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## THE LATE GRAND SECRETARY.

Sad indeed is the news, which was circulated far and wide during the recent holiday, of the death of Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe E. of England. What makes the blow more grievous to be borne is the suddenness of its occurrence. Colonel CLERKE was at his post in Freemasons' Hall on the Tuesday preceding Christmas, as he died on Christmas Day itself. True, he was far from being in his usual health at the time, and was evidently affected, as every one else, man, woman, and child, was affected by the sooty fog with which London was enveloped. But he was a hale man, of good physique, and by no means far advanced in years, and of those who knew him well not one would have imagined that Death was so near, and would claim him after so brief a warning. Most of us, if we ever gave the matter a thought, were looking forward to his continuance in office for many a year to come. He was so active in the discharge of his duties, so full of life and energy, and so constantly in our midst, now consecrating some new lodge or chapter, now installing some brother of exalted rank, now present, as honoured guest or member, at some lodge or chapter meeting, that his absence from duty for more than a few days was never dreamt of as a possibility. But what no one anticipated has come to pass. The hale man, the man of life and energy in whatever he put his hand to, has been stricken down in the very pride of his intellectual vigour, and he who but yesterday was a central figure at every Masonic function of importance has gone from us for ever. The gallant soldier of the old Crimean days, the kind and courteous gentleman, the dutiful officer of our Masonic Senate, has gone never to return, and the place he had filled for the last dozen of years so worthily and with so much honour to himself will know him no more. Never again shall we hear from his lips the kindly greeting or those measured words of salutary caution he was wont to utter when occasion demanded. The tale of his services is complete, and when the great sorrow which oppresses all who knew him has been alleviated, and an unbiassed judgement can be formed of his eminent services to Freemasonry, then and then only shall we be in a position to estimate the full measure of the loss we have sustained by his death. As regards the character and extent of those services, however, a full account will be found later on in our columns. Let it suffice, therefore, if we state here that in every branch of Freemasonry with which he was associated Colonel CLERKE had attained a position of eminence which few have the opportunity, and fewer still the energy and ability to attain. Not only was he Grand Secretary of United Grand Lodge and Grand Scribe E. of Supreme Grand Chapter, but he was likewise a Past Grand Warden

in Mark Masonry, Provincial Grand Master of London and the Metropolitan Counties in the Royal Order of Scotland, Great Sub-Prior and Provincial Prior of Sussex in the Order of the Temple, Past G.S.R. in the Order of the Secret Monitor, and Grand Chancellor and Past Grand Secretary-General of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. His more prominent services in connection with the last-named branch of modern Masonry were rendered in his capacity of Grand Secretary-General, but on his appointment as successor to the late Bro. JOHN HERVEY, in the Secretaryship of Grand Lodge, he resigned the former post, and was presented by the Supreme Council with a handsome gift of plate in recognition of what he had achieved in furtherance of its interests. In fine, there is hardly a

section of our Masonic system with which at some time or other during his career he was not associated, and it may be said of him without flattery, as it has been said of other worthy men who have preceded him to that bourn from which none has ever returned—*nihil tetigit quod non ornavit*. But there is one last sad duty that remains, that of expressing, firstly to those near and dear to him, and then to his immediate friends, familiars, and the Craft generally, our sincere sympathy with them in their present grievous affliction. May they in time be strengthened to bear it with calmness and resignation to the Divine Will, and when that consummation is reached, may they find some consolation for his loss in the memory of his many virtues!

It was but last week, in our review of "Freemasonry in 1891," that we were consoling ourselves with the reflection that though "the roll of the losses which the Craft has sustained is a long one, we rejoice to say it does not include any Mason of equal eminence with him who died so unexpectedly in the summer of 1890." The ink with which these words were written was hardly dry—it is well nigh certain the issue containing them could hardly have reached our country subscribers—when the statement was falsified, and the idol we had been at such pains to erect to a pleasing, because a desirable, phantasm, was rudely shattered to pieces. The roll of losses for the year which had

then so nearly run its course did include that of a brother who, though he was not of equal eminence with the late Earl of Carnarvon, was nevertheless the principal executive officer of our Grand Lodge, and in that capacity—apart from the merits he possessed personally—had been for the last dozen of years the best known and most familiar member of our Society. The late Earl of Carnarvon—speaking of him Masonically—was of such exalted rank in our Order, that unless you were a member of one of his lodges or chapters, or a leading officer in his Province of Somersetshire, you rarely saw him, and still less rarely had an opportunity of speech with him. But Col. Clerke was, as it were, the pivot on which our whole system of English Freemasonry hinged; or, perhaps,



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we should say, he was the centre about which the whole of our government machinery revolved, while, at the same time, it was he who set that machinery in motion, and controlled and regulated its movements. The duties of our Grand Secretary, as defined by the Book of Constitutions, are numerous and sufficiently responsible, but in appearance they seem to belong to the mechanical rather than the mental order of work. "The Grand Secretary's duty is to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, its Boards and Committees, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge; to receive the fees and contributions payable by lodges or brethren to the Fund of Benevolence or the Fund of General Purposes, and pay, or cause the same to be paid, to the account of the Grand Lodge at the Bank of England; to transmit to all the lodges the accounts of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communications, and all other papers and documents which may be ordered, either by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge; to receive all petitions, memorials, &c., and to lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority; to attend the Grand Master, and take to him any books and papers he may direct; and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been done or ought to be done by a Grand Secretary. He may, under the authority of the Grand Registrar, affix the seals of the Grand Lodge to such patents, warrants, certificates, and other documents, as shall be specified in any such authority." But the impression generally created on first reading this Article, that the Grand Secretary's duty, though manifold and responsible, was mechanical is absolutely erroneous. Those who knew Col. Clerke best or had ever had business to transact with him would be the first to concede that our late Grand Secretary's conception of his duty was that it was very far from being a cut and dried one, but that on the contrary, it included not only the recording of minutes, attending meetings, receiving moneys, but likewise the post of adviser-in-chief to the Grand Master, who from his more intimate acquaintance with the inner life of our lodges and chapters, was more competent than any other official of Grand Lodge to be the "guide, philosopher, and friend" of that most exalted and illustrious personage. Col. Clerke, like the true man and Mason that he was, had a lofty conception as well as a lofty sense of the duties that devolved upon him as Grand Secretary. He fully realised that "generally to do all such things as heretofore have been done or ought to be done by a Grand Secretary," in no way concerned those minor details of every day work which were deemed to be too insignificant to be enumerated, but that the clause afforded him that ample scope for initiating, directing, and controlling movements, which in the military art are assigned to a Chief of the Staff. This, then, is the official; this, the man, with his fine sense of duty, and his still finer interpretation of it in the daily fulfilment of his labours, whom we members of the English Craft of Masonry are now mourning, whose death has come upon us so suddenly that even those who witnessed the committal of his mortal remains to their last resting place in Norwood Cemetery can with difficulty realise that he is gone hence and will be no more seen. But it is time we sketched the details of a career which has been so honourable to the man and so beneficial in its influence on the daily life of our Order.

Bro. Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, who was a son of the late General St. John Clerke, was born in the year 1836. He received his first commission at an early age, and served with distinction in the Crimea, the Mediterranean, and the West Indies. As lieutenant, he carried the regimental colours of his regiment up the heights of Alma, and subsequently at the storming of the Redan was given the command of a scaling party, in which he acquitted himself with so much gallantry that his name was mentioned in the dispatches by the General Commanding-in-Chief. On the conclusion of peace with Russia the 21st Fusiliers was quartered at Malta. Towards the close of the year 1860 he was appointed firstly A.D.C., and afterwards Military Secretary to the Commander of the Forces in the West Indies. After holding his staff appointment for seven years, he rejoined his regiment in Ireland. In 1870, we find him in garrison at Plymouth, and two years later he retired on half-pay, and became a resident in London. In 1875 he was appointed one of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms or Royal Body Guard, and was a member of that distinguished body up to the time of his death.

Such are the brief particulars of his military career, but it is his Masonic career in which our readers will take the chief interest, and which will engage our attention during the remainder of this memoir. It is a long as well as a distinguished one, dating as far back as April, 1857, on the 13th day of which he was proposed by Bro. Bruce, and seconded by his friend and comrade of the Crimea, Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, and on the 27th of which he was initiated in the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Malta. On the following 27th December Bro. Captain Clerke, as he then was, was one of 20 brethren on whom was conferred the Degree of Past Master, though it was not till nearly three years later that he was actually elected and installed as W.M. of a lodge. In the meantime, on the 1st February, 1858, he was proposed as a joining member of the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349, Malta; at the following meeting he was not only elected, but appointed and invested as J.W., and having been advanced to the chair of S.W., was elected, and on the 27th December, 1859, was installed as W.M. During his service in the West Indies he was a joining member of the Albion Lodge, No. 196, while in Ireland he occasionally was present at lodge meetings, though from the exigencies of military duty and his frequent change of quarters in that country, he was unable to join one permanently. While in garrison at Plymouth he joined the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, and was appointed firstly Prov. Grand S.B., and afterwards Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Devonshire. In 1872, as we have already mentioned, he took up

his residence in London, and thenceforward his career in Masonry had been one of exceptional brilliance and activity. Almost his first act as a Mason was to become a member of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, which was consecrated by Bro. the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol, on the 3rd June, 1872, with the late Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, as its first W.M. Following shortly after his election into this lodge, Bro. Major Clerke was elected its Treasurer, and so remained till 1875, when he was appointed S.W. The year following he was unanimously elected and installed W.M. In 1878 he was appointed one of the Senior Grand Deacons of United Grand Lodge, his colleague being the late Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, while the Junior Grand Deacons were Bros. J. M. P. Montagu—whose office of Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Rite, devolved only a few months since on Col. Clerke—and Bro. Raphael Costa. On this occasion his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master presided in person at the Festival, having with him both in Grand Lodge and at the banquet his illustrious relative the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of the Danish Craft, so that Bro. Colonel Clerke had the honour of being invested by his Royal Highness. Towards the close of the year 1879, the late Bro. John Hervey, finding his health and the natural infirmities of age prevented him from continuing the discharge of his duties as Grand Secretary, tendered his resignation to the Grand Master, who after carefully considering the matter was pleased to select Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., to be his successor. On the 17th January, 1880, a special meeting of Grand Lodge was held by direction of the Grand Master in order that the new officer might be invested with the insignia of his rank with all possible *éclat*. His Royal Highness was graciously pleased to preside in person on this occasion, and in addressing the brethren present, the Prince, after paying a high eulogy to Bro. John Hervey for his long and valuable services, was pleased to say with regard to the new Grand Officer: "Bro. Hervey's retirement has thrown upon me the duty of choosing a successor to him, and as I have felt that, as your Grand Master, I should select one who would not only be capable of holding that important post, but also would be acceptable to the brethren, I trust the choice I have made will meet with your approbation. I am sure that our Brother Shadwell Clerke has discharged many important duties in Freemasonry, and his other duties, I know from him, will not interfere with the discharge of the duties in the important office with which I am about to invest him." At the conclusion of these remarks, "Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke," as the *Freemason* report goes on to state, "was then conducted by Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Thomas Fenn to the right of his Royal Highness, when the Grand Tyler (Bro. Henry Sadler) attended with the Grand Secretary's apron, collar, and jewel, and gauntlets on a blue velvet cushion. The Prince of Wales thereupon took these regalia, invested Colonel Shadwell Clerke with them, and afterwards cordially shook him by the hand. The new Grand Secretary proceeded to his table, under the conduct of Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Fenn, amidst universal cheering. Sir Albert Woods then called upon the brethren to salute Colonel Clerke with the salute appertaining to his rank," and Grand Lodge having been closed, the ceremony, which was so full of promise both for the recipient of the honour and the Craft, came to an end, and the new Grand Secretary was presented with an address of congratulation from the brethren of Monmouthshire, which was handed to him by Bro. William Watkins, of Newport, on the part of the Province.

Of the admirable manner in which he realised the gracious expectations formed of him by our illustrious Grand Master it is unnecessary to speak at length. We know how well he discharged the duties of his trust, with what exemplary fidelity he carried out or saw carried out the edicts of Grand Lodge and the wishes and instructions of the Grand Master. We know how courteous and considerate he was in the reception of visitors, how kind and thoughtful to the members of his staff, how strict in his observance of our forms and ceremonies, and yet with what geniality and *bonhomie* he presided or was present at the banquet. These are matters which are too well known to be dwelt upon in detail. Nor need we refer at length to those special Masonic functions at which he was of necessity present in his official capacity. At the memorable gathering at Truro when the Prince of Wales laid the first stone of Truro Cathedral; at Peterborough, when the Earl of Carnarvon, acting for the Prince of Wales, performed a somewhat similar duty in connection with Peterborough Cathedral; in the Royal Albert Hall, in 1887, on the occasion of the Masonic commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, when the Prince of Wales again presided; at the initiation of Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, by the Prince of Wales in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, of which Col. Clerke was Secretary—on these and other great Masonic occasions Col. Clerke bore himself worthily; nor, indeed, can we call to mind a single one among the many important gatherings of the Craft during the last 12 years in which the arrangements were not carried out methodically and successfully, or at which, if it were possible for him to attend, he was, to use a familiar expression, "conspicuous by his absence." One of the last occasions on which he took a prominent part in the proceedings of a Craft lodge occurred quite recently, when he was installed in office as W.M. of the lodge which bears his name—the Shadwell Clerke, No. 1910—and will, we trust, preserve it honourably for many a generation yet to come.

He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Leinster Chapter, No. 387, Irish Constitution, on the 24th February, 1858, being the second candidate who received the Degree after its consecration. He was subsequently elected a joining member of the now extinct Union Chapter, No. 407, and became its M.E.Z. During his service in the West Indies he was affiliated to the Scotia Chapter working under the Scotch Constitution, and on his return to England, and after he

had taken up his residence permanently in London, he became a founder, and in due course M.E.Z., of the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383. In 1878 he was appointed Grand Principal Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter, and in 1880 on his appointment as Grand Secretary he became at once *ex-officio* Grand Scribe E. He was advanced to the Mark Degree on the 15th June, 1857, in the lodge working under the now extinct Zetland Chapter of Malta. In 1878 he was installed W.M. of the Studholme Lodge, No. 197, in 1880 he was appointed Junior Grand Warden of the Mark Grand Lodge, and in 1885 he filled the chair of A. in the Grand Master's Lodge. In the Order of the Temple he attained to still higher rank, and at the time of his death and for many years previously he was Great Sub-Prior of the Great Priory of England and Wales and Provincial Prior of Suffolk. During the year 1891 he installed Sir Knight Sir R. N. Howard as Provincial Prior of Dorsetshire. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he had, prior to his selection by the Prince of Wales for the post of Grand Secretary of United Grand Lodge, played a very important part in the proceedings of this Rite, having served as M.W.S. in the Ivor Hael Chapter, No. 34, Newport (Mon.), and having had conferred on him the 33° on the 13th July, 1874. For several years he held the important post of Grand Secretary-General; but, as we have already stated, he resigned this office early in 1880, and was presented with a handsome gift of plate in recognition of the many valuable services he had rendered to this branch of Masonry. The meeting at which the presentation was made took place at the hall of the Supreme Council, 33°, in Golden-square. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, Lieut.-Grand Commander, in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Lathom, Sov.-Grand Commander, occupied the chair, and in presenting the plate, one part of which was the gift of the Supreme Council, and the other that of the members of the various Degrees of the Rite, begged Col. Clerke's acceptance of it as a "recognition of the valuable services rendered by you to the Order as Grand Secretary-General, and as a small token of the affection and esteem in which you are held by your colleagues of the Supreme Council and the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown." Among the plate were a salver and an epergne, the former of which bore the inscription: "Presented to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke by his colleagues in the Supreme Council, 33°, for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, in recognition of his valuable services as Grand Secretary-General. July, 1880." The inscription on the epergne was as follows: "This centre piece, with many other articles of plate, is presented to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, by the members of the various Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, as a mark of their appreciation of the valuable and honorary services rendered by him to the Order as its Grand Secretary-General for nearly seven years, and of the esteem in which he is personally held by them. July, 1880." Last year on the retirement of Bro. J. M. P. Montagu from the office of Grand Chancellor Bro. Colonel Clerke was appointed as his successor. This office he still held, together with that of representative of the Supreme Council of Canada at our Supreme Council. As regards our Charitable Institutions, it is needless to say that he took a deep interest in their welfare, and that on several occasions he had served the office of Steward for one or other, a notable instance being in 1888 at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls when, as representative of the Friends in Council Lodge, he had the satisfaction of handing over to the funds of that Charity one of the largest amounts raised by any London Steward.

