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FREEMASONRY IN 1893.

Generally speaking, there is in Masonry little to choose in the matter of good or evil fortune between one year and those which have preceded it. This is in a great measure accounted for by the peculiar character of the Institution, which is in no way dependent for its success, or non-success, on the outside world, and is, therefore, except at times of serious national emergency, to a great extent uninfluenced by passing events. Of course it happens every now and then that occasion is offered us for rejoicing over some exceptionally fortunate occurrence, which has either enabled us to extend our sphere of beneficent operation, or has favourably impressed the community of which we are a part, with the beneficent character of the work we set ourselves to do. Occasionally, too, we experience difficulties in the fulfilment of our self-imposed duties, or grieve over losses which it is well-nigh impossible to make good. As a rule, however, we go on our way quietly and unostentatiously, without due cause either for special rejoicing or special lamentation, and this is probably the judgment we are called upon to pass upon the events of the year which is now upon the eve of closing—that there is very little to record during its progress which has been productive of extraordinary satisfaction or regret. We have had our gains, we have had our losses—what society, what institution is there in the whole world, which can honestly claim that in the course of any one year of its existence it has not sustained either or both? and if in carefully noting those gains and those losses during the year 1893, we feel inclined to persuade ourselves that there is a preponderance in favour of the former rather than of the latter, it is because we consider that the general tenour of our customary review of Freemasonry during that year is on the whole in favour of that opinion. This is more particularly shown by the work that has been done in

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which naturally claims our first and the largest share of our attention. One of the most convincing evidences of the prosperity of our Order during the past year will be found in the number of lodges for which his Royal Highness has been pleased to grant warrants. We have said the Society has gone its way without either special good or evil fortune, but that it has undoubtedly held its own is borne out by the fact that 37 new lodges have been added to the roll, as compared with 36 in the year 1892. Of these nine are located in the London district, 17 in the Provinces, and 11 in the Colonies and Abroad, the Metropolitan being as follows, viz., the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456, which, though it was the first to be authorised by the Grand Master in 1893, was not constituted till the 28th November. But though, owing to unavoidable circumstances, a longer interval than usual occurred between the grant of the warrant and the consecration of the lodge, the members have every reason to be gratified with the unwonted splendour of the inaugural ceremony, which was conducted by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G. Master—the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., being present, and himself “constituting the lodge”—and witnessed by such an array of Grand and Past Grand Officers as is not often assembled at the consecration of a private lodge, the most prominent among the Craftsmen present being, in addition to his Royal Highness and the Earl of Lathom, Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M.; Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor) and Lord Halsbury (ex-Lord Chancellor), P.G. Wardens; A. Akers-Douglas, J.G. Warden; the Earls of Jersey and Euston; Lords Suffield and Brooke; Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Colonels Caldwell, Le Gendre Starkie, and G. N. Money, Prov. Grand Masters; Lord Ashbourne, Sir Francis Knollys, P.G.W.; Justices Romer, Bruce, and Kennedy; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Sir Albert Woods, P.G.W., G.D.C.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; S. Pope, Q.C., P.G.D.; and others. The ceremony itself was performed by the kind permission of the Benchers in the Library of Lincoln's Inn, while the banquet took place in the Hall, and it is difficult to imagine how any lodge could have been ushered into existence amid more imposing surroundings, or in the presence of a more distinguished gathering of brethren. Be it added that the lodge has been formed on the lines of the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, and will, no doubt, prove as great a boon to the Bar generally as the latter has to the section with which it has been so honourably associated. The remaining new lodges in the London district are the Cheerybles and the Pickwick Lodges, Nos. 2466 and 2467 respectively, which have been singularly happy in the selection of their titles, there being an undoubted odour of Masonic sanctity about the Brothers Cheeryble and Mr. Samuel Pickwick, as they are depicted in the pages of Charles Dickens, which, in their works of genuine kindness and beneficence, the members of the newly-born lodges will strive to imitate; the Hortus Lodge, No.

2469, intended for members of the horticultural profession; the Telegraph Cable Lodge, No. 2470, for the benefit of telegraphists and telegraph engineers; a semi-military lodge, bearing the style and title of the Second Middlesex Artillery Lodge, No. 2484, which will be associated with that corps of Volunteers; the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, for literary men; and two lodges located in the suburbs, namely, the Walthamstow Lodge, No. 2472, and the Willesden Lodge, No. 2489.

Of the Provincial Lodges, one bearing the name of the Amptill Lodge, No. 2490, meets in the town in Bedfordshire, from which Bro. Lord Amptill, the Grand Master of the Province takes his title, while a second is located at Ascot in Berkshire, and increases the number on the roll of that Province to 15. Buckinghamshire has added two to its roll, and can thus boast a total of 18, or half as many again as when it was separated from its former associate, Berkshire; and constituted as a separate Province under Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., the two are the Eton, No. 2458, meeting in the town of the same name, and the Concordia quartered at Wendover. Durham has made one addition to its roll, the Clarence, No. 2492, which meets in West Hartlepool, while Essex and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have had their respective totals raised to 34 and 48 lodges, the Colne Lodge, No. 2477, Wyvenhoe, having been consecrated in the former, and the Border Lodge, No. 2475, at Blackwater, in the latter. East Lancashire has two new lodges, the Longsight, No. 2464, Longsight, and the Duchess of York, No. 2482, Manchester; while West Lancashire has kept pace with its Eastern neighbour by the addition of the St. Anne's, No. 2457, meeting at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, and the Bootle-Wilbraham Lodge, No. 2463, so called after the family name of the Earl of Lathom, its Prov. Grand Master, and meeting at Knotty Ash. Staffordshire has had two lodges placed on its roll, and thereby raised its total to 31; the Hatherton Lodge, No. 2474, having been consecrated at Walsall, and the St. Michael's, No. 2487, at Stone. The remaining four are the St. John's, No. 2468, meeting at Douglas in the Isle of Man, and increasing the number of lodges in that Province to nine; the Molesey, No. 2473, meeting at East Molesey, Surrey; the Hadrian Lodge, No. 2483, meeting at Westham in Sussex; and the White Rose of York, No. 2491, which raises the number of lodges in Sheffield to nine, and the number on the roll of the Province of West Yorkshire to 76. The last of these was consecrated on the 25th November, in the presence of a very numerous gathering of the Fraternity, the ceremony being performed by the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master in person, Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P. Of the 11 lodges which have been constituted in the colonies or abroad, all but four are located in British South Africa or the South African Republic, the four in question being the Quilmes Lodge, No. 2459, which meets in the town bearing the same name in the Argentine Republic; the Trident, No. 2465, meeting in the Island of Bermuda; the Avon, No. 2471, Northam, under the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia; and the Ubique, No. 2476, at Barrackpore, in the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, which now has 43 lodges on its roll. The seven new lodges in South Africa are the Duguzi, No. 2461, meeting at Stanger in the District Grand Lodge of Natal; Rhodesia, No. 2479, Salisbury, in Mashonaland; and the Franklin, No. 2486, at Barkly West, in South Africa, but not under any District Grand Lodge; and the Goldfields Lodge No. 2478, Johannesburg; the Boksborg, No. 2480, Boksborg; the Jeppeshtown, No. 2481, meeting in the town of the same name; and the Zoutpansberg Liberty Lodge, No. 2485, at Pietersburg, all in the South African Republic. On the other hand, there have been struck from the roll 13 lodges, which have made no returns for years, and of which one was located in Greece, one in New Granada, one in Pernambuco, one in Berbice, two in the Mauritius, six in Smyrna, and one in Ephesus. The loss of these lodges is, however, merely nominal, one of them having apparently made no return since its constitution, and another none since 1857, while as to the rest nothing has been heard of them for 15, 20, or even 30 years, the only two which appear to have kept up communications with Grand Lodge being the British Lodge, No. 736, in the Mauritius, the date of whose last Return is 1887, and the Homer Lodge, No. 806, Smyrna, which sent Returns till 1888. Thus while the erasure of these 13 lodges nominally reduces the additions to our Grand Lodge to 24, we may take it that the 37 lodges constituted in 1893 are a real gain, and that the removal of the 13 which have been struck off is an advantage.

Turning to the proceedings of United Grand Lodge, our first duty is to express satisfaction at the very material addition to the list of Grand Officers, which it is now in the power of the Grand Master to make annually, as well as those which have been sanctioned in the case of the larger Provinces. The additional Grand Lodge Officers are six in number, and include a Deputy Grand Registrar, two Grand Deacons, two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and a Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, while the

additional Prov. and District appointments are classified as follows: in Provinces and Districts comprising 100 lodges and upwards, a Deputy P. or D.G. Registrar, two Prov. or Dist. G. Deacons, two Prov. or District Asst. G.D.Cs., and a Deputy Prov. or District G.S.B.; in those with 70 but less than 100 lodges, two additional Prov. or District Grand Deacons, and two Prov. or District Asst. G.D.Cs.; and in those with 40 but less than 70 lodges, two additional Prov. or District Asst. G.D.Cs. In the case of the Grand Lodge, the newly-sanctioned appointments were made on the day of the Grand Festival on the 26th April, while as regards the Provinces and Districts affected by the new lodges, they were authorised to be made at the first annual meeting held after the passing of the law. Our next duty is to record that at the March Quarterly Communication two sums of £210 and £105 respectively were voted from the Fund of General Purposes, of which the former was granted towards the relief of brethren who had suffered by the conflagration which destroyed nearly the whole of St. John's, Newfoundland—a sum of £315 having been voted in September, 1892, towards the Mansion House Fund for the alleviation of the general distress thereby caused—while the latter was for the relief of the sufferings caused by the earthquakes in Zante, to be paid to the Consul-General of Greece. In September, a third sum of £315 was voted to the brethren in Queensland who had suffered by the disastrous floods which had visited that Colony in the preceding February. A very urgent entreaty having been forwarded by the District Grand Secretary to Grand Lodge, in which it was shown firstly how great was the distress prevailing in consequence of such floods, what the District Grand Lodges and brethren under the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions towards alleviating that distress; and how the sufferings had been still further aggravated by the suspension of many of the Australian Banks. All three grants were made unanimously, and in such a manner as to make manifest the deep sympathy of the brethren with the sufferers. At the June Communication Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, brought to the notice of Grand Lodge the case of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, New South Wales, and moved a resolution to the effect that the cancellation of its warrant was in direct contravention of Article 219 of the Book of Constitutions, as well as of the terms on which the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales had been recognised, and that under these circumstances the minority of the members of the said lodge, who had elected to remain in allegiance to our Grand Lodge, should be recognised as the lodge. The case was argued with great skill, and though the Grand Registrar opposed the motion, it was carried by an overwhelming majority. In September, however, a motion, bearing somewhat on the same class of Colonial question, was brought forward by Bro. W. F. Lamonby, to the effect that Grand Secretary do call upon the District Grand Secretaries of the lately dissolved District Grand Lodges in Australasia to furnish certain returns to our Grand Lodges. Grand Registrar, however, pointed out that the motion was distinctly out of order as Grand Lodge, though by the Book of Constitutions it had the power to require that certain returns as specified, should be made by the District Grand Masters, had nothing whatever to do with District Grand Secretaries, and further, that it could not call upon bodies which had been dissolved, and therefore no longer existed. The Dep. Grand Master—Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe—who was acting Grand Master on the occasion, supported the contention, and the motion, therefore, was ruled to be out of order. Subsequently, however, Grand Secretary expressed his willingness to communicate with the brethren who had been serving as District Grand Secretaries at the time the District Grand Lodges had been dissolved, with the view to obtaining the information desired by Bro. Lamonby. At this Communication there was also considered a resolution in which Grand Lodge offered its sincere congratulations to his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master on the marriage of his son the Duke of York, and this was passed by acclamation; a graceful letter of thanks from the Prince of Wales being read at the Communication held early in the present month. It only remains for us to add that at the same December meeting a revised scale of salaries for the Grand Secretary's clerical staff, which had been carefully prepared by a Sub-Committee of the Board of General Purposes and adopted by the Board, was submitted and unanimously agreed to. A note of opposition was sounded by Bro. Past Grand Treasurer Eve, but it entirely failed to elicit any sympathetic response from the brethren, and the scheme, which undoubtedly benefits the brethren concerned, was passed, as we have said, with unanimity.

Among other noteworthy events, which may properly be referred to in this portion of our narrative, must be mentioned the installation at Teddington early, in the month of May, of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., who had been appointed the previous year as the successor of the late Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., as Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, and at Leeds, on the 27th September, of Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., as Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, in succession to Bro. T.W. Tew, M.P., the feeble state of whose health had rendered it necessary that he should resign the office. In both cases the ceremony was performed by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G. Master, and, as may well be imagined, the scene at the later of the two installations was on a scale of splendour commensurate with the extent and importance of the Province; the Albert Hall, Leeds, in which the meeting was held, being crowded with brethren from all parts of West Yorkshire, who must have mustered to the extent of from 1,400 to 1,500. Be it added that the vacancy caused last year by the lamented death of Bro. A. Foster Gough, J.L.D., Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire, has been filled by the appointment of Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth. In June the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, as Dep. Grand Master, laid the foundation-stone of the new Infirmary at Halifax, there being again a large concourse of West Yorkshire brethren present in honour of the occasion. A few days later a like ceremony was performed in connection with the new Church of St. George, Stockport, by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Past Grand Master of

Cheshire, while Bro. Col. Caldwell, P.G.M. Cambs, consecrated the new Isaac Newton University Lodge Hall, at Cambridge. On the 12th July Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Notts, laid the first stone of Bryant's Technical Schools at Mansfield. In September Lord Mount Edgumbe, in the capacity of Prov. G. Master of Cornwall, laid the foundation-stone of a new church at Millbrook, while in November Bro. R. Percy Clowes had the honour of being installed as W.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, Brighton, by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G. Master of Sussex. It should be mentioned that Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, the S.G. Warden of the year, was installed W.M. of the Ermine Lodge, No. 2351, Lincoln, in May, and that among the many brethren to whom testimonials have been presented in recognition of their services to the Craft were Bro. Sam. Cochrane, who was elected G. Treasurer for the year in March, and Bro. Horatio Ward, who was appointed the month following to the newly-created office of Dep. G. Sword Bearer, the testimonial in each instance taking the form of a complete set of Grand Lodge clothing. Lastly, there have been granted centenary warrants to the following lodges, namely: to the Lodge of Israel, No. 205; the Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingston, Jamaica; the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, Huddersfield; the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, Highbridge, Somersetshire; the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 292, Liverpool; the King's Friends Lodge, No. 293, Nantwich; the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley, Yorkshire; the Combermere Lodge of Union, No. 295, Macclesfield; the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 296, Sheffield; the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale; the Lodge of Emulation, No. 299, Dartford; and the Lodge of Minerva, No. 300, Ashton-under-Lyne. In each of these cases the lodge has been able to prove to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge authorities that it has been in a state of continuous working for the past hundred years, and it is almost needless to say that in each case the lodge has celebrated the auspicious event with a considerable amount of *éclat*, the Prov. G. Lodge of Somersetshire having been held in connection with the centenary celebration of Rural Philanthropic, No. 292, at Highbridge, while at that of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley, Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough, the newly-installed W.M., presided, the event being further distinguished by the presentation of a Masonic silver loving-cup from the Lodge of Liberty, meeting at the town of Beverley, Massachusetts, U.S.A., in recognition of an act of courtesy, which the latter had received from the lodge held under the shadow of the famous Beverley Minster.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

