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THE BELFAST MASONIC WIDOWS' FUND.

We are so taken up with the attention which our Central Masonic Charitable Institutions in London are justly entitled to that we are apt to lose sight of the claims of other institutions of a similar character, which are of less importance only because the area of their duties is more restricted. In the case of the Irish Institutions this is perhaps not so much to be wondered at. Irish Masons do not seem to object to furnish accounts of their proceedings to the ordinary daily and weekly press, but no such favour is shown to the Masonic periodicals, and it is only through the kindness of an influential Irish brother that we have been enabled this year to lay before our readers reports of certain important meetings of the Craft the other side of St. George's Channel and the Charities which are associated with it. Within the last few days we have been favoured with a copy of the annual report of the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund. The Institution completed an existence of 24 years on the 31st December, 1896, and it is with the utmost satisfaction that we describe, from the report itself and the particulars appended thereto, the important services it has rendered, during the year 1896 particularly and the period that has elapsed since its establishment. Firstly, as regards the year 1896, the report shows that on comparing the incomes for the years 1895 and 1896, that of the latter exceeded the 1895 income by upwards of £40, there being an increase in the subscriptions from the County of Antrim, in interest on invested capital, and in miscellaneous, and a decrease in subscriptions from County Down and Donations, the total income for 1895 being £1035, and for 1896 £1077. During the latter year there were 95 widows and their families assisted, the total of the grants distributed amongst them being £779, of which £665 was awarded amongst 79 widows from the Province of Antrim, and £115 among 16 widows from County Down. The general expenses slightly exceeded £41, of which all but £5 for rent of Committee Room was disbursed for Printing, Stationery, and Postage. The Capital Account shows a total of £5932, all of which, with the exception of two trifling amounts, has been laid out to considerable advantage in mortgage. During the whole period of 24 years which has elapsed since the Fund was established, we find that the total sum received is within a fraction of £15,950, of which £8627 is in respect of Donations and Subscriptions; £4150 in respect of Fancy Fair and Bazaar, Legacy, and Miscellaneous sources; and £3172 for interest on investments.

The amount expended in grants, &c., for general expenses, and investments is £15,108, the total of the grants being £8591, inclusive of a donation of £100 to the Masonic Female Orphan Schools; £585 for General Expenses; and £5932, as before stated, on investments; the balance in hand at the close of the year 1896 being £841. These figures show that this Fund during the period of its existence has been conferring great benefits on the widows and families of a large number of worthy brethren, while the Committee of Management must have fulfilled their duties ably, in order to have been able to accumulate so considerable an amount of capital.

We gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity which the receipt of this 24th annual report of the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund has afforded us of laying this information before our readers. No one has ever doubted that our Irish brethren are as strict in the discharge of their Masonic duties and as generous in dispensing help to unfortunate brethren and their families as are those in other jurisdictions, but the jealous care with which all information respecting the doings of Irish Masonic bodies, as we mentioned at the commencement of this article, is kept from the Masonic press, though freely enough communicated to the general public press, will explain why it is that the English brethren are so unfamiliar with these Irish Charitable organisations and the admirable duties which they are engaged in discharging. We have, of course, heard every now and then of the successes achieved by the Orphan Girls' and Boys' Schools in Dublin, the former of which was founded only a few years after, and will compare favourably with, our English Girls' Institution in London, and we trust that it may not be long before we are at least as well informed as to the good that is being done in the Provinces of Antrim and Down. We heartily congratulate the brethren in those parts on the very satisfactory report for 1896 with which we have been favoured.

"SOME ANTIQUE TOPICS."

Under this title the *Voice of Masonry* for October has a long extract from the Report on Correspondence compiled by Bro. W. H. UPTON, and appended to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, at its annual meeting during the present year. To this report we have more than once had occasion to refer as being in the nature of a model of what such reports should be, that is to say, as containing more in the way of criticism and less in wholesale quotation from other correspondence than is to be found in a majority of the reports on correspondence which it has been our privilege to wade through. Curiously enough, among the "antique topics," in the extract we are considering, will be found sundry to which pointed reference was made in the Paper on Degrees which Bro. W. J. HUGHAN read before Lodge Quatuor Coronati on the 24th June last, and the remarks thereon by Bros. R. F. GOULD and Dr. W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY. For instance, in reference to this particular question of Degrees and their antiquity, Bro. UPTON mentions that in the Colorado Report on Correspondence Bro. LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF contributes the following interesting bit of evidence on the subject, "June 24, 1734—so soon after the organisation of Masonry in America, but seventeen years after the organisation of the first Grand Lodge of the world, and four years before the appearance of the second edition of ANDERSON'S Constitutions—the first in which he alludes to three degrees—is a discourse delivered apparently at Boston, Massachusetts, the speaker,

besides alluding to the great antiquity of Freemasonry, after quoting from Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, said: 'They (the Freemasons) know also that by the third heaven or paradise is figured out the third and chief degree of Masonry.'" After pointing out that the name of the speaker is not mentioned, and suggesting that it might "furnish a clue to further light, to know where and when—whether thus recently or not—the orator had been made a Mason," Bro. UPTON proceeds to express his belief "that the legend of the third degree was used long before 1717," as well as his confidence in DERMOTT'S allegation that "those who, in 1716-17, revived the quarterly communications, which developed in a few years into the first Grand Lodge, and Dr. ANDERSON, who joined them later, were very rusty, and were ignorant of 'the Master's part'—whatever that was, whether the secret part of the installation ceremony or something else—and of other parts of Masonry that had been better preserved in other parts of England or in Ireland than in London or Scotland." We recommend Bro. UPTON'S attention to the remarks made with reference to "the date of the M.M. Degree" by Bro. CRAWLEY in the course of his criticism of Bro. HUGHAN'S Paper on Degrees. He says very justly that "any investigation of this date must be incomplete unless accompanied or preceded by an investigation of its genesis," and that when we have succeeded in ascertaining the source of the legend we shall have gone a long way towards determining the date of the degree. The coincidences between Lord BACON'S fantasy of King SOLOMON'S House and the accredited legend of Dr. DESAGULIERS' time are striking. The two narratives must have been derived from a common source, or the later hierophant must have borrowed from his predecessor." Bro. CRAWLEY also mentions that "elaborate models of the Temple and of the Tabernacle were being exhibited in London" about 1723-4, and proved very popular, and he further suggests that "it is from this line of inquiry that fresh light is more likely to be thrown on the question of Degrees than from either the *Book of Constitutions* or Lodge Minutes."

