawle, W. C. Flint, T. A. Holland, and J. L. G. Corkhill, Stewards. The officers were addressed by Bro. W. T. Hesketh, P.M. The whole of the ceremony was conducted in a manner that reflected great credit upon all who took part, and clearly proves that those who are most advanced in the Craft, and range amongst the Past Masters of this lodge in particular, display great interest and energy for the benefit of Freemasonry in general.

The brethren subsequently partook of a banquet to celebrate the event, the table being beautifully prepared, and decorated with a profusion of choice flowers and fruit, which gave the beautiful room a most brilliant appearance.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly responded to.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some capital vocal and instrumental music.

During the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. John I. Tiller, I.P.M., with a suitable inscription, acknowledging the valuable assistance he had given to the lodge for many years.

Royal Arch.

**Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).**—This chapter, one of the oldest in England, resumed its meetings for the season at Freemasons' Hall, on the 2nd inst. Among those present were Comps. C. Greenwood, P.Z., P.G.S.E. Surrey, M.E.Z.; W. Collins, P.Z., H.; Capt. Williams, J.; Birch, S.E.; Radcliffe, S.N.; Stevens, 1st Asst. Soj.; Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Cochrane, D.C.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; Mapleton, and H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey. Among the visitors were Comps. Allison and Sandberg.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Birch, and it being unanimous, he was impressively exalted by Comp. Heming, I.P.Z. Comp. Heming then inducted Comp. Collins as First Principal. The latter then installed Comp. Capt. Williams, as H.; and Comp. Birch, as J. The following investitures then took place: Comps. Radcliffe, S.E.; Larcomb, S.N.; Heming, Treas.; Stevens, P.S.; Kinsey, 1st Asst. Soj.; Cochrane, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Capt. Walls, D.C. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Greenwood, I.P.Z.

The name of a candidate having been handed in for exaltation at the next meeting, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were given, the M.E.Z. being particularly happy in his preliminary remarks to each toast. The proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable nature, terminated at an early hour.

SHIPLEY.

**Moravian Chapter (No. 387).**—The regular convocation for the installation of Principals was held at the Masonic Rooms, Saltire Institute, on Wednesday, the 3rd December. Comp. Thomas Denby, P.Z., Z., presided, assisted by the following officers: Comps. W. Oddy, H.; Jno. Symonds, J.; R. J. Bryden, S.E.; John Tillotson, S.N.; John Thomas Last, P.S.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. J. L. Atherton, P.Z. 600 (a member of the chapter), proceeded with the installation of Principals, when Comp. Wm. Oddy was installed as Z.; Comp. Symonds, as H.; and Comp. Tillotson, J. The other officers were appointed and invested as follows: Comps. C. W. Curran, P.S.; Bryden, S.E.; Last, S.N.; Denby, P.Z., Treas.; Niven, 1st A.S.; and Atherton, 2nd A.S. The usual addresses to the Principals and officers were delivered by Comp. Atherton, P.Z., who rendered the whole of the ceremony in a most perfect manner, which gave the liveliest satisfaction to the companions.

After the chapter had been closed, the companions adjourned to refreshment, when the usual toasts were duly acknowledged, Comp. Joseph Wilson, P.Z. 302, responding for "The Visitors."

Dark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Lodge (No. 293).**—The annual meeting of this successful lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., when there was a good muster of members and visitors. There were present Bros. W. Brown, P.S.G.O., W.M.; R. B. Reed, P.M., D.P.G.M.; John Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; R. Whitfield, P.M., P.P. G.R.M.; C. B. Ford, P.M., P.G. Sec.; W. F. Carmon, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; John Page, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. H. Corder, W.M. 346, P.S.G.D.; D. Anderson, P.M. 346, P.P.G.D.; Thos. Purvis, S.W. 346, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Wilson, J.W., W.M. elect; W. Richardson, M.O.; A. Simpson, S.O.; J. A. Armstrong, J.O.; T. R. Short, R. of M.; T. R. Jobson, Sec.; A. Dodds, S.D.; C. P. Laidler, J.D.; W. Stafford, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. Jackson, T. Chegwidan, J. Shaw, R. of M. Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed (T.I.); C. Joel, and others.

The ballot was taken for Bro. Walter Byron Jobson, 1664, who, being in attendance, was duly advanced to this honourable Degree by the retiring W.M., after which the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Wilson, J.W., was presented by the D.P.G.M. to Bro. Wm. Brown, the Installing Master, and was duly installed as W.M. in a highly creditable

manner. Bro. Brown also delivered the charges incidental to the ceremony, and performed his duties with great credit, and satisfaction to the brethren present. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. W. Brown, I.P.M.; R. W. Klyne, S.W.; Wm. Richardson, J.W.; Rev. P. W. Clarke, Chap.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; A. Simpson, M.O.; J. A. Armstrong, S.O.; T. R. Short, J.O.; A. Dodds, R. of M.; T. R. Jobson, Sec.; C. P. Laidler, S.D.; Wm. Stafford, J.D.; John Page, P.M., D.C.; Hugh Jackson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; C. Joel, Stwd.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. A proposition for advancement was made, and after the newly-installed Master received the congratulations of the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The annual banquet was afterwards held in the refreshment room, when the whole of those present at the installation partook of a substantial repast, and spent an enjoyable evening in the usual manner.

STONEHOUSE.