There is no doubt that during the last two or three years the endeavours which have been made to increase the popularity of this branch of Masonry—which, by the first Article of our Book of Constitutions, is, in accordance with the Act of Union of 1813, an essential part of "pure Antient Masonry"—have been attended with a considerable amount of success, and it is more than probable that if the measures adopted by Supreme G. Chapter during the present year are attended by anything like the result anticipated, the Royal Arch will become still more popular, and fill the position which naturally belongs to a Degree that has been solemnly declared to be a part of our constitutional Masonic system. As for the chapters which have been added to the roll during the year, they muster in all 19, of which six are located in the Metropolis, eight in the Provinces, and the remaining five abroad. The new London chapters are the Duke of Fife, No. 2345; the Warrant Officers Chapter, No. 2346; the St. Pancras, No. 2271; the King Solomon, No. 2029; the Rye Chapter, No. 2272; and the Earl of Mornington, No. 2000. Of the eight warranted in the provinces, one—the Chigwell, No. 453, Chingford—has been added to the roll of Essex; one—the Chapter of Unity, No. 2341, Oldham—to that of East Lancashire; the Percy Chapter, No. 1347, Morpeth, to that of Northumberland; the Dungarvan, No. 973, Frome, to that of Somersetshire; and the St. Oswald, No. 910, Pontefract, to that of West Yorkshire. The remaining three meet in places situated in the Province of Surrey, and are named and numbered the Alfred, No. 777; the Lorne, No. 1347; and the Chertsey Abbey, No. 2120, which meet respectively at Guildford, Sutton, and Chertsey. Of the five chapters abroad, two, the Albion, No. 2220, and the Woodstock, No. 2379, are located in Woodstock, in the Western Division of South Africa; two—the Acacia, No. 876, Monte Video, and the Rosario, No. 1553, Rosario de Santa Fé, are located, the former in the Uruguayan Republic, and the latter in the Argentine Republic; while the fifth—the Perak Chapter, No. 2225, meets at Perak, in the Malay Peninsula. A petition for another chapter, known as the St. Maughold, and to be held at Ramsey, in the Isle of Man, was submitted to Grand Chapter, but not granted, because among the 23 petitioning companions were included 10, who, on inquiry, were found not to be registered in the books of Grand Chapter. As to the meetings of Supreme Grand Chapter, it must be remarked, in the first place, that the appointment of a number of additional Grand Officers, as well as of Provincial and District Grand Officers has been sanctioned, with a view to placing Grand Chapter on a footing of equality with Grand Lodge in the matter of dignities. The newly created Grand Offices include those of Deputy Grand Registrar, Dep. Grand Sword Bearer, two additional Grand Standard Bearers, and two additional Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies. As regards the new appointments created in the larger Provinces and Districts, it was, in the first instance, proposed that the additions should be governed by the number of lodges, but the more sensible course was adopted of regulating them by the number of chapters, and at the Quarterly Convocation in May, a scheme was adopted by which in Provinces and Districts numbering 15 chapters but less than 20, the Grand Superintendents should be empowered to appoint two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers; in those numbering 20 but less than 30, two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers, and two Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies; and in those numbering 30 chapters and upwards, a Deputy Provincial or District Grand Registrar, and a Deputy Provincial or District Grand Sword Bearer in addition to the Standard Bearers and Directors of Ceremonies. At the same Quarterly Convocation, a motion submitted by Comp. C. N. McIntyre North for the appointment of a Committee to revise the ritual was negatived, Comp. Thomas Penn, who took the principal part in opposing the motion, pointing out that though the ritual might contain inaccuracies and anachronisms, it had been carefully revised in 1834, under the

personal superintendence of the Duke of Sussex, who was an accomplished Hebrew and Biblical scholar, as well as a recognised expert in Masonic work, that any disturbance of it, or any serious dislocation of its several parts might prove disastrous, and that as it had been found to work well for so many years, it would be better to leave well alone. But the most important act in the year's record of Royal Arch Masonry is undoubtedly the adoption by Grand Chapter, at its Quarterly Convocation in November, of a recommendation by its Committee of General Purposes for the reduction of the interval that should elapse between the raising of a brother to the Degree of M.M. and his exaltation to the Royal Arch from 12 calendar months to four weeks. The Committee, in recommending the adoption of their proposal, were careful to point out that the maintenance of the longer interval was likely to prove detrimental to the interests of the Royal Arch, and was, in fact, in opposition to the Book of Constitutions, which declared that "the Order of the Holy Royal Arch" was a part of pure Ancient Masonry as defined in the Articles of Union. It would tend to perpetuate the impression which had already been created in the minds of many brethren that the Craft and Arch, instead of being constituent parts of the same system of Masonry, were two separate and distinct systems, whereas the adoption of the same interval between the conferring of the M.M. and R.A. Degrees as was required to elapse between the First and Second and the Second and Third Degrees would sooner or later have the effect of removing such impressions, while at the same time it might be expected to very materially increase the number of candidates for exaltation. Supreme G. Chapter recognised the force of this contention, and very wisely passed the resolution proposed by its Committee of General Purposes, and we may now anticipate a general strengthening of the Royal Arch chapters throughout the whole English jurisdiction. What remains to be told may be stated briefly. At home, the office of Grand Superintendent of Lincolnshire has changed hands, Comp. Major Smyth, who had held it since 1875, having retired, his last official act being to install Comp. W. H. Sissons, J.P., whom H.R.H. the Grand Z. had seen fit to appoint as his successor. There have also been two changes of a like character in Districts abroad, Comp. Donald Grant Macleod having taken the place of Comp. the Rev. James Fairclough as Grand Superintendent of Burma, and Comp. Rear-Admiral Markham that of the late Comp. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay as Grand Superintendent of Malta. Lastly, the following chapters, having proved to the satisfaction of the authorities, that their working for the last 100 years has been continuous, have received centenary warrants, namely, the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 32, Liverpool, and the Domastic Chapter, No. 177, London.

MARK MASONRY.

The prosperity which has been latterly so conspicuous a feature in the proceedings of Mark Masonry has been well maintained during the past year. The number of registered Mark Master Masons has been augmented, many new lodges have been constituted, while successful measures have been adopted with a view to strengthening and extending the organisation of the Order. Above all, the Benevolent Fund in connection with Mark Grand Lodge has received a larger measure of support than was accorded to it during the two or three years immediately preceding. The Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, too, has not been without its share in the favours which Fortune has so kindly bestowed upon Mark Masonry, the number of new Royal Ark Mariner Lodges which have been warranted and of certificates issued to new members being fully up to the average of recent years. The new Mark lodges which, taking as our guide the Returns contained in the Reports presented to Grand Lodge by the General Board, have been added to the roll are 18 in number, of which three are in London, 10 in the Provinces, and five in foreign parts. The London three are the Tuscan, No. 454; the Prince Frederick William, No. 458; and the La France, No. 459. The additions to the Provinces are as follow, viz., the Crystal Palace, No. 450, Upper Norwood, and the Bolingbroke, No. 451, Battersea-rise, in the Province of Surrey; the Bective, No. 452, Keswick, and the Inglewood, No. 462, Penrith, in that of Cumberland and Westmorland; the West Sussex, No. 453, Bognor, in Sussex; the Legiolium, No. 457, Castleford, in West Yorkshire; the George Graveley, No. 461, in East Anglia; the Gosforth, No. 463, Gosforth; the Prince of Wales, No. 466, St. Helens, Lancashire; and the West Ham, No. 467, Stratford. The five in foreign parts for which warrants have been granted are those of St. Paul, No. 455, Cyprus; St. George, No. 456, Bermuda; the Avondale, No. 460, Antigua; the St. George of Colombo, No. 464, Ceylon, included in the District of Bombay; and the Beluchistan, No. 465, Quetta. It is also necessary to be recorded that the Albany Lodge, which was in working at Newport, Isle of Wight, before the establishment of the Mark Grand Lodge, has at length decided to cast in its lot with the general body of Mark Master Masons, and that the oath of allegiance having been administered to the W.M. by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past G.M., and Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, it will henceforth take its place on the roll among the time immemorial lodges. The new Royal Ark Mariner Lodges are five in number, viz., the Excelsior attached to Mark Lodge, No. 359, the Bedford Charity to No. 115, the Mount Moriah to No. 251, the Martyn to No. 317, and the Bolingbroke to No. 451. The number of Mark Master Masons' certificates issued during the year is 1630, and of Royal Ark Mariners 299. The new appointments include those of Bro. the Earl of Euston as Pro G. Master, in succession to Bro. the Marquis of Hertford; of Bro. Viscount Dungarvan as Dep. G. Master, in succession to Bro. the Earl of Euston; of Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., as Prov. G. Master of Cheshire, *vice* Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, resigned; and of Bro. Rear-Admiral Markham, Dist. G. Master of the Mediterranean, in place of the late Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay. The patents of the following officers have been continued in force for a further term of three years, viz., of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, as P.G.M. of Northumberland and Durham; of Bro. W. A. F. Powell, P.G.M. of Bristol; of Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, M.P., as P.G.M. of Devonshire; of Bro. C. Hunter, as P.G.M. of North Wales; and Bro. Justice Parsons, as P.G.M. of Bombay. It is further gratifying to mention that Mark Grand Lodge has been the recipient of two portraits to be hung in the hall of Grand Lodge, one being of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M., presented by the General Board; and the second of Bro. the Earl of Euston, now Pro G. Master, presented by the Grafton Craft and Mark Lodges, a cordial vote of thanks being passed in acknowledgment of the gift in each case. Nor must we omit to mention that an address of congratulation to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M., was passed by Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in September, on the marriage of his son the Duke of York, and that at the December meeting a gracious reply thereto was read from his Royal Highness. Be it added that after consultation with the representatives of the

bodies immediately interested, it has been decided that the moneys and votes of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey should be equally divided between the new and separate Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey. As the arrangement was adopted unanimously by the Committee to which the adjustment was referred, there is no likelihood of any misgiving arising hereafter as to the propriety of the course resolved upon. One other event, which, indeed, has come to be regarded as being the chief annual event in Mark Masonry, has yet to be chronicled. We refer to the Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 26th July under the presidency of Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G. Master of Surrey. This is invariably one of the pleasantest gatherings of our Masonic year, the number of guests, among whom are several ladies, being seldom in excess of 150. On this occasion they fell slightly short of that number, the most prominent supporters of the chair being Bros. the Earl of Euston, Pro G. Master; the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L.; Major C. W. Carrell, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, and C. F. Matier, G. Sec. The Board of Stewards, which included a dozen ladies, was 150 strong, and the total announced in the course of the evening as donations and subscriptions was within a fraction of £2167—a sum which has been only exceeded at two previous anniversaries. It is almost needless to say, after such a response as this to the efforts of the Chairman and the Stewards, that the position of the Fund is a substantial one, and that of the applicants for the benefits of one or other of its three branches all have been satisfied, those for the Educational and Annuity Funds having been elected without ballot. May the records of future years continue to be as satisfactory!

CHIVALRIC AND HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

It is no mere figure of speech to say that the several offshoots from the Masonic tree, or which have been engrafted thereon from time to time, have shared generally in the good fortune which has been the lot of Freemasonry in 1893. In connection with the Ancient and Accepted Rite, we have to record the consecration, by Bro. R. I. Finnemore, 33°, Inspector General, of the Durban Chapter, No. 129, Rose Croix, in the Colony of Natal, but though the year has been marked by the occurrence of fewer events than usual, the affairs of the Supreme Council are as flourishing as ever. In the Order of the Temple there has been manifested a far greater degree of activity than we have known for some years, this being no doubt due in great measure to the zeal of Sir Knight the Earl of Euston as Great Sub-Prior, and of the new Vice-Chancellor, Sir Knight Major-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B. The annual meetings of Great Priory were held as usual in May, when the new Grand Officers were appointed, and in December, when the throne was occupied by the Great Prior, Sir Knight the Earl of Lathom, and a number of members of the Order, by command of the Prince of Wales, M.E. and Supreme Grand Master, had the honour of being invested as Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commander, among the former being the Earl of Euston, Captain Beswicke-Royds, Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., and Viscount Dungarvan; and among the latter Major J. Woodall Woodall, Col. Somerville Burney, Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., Sir George D. Harris, and R. Loveland Loveland. There have also been the usual meetings of Provincial Priorities, the installation of two Provincial Priors, and the consecration of one new preceptory. Of these latter—and speaking from an experience extending over several years—the most important is undoubtedly the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Prov. Prior of Sussex. The ceremony took place at the Hôtel Métropole, Brighton, on the 25th of November, the Installing Officer being Sir Knt. the Earl of Euston, Great Sub-Prior, his Royal Highness having been previously entertained at luncheon by Sir Knt. Richard Clowes, on whom he bestowed the office of Sub-Prior. The other installation, which was likewise performed by the Great Sub-Prior, took place at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 27th July, when Sir Knt. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., was installed Prov. Prior of Northumberland and Durham. The new Preceptory—the Peveril, No. 159, Derby—was consecrated, with Sir Knt. A. Woodiwiss as first E.P., in October, and here again the ceremony was performed by the Great Sub-Prior. In the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, of which the Earl of Euston is G. Sovereign, there have been similar evidences of activity, the Doyle Conclave, No. 7, Guernsey, having been resuscitated in May, and the Royal Kent Conclave consecrated at Newcastle-on-Tyne in July, advantage being at the same time taken of the presence of the noble Earl to instal Sir Knt. J. J. Wilkes as Intendant-General of Northumberland and Durham. There was also consecrated about the same date, and in the same city, the Royal Kent Council of Royal and Select Masters, of which the noble Earl is also the presiding Grand Master. It is thus evident that our connection of Lord Euston's zeal for Masonry, and the greater degree of activity which has latterly been observable in these offshoots of the Order, as cause and effect, rests upon a tolerably substantial basis.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

We shall now turn our attention from the branches of Freemasonry to the Institutions which have been established in connection with our Society, and, in doing so, we shall observe the practice we have followed in these Reviews of treating them not in their order of seniority, but in the order in which their Annual Festivals are held. Before, however, we deal with them separately, we consider we are justified in stating that though the sums raised in their behalf have been unequally distributed amongst them, the total is by no means so much below the average of ordinary years as might have been expected, considering how great and how successful were the efforts employed to mark the Jubilee Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution as one of the greatest events in the annals of our Central Charities. Moreover, it will be found that they have been one and all rendering a greater amount of service in their respective spheres of duty than in any previous year of their existence. With these few observations we pass on to review the proceedings of the youngest of the three Institutions, the R.M. Benevolent Institution, which celebrated its 51st Anniversary on the 22nd February, under the presidency of Bro. Charles E. Keyser, J.P., one of the Junior Grand Deacons of the year, who, when every effort to obtain the services of a Prov. Grand Master or other dignitary of equal or similar rank had failed, was invited, as President of the Board of Stewards, to accept the position, and very kindly accepted it. The Board of Stewards was a comparatively small one, consisting as it did of no more than 226 ladies and brethren, while the total of the lists they raised was announced as reaching £8305, but on subsequent augmentations was ultimately increased to £8855. This, in ordinary circumstances, would have been a poor return, but, after the enormous sum contributed at the Jubilee Festival in the preceding year, it must be regarded as a success, in every way creditable to the Chairman and

the Stewards who gave their help on the occasion. Of course, with so limited an amount of subscriptions as we have mentioned, it was found impossible to do more than retain the establishment of the two Funds at the same strength as in 1892. Hence, on the 19th May, when the annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers was held, the Committee of Management recommended that only such a number of candidates should be elected as would suffice to fill the vacancies that had occurred during the previous 12 months, and in this recommendation the meeting acquiesced. There were 57 candidates on the list for the Male Fund, and 54 candidates on that for the Widows' Fund, and of these 20, including the three deferred, were elected on the former, and 12, including also the three deferred, on the latter; the total number of annuitants provided for by the Institution, being 192 men and 240 widows, together with 25 widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities; the total sum required annually for their maintenance, being £15820. As for the other events which have happened in connection with this Charity, there is little else to record than that the winter and summer entertainments were given as usual to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, and that the Festival Stewards paid their annual visit to the same branch of the Institution while Grand Lodge voted its annual contribution of £70 towards providing the Old Folks in residence at Croydon with coals and wood during the winter season.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has enjoyed a larger measure of support than at any time since it celebrated the centenary of its foundation. Indeed, its funds had been reduced to a seriously low ebb, owing to the comparative small amounts contributed at the successive Festivals of 1889, 1890, 1891, and 1892, and it had become absolutely necessary in order to avoid trenching upon its reserves, that a very great effort should be made in order to revive the monetary status of the School. A strong body of 394 brethren was, therefore, enlisted as a Board of Stewards, and the valuable services of Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master of Northants and Hunts, having been secured as Chairman, the 105th Annual Festival was held under his lordship's auspices as usual at Freemasons' Hall on the 17th May, when a large company of ladies and brethren assembled, and the subscriptions and donations amounted to the very handsome total of £14,011, Lord Euston's Province, which has only 13 lodges on its roll, very generously contributing £1050, while West Yorkshire gave £1425. On this occasion London, with only 154 Stewards, returned nearly £6220, while the Provinces, of which more than three-fourths were represented, sent up 240 Stewards, and a total of nearly £7800. This proved a very welcome success, as it has had the desired effect of restoring the funds of the Institution, which had been unpleasantly disturbed during 1891 and 1892, to something like their former state of equilibrium. Unfortunately, one part of this annual celebration had to be dispensed with, owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever in the School, and the customary gathering of ladies and brethren to witness the distribution of prizes and the usual exhibition of calisthenics, as well as to listen to the recitations and musical exercises of the children, did not take place. The prizes, however, were distributed informally as soon as the health of the girls permitted, while their calisthenic ability was seen to the best advantage on the occasion of the visit paid in September by the members of the Institute of Journalists and their friends, as well as at a second visit, arising out of it, at which the representatives of many daily and weekly journals were present. As for the results of the different public examinations for which pupils of the School were entered, the whole of the 19 children who took part in the Cambridge Middle Class Examinations were able to satisfy the Examiners, while nine of the number were placed in the Honour Classes. For the College of Preceptors' Examination between 40 and 50 were entered, and all passed. In respect of the proceedings at the usual Quarterly General Courts and Committees held during the year, the first election took place at the Quarterly Court in April, when 19 girls were elected into the School from an approved list of 29, while at the Court in October there were elected 15 from a list of 37. At the Quarterly General Court in July the expenditure of a sum of £600 was sanctioned for the purpose of enlarging the Infirmary and rendering its accommodation and arrangements more effective than they proved to be during the epidemic of the present year. It should also be mentioned that at the April Court the rights and privileges of a Vice-Patron were conferred upon Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., in recognition of the important services he has rendered to the Institution as Surgeon-Oculist during the last 30 years. The usual entertainments were also given to those children who, having no homes to go to, are under the necessity of spending their holidays at School. Thus, if we except the outbreak of fever, which, to the credit of the medical and managerial staff, was most successfully dealt with, the year which has so nearly run its full course has been a prosperous one as regards the accumulation of the necessary ways and means, and a successful one as regards the evidences, already referred to in connection with certain public examinations, which have been forthcoming of the excellence of the system of education pursued by Miss Davis and her staff under the guidance of the House Committee and the Secretary.