We are very far from having exhausted the list of actual or honorary distinctions which had been conferred upon Col. Clerke on sundry occasions when, as an Officer of Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, or in some other official or private capacity, he rendered some service of greater or less moment to the Fraternity. But why need we trouble ourselves to demonstrate still further a self-evident proposition? Our readers know full well that for the last 20 years of his life our distinguished brother had devoted himself heart and soul to promoting, as far as lay in his power, the truest and best interests of every branch of our ancient and venerable Fraternity. They know he was no mere carpet knight, but one who had taken, was taking up to the very close of his career, an active part in the more important and impressive duties of Freemasonry. They know, too, that his services were forthcoming whenever he felt it was in his power to strengthen or extend the ramifications of the Order, and that nearly every Craft lodge and Arch chapter in the Metropolitan district, for which the Prince of Wales had granted his warrant, was consecrated by Colonel Clerke, as the representative of his Royal Highness in one or other of his capacities of Grand Master or Grand Z. A mere glance at the "Occurrences" for 1891 will show how exacting was this one particular class of duty, and that it was very far from being the only kind of duty to which he willingly gave such time as he could snatch from the still more responsible work at Freemasons' Hall. However, we must not prolong this memoir, which is long enough for its more immediate purpose of making generally known what he did for Freemasonry, and yet all too short to give a perfect idea of the man and his absolute and entire devotion to our Order. But though we bid a final adieu to him we saw and spoke to but yesterday, the memory of his services will live and this memory we shall cherish, and we venture to think the Craft in its entirety will cherish, while the faculty of remembering what is good and worthy remains.

#### THE FUNERAL.

The remains of the lamented Grand Secretary were consigned to their last earthly resting place on Wednesday, and probably a larger number of brethren had never been gathered together at the obsequies of a Freemason.

Notwithstanding that heavy rain fell in the night and from an early hour in the morning continuously, above 200 brethren were present at the cemetery gates and in the cemetery to meet and then follow the corpse. The hearse conveying the remains of the deceased left Clifton Lodge, Farquhar-road, Norwood, at 12 o'clock, followed by four mourning coaches. The body, which was first encased in a leaden shell, was enclosed in a coffin of polished oak, with brass mountings, and bore the inscription—"Shadwell Henry Clerke. Died Christmas Day, 1891." Upon and around the coffin were a large number of beautiful wreaths, for the most part composed of lilies and other white flowers, occasionally mingled with English and Neapolitan violets, some of the wreaths being made up in figures having a distinct Masonic significance. The hearse was followed by four mourning coaches, the first of which contained the two chief mourners—Mr. St. John S. Clerke and Mr. A. B. Clerke—together with Mr. Larkin, Colonel Shadwell, and Colonel Beresford. In the second coach were Mr. Aubrey St. John Clerke, Mr. John Beresford, and Mr. Charles Beresford; the third contained Mr. Milner, Col. Hare, and Mr. Geoghan; and in the fourth were Captain Ramsay Stuart, Mr. Donald Stuart, and Mr. Wykes. Among the carriages which followed were those of Dr. Turner, the medical attendant of the deceased, and Col. Strachan. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, was represented by the Grand Registrar, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was represented by Col. Egerton. The Earl of Lathom, as Pro Grand Master, was represented by the President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Thomas Fenn, and the Grand Lodge was represented by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Past Grand Warden, and Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was represented by Col. A. B. Cook, the President of the General Board. The Supreme Council of the 33° was represented by Captain N. G. Philips and Col. Money. The National Great Priory of the Temple was represented by Bro. George Cooper, Grand Sub-Marshal.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., who had so often acted as D.C. at the ceremonies in which his deceased friend has taken the leading part, had on this occasion been requested by the Grand D. of C., Sir Albert Woods, to take charge of the arrangements, being assisted by Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.A.G.D.C.

The greater number of brethren present were there in their individual capacity, but amongst the provinces and lodges represented may be mentioned the following: West Yorkshire, represented by Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D. Staffordshire—Col. Foster Gough, I.L.D., Prov. G.M. Sussex—Sir W. Marriott, M.P., Q.C., D. Prov. G.M. Kent—Bro. J. S. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M. Surrey—Colonel Money, Prov. G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight—Bro. Le Feuvre, D. Prov. G.M. Amongst the lodges represented were the Shadwell Clerke Lodge—Bro. G. J. Reed, S.W.; Sphinx Lodge—Bro. B. Bryant, P.M.; Duke of Albany Lodge—Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.M.; La France Lodge—Bro. Eugene Monteuis, P.M., Sec.; Emulation Lodge of Improvement—Bro. W. G. Kentish, Sec.; William Shurmur Lodge—Bro. George J. Westfield, P.M.; Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction—represented by the same brother. Dublin Lodge (I.C.), of which the deceased was an hon. member, was represented by the W.M., Bro. Sir Charles Cameron, and Bro. John Griffin, P.M. Many other representatives were present of whom we were unable to take note. Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, Grand Secretary of Mark Master Masons, was prevented by serious illness from attending, as were also the following brethren from a similar cause: Bros. George Everett, Grand Treasurer; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P. District G.M. Bengal; Reginald St. A. Roumieu, Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; Lennox Browne, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; Capt. Williams Freeman, Representative from Grand Lodge of Egypt at Grand Lodge of England. Amongst those present were Bros. General Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; Sir H. Isaacs, P.G.W.; Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D., G. Chap.; Rev. J. R. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Robbins, P.G. Chap.; Very Rev. Dean Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G.C.; Dr. E. E. Wendt, Grand Sec. German Correspondence; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Major J. Sampson Pierce, P.G.D.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; Sir G. D. Harris, P.G.D. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Clowes, G. Std. Br.; H. A. Hunt, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Charles H. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Charles Barry, G. Supt. of Wks.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; John E. Dawson, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Ganz, P.G.O.; C. S. Jekyll, P.G.O.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Hopekirk, P.G.P.; H. Garrod, P.G.P.; D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx.; A. Buck, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; J. Hattersley, P.G.D. Bucks; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; J. P. Fitzgerald, C. E. Keyser, T. H. Gardiner, W. J. Spratling, Dr. Zacharie, W. Lake, J. D. Langton, J. J. Marsh, W. A. Scurrah, James Stevens, George Read, H. E. Bussey, H. Massey, Gordon Miller, Major Probyn, and others. In addition to the Assistant Grand Secretary, the whole of the staff of the Grand Lodge Office, viz., Bros. W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, Neville Green, A. J. Berry, Hoit, G. S. Recknell, and J. Hodgins were also present.

Among the wreaths which had been sent on the occasion were one with an inscription, "From Thomas William Tew, Provincial Grand Master; Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; William F. Smithson, Past Grand Deacon England, and Senior G. Warden; and the brethren of the Province of West Yorks. A token of personal regard and high esteem. With deep sympathy to Mrs. Clerke and family;" one from Sir Lionel and Lady Darell, and others from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer; the Man-

chester Lodge, No. 179; the George Price Lodge, No. 2096; the Welcome Lodge, No. 1673; the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986; the William Shurmur Lodge; the Secretaries of the three Institutions; and numerous other lodges, as well as a number of Freemasons employed at the Crystal Palace.

The funeral *cortège* arrived at the cemetery about 20 minutes past 12 o'clock, and, on reaching the top of the hill, the coffin was taken from the hearse and conveyed into the church, where the Burial Service was performed by the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg and the Rev. Charles Martyn, both Past Grand Chaplains. The same clergymen officiated in the remaining part of the service by the side of the grave, which is at the back of the church, and only a short distance from it.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

Probably the most successful meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man since its formation was held in Peel, on Thursday, the 3rd December. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Centenary Hall at half-past three, Bro. J. S. Goldie-Taubman, Prov. Grand Master, presiding. There were about 60 Provincial and Past Provincial Grand Officers and members present.

The regular business was gone through, the items of local interest in the Prov. Grand Secretary's and Deputy Prov. Grand Master's report being as follows: I am fully aware that our Peel brethren labour under many difficulties which do not apply to the Douglas and Ramsey lodges. St. German's Lodge is but yet, comparatively speaking, in its infancy, and has had to rely in a great measure upon the assistance and co-operation of a number of influential brethren residing at a considerable distance from the place of meeting. St. German's Lodge, however, has lost nothing by this, but rather gained, for under the able and distinguished tuition and instruction of the Past Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. James Hodgson, P.M. of the Ellan Vannin Lodge, who, if not exactly a martinet, occupies a prominent position as an able and reliable exponent of Masonic ritual and teaching, the lodge has acquired the enviable reputation of being well organised and practically perfect in its working, and, in meeting our Peel brethren here to-day, it affords me considerable pleasure to refer to that very important fact, a fact of which they and their Secretary have every just reason to be proud. The attendance also at the regular lodge meetings is a subject worthy of consideration. Some of our lodges exhibit indifferent figures as regards the average attendance when compared with the total membership. Undoubtedly the best averages are those of the smaller lodges. St. German's Lodge, with a membership of 25 all told, has an average attendance of 21. St. Trinian's Lodge, with a membership of 20, has an average attendance of 19. These figures are highly creditable, and manifest the interest in the lodge and lodge work on the part of the members. The St. German's Lodge, No. 2164, held six regular and one emergency meeting during the year, the average attendance being five Past Masters, eight officers, and eight members, a large increase over the previous year, which was characterised by my predecessor as exceptionally excellent. But there is no return of any instruction or lodges of rehearsal. There were six initiations, as against three last year; eight passings and seven raisings during the year. The number of members are returned at 25, all of whom are in good standing, nine members being qualified to attend and vote in Provincial Grand Lodge. This shows an increase in the strength of five, the voting strength being the same as last year. The fees due and paid in Provincial Grand Lodge by St. German's Lodge was £3 17s., and an increase of £1 7s. as against previous year. No contributions were made to the general Masonic or Insular Charities. The Worshipful Master and Secretary certify that the Constitutions of the Order, the by-laws of the province and the lodge have been duly observed. The lodge closes the year with a credit balance of £40 9s. 6d., thus holding the second best financial position of any of our lodges.

The Provincial Grand Master invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Thomas H. Nesbitt, P.M. 1004, 2197	... D.P.G.M.
" Samuel Webb, P.M. 1004	... Prov. S.G.W.
" C. M. Challenger, P.M. 2050, 2164	... Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Edward Ferrier, P.M. 212 (I.C.)	... } Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. Morris, P.M. 1075	...
" A. Bruce	... Prov. G. Treas.
" G. Harrington Quayle, P.M. 2049	... Prov. G. Reg.
" Lewis G. Hanney, P.M. 1004	... Prov. G. Sec.
" Frank J. Johnson, P.M. 1242, 2179	... Prov. S.G.D.
" Arthur W. Moore, P.M. 1004	... Prov. J.G.D.
" G. J. Nattan, P.M. 2050	... Prov. G.S. of W.
" William Kissack, P.M. 1242	... Prov. G.D.C.
" Arthur W. Brearey, P.M. 1242	... Prov. A.G.D.C.
" William Broughton, P.M. 2050	... Prov. G.S.B.
" John C. Corris, P.M. 2164	... } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John Craine, P.M. 1075	...
" A. Mylrea, 2049	... Prov. G. Org.
" William P. Pittar, 2049	... Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Colquhoun, W.M. 2050	... Prov. G. Purst.
" Thomas Whiteside, W.M. 1242	... Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" Thomas Cubbon, 1004	...
" W. H. Kitto, S.W. 1075	...
" Charles T. C. Callow, W.M. 2049	...
" Robert B. Brierley, Sec. 2050	... } Prov. G. Stwds.
" Charles Morrison, W.M. 2164	...
" Frank W. Spencer, S.W. 2197	...
" James Gorry, Tyler 2049	... Prov. G. Tyler.

A banquet followed at the Peel Castle Hotel.

### CONSECRATION OF THE HEDWORTH LODGE, No. 2418, SOUTH SHIELDS.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on the afternoon of December 17th at South Shields, when there was a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and members of the Craft. The new lodge is called the Hedworth Lodge, and is No. 2418 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. The officers designate of the new lodge were Bros. T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W.M.; T. B. Appleby, S.W.; and W. Dalziel, J.W. The founders of the new lodge, in addition to the above, were Bros. J. H. Morton, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. D. Marshall, P.G. Reg.; C. F. Sutcliffe, P.M.; W. Davidson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Purvis, jun., P.M.; W. Ross, P.P.G.S.B.; T. G. Ross, P.M.; George Robson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Athey, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. E. Moffett, P.M.; M. J. Wheatley, P.P. D.G.D.C.; T. Potter, P.P.G.T.; J. T. Wilson, P.P.G.P.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. B. Grimes, and G. P. Robson.

Owing to indisposition, the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was unable to attend, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., P.G. Chap., officiated as P.G.M.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., the brethren rose to receive the Acting Provincial Grand Master and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Acting Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, D.D., said he regretted very much to find himself that day in the chair, because his presence therein was caused by the absence of their valued and esteemed Provincial Grand Master through illness. He had received a summons by telegram from him stating that he was unable to be present by his doctor's orders. He could only unworthily represent him, and he could only say on his behalf and his own that they rejoiced that the growth of Masonry in South Shields was such as to necessitate the formation of the Hedworth Lodge, and that this lodge was formed simply from the law of growth, not by division or difference of opinion or difficulty of management, but simply from the unwieldy numbers of their other lodges. In this Masonic spirit they had every reason to hope and believe the Hedworth Lodge would be a credit to Masonry and an ornament to South Shields.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the petition and warrant for the new lodge being read by the Acting P.G. Secretary. An oration was delivered by Bro. W. Bowker, P.G.C., and the consecration prayer was offered by Bro. the Rev. H. H. Arnott, P.G.C. The W.M. designate, Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., presented the officers elect to the Acting P.G.M. The ceremony was most impressively carried out by the Acting P.G.M., the Acting D.P.G.M., and the other officers taking part. The musical portion of the ceremony by the choir, assisted by Messrs. Leatham, Welch, and Duncanson, of Durham Cathedral, was sung with great effect. Bro. French, 1389, presided at the organ.

The Acting P.G.M., Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., having duly dedicated and constituted the lodge, the consecration ceremony concluded. The W.M. designate, Bro. T. G. Mabane, was then installed as W.M. of the new lodge by Bro. W. E. Moffett, P.M. 240.

The following were afterwards appointed as the officers of the lodge: Bros. T. B. Appleby, S.W.; W. Dalziel, J.W.; Chas. P. Bell, Sec.; C. R. Toomer, S.D.; R. W. Graham, J.D.; J. Nelson, I.G.; C. F. Sutcliffe, P.M.; D. of C.; W. E. Moffett, P.M., as I.P.M.; and Wm. S. Young and Chas. Sutherland, Stwds. Bro. T. D. Marshall, P.M., P.G.R., was elected as Treasurer, and Bro. T. Potter, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler, was elected as Tyler of the lodge, and were duly invested.

The ACTING PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER read a telegram of "Hearty good wishes" from the Provincial Grand Master (Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.) to the newly-installed Worshipful Master, and a number of representatives from various lodges also expressed their congratulations to Bro. T. G. Mabane, W.M.

A large number of joining members were proposed, including Bros. J. T. Henderson, 245; D. Cameron, 240; J. Readhead, jun., 240; J. R. Lackland, 240; Chas. Walton, 1970; Henry Potts, 424; J. Armstrong, St. Bede; G. W. Allan, Eden Lodge (I.C.); F. L. Pearson, 240; Robert Purvis, sen., 246; W. Dalrymple, 48; T. Tinley Dale, 240; C. W. Newlands, St. Bede; G. R. Potts, 1970; Geo. Robson, 240; and G. P. Robson, 240.

The lodge was afterwards closed.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, at which Bro. T. G. Mabane, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., acting P.G.M., and many distinguished brethren.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

### MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1891.

We have very great pleasure in laying before our readers the several Statements of Receipts during the year 1891, with which we have been favoured by the Secretaries of our Masonic Institutions. There is no doubt they will be perused with satisfaction, not only because, taken in the aggregate, they very largely exceed the total for the previous year, but more particularly because the one relating to the Boys' School bears evidence of the increased favour with which that Institution is now regarded. As regards the material head of receipt—that is to say, "Donations and Subscriptions"—the total in the case of the Benevolent Institution and Girls' School exceeds the sum in each case announced at the Anniversary Festival. In respect of the Boys' School, the amount is less than was announced, but we know that some £1500 was paid in advance



during 1890, and as there is still no doubt a considerable amount of Association money still to be paid, no anxiety need be felt as to the Festival total being fully realised.