**Sincerity Lodge (No. 35).**—This lodge held its annual meeting at St. George's Hall, on the 6th instant. Bro. Sholto H. Hare was installed W.M., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. R. Thomas, I.P.M.; J. Chapman, S.W.; W. Blight, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, Chap.; A. W. White, Treas.; J. Parker, Sec.; J. B. Moulder, M.O.; G. Dunsterville, S.O.; S. Hugh Duff, J.O.; H. W. Mayne, S.D.; J. Austin, J.D.; G. R. Barrett, I.G.; and J. Gidley, Tyler.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Janau, W.M.; King, S.W.; Stanley, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Windsor, S.D.; Livett, J.D.; T. Templeman, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Gilbert, Balcombe, Steele, Roberts, Hudson, and Perkins.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture in the First Degree was worked by Bro. Westley, Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was worked, with Bro. Gilbert as candidate. Bro. Janau vacated the chair, whilst Bro. Steele rehearsed the ceremony of investing the officers. On resuming the chair, Bro. Janau rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bro. Westley proposed, and Bro. King seconded, that a vote of thanks be passed to Bro. Janau for his excellent work for the first time in this lodge of instruction—carried unanimously. The W.M. replied with eloquence and good feeling. Bro. Westley gave notice that Bro. Russell would be W.M. for the ensuing week, as he was forced to be away that evening through having to attend his mother lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. Westley gave notice that on the following Monday Auditors would be appointed to audit the accounts of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W., when there were present Bros. W. T. Gamble, W.M.; J. W. Harvey, S.W.; F. Marx, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; E. J. Gittens, S.D.; W. Shales, I.G.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; G. Deaton, P.M.; F. J. Deaton, and E. J. Gittens, W.M. 179.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Deaton answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Deaton being candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gittens, who worked the ceremony of installation. Bro. J. W. Harvey, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Hearty votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to Bros. Gamble and Gittens for the able and efficient manner in which they had fulfilled respectively the duties of W.M. for the first time, and Installing Master. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. Present: Bros. Schen, W.M.; Mason, S.W.; Thoms, J.W.; Hemming, acting Preceptor; Mathews, S.D.; Tapping, J.D.; Zache, I.G.; Klapka, F. Deaton, Geo. Deaton, J. W. Harvey, and Blundell, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Deaton having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Mason was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was also announced that the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed to-morrow (Saturday) in accordance with the by-laws. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 2nd instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; J. H. Cumming, P.M., J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, P.M., Treas.; H. Foreman, S.D.; H. W. Dyne, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; and E. Fox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Conway vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of the Preceptor. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Williams, assisted by the Preceptor and brethren. Bro. A. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. Dyne, Fox, and Foreman were elected Auditors. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Conway for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 6th instant, when there were present Bros.

H. B. Harding, W.M.; J. Duncan, S.W.; J. Speller, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.G. Std. Br. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; H. J. Kimbell, jun., I.G.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; A. Wolter, T. Williams, and R. Loomes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Holness being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Holness, P.M., and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Loomes answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Loomes being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Duncan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Third Islington Masonic Charities Association was then held, and a ballot taken for a Life Governorship in the Masonic Charities.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; J. R. Harnell, S.W.; C. O. Burgess, J.W.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; J. Rowe, J.D.; T. C. Seary, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Cogliati, W. Valian, and H. Matthews.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th December were read and confirmed. Bro. T. C. Seary having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. Valian offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. R. Harnell was unanimously elected W.M. for the 15th inst., the ceremony of installation, in accordance with the minutes of the 4th December last, being worked by the W.M. and the W.M. elect of the mother lodge on the following Thursday. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that the annual New Year's gifts of £1 is. to Bro. T. E. Weeks, Tyler, and 5s. to Bro. Tooley, the serving brother, be voted to those brethren from the funds of the lodge of instruction. Seconded by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, and carried unanimously. Bro. T. E. Weeks thanked the brethren for the kind gift. Bro. W. C. Smith, the past Preceptor, received the hearty congratulations of the brethren present on the improved state of his health, and they hoped to see him amongst them often. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; James Wiggins, S.W.; A. Ellenden, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; T. W. Heath, S.D.; B. Kenyon, J.D.; G. A. Knight, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; G. Swann, W.M. 865; W. B. Neville, J. H. Neville, A. G. Talbot, W. J. Rendall, W. Hillier, D. Boyce, E. J. Green, and W. Dresden.

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. W. B. Neville acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. H. Neville having been previously examined and entrusted, the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Neville acting as candidate. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Wiggins was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Bro. W. E. Macey, whose death had occurred so suddenly. The lodge was then closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., J.W.; John Davies, W.M. 169, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); Alfred Love, S.D.; T. S. Stevens, J.D.; W. G. Jennings, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. A brother offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Davies rehearsed the addresses incident to the installation. Bro. Brown was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; T. W. Biggs, S.W.; J. N. Baxter, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; W. S. Whiteley, S.D.; W. A. Pocock, 59, (visitor), J.D.; F. A. Barth, I.G.; J. Cox, Stwd.; A. Williams, P.M.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Prov. G.S.B. Surrey; F. Walden, Dr. Stanley-Mansfield, J. Wilson, and G. W. Kirkham.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mulvey being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. A. Williams. On the usual risings, Bro. Pocock, 59, was elected a member of the lodge, and Bro. Biggs was elected W.M. for the 17th inst. As the next meeting is the officers' night, the installation ceremony will be worked by the W.M. of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Roberts, W.M.; Barber, S.W.; Hobbs, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Budd, Asst. Sec.; Piper, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Badderley, I.G.; Balchin, Stwd.; Brindley, P.M.; Maloney, Holland, White, Bristow, Bates, and Bradley (visitor).

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. Brindley being candidate. Bro. Bristow, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bristow being candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Barber was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Comps. T. Grumant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Benedetti, H.; North, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor and S.E.; Vincent, P.Z., S.N.; G. L. Moore, P.Z., P.S.; Davis, Martin, Halls, Marsden, and Addington.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was ably worked by the M.E.Z. The three installation ceremonies will be worked this (Friday) evening by Comp. Hilton, Preceptor. All Arch Masons will be welcomed, especially Principals and Past Principals. Installation at 7 p.m.; exaltation ceremony, 8 p.m.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

### STONEHOUSE.

**Sincerity Lodge (No. 35).**—The annual meeting was held at St. George's Hall, on the 6th instant. W. Bro. A. Trout, the W.C.N., was installed. The officers invested were Bros. F. R. Thomas, I.P.W.C.N.; Sholto H. Hare, J.; A. W. White, S.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, Chap.; A. W. White, Treas.; J. Parker, Scribe; F. M. H. Somerville, S.D.; W. Blight, J.D.; G. Dunster-ville, D.C.; E. Aslat, O.; J. B. Moulder, Guardian; J. Buchan and T. Lillicrap, Stewards; and J. Gidley, Warder.