An equally satisfactory account can be given of the condition of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the efforts made in its behalf by the lodges and brethren both in town and country. The 95th Anniversary Festival was held at Brighton, on the 28th June, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. G. Master of Essex. The banquet was served in the dome of the Royal Pavilion, and was attended by about 600 ladies and brethren, whilst the concert took place in the Pavilion itself, which had been very kindly placed at the disposal of the Stewards by the municipal authorities of the town. The meeting was successful beyond expectation, the total of the returns announced in the course of the proceedings being £21,340, of which London, by the hands of its 203 Representatives, contributed £9292, and the Provinces, with 321 Stewards, £12,048, the principal items being £2235 from the Province of Essex, £1177 from Kent, £1000 from Derbyshire, and the very excellent list of £671 compiled by Bro. Oscar Philippe, as Steward for the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900. The total has been very largely augmented since the celebration by the receipt of outstanding lists and addition to lists already received, but, in the absence of any precise information, we must content ourselves with stating the ultimate total as being approximately £22,000. In any circumstances, the amount announced at the Festival itself ranks as third highest among the many high amounts annually raised in behalf of this Institution, and the Chairman, the Stewards, the School Authorities, and the general body of its friends and supporters must feel more than ordinarily grateful for the generosity which "Our Boys" have experienced from the Craft under the new dispensation. It is evident that the confidence of English Freemasons in the administration of the School has been restored. The distribution of prizes, which is always held in connection with the Festival, took place at the Institution, Wood Green, on Tuesday, the 27th June, the chair being occupied by Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., Chairman of the Committee of Manage-

ment, while the prizes were given away by Lady Brooke, who was accompanied by Lord Brooke, the Chairman of the Festival. The report which Bro. the Rev. H. Hebb, the Head Master, was able to give of the results of the year's work was eminently satisfactory, the successes achieved by the pupils who had been entered for the Cambridge Middle-Class Examinations and for the various examinations conducted by the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, being numerous, and reflecting great credit on the Rev. Bro. Hebb and his very able staff of Assistant Masters. As for the physical training of the boys, the athletic sports, which were held in the School playing-fields on Saturday, the 17th of the same month, demonstrated clearly enough that the authorities are resolved that the boys they send out annually to begin the battle of life shall be in this respect, as well as mentally, fully able to comport themselves manfully and honourably in the struggle; in fact, the training in force has proved its excellence, not only in the playing fields and the examination hall, but likewise by the tone and character of the boys generally, the occasional lectures and agreeable entertainments which are now given during the long evenings having materially helped to bring about this gratifying result. We must add that at the election which took place at the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers, in April, 23 were admitted from an approved list of 49 candidates, while at the October Court there were admitted 26 out of 46. Nor must we omit to mention that Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., who had held the office of Treasurer for about 20 years, expressed a wish at the April Court to retire from that position, and Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Secretary, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy thus created. Very general regret was manifested at the resignation of Bro. Plucknett after so long and honourable a term of service, and expression was given to this feeling in an address of thanks, which was unanimously voted and presented to the retiring Treasurer by the Governors and Subscribers.

PROVINCIAL AND OTHER CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

Additional evidence is continually forthcoming that the various kinds of Charitable Association which, for the sake of convenience, we have grouped together under this heading, are becoming more and more useful every year. As our readers are aware, the principal of these organisations may be arranged in two classes. There are, in the first place, the local Educational and Annuity Funds, which do on a small scale what is done by the central Masonic Institutions, and there are the Associations which have been formed for the purpose of enabling brethren of modest means to become, by gradual payment, either Life Governors or Life Subscribers of the main Charities. It will readily be imagined that the former class is by far the more important, and we see with pleasure that every now and then a new Educational or Annuity Institution is established with reasonable prospects of success. The Province which has been most active in founding and persistent in supporting these local institutions is West Lancashire, which can boast of an Educational Institution, the Hamer Benevolent Institution for granting annuities to indigent brethren who have been members of West Lancashire lodges, and the Alpass Benevolent Institution, which grants annuities to the widows of West Lancashire Masons. So admirably have these three organisations been conducted, and so largely have they been supported by the members of the Province, that the moneys invested in their support represent a capital of about £30,000, of which about two-thirds is the property of the Educational Fund, while the remaining one-third is about equally divided between the Hamer and Alpass Institutes. During the present year these Funds have held their ground without difficulty, very liberal contributions having been raised by concerts and balls or obtained from the lodges and brethren, the principal event recorded during the year being the Festival of the Alpass Institution, which was held on the 5th October under the presidency of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, son of the respected Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, when subscriptions to the amount of about £1300 were announced, and the hope was expressed that before the end of the year this sum would be further increased to about £1500. East Lancashire is also well placed in this respect, having a Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, with a capital of over £11,000, which educates a large number of children, and renders serviceable help to many brethren and widows. Cheshire, also, has been long known for its Educational Fund, and now it has an Annuity Institution, which is intended to grant annuities to brethren and widows, equal to one-half of the annuities granted by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This new organisation was started in the summer or autumn of last year, and the inaugural Festival in its behalf was held in the Chester Town Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., on the 15th June, when Bro. Richard Newhouse, P.G. Secretary, who had taken a leading part in organising the Fund, announced that the subscriptions which had been promised amounted to £3180, of which £2500 had been received, the difference between the two amounts being accounted for by the fact that many lodges and brethren purposed spreading payment of their subscriptions over a period of five years. Other Funds of a like character are the Educational Funds of North and East Yorkshire, Devonshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Dorsetshire, &c., all of which, so far as our knowledge goes, have held their ground, while some have been able to extend the sphere of their operations. The other class of Charitable Associations are those which enable brethren to qualify themselves by gradual payment either as Life Governors or Life Subscribers, and under this head are to be found the Associations organised by Staffordshire, Cambridgeshire, Herefordshire, and other Provinces, as well as by many lodges of instruction in the London district. There is yet a third class of Charitable Association, but these are to be found chiefly, if not entirely, in the Provinces, and are intended to promote the success of Provincial candidates for the Schools or Annuity Funds. These also do good service to our Central Institutions, but indirectly, any successes which may be achieved by these organisations in carrying the election of their candidates, being almost certain to enlist further support for our Charities.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The following is a list, month by month, of the cases relieved, and the sums distributed amongst them by the Board of Benevolence of United Grand Lodge, namely: January, number of cases relieved 19, amount distributed £595; February, cases 25, amount £610; March, cases 51, amount £1225; April, cases 32, amount £965; May, cases 43, amount £1015; June, cases 27, amount £760; July, cases 22, amount £505; August, cases 20, amount £510; September, cases 15, amount £430; October, cases 25, amount £730; November, cases 51, amount £1210; December, cases 40, amount £915; giving a grand total for the year of cases 393, and amount distributed amongst them by the Board £10,025. This is a far heavier return both as regards the number of cases and

the aggregate of grants than in 1892, when the former was returned as 334 and the latter as £8320, the highest figures in any one month having been in November, when 43 cases were relieved with £1050; while the present furnishes two instances—in March and November—in which these figures have been exceeded, there having been 51 cases relieved with £1225 in the former month, and 51 cases in the latter relieved with £1210; the month of May having likewise furnished 43 cases, relieved with £1015. This excess is to be accounted for by the greater amount of distress which has prevailed during the year through the general depression of trade and the disastrous effects of strikes in the shipping and coal trades.

OBITUARY.

The tale of our losses by death, though not greatly, if at all, exceeding that of ordinary years, is nevertheless a very formidable one, and will be found to include several whose places it will be somewhat difficult to fill. Among the most serious are the losses caused by the recent deaths of Bros. the Earl of Bective and Sir George Elliot, Bart. The former, though barely 50 years of age, had been a member of our Society for 30 years, and had held the important office of Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland since 1867, and that of Grand Superintendent since 1877. He was also Past Grand Sovereign of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, Hon. President of the Rosicrucians, and Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland for the Mark Degree. Bro. Sir George Elliot, who died on Saturday, the 23rd ult., after a severe illness, was in his 70th year, and at the time of his death was Prov. G. Master of South Wales, Eastern Division, to which post his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, was pleased to appoint him towards the close of 1876. Both these distinguished brethren took an active part in our proceedings till quite recently, Bro. Sir George Elliot having presided as Chairman at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1888, when, notwithstanding the very strenuous efforts that were being made in respect of the Centenary of the Girls' School, a goodly sum was raised under his auspices for the Old People. In January, within 48 hours, occurred the deaths of Bros. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay and Samuel Rawson, the former of whom was Dist. G. Master of the Punjab from 1874 to 1881, and G. Superintendent, 1875-81, and at the time of his death was Dist. G. Master and G. Superintendent of Malta, and Dist. Grand Mark Master for the Mediterranean. Bro. Rawson's services had been equally distinguished, but his chief work was done some 40 years ago, his appointment as Prov. G. Master of China dating from 1847, and of G. Superintendent from 1852. In 1857 he was appointed Prov. G. Mark Master for China, and he had also held the office of Prov. G. Commander for the same district in the Order of the Temple; in addition to which he was a 33° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and had in his day done valuable service in support of that branch or system of Masonry. We have also to lament the deaths of Bros. J. Derby Allcroft, who was elected to serve as G. Treas. during the year 1883-4, and who was, or rather, but for an attack of gout, would have been Chairman of the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in 1884; Bro. George Cooper, P.G.D., who was carried off after a few days' illness by typhoid fever; Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, one of the brethren on whom the Prince of Wales was pleased to confer the brevet rank of P.G.D. of England at the Masonic commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, who a short time prior to his death had resigned the office of Deputy P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland; Bro. Sir W. G. Cusins, Past G. Org., the Queen's "Master of the Musick;" the veteran, Bro. H. G. Buss, Past Asst. G. Secretary, who spent so many years of his life in the office of the Grand Secretary, and was Assistant Grand Secretary from 1877 to 1884; Bro. Felix H. Gottlieb, Past G.S.B., who had played a prominent part in Masonry in the District of the Eastern Archipelago; Bro. C. J. Banister, a leading Northumbrian brother and Grand Sword Bearer of England in 1863; Bro. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Hutton, a P.G.D. of England, and at the time of his death, Deputy District Grand Master of Montreal; Bro. Lord Alfred Spencer Churchill, who was J. G. Warden in 1890; and Bro. James Moon, P.G. Std. Bearer nominate, who died quite unexpectedly a few days before Grand Festival, when he was to have been invested as a Grand Officer of England. Among other well-known members of the Craft, whose death we have to lament, will be found Bro. Peter Ball, for many years Prov. G. Tyler of West Lancashire; Bro. J. Bagot Scriven, a member of the well-known firm of Barclay, Perkins, and Co., and nephew of the late Bro. Algernon Perkins, P.G.W., who was a P.M. of No. 5, Past G. Stwd., P.M., and P.Z. No. 409, and P.P.G.W. and P.P.G.H. Hertfordshire; Bro. W. Poore, I.P.M. No. 1580 Prov. J.G.W. Hertfordshire; Bro. H. J. Whymper, author of the well-known work entitled "The Religion of Freemasonry," who had served as Dep. Dist. G.M. of the Punjab, and but for the state of his health would have been its Dist. G. Master; and Bro. T. W. Embleton, a well-known figure in West Yorkshire Masonry, a Past S.G.W. of that Province, who had attained the ripe age of 84 years. Others of lesser note in the Craft have passed away, including Bro. Lord Brabourne, who was initiated, during his career at Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and Bros. Thomas Bates, P.M., P.Z.; George Bolton, P.M., P.Z.; H. Hollis, P.M. No. 504; Jas. Wilson, P.M. No. 1326; R. McVicar, I.P.M. No. 2046, E. M. Palmer, P.M., P.Z. No. 913; Robert Cross, M.D., P.M. No. 198; Thomas Lawler, the well-known baritone and vicar-choral of Westminster Abbey; G. W. Taylor, P.M.; W. Wingham, P.M. No. 25; G. H. White, P.M. No. 1395; Jesse Banning, P.M.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas. Nos. 1348 and 1614; W. Mackney, P.M. No. 1620; J. D. Smith, P.M., P.Z.; James Garner, P.M., P.Z.; E. M. Sheldon, P.M. No. 1394; H. Canham, P.M., P.Z., aged 90 years; and H. Cox, No. 933.

SCOTLAND.

The Craft in Scotland has well maintained the position of prosperity which has marked its career under the distinguished brethren who have presided over its fortunes in these later years. There have been, it is true, no occurrences of exceptional importance during the past 12 months, but good solid work has been done, and the Order is stronger now in its organisation, if not greatly in point of numbers, than it was when we wrote our review of Freemasonry for 1892. Eight new lodges have been added to its roll, and of these seven are located at home and one in foreign parts, the former being St. John Corstorphine, No. 788; the St. Drostan, No. 789, New Aberdour; the St. Gilbert, No. 790, Dornoch; the Captain Speirs, No. 791, Houston; the Blairhoyle, No. 792, Thornhill; the Polmont, No. 793, Brightons, Stirlingshire; and the St. John, No. 795, Auchmill, Aberdeenshire. The lodge abroad is the Middleburg United, No. 794, meeting in the town of Middleburg, in the South African Republic. Our most important task, however, is to record the changes that have taken place in the personnel of Grand Lodge and some of the Provincial Grand Lodges. Bro. the Earl of Haddington, having expressed a desire not to be re-elected as M.W.G.M., his Grand Master Depute, Bro. Sir

Charles Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., was elected in his stead, and installed in office at the Festival of Grand Lodge on St. Andrew's Day, the new Grand Master Depute being Bro. Lord Saltoun, the new Substitute Grand Master, Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, Prov. G.M. of Glasgow, and the new Wardens, Bros. Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, Senior, and the Earl of Rosslyn, Junior, the latter being the son and successor of a former highly distinguished Grand Master Mason of Scotland, who died not so very long ago. The first official act of the new Grand Master after his installation was to propose a resolution of cordial thanks to his predecessor for the very valuable services he had rendered to Scottish Freemasonry, and the first act of Grand Lodge under the new regime was to accept this resolution with acclamation. Among the dignitaries who have been appointed to high office in the Provinces are included Bro. J. H. Forshaw, Prov. Grand Master of Aberdeen City, and Bro. George Christie, Prov. Grand Master of Stirlingshire; while among those who have died is Comp. Major A. E. Black, Prov. G.H. of the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire. Visitations were also paid by Bro. the Earl of Haddington, while still in office as M.W. Grand Master, to sundry of the Provincial Grand Lodges, the welcome his lordship received being in every case most cordial. Lastly, and it may certainly be noted as not the least of the many official acts of the ex-Grand Master Mason of Scotland, must be recorded the visit which he and a deputation of his Grand Lodge paid to the residence of his predecessor, Bro. Lord Blythswood, who had preceded him as head of Scottish Masonry, on the 26th November, when the noble Earl presented Bro. Lord Blythswood with his bust as a memento of the affectionate regard in which he was held by the brethren in Scotland, as well as of the many important services he had rendered, but more particularly in connection with the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, during his tenure of the Grand Mastership.

IRELAND.