The figures are as follows :

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.				
Donations and Subscriptions ...	...	...	£26,306	12 1
Grand Lodge ...	...	...	150	0 0
Grand Chapter ...	...	...	10	10 0
Dividends and Interest on Cash at Call ...	...	...	560	3 5
Miscellaneous Receipts ...	...	...	253	15 9
Legacy ...	...	...	52	10 0
				£27,333 11 3

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.				
Donations and Subscriptions...	...	...	£16,463	11 1
Grand Lodge ...	...	...	1,600	0 0
Grand Chapter ...	...	...	150	0 0
Dividends ...	...	...	1,680	10 0
Interest ...	...	...	292	3 4
Legacies ...	...	...	2,052	10 0
				£22,338 14 5

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.				
Donations and Subscriptions...	...	...	£9,626	12 3
Grand Lodge ...	...	...	150	0 0
Grand Chapter ...	...	...	10	10 0
One Admission by Purchase ...	...	...	178	10 0
Admissions by Annual Payment	...	...	102	2 8
Dividends ...	...	...	2,007	13 0
Interest on Deposit ...	...	...	41	14 6
Receipts for Musical Instruction	...	...	227	6 6
Income Tax Recovered ...	...	...	57	4 6
Sale of Books of Subscribers...	...	...	2	14 9
Window Memorials (including £500 from Grand Lodge)	...	...	734	0 0
Legacy...	...	...	52	10 0
				£13,190 18 2

The table that follows shows (1) the amounts received by each Institution during the seven years 1885—1891, the fourth column containing the aggregate for each year; (2) the average per year for each Institution, as well as for the three together; and (3) the average receipt per year per Institution for the septennial period.

	R.M.B.I.	R.M.I.G.	R.M.I.B.	Total.
1885	£21,374 7 1	£16,768 19 6	£16,272 16 0	£54,416 2 7
1886	18,194 13 6	15,546 18 10	13,956 15 5	46,798 7 9
1887	28,968 4 4	16,429 0 6	15,661 16 1	61,059 0 11
1888	21,361 15 1	49,259 4 4	12,233 2 5	82,904 1 10
1889	18,729 18 7	14,986 9 6	14,727 10 2	48,443 18 3
1890	21,305 13 4	21,763 19 1	12,472 6 9	55,541 19 2
1891	22,238 14 5	13,190 18 2	27,333 11 3	62,763 3 10
Total for the 7 years.	£152,173 6 4	£147,945 9 11	£111,807 18 1	£411,926 14 4
Average for the 7 years.	£21,739 0 11	£21,135 1 5	£15,972 11 2	£58,846 13 6
Average per Institution	...	...	...	£19,615 11 2

The following is a statement, month by month, of the cases relieved, and the sums expended in relieving them, by the Board of Benevolence—

	CASES RELIEVED.	AMOUNT.
January ...	19	£ 392
February ...	29	1010
March ...	39	980
April ...	31	765
May ...	30	890
June ...	22	660
July ...	21	615
August ...	12	360
September ...	24	575
October ...	30	970
November ...	29	710
December ...	46	960
TOTAL ...	332	£8887

Last year the number of cases was 330, and the amount distributed amongst them £7732. While, therefore, there has been an increase of two only in the number of cases, the amount distributed has swelled by £1155. But the same policy is being pursued of keeping the expenditure within the income, which may be taken as amounting to between £9000 and £10,000.

### "ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM."

The advent of the concluding part to Volume IV. of the Transactions of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," No. 2076, London, calls for special recognition and remark; this extraordinary and valuable series now running to 1000 pages, including the most useful "St. John's Cards" annually published.

Besides these four massive volumes, forming the best *multum in parvo* Masonic library ever issued, there are also four separate works representing the "Masonic Reprints" of the lodge, which include a *verbatim et literatim* reproduction of the "Constitutions of the Freemasons" for A.D. 1738, termed the "Basis of Masonic History," and practically unobtainable at the present time (copies being so rare); and numerous facsimiles of the *Old Charges of British Freemasons*, not only *in extenso*, but accompanied with commentaries by Bros. Gould, Speth, &c., which fully explains the character and value of these most precious documents dating from the fourteenth century.

Then there have been considerably over 1000 members enrolled in the "Outer Circle," requiring an immense amount of correspondence, as they are widely distributed over the "four quarters of the globe," and do their part to help in the good work of making the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge" the literary Masonic centre of the universal Craft, which undoubtedly it has become.

I am amazed, on looking this matter fully in the face, and on realising what labour has been rendered (the main work, the enormous correspon-

dence, and the initiation of most of the methods) by our esteemed Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth, as the editor of these splendid volumes and the actual manager of this enormous enterprise; the success of which, much as others have helped, is chiefly due to his skill, genius, and indomitable perseverance.

It is remarkable that the varied contents of the volumes never fail to interest the ever increasing roll of members, and that the value of the last part issued will bear comparison Masonically and generally with any of its predecessors. It may now be assumed that there is no lack of suitable material, the supply being practically inexhaustible, and that *without any effort in soliciting papers*, competent brethren are always ready to contribute the result of their researches for the information of the "Circle," and to promote the study of Freemasonry. So far, the difficulty has been in making a selection from the superabundant papers offered by the members rather than from any lack of the right sort of articles, as was originally feared by many who were unduly anxious about the matter.

We may thus congratulate ourselves as members that our zealous Secretary has made such an able editor, and that he has obtained so many contributors from the "Inner" and "Outer Circle" of the lodge, in order to render the Transactions all that can be desired.

The present Part 3 of Volume IV. is full of interest, and ranks with the best of its numerous predecessors. The "Sketch of the Earlier History of Masonry in Austria and Hungary," is continued by Bro. Lad. De Malczovich, and is of great value. Our brother is an enthusiast, but at the same time is also sufficiently matter of fact to be reliable, and furnishes a vast accumulation of details respecting the Craft in these countries, which are entirely unknown to British students. The drawings of the medals are very curious and most suggestive, especially when associated with the article by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, in the current "Christmas Freemason," which is so fully illustrated with reproductions of medals kindly sent by the same brother. To trace Freemasonry back to 1726, as Bro. Malczovich has done in the country to which he belongs, is a remarkable feat to perform, and he has our best thanks for his able services in that direction.

The Paper by Bro. C. C. Howard (2036) on "Naymus Grecus Identified" is a most welcome contribution respecting a difficult problem, which I believe he has solved to the extent that the name is not that of an individual, but of a body of *Nemausus Greeks*, Colonists of *Nemausus*, or *Nismes*, France. There are many other points dealt with in the paper which are of importance, but not all to my satisfaction; but the solution commends itself to my judgment, though not to several of our number who have earned the right to be heard on this subject, and whose opinions carry great weight. The subject is well handled by Bro. Howard, and should be read in connection with his previous paper, and the discussion which followed.

My paper on "English Royal Arch Masonry, 1744-65," will, I hope, be found useful, especially as Bro. Speth has had the original record of 1753 (referring to that Degree being conferred) reproduced to accompany the article, which was kindly sent me by Bro. Quinn, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in which city the lodge is held that has the oldest minute extant of the Royal Arch being worked.

A contribution from Bro. John Yarker, respecting "The Yezids" of Armenia, opens up a wide question, and will be gladly perused by those who recognise the Druses as a branch of Freemasonry, which I do not.

Bro. Vernon's "Early Home of Masonry" (with the capital illustrations) has pleased me very much, as I have kept on pressing that diligent student to publish a volume on the old lodge at Melrose, having records from 1674, and is now on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as No. 1 bis. This he has now engaged to do, in fact, is at the work, and will soon have it ready for the press, including a history of the ancient lodge of Kelso and other old *Ateliers*.

"Notes and Queries" sustain the interest to the last, the "Masons' Marks" making another collection of these valuable Masonic memorials of the past. "A New MS. Roll of the Constitutions" is mentioned by Bro. H. Sadler, similar to the celebrated "Harleian MS., No. 1942," of about the middle of the 17th century. This is a fine acquisition for the Grand Lodge Library, which is so well looked after by Bro. Sadler, and who is so solicitous for its treasures being added to and duly described. The Harleian MS., No. 1942, is reproduced in Vol. II. of our "Reprints," and this newly discovered roll will probably form a part of Vol. IV. Bro. J. A. Farnfield has presented a copy of the the rare "Mrs. Dodd's MS." (1739) to the same collection, reproduced by my respected friend, Enoch T. Carson, who also has a copy; there are only three or four known; and Bro. H. J. Whymper, C.I.E., our most industrious member in India, has given the Grand Lodge the original MSS. of Thory's "Histoire de la Fondation du Grand Orient de France (1812) and his "Acta Latomorum (1815)."

The Obituary contains notices of our lamented Bros. Dr. W. A. Barrett and John Hawksley Goddard, who were well known to many of us, and took great interest in the welfare of our lodge.

Bro. W. H. Rylands, P.M. 2, P.G.S., is now the W.M., and assuredly no more competent and zealous brother has been in the chair of No. 2076. His address on installation, as might be expected, is an able production, but we want much more from his facile pen, and confidently look forward thereto. Bro. Gould has reviewed Bro. John Lane's artistic and important volume on "Centenary Warrants and Jewels," and considers "it will rank with its best efforts." Much else remains to be noted, but my space is exhausted.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Governors of the Charterhouse, the munificent foundation of Thomas Sutton, contemplate increasing the number of pensioners from 60 to 70. The original number was 80. Some years ago, owing to depreciation in the value of the property, it was found necessary to reduce the limit to 60, but the income has now so far recovered itself as to justify the re-opening of some of the closed apartments.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY, 1892, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the list for the Election in April next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notice of Motion as under, viz. :—

NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.D.G.D.C., Patron—

"That in consequence of vacancies caused by children elected in October not being of age to be received into the School, that the four next highest unsuccessful candidates be admitted under Law LX."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

5, Freemasons' Hall,  
Great Queen-street, W.C.  
December 31st, 1891. Secretary.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of JANUARY, 1892, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order.

J. M. McLEOD,  
Secretary.

London, 26th December, 1891.

The NINETY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on the 29th JUNE, 1892, under the distinguished presidency of the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire. The services of Brethren as Stewards, representing Lodges or Provinces, are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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## To Correspondents.

We must again claim the indulgence of several correspondents whose contributions we are compelled to hold over for another week, in consequence of the space necessarily devoted to the biography of the late Grand Secretary.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1892.

## Masonic Notes.

Very gladly and in accordance with our usual custom we avail ourselves of the present opportunity of wishing all our numerous friends and readers a "Happy and Prosperous New Year." May their cares be fewer and their responsibilities lighter, and if in the lapse of time we again find ourselves confronted by the *Four de l'an*, may it be our good fortune to congratulate both them and us on the fulfilment of our wishes! And, further, may it be our good fortune to realise that the kindly relations existing between them and us have been strengthened and confirmed, and the respect we mutually entertain for each other as thorough as it is at this moment.

We remind our readers that the winter entertainment to the Old Folks at Croydon will take place at the Asylum on Wednesday, the 6th instant. The South-Eastern Railway Company have, as usual, arranged for a special saloon carriage to be attached to the 12.52 train from Charing Cross and 1.4 p.m. from Cannon-street, so that those who intend visiting our aged brethren and sisters at the Benevolent Asylum will be comfortably accommodated. We trust the day may prove as successful as previous anniversaries have done.

The Provinces of Devon and Cornwall will, we hope and believe, show their appreciation of the Masonic services of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, by loyally supporting him on the occasion of his filling the chair at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Both Provinces have steadily contributed year by year to the funds of the three Institutions, and no one can say that in this respect they have any lee-way to make up, but the respect and regard in which the Chairman is held in his own Province of Cornwall, and in scarcely a less degree by the Province of Devon, will, we feel sure, induce "one and all" to make strenuous efforts to signalise the event by contributing a sum worthy of the occasion.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1766).**—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, December 16th, when there was a large attendance, numbering upwards of 60 members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. J. Thrower, W.M., assisted by his officers and several Past Masters, including Bros. G. T. Barr, E. Benjamin, J. A. Jones, J. Funston, and F. Matthews. Amongst the visitors were the following: Bros. Richardson, P.M. 860; L. A. Da Costa, P.M. 1340; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541; J. Smith, P.M. 103; W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524; and W. L. Sturtevant, P.M. 1278.

The business included the report of the Audit Committee, the passing of Bros. Shea and Bugler, the initiation of Messrs. J. Whiting, H. H. Marks, and A. Cunningham. Bros. J. R. Bowen, 65, and T. Carrell, 1392, were received as joining members. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Beasley, was presented for installation by Bro. G. T. Barr, P.M., and the ceremony was ably worked by the W.M. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Thrower, I.P.M.; W. Shurmer, P.M. 1471, S.W.; S. C. Kaufman, J.W.; B. Nicholson, Treas.; J. Cox, P.M., Sec.; J. Batcheler, S.D.; G. Bishop, J.D.; W. E. Johnson, I.G.; G. Colls, D. of C.; F. E. Abbott, A.D.C.; R. Jeremy and B. Jacobs, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and members of the lodge were admirably given by Bro. Thrower, I.P.M., to whom Bro. Beasley, W.M., presented, on behalf of the lodge, a handsome bar, attached

to his Past Master's jewel, to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the manner in which Bro. Thrower had carried through his second year of office. The sum of £10 10s. was voted from the Benevolent Fund to be added to Bro. Thrower's list on his representing the lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Two sums of like amount were voted in the cause of Charity.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some very congratulatory speeches were made during the evening. The proceedings were enlivened by an excellent selection of music, rendered in an admirable style by Miss Marie Riversdale, Miss Meiklejohn, Bro. Donald, Mr. C. Schuberth, and Mr. Percival Craig, whose musical sketches were greatly enjoyed. Miss Alice Montford accompanied on the pianoforte.

The meeting was highly successful, both as to the working and the more social features of the occasion.

**Gallery Lodge (No. 1928).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th Dec., at Anderton's Hotel, on which occasion there was a large attendance of the members and numerous visitors. The W.M., Bro. W. T. Perkins, well supported by his officers, opened the lodge at an early hour for the dispatch of regular lodge business, when Bro. F. Vincent was raised to the Third Degree, and the various other items in the agenda paper were disposed of. Among the members present were Bros. H. Wright, I.P.M.; H. F. Bussey, P.M.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M.; J. C. Duckworth, P.M.; E. E. Peacock, J.W., W.M. elect; H. Massey, Treas.; T. Minstrell, Secretary; C. K. Moore, S.D.; C. Lock, Director of Ceremonies; J. C. Manning, I.G.; F. W. Husk, Org.; H. Sanderson, Stwd.; G. M. Rendle, G. Farrar, F. W. Brodie, G. H. Ribbons, L. F. Gaving, P. R. Harris, G. F. Vincent, R. S. Masson, F. G. Scott, J. Moore, C. W. Kent, H. Lewis Bell, R. R. Dodds, J. Walker, E. H. Peachey, A. H. Robbins, C. Basil Cooke, S. James, J. D. Irvine, G. E. Saunders, W. G. Kirby, H. J. Fisher, and J. Allan. The list of visitors included Bros. W. E. Chapman, W.M. 2190; H. F. Bing, P.M. 1962; J. Harrison, Sro; J. T. Maybank, 3; E. H. Horne, 227; Barcham Cooper, P.M. 1441; Edgar Barnes, 2182; T. Merton Clark, 2182; E. C. Massey, 1297; F. A. Darlington, 1110; I. White, W.M. 205; Sir J. Somers Vine, 2190, P.G.D.; Charles Townley, 2190; and Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P.