## Scotland.

### EDINBURGH.

**Scone and Perth Lodge (No. 3).**—The annual Festival of Holy St. John was celebrated by this ancient and prosperous lodge on Friday, December 26th, Bro. J. Small, R.W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. A. D. Clive, S.W.; J. F. Gowans, J.W.; A. J. Stephenson, I.P.M.; Rev. J. M. Strachan, Chap.; D. C. Smith, Sec.; J. McDiarmid, Treas.; T. Hunter, P.M.; J. Wallace, P.M.; McCallum, Dempster, Elliot, Martin, Glover, Alexandra, Rodman, Liebow, Bryson, Wilson, Macdougall, Pine, and others.

An excellent dinner was served by the Steward, Bro. McLean, King's Arms Hotel, which was much appreciated by all present.

After dinner the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, High-street, where the remainder of the evening was spent in song and harmony. The musical part of the programme was carried out by Bro. Miller's quadrille band.

### THE RE-UNION OF MELROSE LODGE WITH GRAND LODGE.

The *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* gives a sketch of the old Masonic Lodge of Melrose, which stands in the village of Newstead, a mile to the east of the modern structure in the High-street. The union of the lodge with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, after a separate existence of upwards of a century and a half, was celebrated on St. John's Day with more than the customary festivities. The lodge has maintained an isolated existence from time immemorial. When in 1736 the other lodges decided to band themselves together in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Melrose Lodge stood aloof. A copy of the circular then sent out is in the possession of the lodge at Melrose, but there is no record as to what steps, if any, were taken in consequence of its receipt. Having regard to the desirability of uniting the Lodge St. John to the Grand Lodge, endeavours have from time to time been made to effect a union, and as the result of certain overtures begun at the close of 1887, the G. Lodge has recently submitted the terms, which were under consideration by the Melrose Lodge on Saturday. These provide that the Grand Lodge will not interfere with the funds or property at present belonging to the Melrose Lodge, but that these remain as formerly the exclusive property of that lodge; that the Melrose Lodge makes certain specified payments to the Grand Lodge, by the constitution and laws of which the members of the Melrose Lodge shall after date of union be bound; and that in consideration of the documentary evidence of the antiquity of the lodge the position of No. 1½ be assigned to it on the roll of the Grand Lodge. Equitable though the terms appear, considerable opposition to the proposal for union was apprehended, and to prevent any error it was deemed expedient to discard the old practice of taking the feeling of the meeting by a "plurality of voices" in favour of a vote by ballot. The case having been laid before the brethren and both sides heard, the vote was taken, with the result that there voted for the union 69, against 20; majority in favour of union, 49. And thus, in the words of the Committee of the Grand Lodge, the union of this ancient independent body with the Grand Lodge will efface the last vestige of Masonic schism in Scotland. Bro. William Hart has been re-appointed R.W.M.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale arrived at Osborne on a visit to the Queen on Saturday last, coming over from Portsmouth with the Duke of Connaught, who is unable to take up his residence in that town till his house has been set in order.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE LANGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1673.

The annual festival of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, was held on Thursday, December 18th, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when the following brethren were present, Bro. J. D. Langton, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, being in the chair: Bros. Gordon Smith, P.G.S.; C. W. Mapleton, S.W. and W.M. elect 256; G. Anderson, P.G.S.; F. Knight, 1185; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey; J. S. Fraser, P.S.G.D. Surrey; E. A. de Paiva, J.W. 176; C. H. Simmons, J.D. 168; G. F. Marshall, P.M. 69; R. C. Sudlow, G.S.B.; S. Lea-Smith, S.W. 1159; H. J. Gates, 1673; P. H. Smiles, W.M. 1361; C. W. C. Webb, P.S.G.D. Surrey; B. Gardner, 69; J. G. C. Bull, 1194; and H. H. Leigh, 1673 (visitor).

This being a special evening no work was done in the lodge, and after the monthly meeting of the Second Langton Benevolent Association the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Bro. Anderson.

The usual Masonic toasts, interspersed with songs, were duly proposed, and a very pleasant evening was spent, in the course of which the SECRETARY gave a short account of the position of the lodge, which was a very satisfactory one from all points.

### MASONIC BALL AT NORTHAMPTON.

The brethren of Northampton held a grand ball at their new hall, on December 24th, under the auspices of the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360; the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764; the De la Pré Lodge, No. 1911; the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., Prov. Grand Master Northants and Hunts; Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.G.S.B. England, D.P.G.M., and was in every way a complete success.

Dispensations were granted by the authorities of the Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, Royal Ark Mariners, Rose Croix, Knights Templar, and other Masonic bodies to wear the clothing of their respective Degrees, and the officers of the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces were requested to appear in uniform.

The arrangements were carried out by the following Committee, and were all that could be desired: Bros. T. P. Dorman, H. W. K. Markham, C. E. Thorpe, H. Manfield, G. Ellard, R. Croft, G. Butcher, A. F. Mulliner, E. Fletcher, A. Jones, W. H. Peirce, and T. Emery. Bro. W. H. Smith undertook the arduous duties of Hon. Sec., and did his utmost to promote the comfort and pleasure of the guests.