For reasons which it is difficult to fathom, our Irish brethren fight shy of communicating particulars of their proceedings to the Masonic world, though strange to say there is hardly a Masonic event of any consequence which occurs in Irish Masonry which is not duly and very circumstantially reported in the regular, or as some people delight in calling it, the profane press. However, from the limited material we have been able to obtain, we have no hesitation in affirming that the Craft has well maintained its position in spite of the difficulties by which it is confronted. Here and in Scotland a Papal bull of excommunication against Masonry and all its works passes almost without notice, but in Ireland the Romish priesthood is a power which cannot be ignored, and the Freemasons, of whom no inconsiderable number are Roman Catholics, every now and then find themselves somewhat awkwardly placed between their allegiance to the Craft and their allegiance to Mother Church. However, all has gone well considering the disturbed state of political affairs, the principal event of the year being the fête and distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, which took place, as usual, towards the end of May. There has also been consecrated—by Bro. G. H. Miller, Prov. G. Secretary Meath—a new lodge at Belturbet, bearing the old number 99, while Lodge No. 79, which was in a languishing condition, has removed its quarters from Donaghmore to Newry, where there is considered to be a fair prospect of a future of renewed energy and success. In June, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Clarke, D.P.G.M. of North Connaught, consecrated a new Masonic Hall at Mohill, co. Leitrim; while in September, at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of the same Province, Bro. Lord Harlech, Provincial Grand Master, presented a portrait of the late Bro. Surgeon-Major Parke, who had served as the chief medical officer in Stanley's expedition for the discovery and relief of Emin Pasha. These few circumstances, and others we might enumerate, fully bear out our contention, that, considering all things, the Craft has flourished in this part of the United Kingdom, the one event of a distressing nature, which it is our duty to chronicle, being the death, on the 2nd February, of one of the most distinguished of our Irish brethren, to wit, Bro. J. F. Townsend, LL.D., Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, who had served for many years as Dep. G. Master, under the late Bro. the Duke of Leinster, and who, at the time of his death, was S.G. Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for Ireland. This is, indeed, a loss which will be universally regretted, and which time only will enable the Craft in Ireland to repair.

THE COLONIES, &c.

It is impossible, in the short space that remains to us, to do more than glance at the condition of Freemasonry in the British Colonies and possessions, and the leading circumstances which have happened during the past 12 months. In Canada—Province of Ontario—Bro. J. M. Gibson, O.C., has been re-elected M.W.G.M., having under his charge upwards of 350 lodges, with an aggregate subscribing membership of fully 23,000. Comp. John L. Harding remains Grand Z. of the G. Chapter, and Frater E. T. Malone, the Great Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory. In the jurisdictions of Quebec, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and British Columbia, the Craft has remained much in the same position as in 1892, with the exception that in British Columbia there has been substantial progress made, while in Manitoba, Freemasonry seems inclined to go ahead rapidly. In India, what has always been the most noticeable feature remains, and English and Scottish Craftsmen live in the same state of friendly intercourse as heretofore. In Australasia, also, matters remain about as they were a year ago, the only change of note being the substitution of Bro. Sir R. W. Duff, the new Governor of New South Wales, for Bro. the Earl of Jersey, as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge, the former having been installed in office by his Excellency Bro. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M. of South Australia, who travelled all the way from Adelaide to Sydney for the purpose of performing this friendly office to his brother representative of the Queen. There is, too, unfortunately, as there was last year, the one exception to the agreeable account of Freemasonry at the Antipodes. New Zealand, we regret to say, remains Masonically in precisely the same disturbed condition as in 1892, the bitterness of feeling, which then existed, having become, if possible, more intense, owing to the apparent determination of the lodges which have seceded from England to retain their English warrants in spite of the law which provides for their surrender to our Grand Lodge, and to the counter measures which are being taken by our District Grand Lodge, acting under authority from United Grand Lodge, to enforce their return. However, the subject is a most unsavoury one, nor should we have referred to it in this Review had it not been our duty to chronicle what is unfavourable as well as what is favourable; and with this remark we bring our sketch of "Freemasonry in 1893" to a close.

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To Correspondents.

The usual Summary of the Year and Chronology of Events occupies so much of our space this week that we are unable to find room for the reports of Lodge Meetings already in type, to say nothing of those still in hand. We shall print as many as possible in our next issue, but must ask the indulgence of our Correspondents and readers in respect of the large number which must of necessity be omitted altogether.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The remark we made last week about the surroundings of Christmastide being somewhat less inspiring than usual will apply with equal or even greater force to the New Year, upon which we enter on Monday next. The outlook is certainly the reverse of encouraging. Business is particularly quiet, while politics for some time past have been too lively to be pleasant, thanks to Anarchist-bombs and riots, and a strong feeling of discontent which prevails on many questions. But just as Christmastide has passed as jovially as in past years, if the outward visible signs of joviality which have been met with on every side are a just criterion, so we trust the New Year will prove to be more prosperous than the circumstances of the present moment justify us expecting. At all events, we express the hope that our friends and brethren generally will have their plans for the business or pleasure of the coming year realised and, present

appearances notwithstanding, that it will turn out to be both successful and a happy forerunner of many and still more successful years.

The announcements which appeared a short while since in this and other newspapers will have prepared our readers for the intelligence of Bro. Sir George Elliot's death. The sad event occurred at his residence in Portland Place, on the 23rd instant, the illness to which he succumbed being a severe cold on the lungs which he caught about a month since when attending a political meeting at Newport, in Monmouthshire.

Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., who was in the 79th year of his age, had always evinced considerable interest in Freemasonry, and, indeed, had taken an active part in its affairs for many years. At the time of his death he held the post of Prov. G. Master of South Wales, Eastern Division, to which his Royal Highness was graciously pleased to appoint him on the 13th December, 1876. He had previously rendered important service to the Province of Middlesex, as Dep. P.G. Master, and one of its lodges, which bears the name of Elliot and ranks as No. 1567 on the roll of Grand Lodge, will help to perpetuate the memory of his good deeds in a district with which he was prominently associated for many years. He was also a great friend and supporter of our Institutions, and presided as Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1888. We offer our sincere and respectful sympathy to the family and friends of our deceased brother.

We are pleased to be in a position to announce that Bro. James Terry has sufficiently recovered from his attack of influenza to be able to resume his duties as Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and considering how necessary it is that he should be able to go about visiting lodges in town and country in order to enlist brethren as Stewards at the approaching Festival of that Charity, we trust he will escape any further attack of illness.

We lay some stress on this point because we regret to see that little progress is being made in strengthening the Board of Stewards for that occasion. No doubt the holidays have had much to do with this, but Bro. Terry's enforced absence from duty and the illness of other members of his staff has stood in the way to a far greater extent, preventing him and them from pleading the cause of the "Old Folks." We trust that during the next few weeks Bro. Terry will be able to put matters in a somewhat better form.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hamersmith, when there were present Bros. Jesse Collings, P.M.; W.M.; John Davies, P.M.; S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; &c., J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, I.P.M.; T. Jobson, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M.; Sec.; G. E. Higginson, W.M. 1791, S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; G. C. Stafford, I.G.; H. Scharien, H. Bone, R. Reid, E. Fox, W. W. Williams, R. Josey, P.M.; H. Blackman, Dr. T. Dutton, and J. A. Dennis.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. The Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. H. Blackman, Robert Reed, W. W. Williams, John Davies, and F. Craggs. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bros. A. Williams, T. Jobson, and R. H. Williams. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Votes of thanks were passed to the officers and Section workers. Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HARROW LODGE (No. 1310).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, on the 14th instant, when there were present Bros. Geo. Wood, W.M.; T. Blyth, S.W.; T. West, J.W.; H. Weston, Treas.; Geo. Griffiths, Sec.; A. Edy, S.D.; J. Trott, J.D.; Harris, I.G.; Geo. Ransford, P.M.; R. Corry, P.M.; J. Thorn, P.M.; A. F. Scholding, P.M.; W. Rodrum, P.M.; E. Talbot, J. Mason, McVey, Hunt, Rowe, Sandland, Brooks, Fuller, Aubrey, Gunn, Shipton, Pierce, and Prior. Visitor: Bro. S. S. Pearce, P.M. 319.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the Fifteen Sections were rehearsed in a very excellent manner by the following brethren: First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. Griffiths, W.M. 1310; 2nd, Bro. A. Edy, 1425; 3rd, Bro. H. Weston, J.D. 1310; 4th, Bro. J. Mason, 2206; 5th, Bro. A. F. Scholding, P.M. 1512; 6th, Bro. R. Sandland, 2308; and 7th, Bro. E. Talbot, S.W. 1310. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. G. Ransford, P.M. 1512; 2nd, Bro. E. Talbot, W.M. 65; 3rd, Bro. Geo. Wood, P.M. 1681; 4th, Bro. T. Blyth, 1681; and 5th, Bro. F. H. Shipton, 1681. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. R. Corry, P.M. 1681; 2nd, T. Blyth, 1681; and 3rd, Bro. J. Paul, P.M. 1287. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Geo. Wood, P.M., for the very able manner he had performed the duties of Section Master, also to the brethren who had so ably assisted him. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. P. Upton, W.M.; D. M. Forbes, S.W.; W. Rapley, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M.; Prov. G. D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; H. J. Kembell, S.D.; G. J. Hanson, J.D.; E. P. Woodman, I.G.; J. A. Blount, J. T. Frost, D. C. Ritchie, R. Loomes, A. Oliver, P.M., and G. H. Cox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Frost answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Frost being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Ritchie answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge having been resumed in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ritchie being the candidate. Bro. G. H. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Mann, W.M.; J. J. Smith, S.W.; A. C. Bradley, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and acting Sec.; A. A. Mitchell, I.G.; R. C. Caw, A. Cogliati, F. Skipton, S. Walker, H. Smith, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. On rising for the first time, Bro. R. C. Caw, 1732, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. J. Smith, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The brethren present unanimously passed a vote of congratulation to Bro. W. Hoggins, the Assistant Preceptor of this lodge of instruction, who was installed that evening as W.M. of the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, wishing him a happy and successful year of office. Bro. S. Walker kindly undertook to convey the vote to Bro. W. Hoggins, who was presiding at the banquet being held at St. James' Restaurant. The lodge was then closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Northampton Arms, 205 Goswell-road, E.C., when there were present Bros. C. Weedon, P.M., Preceptor; E. Dimes, W.M.; J. Robinson, S.W.; J. D. Spiers, J.W.; Dr. Hunter, S.D.; Dr. Frye, J.D.; J. W. Doubtfire, I.G.; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Doubtfire answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dr. Frye delivered the three addresses of the installation ceremony. The W.M. rose the usual number of times, and Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

THE ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster, S.W., when there were present Bros. J. E. Smith, W.M.; J. W. Jones, S.W.; W. H. Montague, J.W.; J. Gibson, Preceptor and Treas.; H. E. Poole, Sec.; J. H. Badderley, S.D.; C. Chabot, J.D.; J. M. Barber, I.G.; J. C. Cocks, Tyler; W. Bonwick, C. C. Piper, G. Holland, C. Holland, F. H. Doggett, J. E. Shand, and others.

This being the annual election meeting of officers and audit, Bro. James Gibson, P.M. 2030, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. E. Poole re-elected Secretary. The audit report was approved and adopted, showing the successful condition of the lodge. Bro. J. E. Smith, J.W. of the mother lodge, worked the ceremonies of initiation and passing with his customary ability. Bro. G. Holland gave an address on "Ancient and Modern Freemasonry," and exhibited the print of an apron of an initiation represented in Tombs of Ramesis the First, discovered by Belzoni. After a vote of thanks and other routine business, the lodge was closed.

HARLES DEN.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on the 21st inst., at the Court House. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, W.M.; Plaford, W.M. elect 1608, S.W.; Rawle, J.W.; Davies, P.M. 169, acting Preceptor; C. Penny, Treas.; Chapman, acting Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Featherstone, J.D.; Mason, P.M. 2150, D.C.; Tebbit, W.M. elect 2045, I.G.; Priest, Stwd.; Danby, P.M. 1056; W. Williams, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M. 2090; D. Smith, P.M. 2045; J. Haley, P.M., W.M. 1637; Hooker, P.M., W.M. 1707; Hagen, Knight, Cook, Ortnier, Green, Whiteway, Battaram, Hatton, Powell, Pall, Smith, Barber, Larter, and Tremear.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was rendered in a most efficient manner by Bro. Hillier, W.M. 1366, Preceptor. Bro. Plaford, W.M. elect 1608, Sec., being installed, who afterwards appointed and invested his officers, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Barber being the candidate. Bro. Ortnier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Tremear, of the Creation Lodge, No. 1791, was elected a joining member. After "Hearty good wishes," a very successful evening was brought to a close.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 22nd inst. Present: Comps. T. Grummant, M.E.Z.; C. Wilson, H.; Cureton, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Elgar, S.N.; Plant, P.S.; H. Martin, J. Addington, W. Davis, McIntyre North, Chabot, R. Davis, Murché, Cowley, and S. Cuchrane, G. Treas. Eng.

The chapter was declared opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington, P.Z., personating the candidate. Comp. C. Wilson, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be rehearsed. Comp. Cochrane, G. Treasurer, was elected an honorary member. The chapter was then closed.

OCCURRENCES OF THE YEAR.

1ST DECEMBER, 1892, TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1893.

DECEMBER—1892.

- 1.—Consecration, by Comp. Philbrick, G. Supt. Essex, of the William Shurmer Chapter, No. 2374, Chingford: Comp. W. Shurmer first M.E.Z.
- 3.—Annual Convocation, at Halstead, of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex.
- 5.—Consecration, by Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Currie, D.P.G.M.M., of the Mid-Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 449, Horsham: Bro. Wright first W.M.
- 6.—Quarterly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge.
- 7.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge: Additional Offices in Grand Lodge and in Provincial and District Grand Lodges, according to the number of lodges on the roll, created; Yearly Allowance to Library increased to £50.
- 8.—Annual Meeting, at Nottingham, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire.
- 9.—Half-yearly Meeting of the National Great Priory of England and Wales: Pension of £100 a year granted to Vice-Chancellor Sir Knight W. Tinkler on his retirement; Sir Knight Major-General Hay, C.B., invested as his successor.
- 10.—Consecration, by Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex, of the St. Clement's Lodge, No. 2442; Leigh: Bro. Jas. Boulton first W.M.
Meeting, at Eastwood, of the Prov. Priory of West Yorkshire.
- 14.—Bro. the Earl of Radnor installed P.G.M.M. of Wiltshire: Consecration, by Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M.M., of the Elias de Derham Mark Lodge, No. 443, Salisbury: Bro. the Earl of Radnor first W.M.
Concert at Plymouth in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.
Committee of Management, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 19.—Installation, at Glasgow, by Comp. Lord Saltoun, M.E. Grand Z., of Comp. Major F. W. Allan as Grand Superintendent of Glasgow.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence: 32 cases relieved with £835.
- 28.—Celebration, in Toronto, of the Centenary of the "Ancient" Prov. Grand Lodge of Upper Canada.
- 30.—Death of Bro. George Baker, P.M. No. 108.

JANUARY—1893.

- 2.—New Year's Entertainment to the Pupils at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 4.—New Year's Entertainment to the Inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. Celebration of the Centenary of the Constitution of the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290.
- 5.—Consecration, by Bro. Col. John Elliott, C.B., Dist. G.M., of the New Hall of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2253, Barbados (W.I.).
- 6.—Death of Bro. Lord Brabourne.
- 7.—Consecration, by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Bucks, of the Eton Lodge, No. 2458, Eton; Bro. S. Osborn first W.M.
- 9.—Consecration, by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., of the West Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 453, Bognor; Bro. F. V. Paxton first W.M.
- 10.—Death of Bro. Peter Ball, Prov. G. Tyler West Lancashire.
- 11.—Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 13.—Consecration, by Bro. G. H. Miller, Prov. G. Sec. Meath, of Lodge No. 99, Belturbet; Bro. J. Johnson first W.M.
Presentation by Irish brethren of an illuminated address to the members of St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 16.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455; Bro. Charles S. Lea first W.M.
Death of Bro. Thomas Gates, P.M., P.Z.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence: 19 cases relieved with £595.
Funeral of Bro. Henry Cox, Doric Lodge, No. 933.
- 21.—Death of Bro. W. Poore, I.P.M. No. 1580, P.J.G.W. Herts.
- 22.—Death of Bro. Samuel Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. China.
- 23.—Death of Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, Dist. G.M. Malta.
Consecration, by Bro. Col. Starkie, P.G.M. E. Lancashire, of the Palatine Lodge, No. 2447, Manchester; Bro. F. Broadsmith first W.M.
- 27.—Annual Meeting of the East Lancashire Educational and Benevolent Institution.
- 28.—Consecration, by Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M.M., of the Tuscan Mark Lodge, No. 458; Bro. Frank Richardson first W.M.
Death of Bro. George Bolton, P.M., P.Z. No. 169.
- 30.—Annual Meeting, at Newport, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Hants and Isle of Wight.
Consecration, by Bro. Captain L. Thackwell, of the St. Paul's Mark Lodge, No. 455, Limassol, Cyprus; Bro. J. P. White first W.M.

FEBRUARY.