Again Bro. GOULD, to judge from certain remarks in his contribution towards the general discussion on Bro. HUGHAN'S paper, does not appear to attach a very great degree of credit to many of the statements which are to be found in Dr. ANDERSON'S 1738 edition of the "Book of Constitutions." Thus he points out in connection with one very important matter that "the two versions of the same law"—namely, the new law relating to the "Making of Masters"—"which are given in the Minutes of Grand Lodge of November, 1725, and in the 'Constitutions' of 1738 respectively, are irreconcilable," and he adds "To one or the other we must, therefore, accord the preference, and upon which of them our choice ought to settle there would appear to myself, that is to say, if we proceed by historical methods, no room for any difference of opinion"—Dr. ANDERSON, as Bro. GOULD had previously been at the pains of pointing out, having been absent from the meeting of Grand Lodge at which the law was passed. Similarly outspoken is Bro. UPTON as to the degree of confidence that should be placed in many of ANDERSON'S statements in the 1738 Constitutions. After explaining that ANDERSON'S second edition of the Constitutions was "distinctly a controversial pamphlet and pointing out, in reply to a question of Bro. GREENLEAF, that we possess "fuller information of the old records, traditions, and lodge books than were accessible to him," Bro. UPTON delivers himself of the following clear and unsophisticated declaration: "But more important than all, we know some of the versions"—that is of the Old Charges—"which he used and know affirmatively, that he *did not* correctly 'digest' them, and that he added ideas of his own which had no basis in the original. We also know that in his 'New Regulations' he did not correctly copy or interpret the minutes of his own Grand Lodge; and that the changes which he made in the Old Charges in the 1738 edition were still wider departures from the manuscript versions than those he made in his first edition and were in some cases made for partisan purposes." And in the very next paragraph but one, Bro. UPTON proceeds to remark—"It is not necessary to claim that ANDERSON fell below the standard of his age, to justify us in holding that, as to reliability, his statements of facts not within his own observation

do not rise above the level of what we now call 'Campaign literature.' Many truths find their way into 'Campaign literature,' but unlucky the man who believes that the author of a 'Campaign' document believed all he wrote." This is unquestionably severe upon ANDERSON, but it is in a measure justified by the instance of the new law of 1725 relating to the making of Masters, the two versions of which are to be found in the Grand Lodge Minutes of November, 1725, and the 1738 Constitutions respectively, and which Bro. GOULD declares to be "irreconcilable." We are seriously afraid, however, that Bro. HUGHAN'S hair will stand on end when he reads Bro. UPTON'S attack on ANDERSON'S trustworthiness as a narrator of history.

As regards the discussion which we are told is raging between Bro. GREENLEAF, of Colorado, on the one hand, and Bro. KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, and Past Grand Master DRUMMOND, of Maine, as to whether the 1738 edition was sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, we agree with Bro. UPTON in his opinion that it was so sanctioned. In the article entitled "Royalty and Freemasonry," which appeared in the "Royal Diamond Jubilee Number" of the *Freemason*, there is quoted in the brief account given of the Masonic career of FREDERICK, Prince of Wales, to whom the said edition was dedicated, the following passage from the body of the Dedicatory Address to his Royal Highness: "The MARQUIS OF CARNARVON, our RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, with his *Deputy* and *Wardens*, and the *Fraternity*, have ordered me, their *Author*, humbly to dedicate, in their Name, this their *Book of Constitutions*, to YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS." We cannot imagine that Grand Lodge would direct ANDERSON to dedicate to the Prince a book which it had not formally sanctioned.

There are some other interesting passages in the excerpt before us from Bro. UPTON'S Report on Correspondence; but they do not relate to the "Question of Degrees," to which we have latterly been giving some attention.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HEREFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge—the occasion also being in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen—was held at the Cathedral Library on Monday, the 8th inst. A large number of brethren were present, but the P.G.M., Bro. Sir J. R. Bailey, was unfortunately unable to attend.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Cathedral Library by B. O. H. C. BEDDOE, Dep. Prov. G. Master, acting as Prov. Grand Master, who explained that the absence of Sir Joseph Bailey, the P.G.M., was in consequence of his having been summoned to the bedside of his mother, who was seriously ill.

In proposing the adoption of the report of the Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association, Bro. T. G. CHANCE, the newly-elected Secretary, spoke in warm terms of the great services rendered to Masonic Charity in this province by the late Secretary, Bro. William Earle, who had inaugurated the Association and piloted it for the long period of 20 years, during which time a sum of over £1000 had been paid to the great benevolent Institutions; and a most cordial vote of thanks was passed by Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. Earle in recognition of his zeal and service.

On the proposition of Bro. BEDDOE, seconded by Bro. the Dean of Hereford, the following address was voted to her Majesty the Queen:

"The Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Herefordshire humbly approach your Majesty, desiring to offer their loyal congratulations on the completion of the 60th year of your Majesty's glorious reign. They tender thanks to the Most High for the great benefits which have been extended to the empire under your Majesty's sway during past years, and pray that it may continue to be blessed with a lengthened period of peace and prosperity."