The dancing took place in the large lodge-room, and the company numbered about 100. The programme contained 21 selections of the newest music, and the band was under the able direction of Mr. Louis Warnes. Supper, supplied by Bro. W. F. Tipler, was set out in excellent style in the grand hall. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock, and was continued until between two and three in the morning. Bro. A. F. Mulliner, 1764, efficiently acted as Master of the Ceremonies, and the following as Stewards: Bros. E. B. Fletcher, W.M. elect 360; C. E. Thorpe, J.D. 360; W. H. Peirce, 360; T. P. Dorman, W.M. 1764; H. Manfield, Treas. 1764; H. W. K. Markham, Sec. 1911; and W. H. Smith, Hon. Sec. 1764.

### MASONIC AUXILIARY BAZAAR IN GLASGOW.

In connection with the Grand Lodge Benevolent Annuity Fund, a three-days' auxiliary bazaar for the disposal of "numerous van-loads of unopened goods consigned to the Edinburgh bazaar," was opened by Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, M.P., Grand Master of Scotland, on the 2nd inst., in the Trades' Hall, Glasgow.

In performing the ceremony, Sir ARCHIBALD said that it was now four weeks since he opened the bazaar in Edinburgh, which terminated in a very great success, and in the addition to the funds of Freemasonry of no less a sum than £16,150. The efforts that were made by the ladies and gentlemen then to assist their Craft and craftsmen were now to be supplemented by this bazaar in Glasgow, and he trusted that their efforts upon this occasion would be crowned with success, and that they would be able to add to the sum already at their disposal in aid of the Craft in Scotland. After paying a tribute to the work done by his predecessor, Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, which made it, he said, all the more easy for him and the Craft of the Grand Lodge to appeal to the Craft of Scotland, he urged that every assistance be given in the good work.

Bro. JOHN GRAHAM, of Broadstone, Prov. G.M., in moving a vote of thanks to Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, said they trusted to be able to raise the Benevolent Fund to £20,000 before they were done. Indeed, he hoped they would be able in time, as they did in England, to spend £50,000 in Charity.

Bro. the Earl of Wharnclyffe has received a reply from the Marquis of Salisbury to the memorial he forwarded praying that the good offices of the British Government might be used with the Khedive, to induce his Highness to appoint an official to look after the monuments of ancient Egypt, and prevent their further mutilation by the Arabs. Lord Salisbury states that the memorial has been forwarded, and will be presented to the Khedive, but that the nationality of the official to be appointed is a matter which rests with the Khedive.

**Ireland.**

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LONDONDERRY.**

The Grand Master of Ireland, Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, accompanied by the Marquis of Hamilton, arrived in Londonderry on the 2nd inst., and attended a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derry and Donegal, held in the Masonic Hall. There was an exceptionally large attendance, representatives being present from the most remote parts of both counties.

An address was presented to the Duke of Abercorn of welcome to himself and congratulations on the coming of age of the Marquis of Hamilton.

The Duke of ABERCORN, in his reply, said: It is a matter of great pride for me to think that you should take such an interest in the welfare of members of my family, for the intercourse that has existed for many years past—I might almost say generations—between my family and many other families living in the counties of Derry and Donegal has been drawn in later years into closer bonds of friendship, promoted to a great extent by that brotherly love that should be the link binding all Freemasons together. In your address you specially mention two other members of my family. My father, whose object in life was the elevation of the Order of which he was so prominent a member, and the Duchess, my wife, to whom the appellation of "brother" cannot be attached, but to whom the words "motherly" and "sisterly" are synonymous with all that is good and gentle in this world. With such patterns in the life that is before him I trust and believe that my son will rise to the expectations that have been formed of him, and will become a credit to his country and an honour to his family name.

The Marquis of HAMILTON also returned thanks.

His Grace and the Marquis of Hamilton were afterwards entertained at dinner by the brethren.

**Craft Abroad.**

**BARBADOS.—BRIDGETOWN.**

**CENTENARY OF THE ALBION LODGE, No. 196 (E.C.)**

The centenary of the Albion Lodge, under the English Constitution, was commemorated by Divine service at the cathedral, followed by a banquet at the Masonic Hall. The brethren of the Albion, Victoria, and St. Michael Lodges, and those unattached, who were present, numbered about 75. They proceeded to the cathedral in the following order: the St. Michael's Lodge, the Victoria Lodge, and the Albion Lodge. The procession was met at the church gate by the robed choir; preceded by the choir singing a hymn, the brethren entered. The service was choral.

The District Grand Master, Bro. Col. ELLIOTT, read the Bible lesson, and Bro. the Rev. CLARK-HOLMAN, Chaplain of the District Grand Lodge, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon, being assisted in the service by Bro. the Rev. Dr. DURANT. The talented organist of the cathedral presided at the organ.

Divine service being over, the brethren returned to the Masonic Hall, when about 50 of them sat down to a sumptuous banquet. Sweet music by some of the bandmen of the York and Lancashire Regiment, and by a pianist, contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. The chair was occupied by Bro. James Gibbons, in the absence of the Master, Bro. Howes, through illness.

The first toast, which was very enthusiastically drunk to the National air, was "The Queen and the Craft"; the next was "The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," which was responded to by Bro. Colonel ELLIOTT, Grand Deacon of England, the District Grand Master.

Then followed some other toasts, which were severally responded to: "The Albion Lodge," "The District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge," "The Sister Lodges," and "All poor and distressed Masons."

A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. the Rev. Clark-Holman for his sermon, and to the Decorative Committee for the effective manner in which they had performed their task.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER regretted the absence of the newly-installed Master of the lodge through illness, and expressed the hope of his speedy restoration to health. Thus terminated the proceedings of a very pleasant evening.

The banquet room was handsomely decorated, a crimson curtain with gold fringe looped up with gilt stars over each window festooned the room, while around the room were to be seen the banners of the Knight Templars, the tracing boards of the Craft lodges, portraits of the Queen and the Prince of Wales (in his Masonic regalia as Grand Master) and the charter and centennial warrant of the Albion Lodge. The tables were tastily adorned with palms, crotons, roses and stands of flowers interspersed with fairy lamps and other decorations, which, we are informed, were arranged by the ladies of Bro. Clinckett's family and friends.