After a brief recess, the brethren re-assembled for the installation ceremony, when Bro. E. E. Peacock, the W.M. elect, was presented to the Worshipful Master for installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed by Bro. Perkins into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in the most perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Peacock then proceeded to appoint his officers for the coming 12 months, of whom the following is the list: Bros. C. K. Moore, S.W.; J. C. Manning, J.W.; Henry Massey, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Minstrell, P.M., Sec.; Charles Lock, S.D.; H. Sanderson, J.D.; Percy W. Husk, I.G.; H. E. F. Bussey, P.M., D.C.; George Tarran, A.D.C.; Berthold Striem, T. McD. Rendle, S. James, and R. S. Masson, Stwds.; and James Very, Tyler. Bro. Perkins having brought the ceremony to a close by reciting, in a manner that won for him the admiration of all present, the customary addresses to the officers and lay members of the lodge and the oration on the principles of Freemasonry, Bro. Peacock rose and said that it was a custom, though not an invariable one, to present the outgoing Master with a Past Master's jewel as a mark of personal esteem and of approval of his conduct in the business of the lodge. On this occasion it fell to his lot to act as the mouthpiece of the lodge, and he said honestly and sincerely that he believed none of his predecessors had ever had to discharge that duty, which now devolved on him as W.M., with the amount of pleasure he now felt. The brethren knew that when the I.P.M. was installed into the chair, they entertained the highest anticipations as to the way in which the work of his year of office would be done. Those who knew him principally in Masonry, knew him to be distinguished by the greatest prudence, the greatest zeal, and the most indefatigable assiduity; those who knew him outside of Masonry, knew that he would bring a breadth of view and a recognition of the rights of everyone with whom he was brought into contact which could not fail to make his path and their paths harmonious and sympathetic. He might say that in both respects the brethren had not been disappointed, for during the year which Bro. Perkins had presided over them he had not only fulfilled but had far exceeded their anticipations. There had been a period of successful working never surpassed, and for that Bro. Perkins was entitled to their thanks; there had been during his period of office as Master an entire absence of irritation, jealousy, and ill-feeling, between any members of the lodge which was remarkable in any body of men so numerous. For that result they were indebted to their late W.M., and speaking as the mouthpiece of the lodge, he (Bro. Peacock) said that now that he retired from the chair he would carry with him the gratitude of the members of the lodge. He would not weary Bro. Perkins and the brethren by dilating further upon what they owed their late Master; they all recognised the debt, and he was but inadequately representing the sentiments of the brethren when he said to Bro. Perkins, in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, that they were but giving the smallest recognition and slightest expression of the feelings of gratitude and affection they had for him. He had great pleasure in investing Bro. Perkins with the badge of a Past Master of the Gallery Lodge, and he hoped that for many years to come it would remind Bro. Perkins of the affectionate regard of the present members of the lodge, and that brethren coming into the lodge would recognise it as a badge that Bro. Perkins had done good service to the Gallery Lodge. Bro. Perkins, in reply, accepted with sincere thanks this mark of the approval of the lodge of his personal conduct. He was sure, also, that Bro. Peacock would fill the chair of the only Press lodge in the world in a way worthy of the lodge and the profession. The pleasure he had in the gift was enhanced when one carried away the good wishes of the brethren such as he might fairly say were represented in the Past Masters in whose ranks they had been good enough to put him.

After the dinner which followed the closing of the lodge, the usual loyal and Masonic toast list, with some additions, occupied the company till a late hour.

In proposing "The Health of the Earl of Lathom, Pro

Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Peacock said he would only observe that with regard to the Pro Grand Master, his lordship had expressed his desire to attend one of the meetings of the Gallery Lodge, and he had consequently been invited to attend that evening, and he had received a letter from him in which he expressed his extreme regret that a long-standing engagement for that day, which he could not postpone, prevented his attending, but he hoped that on some day within his year of office he would have the pleasure of being with them.

Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, P.G.D., said it was always a high privilege for any Mason to be called on to respond to the toast which conveyed a compliment to the members of Grand Lodge. He had had the pleasure of answering that toast in many lands, but he never failed to feel that he had to answer for a body which endeavoured to fulfil its obligations to the Craft. He was assured that with such men as Lord Lathom and Lord Mount Edgcumbe nothing would be wanted to further the interests of Masonry in every degree and every part of the globe, and he might say of the Grand Lodge of England that a respect is felt for it in far off countries which it was difficult to convey to people at home. He had been in Africa, America, and Asia, and could testify that in those countries people invariably considered the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master and the English Grand Lodge as the Grand Lodge of the World. At Kimberley he was told of some brethren who travelled some 300 miles on horseback to be present at a Masonic meeting, in order that he (Bro. Vine) might be able to say that they did not fail in their duty when a Grand Officer was in that part of the world. For the toast he responded with a great amount of pleasure, which, however, was tinged with some little remorse because he remembered that he was an original member of the Gallery Lodge. The only reason he left it was because of the inconvenient hour and days of meeting. He could only say that they of the Savage Lodge regarded the brethren of the Gallery Lodge as being brothers (he hardly knew how to put it, the brethren of the Gallery Lodge would take it from him), as being brothers of the first rank with the brethren of the Savage Lodge—as being closer to them than the members of any other lodge. He trusted that the kindly feeling would always continue. He was anxious to say to them how much the Savage Club Lodge appreciated the hospitality shown to them, and how much they appreciated visits from the Gallery Lodge to the Savage Club Lodge.

Bro. Perkins, I.P.M., then rose and said that it was his privilege for the first time to propose "The Health of the W.M. of the Gallery Lodge," and, as they might imagine, he discharged that duty with infinite pleasure, because it would be impossible to conceive a brother in Masonry who would fill the chair of that lodge more creditably than their Bro. Peacock. In the ordinary walks of Bro. Peacock's life there was no name that was more respected and appreciated than his. The reputation of the Gallery Lodge stood high, but he was sure that in being committed to the hands of Bro. Peacock it would lose none of its lustre, but that the proceedings of his year of office would be carried on with conspicuous harmony. Those who knew Bro. Peacock outside Masonry knew that he was a man of whom every one spoke well, and he thought that they could have no better evidence of that general appreciation than that their Brother Sir Algernon Borthwick, who attended that meeting, was his respected employer, and he need scarcely say that if in the estimation of his employer he stood as high as he did in the estimation of others he would not be outside a just appreciation of his worth. He was sure the would all join him in drinking this toast in adopting the words of their beautiful installation ceremony, and hoping that God would give him health and strength to discharge his duties with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge.

Bro. Peacock, in reply, said that in rising for the first time as Master of that lodge, to respond to the toast of his health, he had to acknowledge with all gratitude the loyal support his brethren of the lodge had given him, and especially that night. He had also to acknowledge the kindness with which the I.P.M. had spoken of him, and also the hearty support he had extended to him for his year of office. He should have many opportunities during the course of the year of saying more fully to them what was in his mind at that moment, and what would be in his mind until his term was finished, and he therefore would content himself with the few inadequate words of thanks he had already uttered. He might observe, however, that he did owe one word of acknowledgment of their kindness that night, and there was nothing that had struck him more than that one brother, who had been absent from the lodge for years had returned that night. He heartily welcomed back Bros. McIntyre and Peachey, and those brethren whom they had not been accustomed to see as frequently as usual. Having said this, much, he now turned to a more important matter. This was the first occasion in the year that the Master of the lodge was able to propose the health of his I.P.M. He had already stated in lodge his feelings towards Bro. Perkins. He repeated them briefly now, and said that those who saw him installed twelve months ago there welcomed him, because they knew he would not discredit the lodge or the profession to which they belonged, and were now proud to acknowledge that their anticipations had been more than fulfilled, and in a manner that made it difficult for him (Bro. Peacock) to follow him. He had now, however, a further word to say in connection with this toast. They all knew that the hours of leisure in their profession were exceedingly few; they all knew also that any journalist who took up Masonry and attempted to devote himself to it must deprive himself of a very large percentage of the very few hours he would otherwise be able to give to his home. In this lodge they had striven to identify the other sex with the interests of the lodge. They had their ladies' night; their picnic, to which ladies were invited; they had striven to enlist the sympathies of the better half of creation in the prosperity of the lodge. But however bad it might be for the wives of most of them who were but Master Masons to lose the little opportunities of domestic intercourse which fell to the lot of Pressmen, it was tenfold more hard to the wife of the W.M. And not only so—not only was the penalty inflicted upon his wife in that respect, but at every social gathering in connection with the lodge they had to rely for their success much less upon the W.M. than on the W.M.'s wife. Seeing how much the social gatherings they had had during Bro. Perkins' year of office had depended for their success upon the lady who had presided at them,



he had been commanded by the brethren of the lodge to request Bro. Perkins to accept on behalf of Mrs. Perkins a pearl and diamond ring, which the brethren had voluntarily subscribed for outside of the lodge itself as a token of respect for the W.M. and a token of regard for the W.M.'s wife, and as a note of admiration for the way in which they had performed their duties; with the affectionate regards of the brethren and with the hope that Mrs. Perkins would always wear it, and that whenever she looked on it she would remember the respect in which her husband was held by his brother Masons and colleagues, and the regard in which they held her.

Bro. Perkins, in replying, begged to return the brethren of the lodge his sincere thanks for the honour they had just done his wife and himself. He assured them that the honour of serving the Gallery Lodge as its W.M. was no mean pleasure, and it was a pleasure he should never forget. From the beginning of his year to its close he had received nothing but the most pronounced and persistent kindness from the members, and while a Master could say that, he thought there could be no fear of the lodge continuing as a great Masonic body. As his wife could not be present that evening she had desired him to return the brethren her sincere thanks for their magnificent present. He was able to say that on no one single occasion had his wife regretted his membership of the lodge. How far that indulgence was explained by the existence of ladies' nights he would not say, but he asked them to believe that his wife fully shared the intense interest he had always felt in the Gallery Lodge. He could not sit down without wishing them all long life and prosperity, and long life and prosperity to the Gallery Lodge.

The Worshipful Master said he now rose to offer an apology and to propose a toast. The apology arose out of the fact that the toast appeared for the first time. Various brethren who had preceded him had endeavoured to introduce some feature into the lodge which should be earmarked with their name for ever. What occurred to him was that, as this was a lodge of Pressmen—the only lodge of Pressmen in the world—his predecessors who had so distinguished themselves by their ingenuity had entirely overlooked the most important feature, and he thought he had hit upon a "nugget," notwithstanding Bro. Massey, who was a staunch guard of Masonry, but who, he ventured to think, would look with a kindly eye on this new Masonic toast. The toast was "Our Profession." It was a precarious profession. He made that observation with the object of making up for an omission in responding to his own health. He had intended to remind them of the death during the last 12 months of Bro. James Adair, one of the early members of the lodge, who had seen service in various parts of the country and in the Far West, and who until recently was one of the sub-editors of the *Daily Telegraph*. While still in middle age he had been removed, within 12 months of the death of his wife, leaving a son and a 10 year old daughter. Consumption laid its grip upon him, and the long months of his illness exhausted his resources, and those two children were left unprovided for. He (Bro. Peacock) had now to appeal to the brethren to do something for their comrade's little daughter thus left without father or mother. She was just at that age when she could be admitted into the Masonic School for Girls, but if she were not admitted at the forthcoming election, she would be then disqualified by age. He ventured to think that this was a case which if Freemasonry had brotherly love in it at all, should awaken their warmest sympathy, and he proposed to ask their aid in view of this particular case. He had for the coming year undertaken to represent the Gallery Lodge for the express purpose of obtaining money and votes to get this poor girl in; for that purpose he made this urgent appeal to them. He invited every brother present to put down at once on a slip of paper the amount he would give to secure this child's election, in order to enable him to announce that this Gallery Lodge was going to do its duty within its limited means. Bro. Peacock then proceeded to dilate on the toast he was proposing, associating with it the name of Sir Algernon Borthwick, whom the brethren knew as a professional man almost as well as he (Bro. Peacock) knew the numerous services he had rendered to the profession of journalists, and the numerous services he had rendered to journalists themselves. He might say more, but that he hardly dared; but he would say that, primarily as Masons, but in an equal degree as journalists, the brethren welcomed him, one of the princes of the profession, with the utmost cordiality and with the greatest gratitude for the services he has rendered in the past, and with the most confident hope that, as long as he in point of fact existed, he would still continue to be the friend of journalists and the friend of journalism. With that toast he would also associate the name of another distinguished journalist well known to most of those present—D. C. Murray, which was something more than a name in our Colonies; and he heartily welcomed him to the Gallery Lodge, and he thought he could do no less than ask him as well as Sir Algernon Borthwick to respond.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, in replying, said that he was grateful to the W.M. for the great confidence he had placed in him by inviting him, and in drinking his health in connection with that of an illustrious comrade. The W.M. had sung the toast of journalism as a profession—a profession of yesterday, created such by some income tax definition. He could hardly agree in that view, because journalism was coeval with Masonry. When you went to Palestine, where once King Solomon erected a temple, you were carried back to what you conceived to be the cradle of Freemasonry. But it was even older than that; the masons of Jerusalem first learnt their masonry from Egypt, and in Egypt you could see how true was the mason's work, which lasted through centuries; but accompanying the Masonic work, which was the work of the scribes, the journalists of the Press of the day, who duly recorded the building of the edifices, and the history of the country, all the histories of the kings, all the wars, all the marriages, in fact everything that could pertain to history, and did now pertain to journalism. So respected was the profession that they worshipped it—a god with a horse's head and with a key in its hand. After further historical references, the speaker said that journalism was a most noble, dignified profession that any man could be bound to, one that he hoped would rapidly become, as it was becoming—growing within their sight—one of those great professions of England worthy of being followed by every English gentleman.

Bro. Christie Murray followed with a highly interesting speech.

The W.M. next proposed another toast which he said

appeared on the programme for the first time—"The Savage Club Lodge." Considering the close affinity that existed between the two lodges, it had been determined by resolution of the lodge to establish the custom of inviting the Master for the time being to the installation meetings. After remarking on the near relationship existing between that lodge and the Savage Club Lodge, the W.M. said he would adopt the time-honoured toast of the Skinners' and Salters' Companies, and say of the Savage and the Gallery Lodges—"may they flourish root and branch."

Bro. Wade, whose name was associated with the toast, responded.

Several other toasts followed, including "The Visitors," for whom Bros. Maybank, Isaac White, and Chrichton Saunders responded; "The Past Masters," for whom Bro. Massey replied; and "The Other Officers" of the lodge; and then the Tyler's toast as usual closed the proceedings.

During the evening there was some excellent singing and reciting by Bros. Harding, Charles Arnold, Wm. Nicholl, E. J. Odell, Reginald Groom, Charles Townley, J. D. Irvine, and Mr. H. Peacock. Bro. Merton Clark kindly accompanied the brethren who sang.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BRIGHTLINGSEA.

**Lodge of Hope (No. 433).**—At the monthly meeting of this lodge on Monday, December 14th, at the Swan Inn, Bro. Fisher, the W.M., presided over an unusually large meeting, and performed the ceremonies attaching to his office in a very able manner. Before closing the lodge notice was given of two other candidates. During the evening Bro. J. E. Wiseman, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec., addressing Bro. R. D. Poppleton, P.M., P.P.G.D., told him that he was deputed by the lodge to present him with a Past Master's jewel as a token of their esteem and regard, and of their appreciation of his services as their representative on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee for the last 10 years. Bro. Wiseman in very feeling terms alluded to the pleasure he felt in presenting this Past Master's jewel, having installed Bro. Poppleton in the Master's chair in that lodge 10 years ago, having also been present on his being advanced in the Mark Degree, and when he was exalted in the Royal Arch, and congratulated him on being now W.M. of the Constantine Mark Lodge and occupying the Second chair in the Patriotic Chapter. In concluding Bro. Wiseman said he felt sure he was only echoing the sentiments of all present when he said that he trusted that Bro. Poppleton would be spared for many years to wear the jewel, and that they should also have the benefit of his services as Charity representative for many years to come.

Bro. Poppleton was quite overcome with emotion, but expressed his thanks for the great honour done him, an honour of which he was quite ignorant of their intention to confer on him till he was addressed by Bro. Wiseman. He had always felt grateful to the Lodge of Hope for their great kindness, to which was due his progress in Freemasonry in the various Degrees.

The inscription on the jewel was as follows:—"Presented to W. Bro. R. D. Poppleton, P.M., by the members of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, as a small token of their esteem and regard, and of their appreciation of his valuable services as their representative on the Charity Committee for the last 10 years."