It was proposed by Bro. THOMAS SMITH, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. E. MADDISON, and carried, "That the sum of 30 guineas be given from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

Bro. J. E. S. Hewett, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., acted as Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

On behalf of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Beddoe appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as under:

Bro. W. R. Stafford, 120	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" John Marchant, 120	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Hereford, J. W. Leigh, 120	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. E. S. Hewett, 338	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Cutfield, 338	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Edwd. Maddison, 751	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. C. Gethen, 120	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Wm. F. Marvin, 338	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. W. Robinson, 120	...	...	Prov. G. Supt. Wks.
" S. G. Yates, 338	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.

Bro. J. Wellington Lloyd, 2240	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Z. B. Evans, 751	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. R. Sinclair, 120	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. G. Hudson, 892	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. H. Parry, 120	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. W. Star, 751	...	...
" H. Gosling, 892	...	...

After the Prov. Grand Lodge had been closed, the brethren formed in procession in the Cathedral Library.

On arriving in the nave they halted and opened to the right and left, and faced inwards, so as to leave a passage for the Deputy Prov. G.M. up the centre, he being preceded by the Sacred Law, the P.G. Chaplains, the Deputy P.G.M., his Standard Bearer and Sword Bearer, the brethren following him from the rear. The Jubilee Hymn—"O, King of Kings," was sung as a processional, and the brethren having taken the places reserved for them in the nave,

Bro. the Rev. J. HAMPTON, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Worcestershire, opened the service with the special exhortation—I. Tim., ii., 1-3, and the order for evening prayer followed.

The DEAN based his sermon on I. Peter, cii., v. 17, "Honour all men; love the brotherhood, fear God. Honour the King." He said:

Brethren,—We are met here to-day as representatives of a large and influential body of God-fearing, peaceable, charitable, and loyal men and citizens, who are bound by fraternal sympathy to help each other in all parts of the world; and I do not know of any exhortation more suitable to the occasion than those familiar words of the Apostle Peter which I have selected for my text, and which were addressed by him to his Christian converts, for they represent exactly the rules by which every good and faithful brother should regulate his conduct. In old days the brethren were practical as well as theoretical Masons, as the walls of this grand old temple of the Almighty bear witness. It is much to be regretted that in restoring the walls of this sacred edifice a good deal of the surface of the old stonework with the Masonic marks was obliterated, but still you may see in the south and south-east transepts signs of the craftsmen's work on the ancient stones. We owe a great debt of gratitude in this country to the Masonic body for the glorious work which each man took a delight in doing, and which consequently was executed in a thorough, solid, and substantial manner. No doubt, in other countries and in other days Freemasons had much also to do with the erection of these magnificent cathedrals, but in the country which I have just returned from visiting, I mean Italy, I could ascertain nothing concerning their work, and the reason is plain, viz., on account of the bitter animosity that exists between the ecclesiastical authorities and the body of Freemasons. No doubt there have been faults on both sides, and it is clear that the Freemasons in Italy have allowed themselves to be diverted from the original principles of their Order, and to become political agitators and secret plotters against the ecclesiastical authorities. They certainly have not followed on the principles of the injunction of St. Peter, otherwise this wide gulf of separation would never have been made. Happily we are in a very different position in this country. We are not a political society; there is no animosity shown between the Church and our Order, and we, above all things, desire peace and goodwill towards all. There may be a few who regard with certain suspicion Freemasonry, but this is because they are ignorant of its precepts, and look upon it only as a secret society of little benefit to the world in general. Wherein, then, is contained the beauty and excellence of Freemasonry? It is chiefly in that virtue so much dwelt upon by the early preachers of Christianity when dwelling upon the great advantages of the religion of their Lord and Master. The chief ornament of our Craft, be it known, is Charity. It never faileth, but is inexhaustible, opening the rich treasures of its stores to the earnest enquirer after its mysteries. Freemasonry is not, as some would insinuate, a mere convivial club of choice spirits met together for eating and drinking. It is not a mere secret institution to be suppressed as dangerous. It is not even a society merely for the distribution of alms, although this is one of its noblest features. What is it then? Freemasonry is a society of enlightened men inculcating pure and active virtue on the sacred principles of Gospel truth. Its design is to instil into the minds of its members a series of useful and interesting precepts, and to promote benevolence, philanthropy, and brotherly love, and it ought to be the endeavour of every honest and true Mason to keep up this high standard; for upon the action of each individual brother must depend the honour and stability of the Craft at large. Our lodge stands on holy ground, for the grand foundation on which it is erected is the word of God, and for that foundation reaching upwards to the celestial canopy of the heavens is that ladder likened into Jacob's, the principal staves of which are Faith, Hope, and Charity, by which we hope to reach the ethereal mansions of bliss on high now veiled from the mortal eye on earth. Faith is the first step from the foundation. Without faith in the Great Architect of the Universe it is impossible to love Him, to fear Him, or to please Him. Faith leads on to hope, hope contained in the sacred volume. Hope opens to us the second gate, and that leads on to charity—brotherly love. Faith, Hope, and Charity; but the greatest of these is charity. Faith it sustains us, and hope it is that cheers us on our way. The one helps us manfully to overcome difficulties, and the other cheerfully to bear the sorrows and disappointments that we may encounter in our onward and upward struggle. But charity is the greatest. Faith must come to an end, when what we now believe in shall hereafter be accomplished, when what we now see as in a glass darkly we shall then see face to face. Hope will end when our hopes are realised, and all we long for shall have been attained. But charity will but increase the nearer we approach the great Author of it. It is a virtue crowned with immortality. Nor are our brethren of the Craft one whit behind in their manifestations of loyalty. No firmer adherents of her Majesty are to be found than among the Freemasons of England, Australasia, Canada, and the Indian Empire; and that there exists a firm union between Royalty and Freemasonry is evident by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales occupying the high position of Grand Master, and almost all the Princes of Royal blood being members of the Fraternity. No greater manifestations of their loyalty could have been exhibited than were shown at the Albert Hall a few months ago, when every part of that immense building was crowded to do honour to their Prince and Grand Master. Yes, brethren, we are a loyal body, a religious body, a charitable body; we are ready to render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's. We go to the fountain-head for our instructions, our principles rest on a sure foundation—God's Holy Word. There should we search out the great ideas which are the groundwork of the entire Masonic superstructure—reverence to God, the Architect and Upholder of the Universe, and love to man. Conforming to these laws, the true Masonic brother will be enabled to exercise all Masonic, which are also Christian, virtues, and to adorn his profession by a consistent life; with the blessing of God resting on him and the Divine Law as his guide, he will find that all the social and moral virtues do prevail in his Order, and, in the future as in the past, the prosperity of Masonry and the progress of the world will be commensurate and continual.