**MASONIC BALL AT BISHOP AUCKLAND.**

The second annual Masonic ball in aid of the Durham Charity Fund took place on the 18th of December in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the Wear Valley

Lodge, No. 1121, and it was a very gay and enjoyable function, at which the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren appeared in full-dress clothing and insignia of their Masonic rank. The room was very elegantly embellished with shields of the Bishop of Durham, Sir Wm. Eden, and others; a selection of lodge banners, including the handsome colours from the provincial lodge, mirrors in gilt casements, foliage plants from Auckland Castle, also an interesting assemblage of lodge furniture, emblems, and so on. The hall was brilliantly lighted, and the picturesque dresses of the ladies made up a very pretty *mise en scene*.

**AUSTRALIA—ADELAIDE.**

**Percy Chapter (No. 113).**—The first annual meeting of this chapter, under warrant from the Supreme Grand Council of 33°, London, was held at the Alfred Masonic Hall, Waymouth-street, Adelaide, recently. Sir Knight Judge Boucaut, 30°, presided. Several brethren were to be perfected to the 18°, but were unavoidably absent, and apologised. R.W. Bro. G. C. Knight, J.G.W., was duly installed as M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. Justice Boucaut, assisted by Bro. Fiveash, in the presence of a full attendance of companions of the 18° and 30°. The M.W.S., Bro. G. C. Knight, then appointed and installed his officers as follows: Bros. His Honour Justice Boucaut, 30°, P.M.W.S.; W. Fiveash, 30°, P.M.W.S.; J. Hanton, 18°, Prelate; H. Turner, J.P., 18°, First General; W. Sumsion, 18°, Second General; James Shaw, J.P., 18°, Treasurer; H. B. Taylor, 18°, Recorder; H. S. Munton, 18°, Grand Marshal; T. J. C. Hantke, 18°, Raphael; Andreasen, 18°, Director of Ceremonies; J. Hines, 18°, Captain of the Guard; C. A. Oldham, 18°, Organist; and W. A. Tucker, 18°, Guard. At the conclusion of the ceremony the M.W.S., Bro. G. C. Knight, gave an exhortation and impressive charge to the companions of the chapter and newly-elected officers. The chapter was then closed by the Prelate, and the watch set. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Boucaut as Installing Master, and for his services during the past year.—*South Australian Register*.



**TWELFTH NIGHT AT DRURY LANE.**

The cutting of the Baddeley Cake at Drury Lane has now become one of the recognised theatrical functions of the year, and appears to be growing in importance in proportion to the yearly increasing enterprise of the lessee. Last year the Freemasons were invited in large numbers by the then Grand Treasurer elect, and responded by attending to the number of at least 1000. This year the civic element was predominant to do honour to the Sheriff of Middlesex, although the Masons were anything but few in numbers, and were welcomed by Bro. Augustus Harris to the gigantic entertainment provided with his usual cordiality.

On Tuesday night the scene was probably more brilliant and enlivening than any of its predecessors. No sooner was the pantomime over and the vast audience gradually leaving their places than the scene shifters were at work clearing the stage of scenery to make way for the invited guests. Midnight was the hour appointed for the assemblage to gather, and within a very few minutes from the stroke of twelve the arrivals became very numerous. In fact, the auditorium was filled before a quarter-past twelve. Upon the stage was a long row of tables spread with supper, and in front of all was the cake, which hardly looked large enough to go round, and as usual Bro. James Fernandez cut it up. Before doing so he made a few felicitous remarks, dwelling upon the fact that this year Bro. Harris is lessee of two theatres, and also Sheriff of London. The cake was then cut, and the audience deserted the front of the house and fell upon the supper with appetites that brought the meal to a speedy conclusion.

The brand of champagne was Koch Fils, and was freely recommended by Bro. Lennox Browne, full of his Berlin inspired enthusiasm, as "the best liquor for consumption."

Besides a number of well-known Masonic brethren, which included Bro. Lord Londesborough and many of the Grand Officers, there were present Lord Dunlo (who with Lady Dunlo occupied a private box), Lord Sudeley, Mr. M'Clure, M.P., Mr. E. Routledge, Mr. C. Wyndham, Mrs. Harris, Mr. H. Standing, Bro. C. Warner, Signor Randeggar, Miss F. St. John, Bro. Harry Nicholls, Bro. Herbert Campbell, Miss Annie Irish, Miss Florence Levey, Miss Eva Greville, Miss Geraldine Ulmar, Bro. W. S. Penley, Miss Alma Stanley, Bro. W. Ganz, Miss Clara Jecks, Mrs. Bernard Beere, Bro. F. H. Macklin, Signor Jacobi, and Mr. L. Waller.

After supper the stage was cleared for dancing, to the music of the band of the Scots Guards, under the direction of Mr. Edward Holland, and the ball was continued up to a late hour.