- 1.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter; additional Grand Offices created.
- 2.—Lecture at Ashford by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., on the Ritual of Craft Masonry.
Death of Bro. J. F. Townsend, L.L.D., Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, Ireland, Past Dep. G.M., and S.G. Commander Supreme Council 33°, Ireland.
Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 5.—Death of Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.D., Past D.P.G.M., Cumberland and Westmorland.
- 8.—Annual Meeting of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association.
Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

- 9.—Consecration, by Bro. R. I. Finnemore, 33°, Insp. Gen. of the Durban Chapter, No. 127, Rose Croix; Bro. T. Cook, first M.W.S.
- 11.—Installation, by Bro. the Earl of Haddington, M.W.G.M., of Bro. J. H. Forshaw, as P.G.M. Aberdeen City.
- 13.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec. of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454; Bro. W. Hastings Miller first W.M.
Consecration, by Bro. C. L. Mason, P.G.M.M., West Yorkshire, of the Legiolium Lodge, No. 457, Castleford; Bro. G. F. Carr first W.M.
- 14.—Bro. Harry Nicholls installed W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127.
- 15.—Board of Benevolence: 25 cases relieved with £610.
- 22.—Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, J.G.D., in the chair; proceeds £858.
- 23.—Consecration, by Bro. Col. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire, of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449, Manchester; Bro. W. T. Schofield first W.M.
- 24.—Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, in the chair.
Death of Bro. J. A. Wilson, P.M. No. 1326.
- 26.—Quarterly Convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Glasgow.
- 27.—Consecration by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, of the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 2457, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea; Bro. W. Simpson first W.M.
- 28.—Quarterly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge: Presentation of portrait of Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M., by the General Board.

MARCH.

- 1.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge: Bro. S. Cochrane elected Grand Treasurer; sums of £210 and £105 voted towards the relief of sufferers by the conflagration at St. John's, Newfoundland, and the Earthquake at Zante.
Concert at Bolton in aid of the East Lancashire Educational and Benevolent Institution.
- 2.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., of the Loxfield Lodge, No. 2450, Uckfield: Bro. R. L. Thornton first W.M.
Death of Bro. R. McVicar, I.P.M. No. 2046.
- 3.—Consecration, by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., of the Prince Frederick William Mark Lodge, No. 458; Bro. J. J. Thomas first W.M.
Meeting of the West Lancashire Educational Institution: 27 children elected on the Fund.
Death of Bro. E. Palmer, P.M., P.Z. No. 913.
- 6.—Annual Meeting of the Grand Imperial Conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine.
- 7.—Entertainment to the Inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, by the Members of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096.
- 8.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 9.—Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.
- 10.—Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Natal.
- 13.—Consecration, by Comp. E. Letchworth, G. Scribe E., of the St. Pancras Chapter, No. 2271; Comp. W. A. Scurrell first M.E.Z.
- 14.—Annual Meeting, at Cambridge, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cambridgeshire.
- 20.—Meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.
- 22.—Board of Benevolence: 51 cases relieved with £1225.
Consecration, by Comp. Col. Starkie, Grand Superintendent East Lancashire, of the Unity Chapter, No. 2341, Oldham; Comp. C. V. Haworth first M.E.Z.
- 23.—Consecration, by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, of the Bootle-Wilbraham Lodge, No. 2463; Bro. C. Fothergill first W.M.
Centenary Festival of the Domestic Chapter, No. 177.
- 25.—Consecration, by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.C.N., of the Excelsior Lodge of R.A. Mariners, No. 359, Liverpool; Bro. J. H. Barrow first W.C.N.
- 27.—Death of Bro. H. J. Whymper, C.I.E., Past D.D.G.M. Punjab.

APRIL.

- 4.—Annual Meeting, at Plymouth, of the Devon Educational Fund: Election of two Candidates.
Installation, by Bro. the Earl of Haddington, M.W.G.M., of Bro. George Christie, as Prov. G. Master of Stirlingshire.
- 10.—Consecration, by Comp. E. Letchworth, G. Scribe E., of the Duke of Fife Chapter, No. 2345; Comp. S. Cochrane first M.E.Z.
- 11.—Consecration, by Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M.M., of the La France Mark Lodge, No. 459; Bro. E. Monteuuis first W.M.
- 12.—Committee of Management: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
Meeting, at Bradford, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire.
- 13.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: 19 elected out of a list of 29 candidates: Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., made an Honorary Vice-Patron for his services as Surgeon-Oculist.
Annual Meeting, at Brighton, of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Sussex.
- 14.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: 23 elected from a list of 49 candidates: Bro. E. Letchworth elected Treasurer, *vice* Bro. G. Plucknett, retired.
Ball at Gibraltar, in commemoration of the Centenary of the Constitution of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 278.
- 17.—Funeral of Bro. James Moon, G. Std. Br. designate. Ninth Annual Festival of the Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of Instruction: Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M.M., in the chair.

- 19.—Consecration, by Comp. Philbrick, G. Supt. of Essex of the Chigwell Chapter, No. 453, Chingford: Comp. W. E. Dring first M.E.Z.
Board of Benevolence: 32 cases relieved with £965.
Annual Meeting, at Wakefield, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire: Bro. Tew's resignation as P.G.M. announced.
- 20.—Annual Meeting, at Preston, of the Prov. Priory of Lancashire.
- 21.—Funeral of Bro. Robert Cross, M.D., P.M. No. 198.
- 24.—Consecration, by Comp. E. Letchworth, G. Scribe E., of the King Solomon Chapter, No. 2029: Comp. Major Richardson first M.E.Z.
- 26.—Grand Festival of United Grand Lodge, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M., in the chair.
Opening of a new Masonic Hall, at East Dereham.
- 27.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Secretary, of the Hortus Lodge, No. 2469; Bro. A. W. G. Weeks first W.M.
- 28.—Annual Meeting, at Keswick, of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland.
Consecration, by Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, Pro G.M.M., and Prov. G.M.M. Warwickshire, of the Bedford Charity Lodge of R.A. Mariners: Bro. E. Mallard first W.C.N.

MAY.

- 3.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter: Appointment of additional G. Officers, and additional Prov. and District G. Officers sanctioned in the larger Provinces and Districts: Motion for a Committee to revise the ritual rejected.
- 5.—Annual Meeting, at Highbridge, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Somersetshire, and celebration of the Centenary of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291.
- 6.—Installation, at Teddington, by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex.
- 9.—Half-yearly Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite.
- 10.—Annual Meeting, at Whitby, of the Prov. Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire.
Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 12.—Half-yearly Meeting of the National Great Priory of England.
Presentation of Address and Grand Lodge Clothing to Bro. S. Cochrane, G. Treas.
Consecration, by Bro. C. H. Bate, Past D.G.W. South Africa (E.D.), of the Charles Blakeway Lodge, No. 2451, Engeobo, Tembuland: Bro. J. W. Heathcote first W.M.
- 15.—Annual Meeting, at Pontefract, of the Prov. Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire.
- 16.—Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, S.G.W., installed W.M. Ermine Lodge, No. 2351, Lincoln.
Deaths of Bro. Thomas Lawler, Vicar Choral of Westminster Abbey, and Bro. A. J. Woodward, No. 87.
- 17.—The 105th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: Chairman, Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Northants and Hunts: proceeds £14,011.
Annual Meeting, at Ashton-under-Lyne, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire.
- 18.—Celebration of the Masonic Jubilee of, and Presentation of Address to, Bro. W. A. F. Powell, P.G.M. Bristol, by Lodge No. 326.
- 19.—Annual Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution: Election of 20 men and 12 widows from lists of 57 and 54 candidates respectively.
- 23.—Resuscitation of the Doyle Conclave, No. 7, Guernsey, of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine.
- 24.—Board of Benevolence: 43 cases relieved with £1015.
- 25.—Consecration, by Comp. R. C. Else, Grand Superintendent Somersetshire, of the Dungarvan Chapter, No. 973, Frome: Comp. Viscount Dungarvan first M.E.Z.
Consecration, by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., of the George Graveley Mark Lodge, No. 461, Leytonstone: Bro. G. Graveley first W.M.
- 29.—Annual Distribution of prizes to pupils of the Female Orphan School, Dublin.
- 30.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., of the Telegraph Cable Lodge, No. 2470: Bro. the Marquis of Tweeddale first W.M.
Consecration, by Comp. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., Grand Superintendent Surrey, of the Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777, Guildford: Comp. T. A. Aitken first M.E.Z.

JUNE.

- 1.—Seventh Annual Dinner of the Old Masonians: Bro. R. Eve, Past G. Treas., in the chair.
Death of Bro. Major A. E. Black, Prov. G.H. Lower Ward of Lanarkshire.
- 3.—Consecration, by Bro. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, of the Molesey Lodge, No. 2473, Molesey: Bro. J. D. Langton first W.M.
- 6.—Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge: Bro. the Earl of Euston installed Pro G.M., and Bro. Viscount Dungarvan D.G.M.; Festival of the Order.
- 7.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge: Bro. Eve's resolution *re* Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W., carried.
Death of Bro. G. M. Taylor, P.M.
- 8.—Annual Meeting, at Peterborough, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northants and Hunts.
- 10.—Annual Meeting, at Hampton Court, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex.
- 12.—Consecration, by Comp. E. Letchworth, G. Scribe E., of the Rye Chapter, No. 2272; Comp. Dr. W. Cock first M.E.Z.
- 13.—Annual Meeting, at Cheltenham, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.

Presentation of Testimonial to Bro. Horatio Ward, Dep. G.S.B.
Dedication, by Bro. Dr. Clarke, D.P.G.M. North Connaught, of a new Masonic Hall, Mohill, County Leitrim.

14.—Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
Annual Meeting, at Norwich, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia.

15.—Consecration, by Bro. Col. R. T. Caldwell, P.G.M. Cambridgeshire, of the new Isaac Newton University Masonic Hall, Cambridge.

Inaugural Festival, at Chester, of the Cheshire Benevolent Institution; Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., in the chair; proceeds over £2500.

Visit, by invitation, of the Pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to the Zoological Gardens.

17.—Foundation-stone of the New Infirmary at Halifax, West Yorkshire, laid by Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M.

Annual Athletic Meeting of the Pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

19.—Consecration, by Comp. E. Letchworth, G. Scribe E., of the Mornington Chapter, No. 2000; Bro. Jos. Pollard first M.E.Z.

21.—Board of Benevolence: 27 cases relieved with £760. Festival of the Order of the Secret Monitor.

22.—Foundation-stone of the New Masonic Hall, Stokesley, laid by Bro. J. H. Sandyside.

24.—Annual Summer Excursion, to Canterbury, of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

Annual Meeting, at Chester, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire; Bro. the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, M.P., installed P.G.M.M., *vice* Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton resigned.

Foundation-stone of the new Church of St. George, Stockport, laid by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M. Cheshire.

Monument to the Fraternal Dead in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, laid by Bro. J. M. Gibson, Q.C., M.W.G.M. Canada.

27.—Distribution of Prizes by Lady Brooke to the Pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

28.—Festival, at Brighton, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Bro. Lord Brooke, Chairman; proceeds close on £22,000.

29.—Annual Meeting, at Maidenhead, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire.
Annual Meeting, at Woking, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey.

JULY.

1.—Masonic Service by Bro. the Bishop of Bathurst, G. Chaplain, in the Cathedral of Bathurst, N.S.W.

3.—Special Meeting, at Leicester, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland: Address of Congratulation voted to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on the approaching marriage of his son the Duke of York.

4.—Meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland.

5.—Annual Meeting, at Beverley, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.

6.—Death of Bro. H. G. Buss, P.A.G. Sec.

7.—Annual Meeting, at Broxbourne, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire.
Annual Meeting, at Dartford, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent.

10.—Centenary Celebration of the Constitution of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 296, Sheffield.

12.—Meeting, at Mansfield, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire; Foundation-stone of Brunt's Technical Schools laid by Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M.

Meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex.

Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

13.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, enlargement of Infirmary at a cost of £600 resolved upon.

Meeting, at Yarmouth, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk.

Meeting, at Penrith, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland; Consecration by Bro. Col. Sewell, D.P.G.M.M., of the Inglewood Lodge, No. 462; Bro. the Rev. W. Cree, first W.M.

13.—Installation, by Bro. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M. South Australia, of Bro. Sir R.W. Duff, as M.W.G.M. of New South Wales.

14.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: Presentation of Address to the late Treasurer, Bro. G. Plucknett, P.G.D.

15.—Death of Bro. John Canham, P.M., P.Z., aged 90 years.

18.—Annual Meeting, at Southend, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex.

Annual Meeting, at Durham, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham.

Foundation-stone of the new Presbyterian Church at Nanairns laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. S. Clarke, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

19.—Board of Benevolence: 22 cases relieved with £565.

Annual Meeting, at Tunbridge Wells, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent.

Annual Meeting, at Clare, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk.

20.—Consecration, at Colombo, Ceylon, by Bro. J. Maitland, of the Colombo Mark Lodge, No. 464; Bro. Capt. J. Hearn first W.M.

21.—Annual Meetings, at Guildford, of the Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter of Surrey.

23.—Death of Bro. W. Wingham, P.M., Sec., P.Z. No. 25.

24.—Death of Bro. P. H. White, M.B., I.P.M. No. 1395.

25.—Consecration, by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M. Durham, of the Clarence Lodge, No. 2462, West Hartlepool: Bro. F. H. Burnett first W.M.

26.—Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund: Bro. Col. G. N. Money, P.G.M.M. Surrey, Chairman; proceeds, £2167.

Annual Meeting, at Wolverton, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Buckinghamshire.

27.—Sir Knt. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., installed Prov. Prior of Northumberland and Durham.

28.—Consecration, at Newcastle, by Bro. the Earl of Euston, M.I.G.M., of the Royal Kent Council, R. and S.M.: Bro. Carman first T.I.M.

29.—Consecration, at Newcastle, by Sir Knt. the Earl of Euston, M.P.G.S., of the Royal Kent Conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine: Sir Knt. S. Bell first M.P.S.; Sir Knt. J. J. Wilkes installed as Inendant-General of Northumberland and Durham.

Death of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, Past G. Treasurer.

31.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., of the Walthamstow Lodge, No. 2472: Bro. W. Shurmur first W.M.

Annual Meeting, at West Hartlepool, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham.

AUGUST.

1.—Annual Meeting, at Rhyl, of the Prov. G. Lodge of North Wales.

2.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme G. Chapter. Consecration, by Bro. Col. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire, of the Longsight Lodge, No. 2464, Longsight: Bro. T. Uttley first W.M.

3.—Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

8.—Annual Meeting, at Basingstoke, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

9.—Annual Meeting, at Colchester, of the Prov. G. Chapter of Essex.

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14.—Inaugural Meeting of the Masonic Congress at Chicago.

15.—Annual Meeting, at Wadebridge, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall.

23.—Board of Benevolence: 20 cases relieved with £510.

24.—Consecration, by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., of the West Ham Mark Lodge, No. 457: Bro. Major C. W. Carrell first W.M.

28.—Death of Bro. J. Bagot-Scriven, P.M. No. 5, P.G. Stwd., P.M., P.Z. No. 409, P.P.G.W. and P.P.G.H. Hertfordshire.

30.—Visit of Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, P.G.W., to the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2404, Chatham.

SEPTEMBER.

2.—Death of Bro. Sir W. G. Cusins, Past G. Organist, lately "Master of the Musick" to the Queen.

5.—Meeting, by permission of the Duke of Rutland, in Haddon Hall, of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge, No. 2129.

Annual Meeting, at Plymouth, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire.

Quarterly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge: Address of congratulation to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M., on the marriage of his son.

6.—Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge: Address of congratulation to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on the marriage of his son: £315 voted to the relief of the brethren who had suffered by the floods in Queensland.

13.—Committee of Management, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Annual Meeting, at Nantwich, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire.

Consecration, by Bro. Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D., of the Hadrian Lodge, No. 2483, Pevensey; Bro. E. W. Stillwell first W.M.

Consecration, by Bro. Col. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire, of the Duchess of York Lodge, No. 2482, Manchester; Bro. T. Archer Lowe first W.M.

14.—Centenary Celebration of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley, Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, W.M.: and Presentation of a massive silver loving cup, to the lodge by the Lodge of Liberty, Beverley, Mass., U.S.A.

15.—Half-yearly Meeting of the East Lancashire Charity Committee.

Opening of a Masonic Club at West Hartlepool.

Presentation of an Address to Bro. T. W. Tew, Past P.G.M. West Yorkshire, by the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910.

19.—Quarterly Meeting, at Boyle, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught; presentation by Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M., of a portrait of the late Bro. Surgeon-Major Parke.

20.—Board of Benevolence: 15 cases relieved with £430.

Annual Meeting, at Old Trafford, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire.

Annual Meeting, at Newport, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight.

Annual Meeting, at Weston-Super-Mare, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Somersetshire.

Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme G. Chapter of Scotland.

21.—Foundation Stone of the New Church at Millbrook laid by Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M., P.G.M., Cornwall.

25.—Funeral of Bro. W. Mackay, P.M. No. 1620.

26.—Annual Meeting, at Bishop Auckland, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham.

Annual Meeting, at Hanley, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Staffordshire.

27.—Installation by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., of Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., as P.G.M. of West Yorkshire.

Visit of the Institute of Journalists to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

28.—Installation, at Lincoln, by Comp. Major Smyth, Past Grand Superintendent, of Comp. Sissons as Grand Superintendent of Lincolnshire.