Immediately after the service the DEPUTY P.G.M. presented to each of the youthful bearers of the Sacred Law a volume of Holy Writ as a memento of the occasion.

After the sermon, Bro. G. R. Sinclair played a voluntary on the organ, during which a collection was made for the Royal Masonic and Hereford-

shire Masonic Charities, and hymn 238, A. and M., followed by the first verse of the National Anthem, was sung. The Benediction having been pronounced, the brethren re-formed the procession, led by the choir, and returned to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Subsequently over 100 brethren dined at the Green Dragon Hotel, under the presidency of the acting Prov. Grand Master, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

CONSECRATION OF THE SANCTA MARIA LODGE, No. 2682.

The rapidly increasing number of "class" lodges received a valuable addition on the 15th inst., by the consecration of the Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2682, the interesting ceremony taking place in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall. The new lodge is in connection with St. Mary's Hospital and starts with a strong body of founders—numbering about 50—all well known in the medical world and in connection with this useful Institution. The Sancta Maria Lodge has the proud privilege of having his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. as its first W. Master, while the consecration ceremony was performed by the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., who subsequently had the pleasure of seeing his youngest son invested as the first Senior Warden. An interesting feature of the proceedings was that all the Consecrating Officers are members of the Studholme Lodge which recommended the petition for the founders. Starting under such exceptionally favourable auspices the anticipations for a successful future so confidently expressed at the inaugural proceedings, were abundantly justified. The Deputy Master, Bro. Edmund Owen, M.B., F.R.C.S., will be supported by Bros. the Hon. Reginald Bootle Wilbraham and J. Ernest Lane, F.R.C.S., P.P.G.D. Middx., in the Wardens' chairs, and also by Bro. Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S., the acting I.P.M., to whose indefatigable efforts the success of the initiatory steps are mainly due.

Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Clement Godson, P.G.D., as S.W., and A. Cooper, P.G.D., as J.W.

The M.W. the Pro Grand Master and the other Grand Officers entered in procession, and the Pro Grand Master, on taking his chair—and having been duly saluted—appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., as S.W.; Lieut.-Col. M. Lockwood, M.P., P.G.D., as J.W.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Dep. Prov. G.M. Bucks, as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; Lieut.-Col. A. Bott Cook, P.G.D., as I.G.; and H. Rose, P.G. Org., as Org.

The opening hymn was sung, and

The M.W. the PRO GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, said: We are met to-day for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge to be called the Sancta Maria Lodge. I need not tell you with what pleasure I came here to perform that duty in the place of the Grand Master, who, I am happy to say, has undertaken to be the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. I will not attempt to say more as my voice is in bad order. We are about to consecrate this lodge to the glory of the Great Architect, and therefore I will ask the Grand Chaplain for the opening prayer.

The Grand Secretary read the warrant, and the brethren signified their approval of the officers named, after which the following oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, Dep. Prov. G.M. Bucks.:

There is no profession which better deserves its class lodges than the important one to which the Sancta Maria Lodge owes its foundation. Wherever God's truth and light have evolved order out of chaos, and men have been taught that the end and aim of existence is not self, but God, then, as a natural consequence, the mind and soul of man has been lifted to higher things. Man turned from self to others, and it became part of his acknowledged duties not to leave his fellow to suffer unpitied and unaided. Care for the sufferings of the body; care for the sufferings of the mind, both proceed from the same fountain—the all holy and pure love of God. Touch that fountain, and if you touch it truly, there must spring up within your hearts the desire to mitigate suffering wherever it may be. And so one of the results of real civilisation and real progress has always been an ennobling and proper appreciation of the medical profession. The doctor and the teacher—the specialist for the body and the specialist of the soul—were under the Roman empire mere slaves; the appendage to the rich man's household, where he could afford them; the poor, both as regards body and soul, were uncared for. When the worship of the true God replaced idolatry, at once both the teacher and the physician came, as a national consequence, into their proper places. In the catacombs, in every historical record of the past, we can trace the immediate and the permanent change. And certainly the history—the private history of England—shows how in all times our physicians and our surgeons have been men of the highest honour and the highest Charity. Time will not permit me to dwell on the long list of men who have left their mark for good on the past history of our country. And at the present moment where is the country; where is the profession which rings truer to the best of Masonic precepts and principles than the medical profession of England? I say it advisedly that there is no profession which does more for others, often on terms which are manifestly unfair to the services rendered. The young man enters the profession, has to work harder and to work longer than any other learner before he receives even the scantiest return for his work; and when the medical man has made his way; even when hard and honest work has placed him at the head of his particular branch, and his reputation is European; even then is he not expected to give—and does he not give—to the poor a larger amount of unpaid work than any other profession in the world? Of this our London hospitals are a very present and striking illustration. Have I not, brethren, proved up to the hilt my contention that no profession better deserves its special lodges? and that we can give to the founders no better advice than to be true in their lodge to those precepts and principles which they are daily exemplifying in their daily work.

The ceremony then proceeded, and the new lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted, the musical portions being rendered under the able direction of Bro. H. Rose, F.R.A.M., P.G. Org., assisted by the Dilettante quartette.

Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, next installed Bro. Edmund Owen, P.M., as the Deputy Master, the officers for the year being invested as follows: Bros. A. Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S., acting I.P.M.; the Hon. R. Bootle Wilbraham, S.W.; J. Ernest Lane, F.R.C.S., J.W.; Rev. H. S. Cronin, M.A., Chap.; Malcolm Morris, F.R.C.S., Treas.;

M. Handfield Jones, M.D., Sec.; A. P. Luff, M.D., S.D.; Hy. Pearce M.R.C.S., J.D.; P. P. Whitcombe, M.B., I.G.; E. A. Priddle, B.A., D.C.; M. Mitchell Bird, M.D., C. D. Leyden, and W. J. Gow, M.D., Stwds.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler.

The usual addresses were delivered by Bro. the Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somerset.

The DEPUTY MASTER read the following telegram from H.R.H., the M.W.G.M.: "Hearty good wishes and a successful career to the Sancta Maria Lodge—ALBERT EDWARD."

Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Bros. Sir Francis Knollys, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Sir Reginald Hanson, F. West, and others.

On the proposition of the DEPUTY MASTER, the M.W. the Pro Grand Master was elected an honorary member, and was presented with a jewel of the lodge.

The M.W. the PRO G. MASTER thanked the members for the honour conferred. He could not help thinking and feeling that in some sense he belonged to that lodge, which had the youngest son of his family in it as a member and officer, and he hoped he would be a credit to it. He could only wish the lodge a prosperous existence.

The following Grand Officers were also elected honorary members: Bros. the Earl of Euston, Viscount Dungarvan, T. Penn, Lieut.-Col. Lockwood, M.P., the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, F. Richardson, Lieut.-Col. Bött Cook, H. Rose, and C. F. Matier.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON briefly acknowledged the compliment.

A long list of propositions for initiation were received, a Committee was appointed to frame by-laws, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet was held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, which was followed by the usual toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft" was first honoured.

In giving "His Royal Highness, the M.W.G.M.," the DEPUTY MASTER said that some years ago it was discussed whether the time had not arrived for St. Mary's Hospital to start a lodge, and the conclusion then was that it had not. The keel of the good ship Sancta Maria was afterwards laid in this happy year of Jubilee—1897. At the first Committee Meeting, Bro. Stewart Brown said he hoped they would get his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. to be the first W.M., that they would secure the services of the Pro G. Master to consecrate the lodge, and that the most illustrious of the Grand Officers would be present. Like Sarah behind the door of the tent, he laughed. They approached his Royal Highness on the subject, reminding him that the foundation-stone of St. Mary's Hospital was laid by his illustrious father, the Prince Consort; that his Royal Highness himself laid the foundation-stone of the new wing, and of the Praed-street extension; that the Duke of York was President, and that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had always taken a great interest in the Hospital. The reply of his Royal Highness was such that while giving them his health as M.W.G.M., he (the Deputy Master) was also proud to give it as the first W.M. of the Sancta Maria Lodge.

The DEPUTY MASTER next proposed "The M.W. the Pro G. Master," and said that in every lodge holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of England the toast was drunk, and it must be that many loyal brethren only knew their Pro Grand Master as the peasant in Russia knew the Emperor for whom he prayed. To the Sancta Maria Lodge the Pro Grand Master was something very real, having attended in answer to their request, to consecrate the lodge. When that request was made the Pro Grand Master might well have said that he had spent so much time, thought, and energy, in arranging for the orderly expression of a nation's joy and thankfulness that he begged they would have him excused; or that lately so much time and thought had been occupied in arranging for the expression of a nation's sorrow, and therefore he could not come. The Pro Grand Master did not say, as he might have done, that he preferred on these autumnal evenings the side of his own hearth, but put those personal considerations aside to come and consecrate the lodge. The founders desired to express their sense of gratitude for that kindness. It would be ill-becoming for him to criticise the way in which the Pro Grand Master performed the ceremony, but he might venture to say that they were all agreed that the dignified and impressive manner in which that consecration was carried out was in every sense worthy of the sublime and everlasting ritual which their forefathers prepared for the ceremony. He gave them the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom.

The M.W. the PRO G. MASTER, in reply, said, I thank you sincerely for the kind way in which you have received the toast of my health. The Deputy Master has been too flattering and too kind in the terms in which he has spoken of the way I performed the ceremony. I can only say for my own part that I was disgusted for the simple reason, as you have noticed, that I have a dreadful cold. Sometimes I pride myself on my voice, but to-night I had none. Never mind what the attractions of home, or hearth, or covert side, or hedge row waiting for the partridge, no matter the fatigue of jubilee year, or of late the sad duties referred to, nothing would have stopped me coming here to perform the duties I hope I have done to your satisfaction. You may say, why? I say it again as I said in the lodge, that as you have done honour to me in honouring my son I felt I could not possibly be away from this consecration on the occasion when my youngest son—a young son—was by your great kindness placed in the high office he occupies. I thank the Deputy Master and you for placing him there, and I only hope he will do credit to the office he holds. I will not attempt to speak to you at length, but thank you most sincerely for the kind way in which you have received this toast.

"The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers" was next given by the DEPUTY MASTER, who said he wished to refer to an omission on his part in the temple. In asking certain Grand Officers to become honorary members he forgot to mention one whom they all held in the greatest regard—the Grand Secretary. The founders wished him to say they begged Bro. Letchworth would allow them to make him an honorary member. They were very much obliged to the Grand Officers for coming there to help them. On behalf of the lodge, and as members of the medical profession, they were more than grateful to the Grand Chaplain—Bro. Brownrigg—for his oration, which had touched them to the heart.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Prov. Grand Master Norths and Hunts, briefly responded, expressing gratification at being allowed to assist in the ceremonial, and wishing the lodge every success and prosperity until time should be no more.