The Comedy Theatre is now in for a run of luck. Of the various farcical comedies that have been produced in 1890 the one brought out at the end of the year is the funniest and most brilliant. It is not too long nor too short. All through the three acts the interest never flags. We are pleased to chronicle that "Jane" is written by two brethren of our Fraternity—both of them as well known in the Masonic world as in theatrical and social circles. Bros. W. Lestocq and

Harry Nicholls are known throughout the land. The former our readers will remember is a distinguished and respected P.M. of Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, and the latter being a member of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. Mr. C. H. Hawtreys is to be sincerely congratulated upon having got hold of such an amusing play and he may reasonably look forward to seeing his theatre full for many months to come. Already H.R.H. the Grand Master has been and laughed at "Jane." The plot is not a new one, but the way in which it is worked out is quite fresh and immensely entertaining. A young man in town has a guardian who will not advance him money unless he gets married, so as the old gentleman is coming to visit him a wife must be found at once. His man servant and factotum has on the morning of the guardian's arrival married secretly the housemaid. To help his young master he gets an elderly lady to pass herself off as the wife. She is only too ready to do so, as she thinks her chances of being really wed may come about. But in the meanwhile the young gentleman, distracted as to what to do, prevails upon the housekeeper for a bribe of £100 to pass herself off as his better half. At dinner she orders the butler, her husband, about, and makes many heartbreaking remarks about him to the host and his guest. The servant having been asked if there is any family, has in the interests of his master said there is a baby, so now a baby must be found. The young woman is equal to the occasion, and borrows the child of a friend. At last the valet-husband can stand the flirtation under his very eyes betwixt his master and his wife no longer, and exposes the deception. Of course, in the end the guardian forgives the fraud. Mr. Hawtreys again plays in his quiet and impressive manner the part of the bachelor spenuthrift. Miss Lottie Venne makes her part as the housemaid who enjoys the temporary flirtation very amusing, as is her wont. Mr. Brookfield is a good second to Mr. Hawtreys as the valet, and Master E. Saker, as a boy, shows such talent as befits a member of his distinguished family.

Mr. Sedger, at the Prince of Wales's, has brought out Mr. Savile Clarke's dramatised version of Thackeray's "The Ring and the Rose," and we confidently say a great treat will be denied to them if the children at home for the holidays are not taken to see this pretty and humorous fairy tale. But it appeals to grown up children just as much, for it is a good story, well told, beautifully staged, possesses strong interest, and is acted and sung to perfection. On the first performance it ran as if it had been playing for months. This says much for those who have drilled the children, and taught the little actors and actresses their vocal and histrionic parts. The story is well adhered to. There are no allusions to politics or anything engaging the public attention outside, so that the smallest child can understand the fairy tale. The continuity besides is not broken by clowning or "business" being worked in. No need for any, when Mr. Clarke has provided us with such a bountiful bill of fare. The magic ring and rose have the virtue of making their possessors for the time being captivating in the eyes of beholders. The ring changes hands several times—now it is Angelica's, daughter of King of Paflogind, now it falls into the hands of a designing elderly female, and ultimately is picked up by Betsinda, the housemaid at the King's palace, who ultimately turns out to be heiress to the throne of Crim Tartary. The rose is the property of Prince Bulbo, a claimant for the hand of Angelica. Of course the fairy Blackstick every now and then comes on the scene and takes care all goes well. Miss Violet Cameron as Prince Giglio gives signs that her sweet voice has not lost its cunning. She is supplied with some lovely lyrics. Miss Empsie Bowman won all hearts by her intelligence in singing, dancing, and speaking. Being a child of we suppose about eight Christmases, she caused much laughter when she came on as a field marshal, commander-in-chief, in full staff uniform. Miss Attalie Claire as Betsinda well bears a great burden of the pantomime. Bros. Monkhouse and Le Hay and Mr. Cheesman are each very good. Bro. Charles Harris has mounted "The Rose and the Ring" in his well-known style, and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris has lent much of his experience to the whole production. Mr. John D'Auban is responsible for the graceful dances of the children, and Mr. Stedman for the singing of his choir of boys. Bro. W. Slaughter provides the music, and throughout it is delightful. Many of the tunes will become popular, none more so than Miss Cameron's song, "Take off the ring," which was encored again and again.

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The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m.

The Duke of Connaught visited Portsmouth on Friday, the 2nd inst., and entered on his duties as General Commanding the Southern District.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory will preside at the distribution of prizes to the students of the City of London College on Friday next, the 16th inst., when the distribution will be made by Lord Justice Fry.

A serious accident occurred at Budapest on Sunday, when the ice on the Danube gave way at a time when large numbers of people were congregated on its surface, and it is believed that several were drowned.

The Chapel Royal, or Banqueting Hall, at Whitehall, was formally handed over to the Royal United Service Institution on the 1st instant, the key being given to Captain Burgess, who is Secretary to the Institution.

The Prince of Wales has forwarded a donation of £10 10s., and the Duke of Connaught one of £10, to the Army Guild's Home for the Orphan Daughters of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the British Army.

Lady Malet, widow of Bro. Sir Alexander Malet, Bart., a distinguished diplomatist, and mother of Sir Henry Malet, Bart., and Bro. Sir E. Baldwin Malet, British Ambassador at Berlin, died on Friday, the 2nd inst., at Bournemouth.

The sum expended during the past year on hospitals, home and foreign missions, Bible and tract societies, provident dispensaries, convalescent homes, and similar benevolent organisations was very little short of £5,000,000 sterling.

From Newcastle it is reported that about 45 steamers, representing nearly 70,000 tons of shipping, are now laid up in the Tyne; and that a large number of Tyne steamers are frozen in at Antwerp, Hamburg, and other Continental ports.

We regret to hear that Bro. the Earl of Euston, who is staying at Wakefield Lodge, Stony Stratford, the seat of his father, the Duke of Grafton, is suffering from an internal abscess, and that in all probability he will be confined to his room for a further week or ten days.

Mrs. Langtry has very kindly consented to appear as Lady Teasle in the Screen Scene from "The School for Scandal" at the Marius *matinée*, which takes place at the Lyric Theatre on Tuesday, the 20th inst. Mrs. Langtry will be supported by Mr. Coghlan as Charles Surface, James Fernandez as Sir Peter Teasle, Mr. Frank Kemble Cooper as Joseph Surface, and Mr. Oscar Adye as the servant.

Bro. J. S. Fleming, for many years Treasurer at Drury Lane Theatre, and afterwards of Her Majesty's Theatre, will have a grand complimentary smoking concert at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 2nd March. An influential list of patrons, committee, and artistes is being secured, and full particulars will be announced as soon as possible. Bro. H. J. Hitchins (Empire Theatre) has kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and to him all communications should be addressed.