Annual Meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devonshire.

29.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2487, Stone, Staffordshire: Bro. J. M. Wood first W.M.

30.—Funeral of Bro. J. D. Smith, P.M. No. 1658, P.Z. No. 1216.

OCTOBER.

3.—Annual Meeting, at Windermere, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.

5.—Annual Festival of the Alpass Benevolent Institution, West Lancashire: Bro. Lord Skelmersdale in the chair: proceeds over £1300.

6.—Consecration, by Sir Knight the Earl of Euston, G. Sub-Prior, of the Peveril Preceptory, No. 159, Derby; Sir Knight A. Woodiwiss first E.P.

9.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Secretary, of the 2nd Middlesex Volunteer Artillery Lodge, No. 2484: Bro. Captain R. Gresley Hall first W.M.

Death of Bro. James Garner, P.M., P.Z.

10.—Consecration, by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, of the Border Lodge, No. 2475, Blackwater: Bro. Capt. Manders first W.M.

Annual Meeting, at Barnstaple, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire.

11.—Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

12.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; 15 elected out of a list of 37 candidates.

13.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; 26 elected out of a list of 46 candidates.

14.—Consecration, by Bro. J. da Silva, P.M., of the Gold Fields Lodge, No. 2478, Johannesburg; Bro. S. Hirschfield first W.M.

Removal of Lodge No. 79, from Donaghmore to new quarters at Newry.

16.—Annual Meeting, at Oxford, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire.

Meeting, at Huddersfield, of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire; Bro. J. Matthewson invested Prov. G. Secretary, *vice* Bro. R. Tudor Trevor resigned.

18.—Board of Benevolence: 25 cases relieved with £730.

20.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Secretary, of the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2483: Bro. Sir Augustus Harris first W.M.

Official visitation to Aberdeen, by Bro. the Earl of Haddington, M.W.G.M., and members of his Grand Lodge.

23.—Presentation to Bro. W. Paas, P.M., Treasurer No. 28, on resigning lodge after 40 years' membership.

24.—Consecration, by Bro. Thos. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec. Essex, of the Colne Lodge, No. 2477, Wivenhoe: Bro. C. E. Egerton-Green installed first W.M.

25.—The Lord Mayor-elect, Bro. Alderman Tyler, raised to the degree of M.M. in the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14.

26.—Annual Meeting, at Weymouth, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire.

Annual Meeting, at Brighton, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.

27.—Annual General Meeting of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association.

Annual Meeting, at Leicester, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland.

Annual Meeting, at Wells, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somersetshire.

30.—Meeting of the Devonshire Masonic Educational Fund: Election of candidates.

31.—Annual Meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Jersey.

NOVEMBER.

1.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter: Motion agreed to for the reduction of interval for exaltation of Master Masons from 12 months to four weeks.

2.—Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland: Bro. Sir C. Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4.—Death of Bro. George Cooper, P.G.D.

7.—Annual Meeting, at Stafford, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Staffordshire.

8.—Annual Meeting, at Hyde, of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Cheshire.

Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Death of Bro. T. W. Embleton, P.P.S.G.W. and P.P.G.H. West Yorkshire, aged 84 years.

9.—Annual Meeting, at Coventry, of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Warwickshire.

13.—Consecration, by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., of the Willelson Lodge, No. 2489: Bro. O. C. Robson first W.M.

14.—Annual Meeting, at Oxford, of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Oxfordshire.

Installation, by Bro. Sir C. Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., G.M. elect of Scotland, of Bro. A. Johnstone Douglas as Prov. G.M. Dumfriesshire.

20.—Annual Meeting, at Cambridge, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire.

22.—Board of Benevolence: 31 cases relieved with £1210.

23.—Annual Meeting, at New Swindon, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire.

24.—Presentation of bust to Bro. Lord Blytheswood, Past G.M., by Bro. the Earl of Haddington, M.W.G.M., and a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Meeting, at Manchester, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire.

Quarterly Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire.

25.—Installation, at Brighton, by Sir Knight the Earl of Euston, Great Sub-Prior, of the Duke of Connaught as Prov. Prior of Sussex: Installation, by the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M. Sussex, of Bro. R. Percy Clowes as W.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201.

Death of Bro. E. M. Sheldon, M.R.C.S., P.M. No. 1094.

27.—Special Meeting, at York, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire; Bro. J. Todd, P.P.G.W., elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, *vice* Bro. W. Reynolds, deceased.

Consecration, by Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.G.M. West Yorkshire, of the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, Sheffield; Bro. John Hunt first W.M.

28.—Constitution, by the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., of the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456; Bro. W. B. Colman first W.M.

30.—Grand Festival of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Bro. Sir C. Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., installed M.W. G.M.



Craft Masonry:

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—The final meeting of the year of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Bro. W. E. Turfitt, W.M., presiding. He was supported by Bros. F. R. H. Gooch, I.P.M.; F. Robinson, P.M.; Alfred Shepherd, P.M.; R. C. Pasfield, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, P.M.; G. J. Anderson, S.W.; G. Seage, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; T. D. Burgess, S.D.; J. W. Lancett, J.D.; A. Bebbroth, I.G.; J. Grout, Org.; A. Ellingford, Tyler; J. J. Sutton, C. S. Nelson, T. H. Elliott, H. J. Jacobs, C. J. Carr, J. McLean-Carvell, T. Huett, jun., W. H. Thrift, W. H. Mitchell, jun., F. W. Kendall, C. F. Hughes, G. E. Morrow, K. T. Knight, A. J. Matthews, J. T. W. Chapman, D. G. Thompson, T. Howells, H. C. Halford, C. Badcock, F. C. Richards, T. C. Cooper, J. A. Mills, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Stebbins and J. Hatfield, 2374; T. Warner, 1279; and J. Mills, 1765.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Carr, Salter, and Jacobs were raised, and Messrs. J. H. Cook and W. Shuttleworth initiated. The usual Christmas gifts were accorded to the past recipients, and other Masonic business was transacted. Bro. J. H. Pringle, P.M., Preceptor of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked at the Silver Tavern on Wednesday, the 3rd prox., at 7 o'clock precisely, Bro. C. L. Nelson presiding, Bro. J. Lancett, acting as S.W., and Bro. G. Seage, as J.W. It gave him great pleasure to see Bro. Nelson undertaking the duties of W.M. on the occasion. He could say it was the first time he had seen a brother of two years' standing able to take such a position. Bro. C. L. Nelson reflected credit both on the lodge of instruction and his mother lodge. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren, after adjourning to refreshment, duly honoured the various toasts, which were interspersed with harmony, to which those who were musical among them contributed, viz.: Bros. Nelson, with "The Village Blacksmith," T. Burges, with "Sailing," and others, Bro. Grout accompanying, until the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

Metropolitan Lodge (No. 1507).—This distinguished lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. J. G. McEwan, W.M.; R. Alaway, S.W.; J. F. Saunders, J.W.; F. J. Perks, Sec.; J. Bates, J.D.; J. H. Moggridge, I.G.; W. Barry, D.C.; Hawkins and E. G. Steers, Stwds.; G. Cuthbert Paine, Asst. Sec.; R. W. Fraser, I.P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; W. Davey, P.M.; C. J. Scales, P.M.; W. F. Bates, P.M.; T. C. Edmonds, P.M.; J. G. Evans, G. F. Fry, H. H. Sporton, G. E. Spurr, Jno. Sargent, W. Mitchell, J. Campbell, A. C. Bradley, J. Timberlake, C. P. Rosser, A. Cherry, R. L. Brown, Jas. Carter, F. Wards, E. C. Beale, T. H. Ormiston, F. Salter, A. Jackson, W. Flint, E. P. Innocent, J. Sturmer, and R. Whiting, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. S. Dancyger, P.M. 205; W. E. Lane, 167; E. Hill, P.M. 1227; E. Berry, J.W. 1321; A. E. Kipps, 1275; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. A. Jackson. Other business being disposed of, "Hearty good wishes" were offered.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

Bro. R. W. Fraser, the I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said that he wished him everything he could wish himself.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was well received. He thanked the brethren for their kind reception. He hoped to do his best in the working of the ritual to keep up the great standard of the lodge, and, in conclusion, he wished them all the compliments of the season.

In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated that it would be impossible for any lodge to have a better band of Past Masters. He made special reference to Bro. W. M. Stiles, who had been nominated as Grand Treasurer. He was present at Grand Lodge, and the ringing cheers with which his name was received was, he thought, a good omen. It would be a high honour for the lodge to have one of its members a Grand Officer. Bro. Stiles had been 20 years in the Craft, and no one had worked harder for Masonry, and it would only be passing him a fitting tribute to elect him as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., responded and said the Worshipful Master had touched on a subject very dear to his heart. The reception he had on the nomination at Grand Lodge was one he should never forget. It was his good fortune to have a splendid Committee, who were working their hardest to carry him in with a very large majority. He had 1900 pledged promises, but with the powerful candidates in the field he hoped his friends would not relax their efforts on his behalf. It was a great honour to him to have been nominated, and he ventured to think that on the night of the election, in March next, Freemasons' Hall would be fuller than it had ever been before. In conclusion, he remarked that on the 18th inst. an enthusiastic meeting was held at that hotel, at which there were 300 present, and it was stated to that meeting that if necessary a great number would come up specially from the Provinces to vote in his favour.

Bros. Fraser, Scales, Davey, W. F. Bates, and Edmonds, also replied in suitable terms.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Initiate," observing that he thought Bro. Jackson would be an honour and a great acquisition to the Metropolitan Lodge.

Bro. Jackson, in reply, thanked the members for the honour they had conferred upon him by accepting him as a brother, and he hoped to become a useful member of the Craft.

In eloquent terms the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," to whom he gave a hearty welcome. Appropriate responses

were made by Bros. E. Hill, S. Dancyger, E. Berry, W. E. Lane, and R. T. West.

"The Officers" having been duly honoured and suitably responded to by Bros. R. Alaway, S.W.; J. F. Saunders, J.W.; J. Bates, J.D.; and J. H. Moggridge, I.G., the latter gave a humorous speech which elicited much laughter, and the Tyler's toast brought the happy meeting to an end.

Bros. Moggridge, Cherry, Barry, Stiles, and Jackson vocally entertained the brethren, the last named rendering his song with marked effect.

Gallery Lodge (No. 1928).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 9th inst., when there was a large attendance of members, including Bros. C. K. Moore, W.M.; E. Peacock, I.P.M.; J. Manning, S.W.; C. Lock, J.W.; J. S. Barras, Chap.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Minstrell, P.M., Sec.; Percy W. Husk, S.D.; Bert. Striem, J.D.; H. Massey, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Tarran, I.G.; G. Peachey, Org.; S. James, R. S. Masson, and Frederick Brodie, Stwds.; W. T. Perkins, P.M.; J. J. Fretwell, Kirby, J. H. White, Gowing, Baines, Bell, Scott, A. F. Robbins, G. H. Ribbons, Dodds, Fisher, Emmery, Lane, Drogrez, Kent, Melin-Boyle, Martin, C. B. Cooke, Saunders, and Rendle. Among the visitors present were Bros. R. D. Burnie, P.M. 1323; W. P. Dickinson, I.P.M. 2046; W. H. Kitson, 2395; H. Joyce, I.P.M. 2424; H. S. King, P.M. 1962; W. J. Fisher, W.M. 2190; E. L. Horne, P.M. 227; W. Chancy, 507; J. Hurdle, P.M. 1548; D. Christie Murray, 2190; W. E. Chapman, 2190, P.S.G.W. Bucks; T. Bello, 2190; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; F. C. Maude, 1 (I.C.); F. Bevan, W.M. 1706; James A. Brown, 2264; Joseph Collings, Org. 1693; Robt. Hilton, 2000; Richard Tuffin, 2207; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297.

The only business reserved for the meeting was the installation of Bro. J. C. Manning (late S.W.) as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. C. Kerr Moore, the W.M., having opened the lodge, the W.M. elect was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation; whereupon, after addressing the brethren as to the practice of the Order in regard to the succession of Masters, the W.M. administered the first obligation to the W.M. elect, after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Scott being requested to occupy the Senior Warden's chair and Bro. W. J. Fisher that of the Junior Warden. The ceremony proceeded through all its stages, and Bro. John C. Manning was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The lay brethren were then re-admitted, and the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. Bro. Manning then proceeded to appoint his officers, of which the following is a list: Bros. C. Lock, S.W.; P. W. Husk, J.W.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Perkins, P.M., Sec.; G. Tarran, S.D.; Bert. Striem, J.D.; Saml. James, I.G.; the Rev. S. Barras, Chap.; E. E. Peacock, P.M., D.C.; G. Peachey and R. S. Masson, A.D.Cs.; Brodie, Gowing, Bell, and Ribbons, Stwds. Bro. C. K. Moore, as Installing Master, then delivered the customary addresses to the newly-installed Master, the officers, and the brethren, and brought the ceremony to a conclusion with a very efficient rendering of the oration on the principles of Masonry. The W.M. then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. C. K. Moore with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which Bro. Moore acknowledged in suitable terms.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

At the conclusion of the repast, which was admirably served, the customary list of loyal and Masonic toasts was proceeded with.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," had been duly honoured,

Bro. Manning proposed the toast of "The Health of the Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Eve, P.G. Treas.

Bro. Eve, in reply, said that he felt it a great honour to be amongst them again. He had had the privilege of attending these meetings for some years, and he always came with renewed pleasure among a body of men who made themselves so useful to the "Fourth Estate" of the realm, and who had justified the granting of their warrant by gathering together so strong a lodge in such a few years from the date of the consecration. They had some good officers like Bro. Massey, who was so well up in Masonry that, while he was in the lodge it might be taken for granted that it was all right. Some might think that he (Bro. Eve) put himself too much in evidence in Grand Lodge, and he admitted that there were many there who hesitated to express views which he had thought it his duty to place before them, and he thought an examination of the previous Wednesday's proceedings would show that he was not wrong. He was sorry that the Press was not more strongly represented among the Grand Officers. Other professions had been duly recognised. The law had had plenty of consideration; physic also; divinity likewise; two Grand Officers from that class being appointed every year; the drama also was represented in Bro. Edward Terry; but he had had a difficulty in finding that there was anyone really representing the Press until recently. The drama was not indebted to the Grand Master, but to the Craft at large, for their representative. The Grand Treasurer's office was one of the most important, and, for himself, he would say that he would rather be the elect of the hundreds and thousands of the brethren, than be the selected of one, however eminent he might be. There were some noblemen of position amongst the Grand Officers, and there were some who would scarcely deign to attend in order to receive their collars. He thought the preference should be given to those who would attend. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which that toast had been received.

Bro. C. K. Moore, in proposing "The W.M.'s Health," said that he remembered an occasion at a Gallery Lodge installation that the outgoing Master wittily compared his position to that of the outgoing Lord Mayor on the 9th November, when the new Lord Mayor proceeded down Fleet-street in all the bravery of a gingerbread coach, preceded by bands of music and the glittering gaudiness of a civic show, while the old Lord Mayor brought up the rear unnoticed in the crowd of carriages that followed. His present position in the Gallery Lodge taught him to be meek, humble, and resigned. He was happy to be able to produce what was called the Masonic record of the W.M. Bro. Manning was a very old Mason; as long ago as 1803

he was advanced to the position of Master of the Keystone Lodge. On leaving South Wales for business purposes he was present at Bro. Manning's first visit to that lodge, when he was his (Bro. Moore's) guest, and he was so pleased that he begged to be proposed as a member; and it was a matter of no ordinary pleasure and pride that it had been his lot not only to be the first brother who brought their Master to the lodge, but had also been the Master to install him. Bro. Manning took a great interest in the lodge, even before he took office. He presented the lodge with a banner, which by some mistake was not now waving over his head. They had had plenty of English Masters, but last year they had a Scotch one, and now they had a Welsh one, and only further required an Irish Master to make the union of hearts complete. He was ashamed to say that Parliament had robbed the banquet of the presence of several brethren. The House of Commons was too apt to act thus towards the Gallery Lodge, as they had more than once before sat on a Saturday when the lodge had an installation meeting. He only hoped that they would not do much business. The lodge was doing good work in the Gallery, where it was making its influence felt. They had two initiates proposed that evening, one the son of P. M. Peacock, and when he came into the lodge the office of Organist would be no longer vacant. The other initiate proposed was Mr. Hobson, who came into the Gallery with a bad opinion of Masonry, but from what he had heard of the Gallery Lodge, and what it had done in regard to the Charities, and noting the brotherly feeling there was amongst its members, was now not only willing but anxious to join the lodge. Bro. Moore went on to say that he had known Bro. Manning in business, he had known him in private life, at the club as a public friend; in all these positions he had always known him as a good Mason, and as a good man, a man of good report, true and trusty, and held in high estimation amongst them, and in giving them the toast of the health of their W.M., Bro. Manning, he trusted that the great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to rule the lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren.