### HAMPTON COURT.

**Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on Saturday, December 12th, under the presidency of Bro. G. R. Langley, P.M. 183, W.M. The members present included Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; W. Lee, S.W.; A. Blenkarn, J.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., Treas.; H. Hooper, P.M., Sec.; S. Richardson, P.M., as S.D.; G. W. Castle, J.D.; J. G. Galbraith, jun., as I.G.; C. Fruen, P.M., D.C.; S. H. Latham, Steward; A. W. Fawkes, J. W. Stevens, W. T. H. Mayer, Jenkin Joel, E. J. W. Scott, C. R. Cutler, J. J. Newland, H. J. Syrett, and J. S. Sherwood. Visitors: Bros. Loughton Field, 2308; R. Poore, P.M. 1949; T. F. Hodgson, D.C. 1607; J. Hearnsum, I.P.M. 167; and H. J. Hazel, W.M. 1693.

Lodge having been opened, Bros. Jenkin Joel and E. J. W. Scott were raised to the Degree of M.M., and the traditional history given. A ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. H. J. Syrett and J. S. Sherwood, they were impressively initiated, the W.M. completing his labours by an able rendering of the ancient charge. Lodge having been closed, a well-served repast was enjoyed by all present.

The customary toasts were afterwards heartily honoured, Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., and J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., returning thanks for the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," congratulated the Bushey Park Lodge on having so efficient and popular a brother to preside over it as Bro. Geo. R. Langley. That brother during the first year acted as Secretary, and it was no exaggeration to say that in a great measure the success of the lodge was due to his efforts. It was not in their own lodge alone, however, that Bro. Langley was known, for many present were indebted to him for their Masonic knowledge gained in the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, of which he was the indefatigable Secretary. That Bro. Langley was known and appreciated, especially in South London, was evinced at the recent election of members for the Board of Benevolence, at which he was elected second on the list.

Bro. G. R. Langley, W.M., returned thanks in an appropriate speech, and other toasts were given before a pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Bro. Field ably presided at the pianoforte, and several brethren rendered musical selections.

### HULL.

**Humber Lodge (No. 57).**—The time-honoured Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated at the Ma-onic Hall, Osborne-street, recently, by the installation of Bro. A. E. Kessen as W.M. There was a large and brilliant assembly of brethren, not only from the sister lodges in Hull, but also from East Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire, and other provinces. The old Humber Lodge

(it was founded in 1736) is the most wealthy, and one of the most influential of provincial lodges, and its prestige is known throughout England. Bro. Dr. Kessen is therefore to be heartily congratulated on the exalted position he has been called to fulfil by the goodwill of his brethren. Amongst those present were Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G.S.B. of England; J. Henderson, W.M.; J. Matthews, I.P.M.; Geo. Latus, S.W.; W. C. Bradley, J.W.; D. J. O'Donoghue, P.M., Chap.; Thomas Thompson, P.M., Treas.; T. G. Milner, Hon. Sec.; J. Clarke, P.M.; W. Day Keyworth, P.M.; George Wilson, P.M.; R. Beevers, P.M.; W. Tesseymen, P.M.; A. King, P.M.; G. H. Panton, J. R. Stringer, P.P.G.O.; James Wildbore, F. Wilson, T. Whitty, J.P., R. J. McLeavy, P.D.C.; J. J. Runtun, G. D. Story, P.P.G.O.; Thos. Morrill, F. J. Harper, F. C. Lucop, F. Eustace, George Houlton, F. Kenningham, John Shaw, W. G. Fenner, T. Hart, G. Kenningham, H. J. Oldroyd, and others. The visitors were Bros. L. P. Brekke, W.M., J. Y. Torr, J.W., and A. G. Browne, of 250; Dr. H. Woodhouse, B.A., W.M., H. H. Briggs, S.W., Carill Savill, Hon. Sec., and C. Judge, Stwd., of 1010; J. W. Tindell, W.M., and R. W. Cooper, S.W., of 1605; G. W. Greenwood, W.M., J. W. Hickling, S.W., J. Meanwell, Treas., and J. W. Webb, J.W., of 2134; H. Spring, W.M. 1282; Jas. Powell, 1301, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Starkey, I.P.M. 119; and R. Dobson, W.M. 294.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Councillor A. E. Kessen was duly installed W.M. by Bro. George Wilson, P.P.G.D., in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. Henderson, I.P.M.; J. Wildbore, S.W.; Thomas Morrill, J.W.; D. J. O'Donoghue, P.P.G.O., Chap.; T. Thompson, P.P.G.W., Treas.; G. D. Story, P.P.G.O., Sec.; J. Milestone, S.D.; Thomas Hart, J.D.; W. C. Bradley, D. of C.; H. J. Oldroyd, I.G.; J. R. Stringer, P.P.G. Org.; C. C. Bristow, Stwd.; Wm. Cuthbert, Tyler; and J. Priest, Asst. Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to the magnificent hall for the annual banquet, which was purveyed in excellent style by Mr. Jenkinson. The Worshipful Master presided, and, in a terse and pointed speech, proposed "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "The Grand and Provincial Grand Rulers," the latter toast being as briefly acknowledged by Hull's most eminent and popular Mason, Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. W. Tesseymen, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., proposed "The W.M. and Officers of the Humber Lodge," and in doing so said the Board of Installed Masters quite concurred in the admirable choice the brethren had made in the election of Bro. A. E. Kessen as Worshipful Master. He was sure he was the right man in the right place. His officers—particularly the Wardens—although younger members of the Craft, were all good and true men, and would perform their respective duties efficiently.

The Worshipful Master, who was received with cheers, said: Brethren, I thank you most heartily on behalf of myself and officers for the very enthusiastic manner in which you received the eulogistic remarks of Bro. Tesseymen, in proposing this toast. The order of long speeches does not belong to the chair, and, therefore, though my words be few, I trust you will receive them with the sincerity with which they come from me. The office of W.M. is one which from the day I entered the lodge I aspired to, and I have to-day received the consummation of my wishes. I assure you I shall endeavour to return this collar as unsullied as I found it. I am afraid I cannot compete with your excellent retiring Master, but I will do my best. The W.M. has a most difficult task to perform in the selection of his officers; so many brethren have equal claims to promotion. However, I hope I have made a good and wise selection. We shall now all work with perfect goodwill and accord for the welfare of the Humber Lodge.

The Senior Warden (Bro. Wildbore) said, on behalf of himself and brother officers, he thanked the brethren for their kind confidence, and could assure them that nothing should be wanting on their part to uphold the dignity and prestige of the lodge. He trusted when their year of office was finished they would hear from the Master and brethren "Well done, good and faithful stewards, for the trust reposed in thee."

The Junior Warden (Bro. Thos. Morrill) said he was gratified for the kind expressions which had fallen from Bro. Tesseymen. He considered it a very great honour to have been offered the post which he was called upon to occupy. His collar had been worn by many good and true Masons, and he regarded it as a stepping-stone to a still higher office. The W.M. had reached the pinnacle of his ambition, and it was the one office which he (Bro. Morrill) aspired to since the day of his initiation, and which he trusted to be realised in future years. He heartily endorsed all the sentiments of his colleague, the Senior Warden.

Bro. George Wilson, P.P.G.D., proposed "The Retiring W.M. and his Officers," and stated that Bro. Henderson's year of office had been characterised with energy and dignity. He had conducted the affairs of the lodge with zeal. He (Bro. Wilson) had seen many Masters of the lodge, but none had excelled Bro. Henderson. He had been an ornament to the chair, and they would always look back to the excellent results of his term of office. The brethren had also rallied round the Wardens, and he must also mention the courtesy and attention and the great services which Bro. T. G. Milner, the retiring Hon. Secretary, had rendered to the lodge, and which had endeared him to the heart of every member.

The I.P.M. and the Wardens acknowledged the toast in felicitous terms.

The W.M. proposed "The Installing Officer," to which Bro. Wilson responded.

Bro. Councillor John Shaw gave "The Past Masters and Treasurer of the Humber Lodge," for whom Bro. J. Matthews and Bro. T. Thompson made suitable replies.

Bro. Andrew King, P.P.G.D., then submitted "The Sister Lodges," which received due acknowledgment from the hands of Bros. Brekke, Dr. H. Woodhouse, Tindall, Greenwood, and Dobson. After which "The Masonic Charities," "The Visitors," and "Absent Brethren" were proposed.

During the banquet some excellent selections of music, vocal and instrumental, were contributed by Bros. George Kenningham, Bristow, Torr, Meanwell, Tindall, F. J. Harper, F.C.O., Thomas Hart, and R. J. McLeavy. The talented Organist of the lodge, Bro. J. R. Stringer, officiated at the pianoforte. Bro. W. C. Bradley admirably discharged his functions as Director of Ceremonies.



## LEICESTER.

**Commercial Lodge (No. 1391).**—A regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, December 26th, at Freemasons' Hall. The W.M., Bro. T. S. H. Ashwell, occupied the chair, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. H. Howe, S.W.; A. Ferguson, J.W.; R. B. Starkey, P.M.; Treas.; J. W. Beazeley, Sec.; A. Chambers, S.D.; G. J. B. Woolley, J.D.; F. W. Billson, as I.G.; S. Knight, P.M., D.C.; F. Lambert and J. Hawkes, Stewards; and J. Tanser and T. Dunn, Tylers. There were also present Bros. C. J. Wilkinson, P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. Wright (Mayor of Leicester), P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. W. Vincent, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. G. Bower, P.M., P.S.G.D.; and a large number of the members of the lodge. Among the visitors (of whom there was a large number) were Bros. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Doc., I.P.M. 523; J. B. Waring, P.M. 523; and T. Colman, P.M. 1205.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. David Garrett as a candidate for initiation, and, on its proving successful, he and Mr. D. M. Nesbit, already elected, were duly admitted into Freemasonry by the W.M. in an admirable manner. The ancient charge was ably delivered to the initiates by Bro. H. Howe, S.W. A ballot was also taken for a joining member, and proved successful. The W.M., in the absence of the Chaplain, then moved "That 15 guineas be voted to the list of the Provincial Charity Steward, Bro. W. W. Vincent, P.M., in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," which was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. W. W. Vincent briefly, but heartily, thanked the brethren. Bro. C. J. Wilkinson, P.M., P.G.D.C., resigned his appointment as Preceptor from the lodge to the Union Lodge of Instruction. After regret had been expressed by several of the brethren, particularly the W.M. and I.P.M., Bro. C. J. Wilkinson, withdrew his resignation, and consented to act as Preceptor until the end of the session.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered from the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

## WEYMOUTH.

**All Souls Lodge (No. 170).**—The annual festival of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 29th December, when there were present Bros. H. J. Jesty, W.M.; H. J. Groves, S.W.; Alfred Rayner, I.W.; G. J. Davis, P.G. Org., Chap.; J. A. Sherren, P.S.G.D., Treas.; Sidney S. Milledge, acting Sec.; Frederick Hetley, S.D.; B. Browning, acting J.D.; W. B. Morgan, P.G. Supt. of Wks., D.C.; H. Hurdle, acting Org.; J. T. Whettam, I.G.; E. T. Targett, P.P.J.G.D., and F. D. Pritchard, Stwds.; R. Simmonds, Tyler; J. W. Clare, Asst. Tyler; W. Smith, I.P.M.; Zillwood Milledge, P.M., P.J.G.W.; Pelly Hooper, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; A. Graham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Richard Cox, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Sedgwick, B. Morris, D. H. Williams, H. A. Huxtable, and F. W. Padgett. Visitors: Bros. W. E. Brymer, M.P., D.P.G.M.; L. H. Ruegg, 1168, P.P.G.W.; J. S. Stroud, 417, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. D. Thornton, 417, P.G. Treas.; E. Tinsley, 1367, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Cooke, W.M. 1037; C. J. Freeman, 1037, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; E. Mills, 1037, P.P.G.S.B.; N. R. Baskett, 1037, P.P.G. Reg.; G. F. Parsons, W.M. 1146; and Curtis Hills, 65.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The following sent apologies for absence: Bros. J. H. Bowen, Sec. (through illness); J. E. Crickmay, J.D.; R. Gibbs, Org.; W. Watts, P.M. 1266; J. W. Luff, P.M. 1266; W. H. Kirby, P.M. 665; J. Soppett, P.M. 472; W. Campbell, P.M. 257; J. Staines Webb, P.M. 1367; T. Giles, P.M. 707; R. Case, P.M. 417; P.G. Sec., W. M. Heath, P.M. 622; W. D. Dugdale, P.M. 137; E. W. Young, W.M. elect 417; J. B. Best, P.M. 396; and Dr. Wilton. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, signed by Bros. H. J. Jesty, G. J. Davis, Zillwood Milledge, W. B. Morgan, C. G. Targett, and E. T. Targett, showing a balance in hand of £50 os. 7d. The accounts were read over by the Treasurer, and on the proposition of Bro. H. J. Groves, S.W., seconded by Bro. R. Cox, P.M., the report was received and adopted. The Installing Master, Bro. Zillwood Milledge, P.J.G.W., then took the chair, and Bro. W. B. Morgan, D.C. presented Bro. G. J. Davis, P.M., the W.M. elect, for installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. W. E. Brymer, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Zillwood Milledge, H. J. Jesty, Pelly Hooper, E. T. Targett, W. Smith, J. A. Sherren, R. Cox, B. Browning, L. H. Ruegg, J. S. Stroud, R. D. Thornton, E. Tinsley, H. Cooke, C. J. Freeman, E. Mills, S. R. Baskett, G. F. Parsons, and W. B. Morgan, D.C., and Bro. G. J. Davis was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Groves, S.W.; A. Rayner, J.W.; Zillwood Milledge, P.M., P.J.G.W., Chap.; J. A. Sherren, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Sidney S. Milledge, Sec.; F. W. Hetley, S.D.; J. E. Crickmay, J.D.; J. T. Whettam, jun., I.G.; W. B. Morgan, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; H. A. Hurdle, F.C.O., Org.; E. T. Targett, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., and F. D. Pritchard, Stwds.; R. Simmonds, Tyler; and J. W. Clare, Asst. Tyler. The W.M. then addressed the officers and brethren, and the Installing Master addressed the W.M. The D.P.G.M., Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., then feelingly alluded to the great loss Masonry had sustained by the death of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., the notice of which appeared in the morning paper, and, on the proposition of Bro. Pelly Hooper, P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. J. A. Sherren, P.P.S.G.D., it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of this distinguished brother, the vote being carried in solemn silence. It was proposed by Bro. G. J. Davis, W.M., seconded by Bro. H. J. Jesty, P.M., and carried by acclamation, that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. Zillwood Milledge, P.J.G.W., for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Milledge suitably replied. It was proposed by Bro. W. B. Morgan, P.P.G.S. of W., seconded by Bro. J. A. Sherren, P.P.S.G.D., and carried by acclamation, that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. H. J. Jesty for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. Bro. Jesty suitably replied. It was proposed by Bro. G. J. Davis, P.G. Org., W.M., seconded by Bro. Zillwood Milledge, P.J.G.W., and carried by acclamation, that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. J. A. Sherren, P.P.S.G.D., for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged (for the 13th year) the duties of Treasurer. Bro.

Sherren suitably replied. It was proposed by Bro. Pelly Hooper, P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. R. Cox, P.P.A.G.D.C., and carried by acclamation, that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the D.P.G.M., Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., for his attendance. Bro. Brymer suitably replied. "Hearty good wishes" having been given from Lodges 65, 396, 417, 1037, 1146, and 1168, and notice of motion by Bro. J. A. Sherren—that a sum not less than £10 10s. nor exceeding £21 be voted from the funds of the lodge, to be placed on the list of Bro. Zillwood Milledge, P.J.G.W., who goes up as Steward for the R.M.B.I.—having been given, the lodge was closed.

It is a curious coincidence that 66 years ago Bro. Jas. Milledge was made Secretary, having served no other office but I.G.; 10 years ago Bro. Zillwood Milledge was made Secretary, having served no other office but I.G.; and now Sidney S. Milledge, son of the former and brother of the latter, is made Secretary, having served no other office but I.G., and all in All Souls Lodge.