Bro. Charlie Pfeiffer, S.W. of the St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, of the Province of Somerset, has been elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and has further been chosen as President of the lodge of instruction in the Province of Bristol for the next three months. Bro. Pfeiffer is the son of our late Bro. Herr Pfeiffer, who was formerly so well-known in the musical world, especially in the West of England. The newly-elected W.M. of 1833 was at one time in the 10th Hussars.

At the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, Winchester, on New Year's Eve, after the ceremonies, Bro. Searle, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the coming year, and Bro. W. H. Jacob re-elected Treasurer, and each brother expressed his thanks for the confidence placed in him. The year just ended under Bro. Brockley, W.M., is one of the most prosperous known for some years past, and has acquitted himself ably and hospitably.

The following extract from a letter just received from a brother at Kimberley will show how our brethren in that distant land carry out their Masonic duties: "I went into Bechuanaland a couple of months ago, and on arriving at Vryburg fell into a tank and broke a bone in my leg and severely sprained my ankle, and am only now just beginning to walk. I was treated very kindly by the Masons of Vryburg after my accident there. I knew no one in the place, so sent for the Master of the lodge. He came and, with the brethren, paid me a great deal of attention while I laid there, and when I was able to move got me a special carriage to send me home in."

Brethren will be sorry to learn that the author of "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," met with a severe accident on the 2nd inst., at New Cross Station. Bro. McIntyre North during the evening had acted as their Principal in the Star Chapter of Instruction, and when he reached the station on his way home the official in charge called out several times for him to make haste. He ran carefully downstairs, and on reaching the platform saw an engine and train, which, owing to the dense fog then prevailing appeared to be standing in the usual position occupied by trains when travelling on the local down line. He, therefore, ran smartly towards the train to take his place, but as the train was in reality on the main down line he literally raced off the platform and fell at full length on the metals below. The officials hearing the crash ran to his assistance, but he had sufficient presence of mind to at once spring on the platform before they had time to reach the spot, luckily before a through train passed over the metals, thus narrowly escaping being cut to pieces. Falling on the left side, the injuries he received were: contusion on the right knee, the left arm and wrist sprained, and a severe contusion close to the base of the spine, which will necessitate his being confined to his bed for some days.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has arrived at Wiesbaden, to have his eyes treated by Professor Pagenstecher.

Mrs. Beerbohm Tree is ill from rheumatic fever and unable to appear at the Haymarket.

Bro. Sir John Gorst, O.C., M.P., has been spending the Christmas holidays with his family at Lawford House, near Manningtree, Essex.

The Albion Lodge (No. 9) ball will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 30th inst. The Hon. Secretary is Bro. Ernest Hamlyn, W.M., 153, Cheapside.

An addition to the roll of Mark lodges takes place today (Friday), when the Mount Edgcombe Lodge will be consecrated at Camborne by the Prov. G.M.M., Bro. Sir Charles Graves Sawle, Bart.

The Grocers' Company have made a grant of £100 in aid of the funds of the London Society for the Extension of University Teaching, which now has some 50 centres established in the Metropolis.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton arrived at the Admiralty on Wednesday from Sevenoaks, where he has been visiting Lord Hillingdon. In the evening he left for Coates, Sussex, on a visit to the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn.

The Eridge Hunt Ball at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday, was a great success. The room was prettily decorated, the walls being covered with foliage interspersed with hunting trophies, and there was a goodly and fashionable company present.

The installation meeting of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, will be held at the King's Arms Hotel, Berkhamstead, on Wednesday next, the 14th instant, when Bro. A. Prudames, S.W., and W.M. elect, P.A.G.S. Herts, will be installed in the chair.

The installation meeting of the Architect Lodge, No. 1375, was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Withington, when a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. John I. Tiller, I.P.M., which had been manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

We are informed that arrangements are being made for the delivery by Bro. James Stevens of his latest interesting lecture on "Ritual and Ceremonial" at the ensuing meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for Shropshire, to be held at Shrewsbury.

We regret to hear that Lady Brodie, wife of Bro. Sir Benjamin Brodie, Bart., has met with a somewhat serious accident. When alighting from her carriage at her Surrey residence, Brockham Warren, Betchworth, her ladyship's foot slipped, and she sustained a compound fracture of the leg.

The Exhibition of Works by the Old Masters and by deceased Masters of the British School was opened to the public at the Royal Academy, Burlington House, on Monday, the private view having taken place on Saturday last. This is the 22nd exhibition of its kind that has been held, and will well repay the trouble of a visit at so inclement a season.

The Clarence Lodge, No. 2386, will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Chester, on Monday, the 19th inst., by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, assisted by Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Bro. W. H. Finchett is the W.M. designate; Bro. T. Litherland, S.W. designate; and Capt. Cooper, J.W. designate.

The Duke of Cambridge intends making a trip, if his health permits, from Monte Carlo to Malta, which he has not visited since he went thither for the purpose of inspecting the Indian troops when there was a possibility of a war with Russia in 1878. His Royal Highness will make a special inspection of the fortifications, as well as of the garrison, which now numbers some 8000 men.

Messrs. J. R. Parkington and Co. state that the shipments of port for December amount to 8201 pipes (Great Britain 3380 pipes), making 84,654 pipes for 12 months, against 85,211 pipes in 1889, and 85,309 pipes in 1888. The shipments of sherry were 5332 butts in December, making 60,063 butts for 1890, against 55,130 butts in 1889, and 49,289 butts in 1888.

At the Holmesdale Lodge of Instruction, at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. James Stevens delivered his latest lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry" to a very appreciative audience. The most important points in the lecture were subsequently discussed by the brethren and the lecturer, and considerable information of a most useful character was imparted. The proceedings of the evening were generally acknowledged to have been of an instructive and entertaining character throughout, and gave the fullest satisfaction to the members of the lodge and their visitors.