In reply, the W.M. said that among the many pleasing remarks that the I.P.M. had made about him, there was one little mistake with regard to his nationality—he was not a Welshman, though he had been made a Welsh Mason. He was initiated in a Welsh lodge, and he was not ashamed of the land of his adoption; but he was not a Welshman. He thought in any speech he might make that night he could say little beyond making promises, and promises were made to be broken, and as he could only promise what he would do as Master of the Gallery Lodge, he thought he had better leave his conduct as Master to speak for itself during his year of office. He could only thank them very sincerely for having placed him in that position. It was a position which he never dreamed of holding when he first became a member of the Gallery Lodge. On attending the lodge he was pleased; he seemed to have got into his element; he felt that the brethren about him had the same profession, interests and hopes; and as a journalist he felt that that was his home. The result was they had been good enough to respond to his desires; and having made him Worshipful Master he thanked them for doing so, and felt very proud indeed of his position. He had omitted to say that the lodge was founded in 1881 by seven founders, some of whom were present and some not, that seven had become 70, a mark of the prosperity of the lodge, and he hoped that nothing would be done by him to lessen its popularity, or endanger its progress, or prejudice its prosperity. Nothing could give him greater pleasure than to do everything in his power to further the interests of the lodge and the interests of the brethren in it. He thanked them for the cordial reception which they had given to the toast.

The next toast proposed by the Worshipful Master was "The Health of the I.P.M.," whom he had known for the past ten years. Bro. Moore had been an excellent Mason, in saying which he did not refer to the mere mechanical part of Masonry. He was not only an excellent mechanical Mason, but a man who observed the moralities of Masonry—an excellent Mason and a faithful friend, and it he met him for a hundred years more he should meet him the same excellent Mason and faithful friend that he had met him in the past. He had every pleasure in proposing the toast.

In reply, Bro. Moore said that the W.M. had spoken of the future; it only remained to the I.P.M. to speak of the past. His office had ended, and he thought he might say that the past year had been one of the most successful the lodge had ever had. Would they forgive him, as a Scotchman who looked at the "saxpences" and the "baubees," for referring to the fact that they had a balance of £50, and he thought that during the year no brother had wanted for anything. After dealing with further details interesting to the members, he concluded by thanking them for the cordiality with which they had drunk his health.

The next toast was "Success to the Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Robbins, the Secretary to the lodge Benevolent Fund, responded in an eloquent and practical speech.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," in doing which he said that it was a pleasure to him and the brethren to see numerous visitors sitting down and enjoying their hospitality. That was the true Masonic spirit. Sir Charles Dilke had said that the worst that could be said of Freemasons was that they ate good dinners, and were recognised all the world over as "jolly good fellows." But the Gallery Lodge did not wish to be recognised as jolly good fellows, but as persons guided by the true Masonic spirit of hospitality. He found they had 21 visitors that evening. He would not read them all, but would ask them to couple with the toast the names of Bros. Joyce, I.P.M. St. Stephen's Lodge; Verney, Col. Moore, and Christie Murray.

Each of the brethren named responded at considerable length, Bro. Christie Murray affording considerable amusement by recounting incidents which had occurred within his former experience of the House when a member of the Gallery staff.

A standing toast on the list of this lodge is "The Sister Lodge," which is No. 2190, the Savage Club Lodge. This was the next toast proposed, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. Fisher, its W.M., who responded, and, in doing so, suggested even a closer association of a few kindred lodges that already existed.

The other toasts proposed were "The Past Masters," for whom Bro. H. Massey responded; "The Officers of the Lodge," for whom Bros. Hook, J.W., and Peachey, on behalf of the S.W., replied.

A well-deserved toast was added—"The Health of the Musical Brethren"—who had delighted the brethren with a selection of glees, madrigals, and part songs, which won the admiration of everyone present.

Bro. Bevan returned thanks on behalf of himself and his three coadjutors.

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

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BURSLER.

St. Martin's Lodge (No. 98).—The annual festival of this lodge was held (by dispensation) on Wednesday, the 20th inst. (instead of the third Tuesday in the month—the day fixed by the by-laws) at the Town Hall, Burslem, when Bro. A. Boulton, who had served the office of S.W. during the preceding 12 months, was installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony of installation was performed in a most efficient manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Scarratt, assisted by Bros. R. Dain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; F. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Pearson, P.M.; W. Garner, P.M.; J. Pierpoint, P.M.; J. Mason, P.M.; and J. Godwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The other brethren present included Bros. T. R. Pedley, P.M.; H. B. Hancock, W.M. 451; J. Wearing, W.M. 2064; R. Tooth, P.M. 637; G. Hollins, P.G.D. Cheshire; R. Benbow, P.M. 451, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Beech, J.W.; T. Saunders, S.D.; R. Owen, J.D.; W. H. Emery, I.G.; and about 30 other members and visiting brethren. One of the most interesting features of the gathering was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. Garner, as a mark of the high regard entertained for him by the members of the lodge, and a token of their appreciation of the admirable manner in which the duties of the office of Worshipful Master had been discharged by Bro. Garner during an arduous and, in some respects, a trying year of office. The W.M., in making the presentation, gave full expression to the feelings of the brethren, and heartily congratulated Bro. Garner upon the high, but well-deserved honour conferred upon him—an honour all the greater because it had, up to the present, only been conferred upon very few of his predecessors. Bro. Garner expressed his acknowledgments in a few brief but telling remarks, and at the close of the lodge was heartily congratulated by the individual members.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Town Hall, where the banquet was served, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

HANLEY.

Menturia Lodge (No. 418).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Edmund Jones was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of about 90 brethren, including many visitors from other lodges. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. David Jones, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. J. B. Piercy, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Brandon, P.P.G.R.; H. Windle, P.P.J.G.D.; E. V. Greabach, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Tunnicliffe, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; E. B. Jackson, P.P.G.S.B.; and E. Devereux, P.M. The following appointments were made: Bros. Jas. Taylor Howson, P.G. Std. Br.; S.W.; John Allerton, J.W.; the Rev. E. C. Lacey, M.A., Chap.; William Tunnicliffe, Treas.; Charles F. Baker, Sec.; Samuel Salt, S.D.; John Pennington, J.D.; Wm. Hampton, P.P.G. Std., Dir. of Cers.; Wm. Edwards, A.C.O., Org.; T. C. Slaney, I.G.; John Munro and Charles Elphinstone, Stewards; and William Wood, Tyler. In addition to those mentioned above there were also present: Bros. J. Bromley, 418, P.P.G.S.W.; J. M. Wood, 2487, P.G.R.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.R.; R. Tooth, 2214, P.P.G.R.; the Rev. E. D. Boothman, 2149, P.P.G.C.; F. Mountford, 460, P.P.S.G.D.; H. C. Farnam, 637, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Goodwin, 98, P.P.G.S.; F. Weston, 98, P.P.G.S.; John Scarratt, W.M. 98; Thos. Edwards, W.M. 460; R. Williams, W.M. 637; W. J. W. Heath, W.M. 2149; Louis Taylor, W.M. 2214; Arthur Boulton, W.M. elect 98; John Mason, P.M. 93; J. Beardmore, P.M. 418; W. Torrance, P.M. 456; G. W. Bradford, P.M. 2149; C. Adams, 2149; T. Hampton, 418, and others.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Munro.

After dinner, the loyal toasts were honoured.

Bro. Allerton proposed "The Health of the W.D.P. G.M., Col. Bindley, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," on whose behalf Bros. J. T. Howson and J. M. Wood responded.

Bro. Piercy proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said in enrolling members they were careful not to admit persons in needy circumstances with a view of bettering their position in life. But there were instances in which brethren who had nobly fought the battle of life became reduced, from circumstances beyond their control, to poverty and distress. To such as those a helping hand was extended, and they were assisted in no niggardly spirit through the Masonic Charities. It was not possible to find any other institution which contributed so much as £50,000 a year in support of Charities in London. For the last six years the average collection per annum had been for the Girls' School, £15,916; Boys' School, £15,789; the aged, £22,482; making a yearly average of £54,197 purely voluntary contributions. He went on to say that good work was being done in the Girls' School. Thanks to the great exertions of Bros. Greabach and Tunnicliffe, the Boys' School was re-organised three years ago, and the boys were well clothed, fed, and educated. He appealed to them for additional funds for the Institution for the aged. Staffordshire had 1254 votes for the Boys' School, 963 for the Girls', and 905 for the aged. In Cheshire a Benevolent Association had been formed for that province, and £3200 had been raised, and last week two aged Masons were elected to be recipients of an annuity of £20 each. He suggested the formation of a similar fund for the Province of Staffordshire.

Bro. H. Windle, in a few appropriate remarks, responded.

Some other toasts, including "The Health of the W.M." and "The Visitors" were drunk.

Several brethren contributed vocal music and recitations, and the evening was spent very pleasantly.

MIRFIELD.

Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. H. Hare, P.M. (in the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Milner, who was to the regret of the brethren, unavoidably detained at Leeds), assisted by Bros. W. H. Wilson, S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Wilkinson, J.W.; F. J. Crowther, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Sutcliffe, Sec.; J. Jessop, S.D.; A. C. Lister, J.D.; T. Lang, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., as Tyler; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Walmsley, P.M.; J. France, T. G. Howell, Wm. Beaumont, P.M.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M.; H. Cockell, A. E. Fearnley, W. Wilson, P.M.; and W. Rushworth. Visitors: Bros. T. Buckland, P.M.; J. Rhodes, P.M.; T. Maude, W.M.; H. Littlewood, S.W.; S. A. Radcliffe, Sec.; J. Brook, S.D. 1231; H. Rickard, 61; J. Sykes, W.M., and W. Riley, 1574; J. F. Simpson, 448; R. Hall, J.W. 258; J. F. Thompson, 1482; J. Peace, 208; W. Forrest, P.M. 37, 221, P.P.G.D. East Lancashire.

After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. W. H. Wilson, W.M. elect was presented by Bros. T. B. Fairclough, P.M., and W. Wilson, P.M., for installation to Bro. F. H. Hare. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Wilson was duly installed in the chair of K.S., in the presence of 15 Past Masters, by Bro. F. H. Hare, P.M. Bro. Beaumont, P.M. was invested as I.P.M. on behalf of Bro. Milner, and the address was given by Bro. John Barker, P.M. Bro. Milner the outgoing W.M. having arrived, took up the installation ceremony from this point, and proclaimed Bro. Wilson as W.M., and Bros. Thos. Lang, P.M., P.D.P.G. Dir. of Cers., F. J. Crowther, P.M., and W. Beaumont, P.M., gave the working tools. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. W. H. Wilkinson, S.W.; C. E. Sutcliffe, J.W.; T. Lang, P.M., P.D.P.G.D. of Cers., Treas.; J. Jessop, Sec.; J. W. Watson, S.D.; A. C. Lister, J.D.; T. G. Howell, I.G.; F. H. Hare, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; H. Cockill, Org.; John France, Tyler; W. Rushworth and A. E. Fearnley, Stewards. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, were given by Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., who was re-elected Charity Member of the lodge. Auditors and Lodge Committee were duly elected. Bro. John Barker, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. T. G. Howell, I.G., for his having painted, &c., the lodge room at his own expense. This was seconded and carried.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was duly closed.

All Masonic business having been ended, the brethren adjourned to a banquet as excellent in quality as bounteous in supply, provided by Bro. W. Rushworth. To each brother was given by the W.M. a button-hole of a tea rose, his favourite flower.

At the termination of the banquet, the brethren honoured the usual toasts, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening, with the aid of short speeches and music and recitations rendered by Bros. Buckland, Rickard, Riley, and Miles, with Bro. J. Sykes at the piano. Songs were also given by Bros. Forrest and Pickles.

The W.M. set the example of brevity in proposing the toasts of "The Queen" and also "The Grand Lodge," which were duly honoured.

Bro. James Barker, P.M., proposed "The Prov. G.M., Bro. W. L. Jackson, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. H. Smith; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

This was replied to by Bro. T. Lang, P.M., who referred to the loss the province had sustained in the resignation of the late P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, but doubted not that under the new head West Yorkshire would still continue to prosper.

Bro. Milner, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed his regret at not being able to be present to do the whole of the ceremony—stating that he had known the W.M. for many years, had been intimately acquainted with him during all that time, and paid a high compliment to his known uprightness and integrity, and expressed his conviction that he would worthily fill the office into which he had been installed.

This toast was honoured with enthusiasm.

The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for placing him in such an important position, and also having respected his temperance principles, no one having in any way tried to tempt him to depart from them even on such an important occasion as that, and though he did not wish to push these principles to the front he hoped that some other of the brethren would copy his example, and he assured them all he would do the best to forward the well-being and prosperity of the lodge.

The next toast was proposed by Bro. John Barker, P.M., who, on rising, said that he felt sure the brethren would receive what he had to propose with pleasure, it was "The Health of Bro. Joshua Milner, I.P.M." The motto to that toast was: "He is worthy of all praise," and nothing could be truer and more appropriate; in every way had Bro. Milner striven to promote the welfare and prosperity of the lodge and it was with the deepest regret of all the brethren that he had been prevented taking that active part in the ceremony of the day which he had intended to do.

Bro. Milner suitably responded to the toast.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was proposed by Bro. W. H. Wilkinson, J.W., and duly acknowledged.

Bro. Wm. Wilson had the toast of "The Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, and its Officers," entrusted to him.

Bro. C. E. Sutcliffe, J.W., replied.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. T. B. Fairclough, P.M., and was responded to by Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., who gave a brief resumé of the work done by these grand Institutions, pointing out the number of annuitants, boys and girls and their cost, the amount raised by the Craft during the past 11 years, also the amount subscribed by West Yorkshire during the same time, the benefits that province was receiving, and wound up by an earnest appeal for support. That this was readily responded to is shown by the following list of subscriptions, viz.: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Wm. Wilson, P.M., £10 10s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. John France, £10 10s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. Wm. Wilson, P.M., £10 10s.; Bro. Joshua Milner, P.M., £10 10s.; Bro. W. Bailey, P.M., £10 10s.; W. H. Wilson, W.M., £10 10s.; and T. G. Howell, I.G., £10 10s.; total, £73 10s.

The Tyler's toast, which was proposed by Bro. Barker, brought to an end one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings ever held in connection with this lodge.

Royal Arch.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Morris Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 14th instant, when there were present, among others, Comps. Austin, M.E.Z.; Sims, H.; Dennis, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z.; P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; George Everett, P.Z.; P.G. Treas., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P. G.P.S.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. W. Westley, P.Z.; and H. Salter, P.Z. Comp. Arter, 1572, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Dowling, P.Z.; Buxton, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the usual toasts briefly.

Comp. G. Everett responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the First Principal" having been duly proposed, Comp. Austin said a few words in reply.

The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" followed, to which Comps. Sims and Dennis suitably replied.

"The Health of the Past Principals" was coupled with the names of Comps. Lardner and Salter, who suitably acknowledged the compliment.

In giving the toast of "The Scribe E. and Treasurer," the M.E.Z. said that a great deal of the prosperity of the chapter was due to the exertions of those highly respected and well-known Masons, Comps. Higgins and Everett. A more painstaking S.E. could not be found than the former companion, and as to the latter, volumes might be spoken in his praise.

Comp. Higgins said that he felt deeply the more than kind words uttered by the M.E.Z. He had endeavoured during the whole of his Masonic life to carry out whatever duties that might fall to his lot, to the best of his ability.

Comp. Everett said that he felt too unwell to speak that night, more than to express to the companions his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

During the evening, Comps. Arter, Lundie and Lardner, instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Between 20 and 30 children who remain at school during the holidays were well cared for on Christmas Day, the traditional turkeys, plum puddings, and mince pies, with the equally traditional new coins artfully concealed therein, being thoughtfully provided for their sustenance and entertainment, with oranges and crackers, and various games to follow. Bros. Frank Richardson, J. H. Matthews, C. Hammerton, H. A. Hunt, and Sir John Monckton attended as members of the House Committee, and were ably assisted in their endeavours to amuse the children by Miss A. C. Buck, the Matron, and Miss E. Hinson, the Governess in charge. Altogether, a very cheery, happy day was spent in rooms suitably decorated for the purpose. The usual Twelfth Night entertainment will shortly take place.

Scotland.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN SCOTIA.

The West of Scotland College held a meeting on Monday, the 18th inst., in St. John's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, R.W. Frater D. R. Clark, M.A., IX°, Junior Sub-Magus, Master of the Temple, presiding, assisted by Frater W. S. Hunter, VI°, Deputy Master; T. R. Richards, VI°, Treas. and Sec.; J. W. Ruddock, IV°, 1st A.; J. Foulds, II°, 2nd A.; J. A. S. Kerr, III°, 3rd A.; W. M. Denholm, III°, acting 4th A.; J. McNaught Campbell, II°, acting Conductor of Novices; J. Carruthers, II°, acting Guardian of the Temple; J. McQueen Barr, III°, Herald; and W. Ross, Acolyte.