The M.W. the PRO GRAND MASTER gave the next toast—"Success to the Sancta Maria Lodge." He thought that success was already assured, for, from the list of initiations read out, the W.M. would hardly find time

to perform his ordinary duties. The Deputy Master would have the able assistance of the I.P.M., and it was a happy augury that a lodge starting with 50 founders should have some 15 nominations on the consecration night. He was a great advocate—as he had said before—of what he might call these class lodges. There was nothing more calculated to bring Masonry into favour than to find, as in this case—and as in the Rahere Lodge—great bodies of professional men joining together and making a good lodge. Why? If for no other reason but because it brings them into constant contact, friendly contact, with the junior members of the profession, and not only that, but when they are spread over the country and all over the world, they carried with them the grand principles of Masonry and knew what good it had done. He had had some curious experience in these class lodges. He had in his own province at the present mement three very curious instances. A Dramatic Lodge—a most excellent lodge—where the members were all hard at work in their own profession by 7 o'clock in the evening, and, therefore, had to meet at 4 o'clock to get the lodge work over by that time. He had a bicycling and football lodge. That might sound curious but it was one of the most successful. A number of young clerks in Liverpool went out for a run on Saturday afternoons and came back to have their lodge meeting. Another curious instance was a Jewish Lodge which was also most successful and where the members could have their food after their own fashion. These "class" lodges were the best things they could have and he hoped to see them extended again and again. The army lodges had dropped out—the army being a movable body—but they recently instituted the Guards Lodge—a successful lodge—of which his son was Master at the present time. They also had a naval lodge which was doing extremely well and altogether these class lodges were tending to do good to Masonry by bringing together the younger and older members. The Sancta Maria Lodge had the honour of having his Royal Highness the Grand Master as the first Master, although it was impossible for him to become their permanent Master. Having spoken to his Royal Highness on the subject, he knew that his Royal Highness would have been glad to be present but it was impossible from his deep mourning and his other engagements. His Royal Highness had evidenced his interest by sending the telegram he had. He congratulated the founders on their selection of a Deputy Master. Bro. Owen had told him that he looked upon the first W.M. of the Rahere Lodge as his godfather in Masonry. If Bro. Owen would but follow in the footsteps of Bro. Godson, he could not follow a better man. The Rahere Lodge had been a great success, and he had no doubt would have the same—if not greater—success. He gave them "Success to the Sancta Maria Lodge" and "Hearty good wishes" to the Deputy Master.

Bro. EDMUND OWEN, P.M., Deputy Master, thanked the Pro G.M. for his kind words. He hoped they were going to be a successful lodge. He happened to be, he was proud to say, an initiate in a lodge which was second to none in success—the Studholme Lodge. He thought very much of that success was due to the fact that they were ruled by a despot—his friend Colonel Cook. He would not say before that brother whether his despotism was tempered with benevolence or not. For a lodge to be successful there should be one of the founders to take it under his Masonic wing. He hoped Bro. Stewart Brown was going to be the benevolent despot of that lodge, and should ask him to say a few words.

Bro. STEWART BROWN, P.G.D., said the only words he should use were those of love and good fellowship. At the instigation of the J.W. some five years ago that lodge was in embryo. Last Christmas came round and the fact was borne upon him that that was going to be the greatest year that England had ever seen. He thought the time was then ripe for that lodge, and had no difficulty in gathering together a good and strong list of founders they had present that night. There were only five who failed—from varying circumstances—to become founders. Every founder had been most courteous and kind in answering communications. In any matter of business there must be tact employed, and if there should be some who had not been entirely pleased, he could only say it was not his fault, for it was not given to any man to please everybody.

Bros. Rev. Canon SHUTTLEWORTH and PERCY SIMPSON acknowledged "The Visitors," after which the Tyler's toast was given.

CONSECRATION OF THE VICTORIA DIAMOND JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2675.

The Victoria Diamond Jubilee Lodge, No. 2675, was consecrated on the 10th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Woodford—on the borders of the Masonic Metropolitan district—and attracted one of the largest gatherings seen at such an interesting function. The large body of founders present was augmented by a large number of visitors, the total present numbering about 225. Bro. C. J. Smith had the proud distinction of being the W.M. designate, with Bros. G. Gratton and F. Rayner as Warden's designate, whilst Bro. French Bromhead—to whom in a large measure the success of the proceedings was due—occupies the onerous post of Secretary. The new lodge—as the name implies—is meant to be a permanent and useful reminder of the record reign, and also supply the brethren of the surrounding district with further opportunities of Masonic work.

The consecration ceremony, was, as usual in London lodges, undertaken by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Major Carrell, P.G.S.B., as S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br., as J.W.; Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P., as I.G.; and W. Shurmur, P.G. Std. Br.

The Grand Officers entered in procession, the officers were appointed *pro tem.*, and the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. A hymn having been sung, the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressing the brethren, said: Brethren, we are met together this evening for a purpose which I think cannot fail to awaken the interest and enlist the sympathies of all who have at heart the interest of our Order. We are here to consecrate a new lodge, which I sincerely trust may be the means of advancing the very best interests of Masonry in this particular locality. As we shall shortly dedicate that lodge to the service of Almighty God, I will now call upon the Venerable Chaplain to give us the benefit of prayer.

The founders were arranged in order, the warrant was read by the D.C., and they signified their approval of the officers named therein.