In opening an industrial and fine art exhibition at Grantham on Wednesday, the Duchess of Rutland said it was very remarkable how much talent was called forth by such exhibitions; and she was of opinion that not only one class, but all classes of the community benefited by them. She was very glad to note that the study of flower painting met with so much attention. She felt greatly interested in the specimens of carving, and she was aware that, owing to the kindness of the Earl and Countess Brownlow, a school of art for carving was carried on in Grantham. The Duchess recommended that more time should be devoted to needlework.

On Wednesday the mid-winter show of the National Chrysanthemum Society was held at the Royal Aquarium, cyclamen and primulas being also included in the exhibition. Comparatively speaking, the display was an exceedingly poor one, although considering the prolonged frost many of the blooms are shown in surprising perfection. A number of prizes are given, but the awards are naturally not bestowed after judging from those standards of excellence set up at shows earlier in the winter. Perhaps the best collections of chrysanthemums comes from Norfolk, and the exhibitor, Mr. W. Gilbert, gardener to Mr. B. Le Neve Foster, of Sennowe Hall, Guist, gained a first prize. Miss B. Debenham, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, was first in the section for 24 blooms, in which class Mr. Sullivan, gardener to Mr. D. B. Chapman, of Devonshire House, Roehampton, secured the second and third awards. Mr. R. Owen, of Castle Hill, Maidenhead, represents nurserymen with a large display, for which he receives the silver-gilt medal.

The "In Darkest England" subscription list has been made up at the Stock Exchange amounting to £1237 5s.

The term of mourning for the late Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, expired on the 31st December.

A ball was held in the Guildhall, Plymouth, on Thursday, the 1st instant, in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which proved most successful, both socially and financially.

Friday, the 2nd instant, was the 73rd anniversary of the foundation of the Institution of Civil Engineers, which started in 1818 with six members, and now numbers 5923.

Pisciculture is advancing in France. During 1890 the aquarium at the Trocadero produced 268,000 eggs of Californian salmon, and a greater number still of trout. It raised during one part of the year nearly 100,000 small fish.

The W.M. and officers of the William Shurmur Lodge, which meets at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, will not lack opportunities of making themselves acquainted with the ritual, seeing that 24 candidates for initiation were proposed at the first meeting.

Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas. of England, invited the 25 pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls who have not gone home for the Christmas holidays to witness a performance of "In Chancery" at a *matinée* yesterday (Thursday).

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry" on Tuesday evening next, the 13th inst., in the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich. Lodge will be opened at six p.m.

The always popular Masonic Ball at Hastings has been fixed for Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Royal Concert Hall, Bros. Councillor Russell and E. C. Botley being the Hon. Secretaries, with Bro. R. J. Reed as Hon. Treasurer. Special arrangements are being made to render the ball worthy of its usual fashionable patronage.

The *South African Freemason* says it has been lately enumerating the Masonic newspapers in the world, and has succeeded in compiling a list of 42, although it admits it may have omitted some, but of this tolerably big total only five are published weekly, viz., two in London, one in Philadelphia, one in Detroit, and one in South Africa.

Mr. F. J. Horniman, of Wormwood-street, is being solicited by his friends to stand for election this year as one of the Sheriffs of London, and an influential requisition is about to be presented to him asking him to allow his name to be put in nomination. It is also understood that he will seek Parliamentary honours at the General Election.

The birthday of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale was observed at Windsor on Thursday by firing of Royal salutes and the ringing of the bells of St. George's Chapel and the various churches. The Duke was born at Frogmore House, Windsor Park, January 8th, 1864, and on Thursday completed his 27th year.

According to the "Year's Art," the art sales for the year just past seem to have been of a highly satisfactory character. Taking the standard of comparison at 1,400 guineas, it appears that, whereas in 1888 35 works attained this figure, and in 1889 only 17, in 1890 the unusual number of 39 passed this limit. The average was £2561, and 30 out of the 39 were by British masters.

One hundred of the aged poor of Cleckheaton were entertained to a tea at the close of the old year by the brethren of the local lodges. These periodical displays of interest by the Craft in the welfare of the general public are very gratifying, and go far to raise the Order in the minds of the outside world.

On Tuesday evening Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg gave a ball at Northwood, West Cowes. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and Count Albert Mensdorff were present, as well as the ladies and gentlemen of the Queen's Household.

Bro. H. I. Barnato, after whom the Barnato Diamond Mine in Kimberley, and also the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, were named, very kindly presented each of the drivers and conductors, to the number of 258, on the omnibuses plying in the Edgware-road, with a pipe and packet of tobacco on Boxing-day, the gift being much appreciated.

A concert is to be held at Dover on the 21st inst., promoted by the members of the local lodges with a view of benefiting the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Earl Amherst, the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, has evinced great interest in the undertaking, and has given his permit for the wearing of Masonic regalia on the occasion.

On the 5th inst., the annual meeting of Industry Mark Lodge, No. 293, was held in the Masonic Hall, Gateshead, when Bro. Robert Wilson was duly installed W.M. in an impressive manner by Bro. William Brown, P.M. There was a goodly number of brethren present, including several members of Provincial Grand Lodge. After the ceremony the brethren dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

With regard to the approaching International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, a letter has been sent to the press signed by the Duke of Westminster, Sir Andrew Clark, Mr. Thomas Bryant, President of the Royal College of Surgeons; the Earl of Ravensworth, President of the Royal Agricultural Society; Mr. Alfred Waterhouse, R.A., President of the Royal Institute of British Architects; Dr. F. J. Mouat, Sir John Coode, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers; Sir James Paget, Sir Spencer Wells, and Sir Douglas Galton. It states that the Prince of Wales, as President, has signified his intention of opening it on Monday, the 10th August, and the Congress will conclude its session on the 15th of that month.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for ten minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid who attentively reads them can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.—ADVT.