## YORK.

**York Lodge (No. 236).**—The installation meeting and banquet in connection with the above lodge was held on Monday, December 21st, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there was a very large attendance. Bro. Thos. S. Brogden, W.M., presided at the regular lodge, and was supported by his officers. There were also present Past Masters: Bros. Rev. W. Valentine, P.P.G. Chap.; George Balmford, P.P.G.O.; A. Buckle, P.P.G.D.; W. Draper, P.P.G.D.; and C. M. Forbes. Amongst the members present were Bros. Thomas Smith, A. W. Turner, A. F. King, P.S.W.; C. E. Wright, P.P.G. Stwd.; D. Lockwood, visitors included Bros. Herbert Woodhouse; C. Rushworth, C. Anderson, Arthur Jones, and W. N. Stimpson. The 1309, P.P.G.R.; J. Blenkin, 1611, P.J.G.D.; Thomas H. Lindberg, 2328; E. W. McNay, 1st Royals, 101; W. Finn, 215; A. Valentine, R.N.C., 1593; Paul Pearson, 1611; John H. Shonksmith, 1611; and Ben. Kilvington, 1991. Subsequently there were present Bros. the Dean of York (the Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D.), P.G. Chap. Eng.; T. B. Wythehead, P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.P.G. Reg.; Storey, W.M. 1611; James Kay, Sec. 1611; J. Horner, 1611; H. L. Swift, W.M. 2328; D. Scohy, 236; J. B. M. Smith, 236; Alfred Procter, 236; Capt. F. Hewson, P.M., P.Z., P.D.S.G.D. Malta; J. E. Wilkinson, I.P.M. 1991; and George Manton, S.W. 1991.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. E. W. Purnell, S.W., then took place, the Installing Master being Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas., the ceremony being performed in a very able manner. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. S. Brogden, I.P.M.; J. B. Sampson, S.W.; A. Jones, J.W.; the Rev. C. Linley, Chap.; J. Todd, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; C. Anderson, Sec.; E. Carter, S.D.; M. Bryson, J.D.; F. S. Gramshaw, I.G.; A. Sample, P.P.G. Org., Org.; A. Procter, D. of C.; J. A. Askew and W. N. Stimpson, Stwds.; and John Hall, Tyler.

In the evening the banquet was held in the Masonic Hall, and was well served by Bro. Toes, a very large company being present, including most of the brethren above-named. The W.M., Bro. Purnell, presided, and proposed "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that during her Majesty's reign there had been an increased allegiance to Freemasonry.

The W.M. also proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that it was pleasurable to Freemasons to know that Prince Albert Victor was about to be united to an English Princess. Masons in York, perhaps, felt extra interest in Prince Albert Victor, because they had had him walking about in their streets and making himself agreeable with everyone with whom he had come in contact. They must congratulate the M.W.G.M. on such a very happy event as would take place.

The Dean of York, who was called upon to reply as a Past Officer of Grand Lodge, said that as they were of one mind upon this toast there was little new to say. However, he would refer to one matter. They felt that the Prince who was about to be married was not only a good Mason but also they knew him as a recent resident of York; hence they felt a personal interest in him, as one who had shown gentleness, quietness, cordiality, and a readiness to take part in anything that would promote the welfare of those around him. This was a bright augury of the future. After some remarks bearing upon the reign of George III., the popularity of her Majesty and the Princess of Wales, the very reverend brother concluded by expressing the pleasure he had in being present at the banquet of so ancient and important a lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The R.W. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings; the R.W. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, D.P.G.M.; and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers," and in doing so remarked that he had noticed in that day's paper an announcement that Prince Albert Victor was to fill the place of Lord Zetland as Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, therefore York would still be in touch with him.

Bro. S. Border, P.M., in responding to the toast, said that Lord Zetland had done much for Masonry, and they had reason to be proud that they had such a President of the North and East Ridings, and they could only be more than satisfied with their able Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Orde-Powlett.

Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, P.M., proposed "The W.M. of the York Lodge," and said that since it had been his privilege years ago to initiate the present W.M., he had seen that brother steadily advancing to the high position he now occupied, and although he had not the gift of prophecy, he felt that as they now saw him a City Councillor, they would probably see him an Alderman and Lord Mayor. Their W.M.'s object was to promote the greatest good to Masonry, and he asked the brethren to support him in his effort to make the coming year the most successful in the history of the lodge. As Bro. Purnell had been Secretary, J.W., and S.W., he was well fitted to make his position a thorough success, but he must have the support of his officers. After a few further remarks upon the advance of Masonry in York, the speaker submitted the toast, which was received with cheers.

The W.M. was received with much cordiality, and thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the enthusiastic manner in which they had welcomed him. He had felt nervous about undertaking the position, but now he felt

proud of the confidence of his brethren in placing him in the chair of that grand old lodge. He felt extremely the responsibilities attaching to his office, but from the kindly promises of his officers, he felt sure that with their help he would be able to promote the prosperity of the lodge during his year of office. He would endeavour to govern it according to its ancient privilege, and act with strictest impartiality, and work as far as he could for the benefit of the brethren of that lodge and Masonry generally. He asked for the forbearance of his brethren, and above all, and before all, for their help in working for the glory and honour of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and remarked that nothing was dearer to Freemasonry than Charity. He spoke of the three great Charities, and urged the necessity of also keeping in mind Charity in its wider sense and in all its bearings as shown in the Volume of the Sacred Law. Having observed that great care should be taken as to who should be admitted to Freemasonry, especially with regard to their social and pecuniary position, he argued that Masons were not a body established for the only purpose of relieving people in distressed circumstances, although they delighted to keep those whom it was known had been reduced to poverty. He asked them to support the W.M. during his year of office.

Bro. Swift proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; the I.P.M., Bro. T. S. Brogden; and the Past Masters of the York Lodge," and remarked that Bro. Todd was ever ready to render assistance in any lodge.

Bro. Todd, in responding, said he found himself the oldest member present, and he had a long and pleasant experience of the work of the province. He had had the privilege of installing 14 Masters of that lodge. It was exactly 21 years since he was himself installed by the late Bro. Cowley. He congratulated Bro. Purnell on his appointment, and anticipated a prosperous year for the lodge.

Bro. A. Buckle, P.M., proposed "The Sister Lodges of the Province," and Bros. Woodhouse, Storey, and Manton responded.

Bro. Rev. C. Linley proposed "The Visitors," and Bros. Lindberg and W. Finn replied.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. M. Rooke, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Sampson and the J.W.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list.

During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was given, and at midnight, shortly before the close of the meeting, the "City Waits," in quaint costume, entered the banqueting hall, and played several ancient ditties on their violins. A very pleasant evening was spent.

## Mark Masonry.

## BRADFORD.

**The Old York Lodge (T.I.).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, recently, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Tnos. Norfolk, W.M.; T. H. Pattinson, S.W.; T. E. Greenough, J.W.; F. D. Harrison, M.O.; M. Hayes, S.O.; Jas. Pratt, as J.O.; Geo. Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas.; John T. Last, Sec.; W. Laycock, S.D.; Bro. Martin, J.D.; Bonser, as I.G.; John Niven, as R.M.; C. J. Schott, P.P.J.G.O., as I.P.M.; Simeon Whiteley, P.P.G.D., Org.; and Jas. Dzwirist, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Rev. Thos. J. McNulty, Prov. G. Chap., was elected a joining member. The ballot was also taken for Bro. G. C. Gamble, 603, which proved in his favour, and he being in attendance, was advanced to the Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Norfolk, W.M. The Treasurer's balance-sheet for the past year, which had stood over from the last meeting, was received and adopted.

Three propositions of candidates for advancement were received, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st December, at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Poole, W.M.; Sandberg, S.W.; Nettleship, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; King, S.D.; Rashleigh, J.D.; Barclay Perkins, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; T. Templeman, Balcombe, Russell, Cochrane, and Elson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Templeman having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. Templeman was duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Sandberg was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 28th December, when there were present Bros. George Pike, W.M.; W. Dawson, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Stone, S.D.; Rice, J.D.; F. H. Salmon, I.G.; Wm. Eckersall, Thos. Grummant, Hooper, E. T. Clarke, Reichenheim, Lord, Stock, Hill, H. G. Martin, Hopley, Pullen, and F. H. Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lord being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hooper offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Bro. Pike vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pullen, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The W.M. rose for the

first time. Bros. Stock, P.M. and Secretary, and E. H. Smith, of 1586, were elected members. The officers had at the previous meeting been appointed for the ensuing week. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Pike for the excellent manner he rehearsed the ceremony of initiation for the first time in this lodge of instruction. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th December, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. T. M. Lambie, W.M.; Major P. H. Dalbiac, S.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. W. Curtis, W.M. 733, S.D.; J. H. Cuff, P.M. 511, J.D.; J. Powell, I.G.; J. T. Shapcott, Stwd.; A. Williams, P.M.; R. E. Cursons, and W. Hillier.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cursons, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The usual preliminaries were observed, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lambie being candidate. Bro. Curtis afterwards rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, was resumed in due course to the First Degree, Bro. Williams giving the lectures in a very able manner. Bro. Lambie then re-assumed the chair. Bro. Dalbiac was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting—officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks to Bro. Lambie was passed for the manner he had rehearsed the duties of the chair for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. A sincere expression of condolence with the family of the late Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, was unanimously resolved to be entered in the minutes. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, December 29th, at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. Wiggins, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; T. Heath, J.W.; R. H. Williams, Deputy Preceptor; A. Williams, acting Sec.; W. R. Flacke, S.D.; H. R. Elkin, J.D.; J. Kingston, I.G.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834; and W. Dresden.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Kingston offered himself as a candidate for initiation. The W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. Kingston offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Kingston answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, December 24th, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; W. G. Jennings, S.W.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, J.W.; G. Higginson, Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; H. Elkin, S.D.; Barber, J.D.; R. N. Larter, I.G.; L. Lee, L. Cox, H. Gane, J. Arnott, and H. J. Martineau. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Gane was examined as to his proficiency, and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gane acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the brethren, the W.M. putting the questions. The W.M. rose as usual. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER (No. 2021).**—The usual meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Friday, December 18th, when the Fifteen Sections were ably worked by Bro. James Hemming, P.M. 1287, as W.M., assisted by Bros. J. Greenway, W.M. 1310, Preceptor; J. Paul, I.P.M. 1287, as S.W.; J. Leather, 1287, as J.W.; and the brethren present, as follows: First Lecture, 1st Section, by Bro. C. O. Burgess, 2191; 2nd Section by Bro. E. Angel, S.D. 2398; 3rd Section by Bro. H. Carter, 2221; 4th Section by Bro. J. Leather, 1287; 5th Section by Bro. J. Smith, P.M. 1744; 6th Section by Bro. Mason; 7th Section by Bro. J. Greenway, W.M. 1310. Second Lecture, 1st Section by Bro. H. Matthew; 2nd Section by Bro. Bullen, S.D. 1614; 3rd Section by Bro. J. Smith, P.M. 1744; 4th Section by Bro. John Paul, I.P.M. 1287, and Preceptor 538; 5th Section by Bro. J. Greenway. Third Lecture, 1st Section by Bro. Cane, P.M. 1287; 2nd Section by Bro. W. J. Collins, P.M. 766; 3rd Section by Bro. Walter Wood, P.M. 193. After resuming to the First Degree Bros. Audain and Haines, of 193, were elected joining members. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was proposed by Bro. Greenway, Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Collins, carried unanimously, and conveyed to Bro. James Hemming by Bro. J. Paul for his excellent work as Section Master. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**WALTHAMSTOW LODGE (No. 2192).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, December 28th, at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Station, when there were present Bros. G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; G. R. Lambert, S.W.; N. Fortescue, J.W.; W. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas., Preceptor; C. H. Bestow, Sec.; S. C. Bateman, S.D.; A. J. Stacey, J.D.; E. T. Fuller, I.G.; J. Collett, Stwd.; P. Trickett, J. Hamilton, J. Ives, P.M.; W. J. Short, L. Griffith, E. Gray, jun., J. Clark, J. Copley, W. P. Allen, B. Mann, S. Herbert, F. R. Peck, S. Fulford, and J. King.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. J. Clark acting as the candidate. The ancient charge was delivered by Bro. Shurmur. Bro. G. R. Lambert was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. To the intense delight of the brethren, the satisfactory announcement was made that the D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., had graciously accepted the office of President of this lodge of instruction. The Preceptor, in most feeling terms, referred to the decease of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Colonel

Shadwell H. Clerke, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the bereaved family. Bro. G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., was deputed to attend the funeral to represent the lodge of instruction and the Shurmur Lodge, both of which ordered a handsome wreath to be supplied.

#### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The last meeting for the year 1891 of the Board of Benevolence was held on the 23rd Dec. at Freemasons' Hall, and it was very largely attended. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, was also in his place; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, was likewise at his post. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., was too unwell to attend. The Grand Secretary's office was represented by Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. H. Lee, and Adam Berry.

The President at the sitting of the Board wished all the brethren "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The brethren first confirmed recommendations of the Grand Master made at the November meeting to the extent of £330. There were 53 cases on the new list. These were qualified through lodges in the London district and at Sunderland, Harwich, Tipton, Burton-on-Trent, Gravesend, Rye, Warwick, Leeds, Gorleston, Birkenhead, Nottingham, Stourbridge, Newtown (Mon.), Spilsby, Lucknow, Newton Abbot, Diss, Ilford, Sheerness, Liverpool, Port Chalmers (N.Z.), Port Adelaide, Tywardreath, Battle, Brighton, Solihull, Malton, Singapore, Calcutta, Rochford, and Newbury.

The Board sat four hours and a half in dealing with these cases, of which four were deferred, being incomplete, and two dismissed. One was withdrawn. The remainder were awarded a total of £960. Six were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each, and nine for £30 each. There were 16 grants of £20 each, 11 of £10 each, and four of £5 each. One petitioner had been a subscribing member for 39 years, one 33, one 30, one 28½, one 28, and three 27 years; and others 23½, 22, 21, 20, 19, 17½, 14, 13, 12, and 11.

#### Obituary.

##### DR. WILLIAM ROBERT WOODMAN.

By the lamented death of Dr. William Robert Woodman, the office of Supreme Magus of the Rosicrucian Society has become vacant. It has been the ancient custom for each S.M. to nominate his successor. It is known that the late S.M. has left a sealed letter to the Secretary-General for presentation to the College of Magistri and Honorary Magi, who form the Third Order, but its contents have not yet been made known. It is expected that the election of the new S.M. will take place on January 14th, before the hour of assembly of the Metropolitan College on that day. The late Dr. Woodman was one of the oldest surviving members of this Society, which is composed of Freemasons only. There are still extant other branches of the same ancient "Order of the Cross and Rose," which are not confined to Freemasons, nor to men only; but these grades of the Fraternity work and study entirely in a private and secret manner, and members of them do not even acknowledge their membership. It is known that the reconstruction of this semi-esoteric "Rosicrucian Society of England" in 1865 was carried out by the deceased brothers—R. W. Little, Kenneth Mackenzie, and others—at the suggestion of some of these unconfessed initiates. The late Dr. Woodman was a very well known and highly respected Freemason, a Past Master of many lodges, and P.Z. of many Royal Arch chapters. He had the honour of being appointed Grand Sword Bearer at the time of the great Albert Hall ceremonial, and was a personal friend of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey. He was a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and of the Secret Monitor. He was for many years Grand Recorder of the Order of Rome and Constantine, and subsequently became Grand Treasurer, an office which he only resigned last year. But it was in the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia that he always appeared to the greatest advantage. He devoted all his energies for many years to the welfare of the Society. He became Secretary-General so early as 1868, and then Junior Substitute Magus in 1876, and Senior Substitute Magus in 1877, and then at the decease of M.W. Frater R. W. Little he became Supreme Magus in Anglia in 1878, and has held this highest office for 13 years until his death on December 20th, 1891. From 1868 to 1879 he was the editor of the Quarterly Journal of the Society, named "The Rosicrucian." Of the early members of the Society who were young with him there are still W. J. Hughan, Major Francis Irwin, W. J. Ferguson, George Kenning, Benjamin Cox, of Weston super-Mare, Felix Gottlieb, C. F. Matier, Past S.M. in Scotia, John Yarker, and the very respected Substitute Magus, James Lewis Thomas. The roll of the Order contains the names of very many eminent Freemasons, and many names of note as authors and students of mystic and antiquarian lore, such as MacGregor Mathers, Robert Roy, T. B. Whytehead, W. Wynn Westcott, F. F. Schnitzer, and his Northumbrian chief, Frater Charles Fendelow. For depth of learning, however, few if any could excel the late Dr. Woodman. He was an excellent Hebrew scholar and an accomplished Kabbalist. When he lectured on his favoured ideal, the "Tiphereth of the

Sephiroth," he generally puzzled nine out of every ten of his hearers. He was quite familiar also with the ancient philosophies of the Gnostics, with astrology, and the Tarot. Yet amid all his researches into the faiths and philosophies of other ages and nations, he never swerved from the Christian ideal, as the most perfect in conception, although he often bitterly regretted the application of the name to many of those who now profess it. He succumbed to a long and painful illness, but never uttered a word of repining, and never expressed the slightest reluctance to die at the appointed time: he had not shrunk from a symbolic death, and he would not fear that other change which would lead him to solve other greater secrets. With all his learning, he seldom spoke of it, except to a few students; he was called a great talker, and few even guessed his erudition: he was very reticent of his mystic knowledge, and would sometimes disclaim all occult studies. His place will be a very difficult one to fill, it requires at once a man of position, and a man of learning in curious and forgotten lore. The character of the Society in the future will largely depend upon him who succeeds to the office of Supreme Magus. To obtain success in the future will need a wise discretion, avoiding on the one hand the Scylla of letting the Society become only an ornamental appendage to Freemasonry, and on the other hand the Charybdis of too profound a standard of mystic study. The membership is, we understand, now about 200; the members will never be very numerous, but they have often been famous and always respected.