Bro. Ven. Archdeacon STEVENS, P.G. Chap., delivered an eloquent oration, in the course of which he said he might assume that all present

were Masons who had at heart the expansion of their Order, and the deepening of their belief in all its grand principles. Of late years the Order had advanced by rapid strides in this country, and it was necessary from time to time, to ask whether, at the same time as it had advanced—it had struck its roots deeper into the soil, for the wider the branches of a tree, the firmer must it be at the root. It was for them to ask themselves whether by their presence they indicated their determination not merely to be Masons, but to be true, real Masons, and to practice those principles upon which Masonry was based. He need not tell them that those principles were brotherly love, relief and truth. There was much in the world around them to indicate that those principles were encouraged. The support given to the Masonic Charities showed a steady increase, and, therefore, if a tree was judged by its fruits, Masonry could be judged by the outside world by these results. There were other points they might consider. During the ceremony there would be certain symbolism introduced—the corn, wine, oil, and salt, each of which had its significance. It was to be trusted they were not empty symbols, but would signify something that would mark the future of this lodge, and characterise the Order and the conduct of its members. The incense taken round would equally symbolise their belief that without Divine protection and help all human effort was unavailing. There were one or two other points one liked to think of. Freemasonry, as rightly understood, was a practical thing which should influence them during the 24 hours of the day. It taught them mutual dependence. As in the rearing of a great edifice, there were some who drew the design, executed that design, raised the scaffolding, or performed insignificant duties, so they all had their insignificant work to do to carry out the design of the Great Architect. If they were to lay but one brick in the social edifice, let them lay it well and truly. As Masons, they were in search of something that was lost. They had not attained all the knowledge for which they looked, but were ever aiming and ever looking forward to something better than that they had attained. So they went on, hopefully, trustfully, and manfully, doing their duty as men and Masons in society, as well as in the lodge. So long as they did their part well and loyally they believed they were contributing to the completion of the beautiful design of the Great Architect. In years to come might that lodge be distinguished, not merely by the number of its members not merely by the perfect way in which the working was carried out, but more and more by the adherence, loyal, heartfelt, deep, and true, of each one to those grand principles which bound together, not only the members of their Fraternity, but which should bind and cement the whole framework of that Society in which they lived and in which they were called upon to do their part in promoting and carrying out the grand design of the Great Architect, the Grand Geometrician, the Most High.

The ceremony was proceeded with, the emblems of Plenty, Joy, Unity, and Friendship being each distributed with appropriate solemnities, and the lodge was formerly dedicated and constituted.

Bro. C. J. Smith was next installed by the Grand Secretary as the first W.M. of the lodge, and the following officers were invested: Bros. A. F. Lay, P.P.A.G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; G. E. Gratton, S.W.; F. Ranger, J.W.; Rev. T. Lloyd, P.P.G. Chap.; J. F. Saunders, P.M.; Treas.; H. French Bromhead, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Sec.; E. Cuer, S.D.; Rev. C. Hoyle, J.D.; J. Edwards, I.G.; C. R. Alexander, D.C.; W. T. Barwell, F. D. Coard, F.S. Collier, F. Cuzner, J. Hadwen, J. Hertz, and W. E. James, Stwds.; Jefferson Davis, Org.; and D. Legg, P.M., Tyler.

On the proposition of the W.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officers and in intimating this fact officially to the Grand Officers, the W.M. said it was customary to ask them to accept a jewel to commemorate the event. Bearing in mind the large number of jewels these distinguished brethren must already possess and the fact that this lodge was formed to commemorate the longest reign, the founders asked each Consecrating Officer to accept an umbrella, hoping they would be able to use them without difficulty or trouble and that no cloud would arise to mar their happiness.

The gold mounted umbrellas were then presented, each bearing the recipient's name suitably inscribed, and in acknowledgment the GRAND SECRETARY returned thanks for the extremely useful present. He had no doubt that during the coming winter the Consecrating Officers would be frequently reminded of the consecration of this lodge.

A Committee was elected to frame by-laws, a large number of propositions for initiation and joining were received, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to a large marquee where banquet was served, Bro. Geo. Hughes' Orchestre française playing selections meanwhile. The subsequent musical items were supplied by Miss Nellie Finigan, and Bros. Harry Greene, Jeff. Davis, Louis Breeze, and Frank Martin. The programme and arrangements for the ceremony were bound up into a handsome volume, containing over 60 portraits of the founders. Not the least striking feature of this unique souvenir of an interesting occasion was the cover, the artistic design for which was the work of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. French Bromhead.

Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon STEVENS, P.G. Chap., replying for "The Grand Officers," concurred with the expression of regret used by the W.M. that so many Grand Officers had been obliged to leave to catch their train to town. He could say for the Grand Secretary that his heart was in Masonry, and that applied to all the Grand Officers. They desired to see Masonry go forward and prosper in every way, and nothing gave the Grand Officers greater pleasure than to feel that the highest interests of Masonry were being more widely recognised and spread throughout the country. It was no light matter to respond for them, because one could say in their absence what one could not say in their presence. All must have felt that the Grand Secretary represented Grand Lodge well and worthily, as it should be represented in such a ceremony, and those who attended Grand Lodge must feel that the Grand Officers were doing their utmost to uphold the highest possible standard of working and of the high principles upon which Masonry was based. They were most gratified to be present at the installation of the W.M., and they wished, most heartily, success and prosperity to the lodge so successfully launched that night. In the launching of a ship there was sometimes an anxious moment to see if she would take the water at the critical time. Anyone present at the launching that night must have seen that she had taken the water properly, and that there was a most prosperous and useful mission before the lodge.

Bro. W. SHURMUR, P.G.S.B., said a very great honour had unexpectedly devolved upon him, which was to propose the toast of the evening—"The Victoria Diamond Jubilee Lodge, coupled with the name of the W.M." They all agreed that the ship had been well launched, and also

that they had a splendid captain, who would pilot them into the haven of success. They knew the W.M. was well up in the work, for he told his Wardens he should expect them to be punctual, and perfect in their duties, in order to make the lodge the success he wished. They had good men in the Secretary and the officers, and they were pleased indeed to find the W.M. so well supported. The lodge was bound to prove a great success, and they would all unite in hoping it would be one of the principal lodges in the Metropolitan district.

Bro. C. J. SMITH, W.M., said it would be idle for him to attempt to express his appreciation for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast, for he did not know what he had done to entitle him to that honoured position. He thanked them sincerely from the bottom of his heart, and it would be the ambition of his life to repay them for the honour done him, for living for one's self was idle waste of time. There was much to be done in Masonry, and especially in Charity. He had on his right the Secretary of the Boys' School, Bro. McLeod, and that Institution would next year celebrate its centenary. Something should be done by the lodge on that occasion and the movement would have his cordial support.