The college having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and sanctioned, the Secretary read a letter from R.W. Frater J. Dalrymple Duncan, IX°, Supreme Magus, stating that he was sorry he could not fulfil his promise to be present, but would endeavour to do so at the next meeting. Apologies for absence were also read from Frater Rev. Frank Matthews, J. Sanderson, J. Smith, J. G. Coupland, W. Falconer, F. W. Larer, and Emile Berger. Thereafter Messrs. J. P. Laidlaw, C. E. Stromeyer, J. Murray, and Daniel Murray petitioned to be admitted into the college. There being no objection, they were duly received and instructed in the First Grade. This concluded, the college was closed.

The death is announced of the well-known sculptor, Mr. W. F. Woodington, A.R.A., the sad event having occurred on Christmas Eve, at his residence in Hayter-road, Brixton-hill, in the 88th year of his age. Mr. Woodington executed one of the reliefs—the Battle of the Nile—for the Nelson Monument, and also the very beautiful bas-reliefs for the chapel containing the Wellington Monument in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The usual efforts to provide as pleasant a Christmas as possible for the inmates of the different Metropolitan Hospitals, were successfully made by the medical and nursing staffs, and the patients at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, the Middlesex and London Hospitals, and the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond-street, were made as happy as the state of their ailments would allow. The child patients especially were delighted with the entertainments, and, above all, with the toys which were forthcoming for their delectation.



The Prince of Wales has sent a donation of £25 payable out of the Duchy of Cornwall Revenues towards the "William Liddon Memorial Fund."

The Sublime Porte has signified to her Majesty's government its approval of the appointment of Sir Philip Currie as Ambassador at Constantinople, in place of Sir Clare Ford, who has been transferred to Rome.

The Duke of York has addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Royal London Yacht Club, of which his Royal Highness is Commodore, requesting him to express his thanks to the members for the wedding present of a tea table made by them, and lately received at York House.

At the monthly meeting of the Etruscan Lodge, No. 546, Longton, Bro. J. E. Hocken, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place on the 11th January, and a Masonic ball, will be given under the banner of the lodge on the 24th of the same month.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of York, was present at the annual distribution of beef, on the 23rd inst., to the labourers on the Royal Estate at Sandringham. His Royal Highness has also given a donation of £100 to the recently formed Devon and Cornwall Miners' Accident Fund.

Brethren are invited to send for the list of Masonic Books published at the office of the *Freemason*. Many works of interest both to the Masonic student and general reader have recently been added, and the publisher will gladly forward a copy to any address on receipt of a post-card.

On Boxing Day, Bro. Earl Cowper, as Chairman of the Herts County Council and High Bailiff of the Borough of Hertford, formally opened to the public for ever the Mill Bridge, in the town of Hertford, which, by the joint action of the Courts and Council and Borough Corporation, has been freed from toll at a cost of £800.

H.M.S. Resolution, which left Plymouth on the 18th instant to join the Mediterranean Squadron, encountered such a terrific gale in the Bay of Biscay, that she was compelled to put back to Queenstown, where she arrived on the 23rd instant. The torpedo-catcher Gleaner, which accompanied the Resolution, took shelter in a French port.

The Earl of Denbigh, as Lieut.-Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company, has made known to the regiment his entire satisfaction at its increased efficiency as shown by the returns of the past year, the per centage of efficiencies having increased a little over two per cent., and the musketry efficiencies from 91.5 to 96.01.

The Dockyard Authorities at Sheerness have begun the construction of two gunboats, to be named the Alert and the Torch, which will be of an entirely new type from designs furnished by Mr. W. H. White, C.B., Chief Naval Constructor, and will be employed on foreign service. It is intended that they shall be ready for commission early in 1895, and my Lords have sanctioned the expenditure of £25,000 upon them during the current financial year.

It is satisfactory to learn that the strength of the first-class Army Reserve is greatly in excess of what it was at the corresponding period of 1892, there being indeed an increase of fully 5000, the total number now liable to be called up for service being 79,000, of which 6600 are cavalry, 8700 artillery, 2000 engineers, 4800 footguards, and 52,000 infantry of the line, the rest being available for the Army Service and Medical Staff Corps.

Bro. J. Rowe has been elected W.M. of Mount Sinai Lodge, Penzance.

EMPIRE THEATRE.—Owing to the prevailing distress, the directors beg to announce a matinee, under distinguished patronage, on the 31st prox., for the benefit of the poor women and children of London. In addition to this, a subscription list will be opened, and all contributions gratefully acknowledged by E. J. Conlon, Esq., Hon. Sec., Empire Theatre, and lists from time to time will be published in the Press. Many of the leading artists have kindly offered their services for this good cause, and the list of patrons and programmes will be shortly announced.

THE NEW CLOCK AT ST. PAUL'S.—The ceremony of starting the new clock of St. Paul's was performed last week by Miss Alice Gregory, the daughter of Dean Gregory, in the presence of the resident clergy, the choir, and a few visitors. A short dedication service was conducted in the clock tower by the Dean and the Rev. Canon Newbolt. Shortly before its conclusion, and precisely at twelve o'clock, Miss Gregory pulled a cord and set the clock in motion, the hours being chimed on what is known as Phelps' Bell. The clock was designed by Lord Grimthorpe, who also was the designer of that at St. Stephen's. The new clock has been made by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Derby, and some twelve months were devoted to its manufacture. It is divided into three parts, the main frame being of cast-iron and 19ft. in length. This frame is laid on two wrought-iron girders, 28ft. long, built into the east and west walls of the south-west tower. The hammer, which strikes on Phelps' bell, weighs 2 cwt., the pendulum being 15ft. long and weighing 7 cwt. There are three dials, facing respectively Ludgate-hill, St. Paul's Churchyard, and Cannon-street. Each dial is 17ft. in diameter, and the central part of each will be lighted at night. The figures on the dial are 2ft. 9in. in length. The minute hand is 9ft. 6in. long, and the hour hand 5ft. The clock is the largest in the kingdom.

A GRAND SPECULATION, in these days of financial unrest, is a rare thing for people with spare capital to come across. It is, therefore, refreshing to know that in purchasing a box of Hollway's Pills good value for money can be obtained. They never fail to give instant relief from pain, and no disease can long withstand their purifying influence. A few appropriate doses at the proper period will prevent many a more serious illness. Their primary action is upon the blood, stomach, liver, kidneys, and bowels. Their secondary action strengthens the nervous centres. No drug can be so harmless, yet so antagonistic to disorders caused by brain worry. The most perfect reliance may be placed upon their regulating and renovating virtues.

On Friday last the new hall which has been presented to the St. Clair Lodge, Dysart, by the Earl of Rosslyn, R.W.M., was inaugurated by Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple. After the inauguration ceremony a banquet was held in the hall.

"Great Thoughts" for January 6th, 1894, will contain an article on Walt Whitman, the celebrated American poet, by Dr. R. F. Horton; and with the same number will be presented an hitherto unpublished portrait of Mr. Gladstone, which will be printed on plate paper.

Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-book for the year 1894. (G. Kenning, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields).—This little book is well stored with matter most useful to Masons for purposes of reference. A great mass of information, most conveniently arranged, is given in its pages, and it will be found, as in former years, a most useful little book.—*Morning Advertiser*.

Lord Methuen has made known the results of the year's class firing in the 44 volunteer corps included in the Home District, the honour of being the best shot being shared between Colour-Sergeant A. W. Lancaster, 1st V.B. Royal Fusiliers, and Orderly Room Sergeant W. Giles, 17th Middlesex Rifles, who was best shot in 1892, with a total score of 221 points, the best shooting corps being, for the second year in succession, the 1st Bucks Rifles, whose figure of merit is 222.73, and for recruits 152.97.

In conveying to Bro. A. B. Hudson their thanks for his services in the chair, the Committee of the Bridge House Estates make use of the following words: "The Committee congratulate their worthy Chairman upon the progress that has been made during his year of office in the erection of the Tower Bridge, a work with which he has been connected for the past eight years, and in which he has taken the greatest interest, and they join with him in the satisfaction he must feel at the approaching completion of that great work."

On Friday, the 22nd inst., the members of the Friendship and Zetland Lodges at Cleckheaton entertained the aged people of the town to tea in the Town Hall, in accordance with annual custom. The number present was 108, and there are about 30 others who could not attend, but to whom a Christmas parcel was sent. After tea the old folks were supplied with fruit, tobacco, &c., and a musical entertainment was given by members of the lodges and Miss Littlewood and Miss Jowett. Each guest received a parcel on leaving, containing a spice loaf, tea, &c., and a shilling, the gift of Mr. Alfred Law.

"Mallett," in the *Glasgow Evening News* says: "A compromise is likely to be effected in the dispute between the Defensive Bank Mark and Chair Lodge, and the Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter of Scotland, on the recommendation from the Supreme Committee that should the Lodge surrender its warrant and cease to work the 'Chair Degree,' a charter be granted to the members to constitute a Royal Arch Chapter, with permission to 'exalt,' at a modified fee, for registration and diploma, such of the members of the lodge as are not Royal Arch Masons. Should the recommendation be approved at the meeting of the Supreme Chapter to-night it will be a very happy solution of a vexed subject."

DRURY LANE THEATRE.—From the following letter which has been sent to the press, it will be seen that the expiration of the ground lease of Drury Lane Theatre does not, as has been generally expected, involve the removal of the building. The lease is to be renewed, and the theatre to remain. Sir,—The impression seems to be abroad that "Robinson Crusoe," produced last night at Drury Lane Theatre, is not only the last pantomime to be given during the present lease, but that the theatre is to come down. I shall therefore be obliged if you will allow me to explain through the medium of your columns that his Grace the Duke of Bedford has kindly agreed to renew my tenancy, and it only remains for certain formalities—such as making plans, &c.—to be carried out before I receive the lease, which I have been officially notified is being prepared.—I am, Sir, yours obediently,—AUGUSTUS HARRIS.—Theatre Royal, Drury-lane, 27 Dec., 1893.

The usual entertainments for the amusement of the public were forthcoming on Boxing Day, pantomime being in the ascendant at many of the London theatres, but more especially in the provinces, Old Drury taking the lead with the pantomime of "Robinson Crusoe," the joint production of Bros. Harry Nicholls and Sir Augustus Harris. The house was crowded from floor to ceiling, and the delight of the audience, more particularly with the grand spectacular displays, being both heartily and frequently manifested during the evening. "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Crystal Palace was also deservedly well received, while at Bath, Brighton, Bradford, Sheffield, Edinburgh, Leeds, Bristol, and other leading provincial towns and cities, the pantomime fare provided was excellent in its character, and greatly appreciated by the audiences which had the good fortune to witness them. The principal music-halls and such other places of entertainment as Madame Tussauds, the Egyptian Hall, &c., provided popular programmes, and were well patronised.

One of the greatest attractions at the Chicago Exhibition was the exhibit of the American Ostrich Company, which has recently established farms in California, for the purpose of rearing, as is done in South Africa, ostriches for the cultivation of the feathers. The Chicago exhibit is now en route for this country, having been especially imported by the Royal Aquarium. The birds will number 25, in age varying from one to 12 years, every stage of development will, therefore, be seen. As the process of hatching is conducted artificially, the incubators and various appliances which are actually working will be on view, and can be watched by the visitor. Explanatory lectures will be delivered frequently during the day. It is estimated that the farm was visited at Chicago by upwards of two millions of people. The feathers are found in the ostrich's wings, there being on each 104 feathers, the under ones white, the others grey. The birds are very savage, one of those in the farm recently killed a man with a blow of its feet. These birds are plucked every 10 months, the best feathers being worth from 15 to 20 dollars each. The task of importing them has been extremely difficult and hazardous, the process being to heed each bird when taken on board ship.

The Duke of Fife, K.T., has kindly consented to preside at the thirtieth anniversary banquet of the Homes for Little Boys, Farningham and Swanley, at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Métropole, on Saturday, March 3rd next.

The Duchess of Albany and her children, the Duke of Albany and Princess Alice, took part in the annual festival of the Esher National Sunday Schools on Thursday, her Royal Highness distributing a number of prizes to the scholars.

On Thursday the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their children drove from Bagshot Mansion in the Queen's Sefton-and-four to Windsor Castle and took luncheon at the Palace. Their Royal Highnesses afterwards visited the Albert and St. George's Chapels. The Dean of Windsor and Bishop Barry were in attendance.

The Queen and her Grand Ducal Highness Princess Louise of Battenberg drove out on Thursday afternoon, attended by the Dowager Lady Churchill; and her Majesty went out this (Friday) morning, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Princess Louise and Princess Beatrice and her Grand Ducal Highness Princess Louise of Battenberg.

The new volume of "Helping Words" commences with a capital list of writers. The January issue, with which will be given a charming coloured plate, entitled "The Three Graces," will have contributions by Mrs. C. E. C. Weigall, Miss Sarah Doudney, Rev. E. Griffith-Jones, Miss Evelyn Everett-Green, the author of "How to be Happy though Married," Mrs. Evered Poole, and others.

The Fairfield Lodge, No. 2290, on the 22nd inst. entertained 200 of the poor children of Long Eaton to a capital dinner of roast beef and plum pudding in the new Board School on Sawley-road. After dinner an entertainment of a suitable character was given, including ventriloquists and a company of minstrels. At the close each child was presented with a bag containing a mince pie and an orange.

On Thursday the Bishop of Lichfield dedicated a chancel screen, which has been placed in Patshull Church, near Wolverhampton, to the memory of the late Earl of Dartmouth, his brother. The screen is of handsome design, and adds much to the beauty of the church, upon which the late Earl, during the last 20 years, spent nearly £60,000. The gift was presented by the Earl of Bradford on behalf of the subscribers.

General his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, commanding the Aldershot Division, has given orders that every facility is to be given to non-commissioned officers and men who wish to be present at divine service on New Year's Eve. Passes are to be granted from tattoo on the 31st inst. until 1 a.m. on the 1st prox. Col. T. Kelly-Kenny on Thursday assumed the duties of Assistant-Adjutant-General at Aldershot.

Two minutes, one dated December 2nd and the other December 4th, 1778, have, I believe, been discovered in the archives of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, which would seem to prove that this branch of Masonry was first introduced into Scotland by the members of Lodge Scoon and Perth. The first minute states that "This day (December 2nd, 1778), the compliment of six sundry steps in Masonry was offered to the office-bearers of St. Stephen's Lodge by sundry of the brethren from the ancient Lodge of Perth and Scoon." The minute of December 4th, 1778, says, "This night being set apart by the brethren of Perth and Scoon Lodge, in order to confer upon the office-bearers of St. Stephen's Lodge the following degrees of Masonry, viz.: Excellent and Super-Excellent Mason, Arch and Royal Arch Masons, and, lastly, Knights of Malta, there was then at that time admitted into the order, &c." The discovery, which is due to the exertions of Bro. A. J. Stephenson, P.M. Scoon and Perth, No. 3, will form a valuable item in the history of the lodge (No. 3), at present being prepared by Bro. Crawford Smith.—*Mallett*.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF A NEW CHURCH.—On Wednesday afternoon the foundation-stone of the new church of St. John the Evangelist at Boscombe, Bournemouth, was laid by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), supported by about 250 brethren from all parts of the Province. There had not been a similar Masonic function since the laying of the foundation-stone of the Peterborough Cathedral, and much interest was therefore taken in the event. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the St. George's Hall. Thence, after voting 20 guineas to the building fund of the church, the brethren marched in procession to the site of the new church. On arrival there, the brethren opened to the right and left, forming an avenue for the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Le Feuvre, to pass through, preceded by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer and the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the Provincial Grand Officers and brethren. The clergy and Building Committee received the Provincial Grand Master, and conducted him to the dais. As the procession passed, the choir sang the Old Hundredth. The Prov. Grand Master having taken his position, the brethren bearing the vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil, together with the mallet and trowel, deposited these on the pedestal placed for their reception. Bro. the Rev. S. A. Selwyn, vicar of St. John's, and formerly vicar of St. James's, Hatcham, addressed the assembly, and the stone was then laid by Bro. Beach, who afterwards addressed the brethren and the general assemblage. The procession subsequently returned to St. George's Hall, where Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Hotel Burlington to lunch, the Prov. Grand Master presiding. The architect of the new church is Bro. C. T. Miles, and the builder is Bro. Nelson Jenkins. The cost will be about £14,000, and the church will accommodate 1100 persons. The site for the church was given by Sir G. Meyrick, and Sir Henry Drummond Wolff gave up a lease of a portion of the ground. During the proceedings in Prov. Grand Lodge, the Prov. Grand Master presented a copy of the portrait of himself, which was presented to him by the Masons of the province two years ago, and afterwards exhibited at the Royal Academy.

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