#### The Craft Abroad.

##### CRAFT MASONRY.

##### LIMASSOL—CYPRUS.

**St. Paul's Lodge (No. 2277, E.C.).**—The fourth installation meeting of this—the first lodge formed in Cyprus—was held at the Masonic Rooms recently. The brethren present were Bros. J. P. White, I.P.M., who occupied the chair; G. R. Harriott, P.P.G.M., as I.P.M.; Walter Kiddle, S.W., W.M. elect; F. O. Harvey, W.M. 2402, as S.W.; G. Meyer, J.W.; A. Jones, as Sec.; A. J. Michaelides, S.D.; J. G. Carageorgiades, J.D.; G. Rossides, D.C.; H. Kemp, I.G.; H. Braggotti and F. Drew, Stewards; G. Duberly, P.M.; Papadachi, Williamson, Brayshaw, Daliti, Phillips, Longcroft, Armstrong, and T. Feranti, as Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the Audit Committee's report was adopted. Bro. W. Kiddle, S.W., W.M. elect, was then installed into the chair of K.S., which ceremony was impressively carried out by Bro. G. R. Harriott, ably assisted by Bros. White, P.M., Duberly, P.M., and J. M. Harvey. Afterwards the new W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year, the recipients of the collars being as follows: Bros. G. Meyer, S.W.; J. Williamson, J.W.; H. Kemp, Sec.; G. Rossides, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; A. J. Michaelides, D.C.; F. Drew, I.G.; and H. Braggotti, Stwd. Owing to the regrettable circumstance that the exigencies of his military duties had transferred Bro. W. J. King, the retiring W.M., to Egypt, Bro. White, who had been I.P.M. during the past year, was called upon to act as such for the second time, and he was also invested with the collar of Treasurer. A vote of thanks to the Installing Master and his assistants was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously and duly acknowledged. The lodge was called off for a few minutes, and on re-assembling a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to Bro. King in recognition of his valuable services in the chair during the past year, was entrusted to Bro. White for transmission to the retiring W.M. by Bro. Kiddle, who said that the lodge generally must regret as much as he did that Bro. King was not present to receive the jewel in person. The remainder of the business having been got through, and a photograph of a mosaic found at Pompeii, and supposed to be Masonic in its nature, exhibited by the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for supper to the banqueting room, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion by Bro. Kemp.

After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily received.

Bro. G. Duberly, P.P.J.G.D. of Munster (I.C.), responded for "The Grand Lodge Officers."

Replying to the toast of "The Installing Master," Bro. Harriott, P.P.G.M., gave some sound advice to those present in the matter of not rashly seeking to increase the numbers of the lodge.

Bro. White, replying on behalf of "The I.P.M." (who was unavoidably absent), gave a short but interesting account of the lodge from its commencement, he being one of the founders and first S.W.

The toast of the evening, "Success to the St. Paul's Lodge and Health to its W.M.," was suitably proposed.

The Worshipful Master replied very briefly to the effect that the success of the lodge depended not so much on him as on the loyal support he expected to receive from his officers, one and all.

Bros. Meyer and Williamson replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Bros. Harvey and Brayshaw (both of whom, with Bro. Harriott, had driven the 45 miles from Larnaca in order to be present) to that of "St. George's Lodge, No. 2402;" the Worshipful Master to "Our Charitable Institutions," while Bro. Armstrong replied to the toast of "The Initiate."

The Tyler's toast brought to a close the evening's entertainment, the success of which was due in a great measure to the capital songs of Bros. Drew, Kemp, Meyer, Brayshaw, and Harvey; a pleasing novelty being a song in Greek by Bro. Michaelides.

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## MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

Bro. Geo. Flint, of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, was elected W.M. on the 17th December, and will be installed at the next meeting in January.

The annual Masonic ball, under the auspices of the Constance Lodge, has been fixed to take place in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday, February 3rd.

In order to meet the great demand for seats to witness A. W. Pinero's enormously successful play, "The Times," at Terry's Theatre, the management have decided to give, in addition to the usual Saturday matinees, extra matinees on Monday, the 4th inst., and Wednesday, the 6th inst.

A Masonic ball will be held at the Victoria Hall, Walthamstow, in connection with the Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Brooke, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Prince George, and the two Princesses, Victoria and Maud, left Marlborough House shortly before 1.30 on Wednesday afternoon for Sandringham, travelling from St. Pancras Station by special train. Prince George did not suffer in any way by the journey.

One of our contemporaries received the following letter, which it reproduces *verbatim et literatim*: "DEAR SIR—Will you rite and tel me how much it costs to joine a free masons loge. Sumbody tolde me to rite to you and you wood tel me. i want to joine a good loge because i am tolde it will helpe me in my biziness. i am a bose carpenter." The best thing to strike him would be a black ball.—*Keystone*.

With the close of this year, "The Queen's Pipe" will be numbered among the memorials of past greatness. Hitherto all smuggled tobacco seized by Custom House officers has been smoked in "Her Majesty's Pipe," at the place of capture—that is to say, uselessly burned in a furnace specially designed for the purpose. Orders, it is reported, have now been issued to put out "The Queen's Pipe" for ever. All tobacco seized will be forwarded to head-quarters in London, and will either be sold or distributed among the inmates of institutions dependent upon the Government.

*Pitman's Shorthand Weekly* is the title of a new miscellany of popular literature, printed wholly in shorthand, which is commenced with the New Year. It is projected in order to furnish shorthand writers of all ages with entertaining reading, liberally illustrated. Recreation for winter evenings is afforded in the shape of prize competitions for awards of the value of £25, including a Vost Typewriter. "Q's" weird romance, "Dead Man's Rock," is the serial novel, and there are several short humorous stories. The "Greeting" is from the pen of Mr. Isaac Pitman, and is printed in facsimile.

The fourth annual ball of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, in aid of their Benevolent Fund, will be held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Thursday, the 11th prox. An efficient body of Stewards has been formed, and a dispensation granted by the M.W. Grand Master for brethren to wear either Craft or Royal Arch clothing. The price of the tickets, which includes refreshments, wines, spirits, and a champagne supper, are—gentlemen, £1 10s.; ladies, £1 15s.; double ticket to admit lady and gentleman, £2 5s.; and as the number will be strictly limited, early application should be made to any member of the lodge or to Bro. Tom Honey, No. 1, Drapers'-gardens, the Hon. Secretary to the Ball Commitee.

The Rome Correspondent of the *Daily News* telegraphs: The Italian papers are much engrossed in the discussion of the statement made by M. Floquet that Pius IX. was a Freemason. The *Diritto* first and other newspapers afterwards published a document testifying to Pius IX.'s admission in the year 1839 to a Palermo lodge. The authenticity of this document, however, is denied by those who say that the late Pope was never at Palermo in his life, and that such a lodge never existed in Palermo. I have received statements directly from the Vatican on the subject, and these, as might be expected, deny the truth of M. Floquet's assertion in every way.

To every Mason, "wherever scattered over land or sea," the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book," published by George Kenning, will prove invaluable. When we state that their compiler is no less exalted a brother than Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, it is sufficient proof that the work is both complete and correct. The 1892 Calendar contains, amongst other matter usual in pocket-books, a list of all the Regular Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, and a variety of articles concerning Masonry. The same publisher issues "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1892, and this contains particulars of the Grand Masonic bodies of Scotland, Ireland, and all Colonial and Foreign Jurisdictions. It is a thoroughly comprehensive book of reference.—*Kentish Express*.

The funeral of Bro. Samuel Trotman, late boatswain of H.M.S. Edgar, took place at Antony Churchyard on Saturday, the 26th December. The funeral cortege left the residence of deceased, 35, Wellington-street, Torpoint, about three o'clock, and proceeded to Antony. Among those present, in addition to the relatives, were a large number of members of the Carew Lodge, Torpoint, of which deceased was a member, including Bros. T. Tresize, P.M.; Heath, P.M.; White, P.M.; Pearce, P.M.; Dirk, P.M.; A. Akenhead, W.M.; G. Davis, S.W.; J. T. Greet, D.C.; H. Lewis, Tyler; B. Stoddon, B. Ellis, Prout, Trudgeon, and Horrocks. Visitors: Bros. J. Cocks, Whitelock, and G. Penny. The deceased, who was only 45 years of age, leaves a wife and seven children. He was greatly respected, not only in the service, but by all the inhabitants of Torpoint, a number of whom followed his remains to their last resting place. There were also present a large number of warrant officers from the Seamen's Barracks and ships in harbour. The Rev. J. H. Kitson officiated in the church and at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. J. Wavish.

Bro. Whymper has collected the titles of over 6000 books in the English language upon Freemasonry.

The Corporation of London have given 100 guineas to the funds of the St. Bride's Youths' Institute, Shoe-lane.

Mr. Edward Hugh Rea, C.M.G., Assistant-Secretary of the General Post-Office, retires on the 1st of January, after a service of 53 years.

Lord Aberdeen has been appointed a vice-president of the Royal Colonial Institute, in succession to the late Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., and Mr. Laurence R. Fyfe, of Grenada, Honorary Corresponding Secretary for Windward Islands.

The Accident Insurance Company, Limited, notifies that interim interest on the paid capital of the company, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, for the half year ending the 31st of December, 1891, is now payable.

Bro. Ben. Franklin's A.D. 1734 edition of "Anderson's Constitutions," sold (one copy) at Birch's Auction Rooms, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, December 16th inst., for \$320. Ben's Masonic productions are decidedly above par.—*Keystone*.

A bronze statue of Robert Burns is about to be placed in Roger Williams Park, Providence, R.I., and the Freemasons of Rhode Island are furthering the plan. The park is a beautiful one. The statue referred to will fittingly add to its adornment.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have awarded the Greenwich Hospital Pension of £50 a year, vacant by the death of Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets Andrew Murray, to Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets William H. Adam.

Mr. W. Noel Sainsbury, Assistant-Keeper of the Public Records, retires on a pension after 40 years' service, but will continue to edit his "Calendar of Colonial State Papers," of which seven volumes have already been published by the Government.

Owing to the favourable weather which has been prevailing in South Russia during the past two months, reports have been received from all parts as to the good condition of the winter crops. This information has helped, to a small extent, to dispel the general gloom which prevails in all circles in South Russia, especially as all previous accounts had been very unfavourable.

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Mr. Davenport Adams, sen., the well-known author, died suddenly on Wednesday last, after a long and painful illness, at Wimbledon. He was born in 1828, and had been before the public as a writer for 40 years. He published a large number of works, including books of reference, like his annotated edition of Shakespeare and his Shakespeare Phrase-Concordance, popular biographies, such as his "Good Queen Anne" and "Merry Monarch," and very many books for girls and boys, among whom he was very popular. Latterly he had projected and edited the two well-known series, "The Whitefriars Library of Wit and Humour" and "The Victoria Library for Gentlewomen."

The most notable event of the theatrical week has been, of course, the sudden and lamented death of Mr. Alfred Cellier—an event which, in spite of his long-continued illness, was not in the least anticipated. It is to be feared that Mr. Cellier fell a martyr to his sense of duty. Had he been able to leave England this winter as on previous occasions, there is every possibility that he would have been alive at this moment. As it is, the frail frame has given way, and the bright spirit is but a memory. His unexpected collapse is the more pitiable in view of the fact that it was, and still is, hoped that the score of "The Mountebanks" would, and will, set the seal upon his reputation as a composer. Those who have heard the music of the opera are unanimous in praise of its beauty and sprightliness.

The *Newspaper* of December 26th says: People in Paris, the *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent says, are now discussing the likelihood of a serious split in the Masonic camp. Not a few members of the Order are dissatisfied with the political rôle which the heads of the Grand Orient of France have been playing, and there is talk of an effort to return to the old state of things, when Freemasonry in France was the purely benevolent and brotherly Institution—set off with various rites, symbols, and ceremonies—which it still is in most other lands. As a matter of fact, in the majority of the provincial lodges the utmost harmony and tranquillity prevail; but there has long been a tendency among certain members here to render Masonry entirely subservient to politics, and the meeting convened the other day by the Grand Orient seems to have brought matters to a head.

It has become almost a stereotyped expression when recording another success of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris that he has excelled himself, and at the first fancy dress ball of the season, which was held on Wednesday night, at Covent Garden, this was certainly the case. As last year, the whole area was on a level with the grand tier, and, as is always the case at what one may call the Harris' festivals, the staircases, boxes, and alcoves were smothered with flowers and ferns. But, instead of the solid band stand which last year rose from a grove of green shrubs, this year the band were placed in a gallery which was supported on fluted white and gold pillars, draped with blue plush curtains, and this scheme of colour was carried through all the decorative effects. White and old gold silk curtains hid the flies, white and gold were the walls, and in the same colours the alcoves were decorated. It would be difficult to say whether more or fewer people were present on this occasion than at the balls last year, but at any rate it might well have been supposed that a more numerous party could not have been gathered together with comfort, nor could an added number, in spite of the proverb, have made the merriment greater. Every variety of costume was to be seen, historical, comic, commonplace; and hardly a prominent character now appearing on the London stage escaped representation or caricature.

Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P. (Judge Advocate General), F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and Pitt Lewis, Q.C., are among the candidates for the office of Recorder, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Chambers, Q.C.

The third annual dinner of music travellers took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday. In response to an appeal by Mr. Barton, the Chairman, a sum was collected to form the nucleus of a fund for disabled travellers.

A new Mark lodge is to be opened next month at Gloucester, when Bros. the Earl of Euston, Lord Dungarvan, Sir Reginald Hanson, and other Grand Lodge Officers will attend and assist in the installation of Bro. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., as first Master.

Sergeant Barber, R.M.L.I., and Gunner Armstrong, R.M.A., who were terribly injured by the gun explosion on board the Cordelia, are to be invalided out of the service. The former has now come into possession of £6300, which he recently won in an Australian lottery.

It is said that the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Masons in England, will attend the dedication of the Masonic Home now in process of erection at Utica, New York. It is stated that he will do so in conjunction with his visit to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago.—*Rough Ashler*.

A strange illness has broken out in the Zoological Gardens, Amsterdam, among the beasts of prey. In three days 16 creatures have died, including several of the finest lions and tigers. The cause has eluded discovery, even after an autopsy. All the beasts died after only two days' illness.

The late Mr. John Archer Houlton, of Hallingbury-place and Coopersale House, Essex, and Colverthorpe, Lincolnshire, D.L. and J.P. (High Sheriff for Essex in 1840), who died on the 6th October last, aged 87 years, has left personal estate valued at £23,817 5s. 3d. It was a direction in the testator's will that his body should be carried to the grave by 24 labourers on his estate, and that each should have £2 and a good meat dinner, and "one pint of ale and no more."

The Press Association is informed by the Church Missionary Society that Samuel Adji Crowther, the Bishop of the Niger Territory, died on Thursday. Bishop Crowther, a few weeks ago, had a slight paralytic seizure, but from the last letters received, it did not appear that an early termination of his life was so near. The deceased first came into contact with the Church Missionary Society in 1822, when he was rescued from a slave ship, and his whole life has been spent in connection with the society's work in West Africa.

During the busy hours of Thursday morning, an engine attached to a passenger train on the Metropolitan District Railway broke down at Charing Cross station. Fortunately no persons were injured, but the delay and inconvenience consequent upon the accident were considerable. At half-past 10 o'clock the line between Charing Cross and Blackfriars presented a curious spectacle, there being an almost continuous line of empty trains awaiting the removal of the obstruction.

True manhood is the noblest product of Masonry, and as our Order has its strength and excellency because it binds men together in confidence, esteem, and worthy emulation of the qualities which make up true manhood, so let us strive together for highest good. And yet, in entire harmony with these high sentiments, we must reach out our hands to a fallen brother and lift him up. We must bear with an erring brother, and, with hand to back, give him kind admonition, and only cut him off when it must be done for the good of the cause, whose life his life dishonours.—*Rough Ashler*.

It may not be generally known that a curious collection of coins of considerable antiquarian value is to be found at the Calcutta Mint. The coins, it appears, are not for exhibition, but for sale, and that at about the actual value of the metal. The real value of the coins lies in their historical interest, and for this there is nothing to pay. Their presence in Calcutta is accounted for by the law of treasure trove, under which all finds of hidden wealth come into the hands of the State. Those who are curious in such things can obtain gold mohurs of the reign of Sultan Ala-ud-din Mohammed Shah, about 1300 A.D.; rupees coined by Mohammed Shah, by Shah Jehan, the builder of the Taj Mahal, and Aurangzib, together with old copper pieces innumerable. Numismatists on the look-out for specimens doubtless know all about such matters; but there are many others who might be glad to indulge a moderate taste for the genuinely curious.

The death of a very popular member of the staff of the Great Eastern Railway is recorded in the "East Anglian Handbook" for 1892. We refer to the black-and-tan collie dog long familiar to passengers at the Lowestoft station. This well-known animal appears to have originally appointed himself to fulfil the duty of starting the trains, but time and habit seem to have fully ratified the appointment. By a marvellous instinct the collie, it is said, seemed to know the exact time at which the train should begin its journey, and a restless excitement characterised him as the appointed moment drew near. As the bell uttered its first sound he would scamper down the platform, and, planting himself close to the engine, bark furiously until the wheels began to move. Satisfied apparently in this respect, he would next make a move for the guard's van and hurry the guard to his post. As the train passed out of the station he retired, and no more was seen of him till a similar operation had to be repeated on the departure of another train. No other bell than that used for starting purposes would bring the animal to view. For years the Lowestoft people have been diverted by the dog's performance, but now, as this obituary notice mournfully puts it, "the fun is at an end."

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## Knights Templar.

## PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Priory was held at the Masonic Hall, Dewsbury, on Saturday, December 12th, under the banner of the Fearnley Preceptory, No. 39, the knights being arranged under their respective banners. The E. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight J. Dunning Kay, acted as the V.E. Prior, and Sir Knight C. L. Mason, Past Sub-Prior, as E. Sub-Prior. The Great Officers, Officers, and Past Great Officers entered the Hall under the arch of steel, and opened the priory.

The muster roll of the preceptories of the province was called by the Registrar, when all the preceptories were represented, 50 knights being present. The Acting V.E. Prior and Acting E. Sub-Prior having been saluted,

The ACTING V.E. PRIOR responded, and delivered the following address: Worthy and Valiant Knights,—The spirit of progress which characterises this centre of commercial enterprise has, at the invitation of the valued members of the Fearnley Preceptory, again brought the Priory of West Yorkshire to Dewsbury, not only with a view to meeting in friendly intercourse, but of extending and consolidating the power for good of Templary by watching over the interests of its members and promoting measures for the benefit of us all. May we be successful in strengthening its numbers and influence, and in drawing more closely the knights widely scattered over West Yorkshire, and who have so few opportunities of consulting together. First let me mention the cause of my presiding over your counsels this day, viz., the serious illness of our beloved Prior, who has never ceased to take the most fatherly interest in the welfare of us his children, and who even in his hour of sickness is with us in spirit, and who sends his loving greetings to you all, and hopes that his absence will not interfere with the course of duty; and he desires me on his behalf to wish you health, peace, and plenty, at the approaching Christmas season. We all know that his absence is severely felt, and I shall at the close of my address ask you to pass a vote of condolence with him. You may remember that on the 7th of May, 1887, I gave a short history of "The Fearnley Preceptory," and I trust that any repetition of matters there stated may not now weary you. The "Fearnley" warrant was granted on the 21st October, 1859, and its first meeting was on the 22nd Feb., 1860. When the encampment was consecrated on I believe this very site, several of the worthy knights who then assisted are I am pleased to say in the long causeway of earth still valiantly fighting the cause of Templary. On the same day a Grand Conclave was opened, and George Fearnley, esquire and knight, the then Eminent Commander of the Fearnley, was duly installed as the Grand Commander of West Yorkshire, and he appointed his officers to assist him in the work of the province. With various periods of success and lethargy the encampment has gone on to the present time, and now it is one of the best working encampments or preceptories owning the sway of our Very Eminent Prior, Thomas William Tew, to whose energy and munificence the province owes its present high state of efficiency. May the Fearnley go on increasing in numbers and popularity is my earnest wish. I may add that our esteemed knight, F. W. Reuss, has written a more extended history of this preceptory, which he will kindly place at the disposal of any knight who may desire to interest himself more in detail. This priory has previously been hospitably entertained at Dewsbury in 1860 and 1887. Happily there are no dissensions or burning questions agitating our Order which demands our special attention, which gives us more time to look around us and to enlarge the sphere of Templary, and bring us nearer the Grand Encampment where we must all before very long rest our arms and guard our altar. The present year is the centenary of the election in England of the first Grand Master, and also of the organisation of the Grand Conclave, now the Great Priory. Thomas Dunckerley, Knight, was selected Grand Master to revive the Order in England in February, 1791, and a Grand Conclave was held for the first time in that year. It is purposed to annex to the printed report of the December meeting of Great Priory a list of the Grand Masters and Great Priors for the century, with dates of election or appointments, installations, and deaths or resignations respectively, and no doubt it will be in the power of every knight to obtain a copy if he so desires. Our priory has to record and mourn the deaths of seven staunch and good knights since our last annual meeting—Robert Craig, 114; Squire Denton, 4, P.C. 66, P.P. Herald; R. W. Moore, 114, P.P. Capt. of Guards; Thomas Hill, 13, Prov. Sub-Prior 1872 to 1881 (installed a knight in the year 1858); Isaac Booth, 3, 21, Prov. Chancellor 1872 to 1881 (installed a knight in the year 1848); and John C. Taylor, 8, 13, Prov. Prelate 1882 (installed a knight in the year 1835). All true and faithful even to death. May their sorrowing relatives and friends have strength given to bear the grief of separation. The Order in West Yorkshire progresses, would that I could say more rapidly, but we are thankful for small mercies, and that we do progress rather than have the mortification of receding is consolation. In January, 1887, we had 161 members; in 1888, 166 members; in 1889, 172 members; in 1890, 170 members; and in January, 1891, 184 members. In 1890 18 new members were installed, we lost four by death, leaving us better by 14. We have at the present time a memorial which will most probably result in the revival of a very old preceptory and the addition of a new one to our banners, and I trust that

may be if and when completed a fresh incentive to increase our popularity throughout Arch Masonry. I must apologise to every preceptory in the province for my unavoidable absence during the past year from their meetings, and this inability weighs heavily upon me, and forms a strong point of unfitness for the position I occupy, and which with my hearty goodwill and co-operation I trust will ere long be placed in more efficient hands. I feel the honour that has been done me, and I also feel the responsibilities, and I look forward to rest and recreation, remembering the many pleasant hours I have passed within your tents, and the cheery words ever ready. I pray to God that his richest blessings may rest upon you and on your preceptories and those united to you by the bonds of love and affection and of friendship and regard. I have to inform you that I am fully empowered by the Very Eminent Prior to act in his name and to make the appointments of officers for the ensuing year, and to do all things requisite for the due performance of our ceremonies, and I trust that where the offices are so few and the expectants numerous I shall have your hearty co-operation and acceptance of what has to be done that I may make a good report to our Prior, and thus add further happy memories for his satisfaction and solace. Sir Knight W. F. Smithson has a notice of proposal to vote a sum of £10 10s. from our funds in aid of the purchase of a presentation for males, to be called the "Thomas William Tew Presentation." When the proposal is made at a later period, I ask for your careful consideration and your unanimous decision; I will merely remark that our funds can afford the vote, and that the object is meritorious. Before proceeding to the business of this annual priory, I have mournfully to ask you to join me in the following resolution:—"That the sincere sympathy of this priory be extended to the Very Eminent Prior, Thomas William Tew, in his unavoidable absence. We express our regret that we cannot enjoy his genial presence, and assure him of our high appreciation of his courteous, noble, and knightly character. It will be our constant prayer to the Great Prior of the Universe that in His good time health may be restored to our beloved brother, and that he may before long return to his honoured place among us."

This resolution was seconded by Sir Knight HENRY SMITH, and unanimously carried.

The ACTING E. SUB-PRIOR responded for the salutation.

The roll of Great Officers and Officers was called tee by Registrar. Letters of apology were received from 45 knights. The minutes of the meeting held at Leeds, on Saturday, November 29th, 1890, were presented for confirmation, which was proposed, seconded, and carried. The balance-sheet was presented by Sir Knight J. W. Bulring, and shows a balance of £25 15s. 5d. on the general account; £4 4s. 5d. alms; total, £29 19s. 10d.—which was passed.

Sir Knight C. Dimsdale, was elected Treasurer.

The Acting Very Eminent Prior appointed and invested the following knights:—

Sir Knight Rev. T. C. Smyth,	D.D., LL.D. ...	Prov. Prelate.
" J. W. Monckman	Prov. Chancellor.	
" Harold Thomas...	Prov. Constable.	
" Fred Cleaves ...	Prov. Marshal.	
" Austin Roberts ...	Prov. Registrar.	
" C. J. Shott ...	Prov. Vice-Chan.	
" Thomas Norfolk ...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.	
" Rev. J. H. Evans	Prov. Almoner and Chaplain.	
" F. W. Reuss ...	Prov. W. of R.	
" F. W. Turner ...	Prov. Herald.	
" J. L. Brayshaw ...	Prov. 1st Std. Br.	
" Walter Hanson ...	Prov. 2nd Std. Br.	
" H. G. E. Green ...	Prov. Prior's B.B.	
" Samuel Kelly ...	Prov. 1st A. de C.	
" B. S. Bailey ...	Prov. 2nd A. de C.	
" Walter Emmott...	Prov. Chamberlain.	
" J. J. Green ...	Prov. 1st C. of G.	
" F. W. Reuss, jun.	Prov. 2nd C. of G.	
" R. Hodgson ...	Prov. Sword Bearer.	
" J. Paget Priestley.	Prov. Organist.	
" Thomas Bailey ...	Prov. Equerry.	

Sir Knight W. F. SMITHSON proposed "That this Priory of West Yorkshire, wishing to celebrate the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and to perpetuate the name of its Very Eminent Prior, votes the sum of £10 10s. in aid of the purchase of a presentation for males to be called the 'Thomas William Tew Presentation.'"

This was seconded by Sir Knight T. BATEMAN FOX, and unanimously carried.

Sir Knight J. J. GREEN, E.P. 18, invited the Very Eminent Prior to hold his next priory meeting at Eastwood, under the banner of the Prince Edward Preceptory.

It was proposed by Sir Knight C. L. MASON, and seconded by Sir Knight H. SMITH, "That the best thanks of the Priory of West Yorkshire be given to the knights of the Fearnley Preceptory, No. 39, for their cordial reception this day," and carried.

Sir Knight GEO. HEATON, E.P. 39, responded, and acknowledged the vote.

The Almoner and Chaplain collected the alms, which amounted to £1 7s. 3d.

The priory was then closed, and the Acting Very Eminent Prior, the Acting Eminent Sub-Prior, the Great Officers, and Officers retired under the arch of steel.

The knights, numbering 44, proceeded to the banqueting room, and partook of refreshments kindly provided by the knights of the Fearnley Preceptory, No. 39.

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1, Park Lane, Oxford Street, March 28th, 1891.  
SIR,—I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the valuable properties of your Pasiatreusis, particularly in rheumatism, of which it has completely cured me. Yours truly,  
HENRY CARR.

Manchester, May 31st, 1891.  
SIR,—In answer to yours of the 25th, I beg to inform you that my child was afflicted with a disease of the hip joint; was under medical treatment for five years, and your Pasiatreusis was the only thing which at all healed any of the sores. Yours truly,  
J. FINLEY.

139, Piccadilly, March 2nd, 1891.  
SIR,—I was recommended to try your Pasiatreusis for pains in the back, for which I was under the hands of two doctors for five months receiving no benefit; but, by the application of your Pasiatreusis, I was greatly relieved, and, after using the same again, I was completely cured. One of my children was troubled with an eruption of the head, which continued for years. I am happy to say that, owing entirely to the use of your Pasiatreusis, the child's head is quite healed and clear. Please send me some more, as I would not be without it under any circumstances. Yours obediently,  
J. BENHAM.

125, Brompton Crescent, Kensington Park, October 8th, 1891.  
MR. CLARK.—SIR,—I thank you sincerely for your Pasiatreusis and Embrocation, which I am thankful to say have restored me the use of my left leg. I am now able to walk about again after two years of complete helplessness. Yours faithfully,  
E. RIGBY.

27, Baker Street, Brighton, August 24th, 1891.  
SIR,—During the last winter I suffered much from a very severe attack of rheumatism in my right arm, from the shoulder to the elbow. Lifting even the smallest weight, or even extending the arm, caused excruciating pain. Whilst thus suffering, I was advised to try the effect of your Pasiatreusis, and I did so, not however, with much expectation of benefit; but I was most agreeably surprised at finding, after a few applications, that I was entirely relieved from every symptom of rheumatism, from which I have continued free to the present time. I am, Sir, yours gratefully,  
JAMES FULLER.

6, St. Helen's Square, York, January 2nd, 1892.  
SIR,—I have to thank you for your Pasiatreusis, by the use of which I am entirely free from corns, which, as you well know, rendered me at times quite lame, and were a way more or less troublesome and tormenting. I remain, yours truly,  
E. REEVES.

Crawford Street, February 7th, 1892.  
SIR,—I think it right to let you know that your Pasiatreusis has, under God's providence, been the means of saving my wife's life. For six weeks she was under the hands of the doctors for an abscess on the breast, having caught a violent cold soon after her confinement. Punctures and every other remedy having failed, after only two applications of your Pasiatreusis she was relieved, and the abscess was healed in a few days. Yours obediently,  
W. RICHARDS.

Crown Inn, Manor Place, Bognor, October 12th, 1891.  
MR. CLARK.—DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent effects of your Pasiatreusis and Embrocation. I feel great benefit from its use, giving strength to my feet and ankles. I have suffered from Gout for a considerable time. I am, thank you,  
J. NORTH.

P.S. You can make use of this if it would be of any service to you.

Churchfield Road, Acton, W., July 11th, 1890.  
WM. CLARK, ESQ.—DEAR SIR,—Suffering from Rheumatism and Chalk Gout, I was induced to try your Pasiatreusis, recommended by a friend who had benefited by it. Am pleased to testify as to its efficacy; the effect was marvellous, relief being obtained after three applications, and in a few days the pain disappeared. Shall be glad of some more Pasiatreusis, in case of return of symptoms.

Feel so grateful that it will be my study to circulate its virtues to all that are similarly affected.—Yours truly,  
THOMAS SNOW.

3, New Quebec Street, Portman Square, September 1st, 1890.  
MR. W. CLARK.—DEAR SIR,—Having suffered from gout in the foot for the last three years, and which nothing would move, I was advised to use your Pasiatreusis and Embrocation, which I did with great results. For, after only three applications, the pain and swelling had gone, and I was able to walk with ease, and I have had no return. I may mention that I have given part away to a fellow sufferer in the country, and it has been likewise beneficial to him. Yours truly,  
R. CHESTERFIELD.

Devon Villa, Bognor, November 21st, 1891.  
DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in testifying to the valuable properties of your Pasiatreusis and Embrocation. I have used them for Rheumatism, Lumbago, and Rheumatic Gout. For Colds, for Bruises, and Sprains they gave almost instantaneous relief, and in a few days made a complete cure. I hope never to be without them in the house.—I am, yours faithfully,  
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