The W.M. briefly proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and in response Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, P.G.S.B., expressed hearty thanks. It had been a great pleasure to them to come down to consecrate the lodge, which they hoped would be a credit to Masonry. From the grand beginning made they could justly anticipate success.

The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. BROMHEAD, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Sec., added a few remarks by special request. He said he wished to apologise for the Treasurer and himself, as it was their intention to propose in the lodge that the sum of 50 guineas should be voted to the Boys' School. He wished Bro. McLeod to know the lodge would be represented, and that that sum would be placed on the list. He should, moreover, expect every member to celebrate the record reign by a record subscription. On behalf of the officers he wished to say they desired to mark their sense of the services rendered by the W.M. to Freemasonry in Essex and elsewhere—and particularly in connection with this lodge—by presenting him with a gold-mounted umbrella. He might add that the Treasurer had already received £400 in subscriptions, but they started with expenses paid and a good portion of funds in hand.

Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., thanked the Secretary for the words of encouragement, and congratulated the members on the successful foundation of the lodge. It was gratifying to know that on the foundation the lodge could so liberally support the Charities. That Institution was bent on doing a great work, and on laying the foundation-stone of new schools to enable them to extend their sphere of operations. It would require a large amount of money, but they had confidence that the Craft would continue the good work done for so many years. The W.M. would carry on the work with the earnest conviction that it was a just cause, and he wanted every member to be equally convinced, so that the efforts of the Board of Management might be crowned with the success they felt they deserved.

Other toasts were given before the proceedings terminated.

In addition to the founders present, who numbered about 60, the large number of visiting brethren present included—Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec. Essex; H. Miller, I.G. 2501; W. G. Norman, Sec. 2504; J. Marchant, Stwd. 1805; E. Tholander, P.M. 1457; W. White, I.P.M. 1757; W. Gower, W.M. 2501, Prov. G. Treas. Essex; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; B. Cohen, 1658; J. C. Ring, P.M. 1269; Humphrey Cohen, P.M. 1658; W. H. Welpton, P.M. 169; J. F. Henley, 2504; W. Holloway, P.M. 1475; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; W. Dring, W.M. 453; F. C. Atkinson, P.P.A.G.S. Suffolk; J. G. Hammond, jun., P.M. 2184; J. Oxley, P.M. 1306; J. G. Osborn, 2509; C. H. Bestow, P.G.P. Essex; C. C. Black, P.M. 2504; W. Latter, P.P.G. Org. Essex; H. Clinch, S.W. 1623; W. H. Wilton, P.M. 169; J. W. Gibbs, P.M. 1804; C. Featherstone, W.M. 1540; B. White, P.M. 1604; G. T. Peall, P.M. 2361; R. S. Walker, P.M. 1598; J. Bladon, P.M. 1839; S. J. Cross, P.M. 2212; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.; and many others.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. ROBERT MICHIE.

Bro. Robert Michie has been made the recipient of a handsome testimonial in recognition of his faithful services as Treasurer to the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, having been appointed to that position in December, 1884. The testimonial, which was presented at the last meeting of the lodge by Bro. E. Holmes, held in the Masonic Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, took the form of an 18-carat gold albert and appendage.

The appendage bears his monogram and the following inscription: "From St. John's Lodge, No. 279, to W. Bro. R. Michie, in token of great fraternal esteem. Nov. 3rd, 1897."

There is no doubt such a splendid acknowledgment of services rendered to local Freemasonry will be highly prized by Bro. Michie.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

A capital evening was spent by the members of the above Association on the 11th instant, at Anderton's Hotel. The gathering on this occasion took the form of an "At Home," the "old boys" and their lady friends mustering in strong force. Mr. J. Swinford Francis (an old Masonian), on behalf of the Committee, acted as host and received the guests on their arrival.

An excellent musical programme was successfully carried through. The members were fortunate in securing Miss Norah Jones, who completely won all hearts in her rendering of "Awake" and "On the banks of Allan Water," and as an encore "Ye Bankes and Braes." Madame A. H. Watkins in her two songs, also came in for a good round of applause. Songs were also rendered by Miss Elderkin (soprano), Mdlle. Nuia Augèle (soprano), Mr. W. C. Peskett (tenor), and Mr. Land (bass), each being well received by an appreciative audience. Two clever violin solos were given in a masterly style by Miss Ada Molteno and a well-executed pianoforte solo was rendered in opening by Miss Lewis. The humorous element was well sustained by Mr. Harry Goring and Mr. Jinks, the former crating a great amount of merriment by two very funny recitations. Mr. Vincent J. Lee, an old Masonian, in a highly comical "stump speech," delivered

his "Temperance Lecture." Mr. Aubrey Wheeler throughout the evening acted as a most efficient accompanist.

At the conclusion of the evening,

Bro. R. S. CHANDLER, Treasurer, in the name of the company present, thanked Mr. Francis for presiding, and the artistes for their able entertainment. He also added that a meed of praise was due to the Secretary, Mr. H. Lewis, for his exertions in arranging the programme.

A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the National Anthem.

UNVEILING OF A MASONIC MONUMENT TO THE LATE BRO. W. H. KIRBY, JUN.

On Saturday afternoon, the 6th inst., a Masonic monument, which has recently been erected in the Wycombe Cemetery in memory of the late Bro. W. H. Kirby, son of Mr. Kirby, of Castle-street, High Wycombe, who was fatally injured through a gas explosion at his residence, at Finsbury Park, about two years ago, was formally unveiled by the Grand Secretary. The monument, which weighs about 10 tons, is of a most interesting and unique character, being distinctly Masonic. It was designed by Bro. Henry S. Wellcome, and has been carried out in a workmanlike manner by Mr. J. S. Farley, of Kensal Green, London. It is of Aberdeen granite, and is erected in three tiers; the first being a plinth of what is known as scappled granite. The second tier is of rough-hewn granite, with polished panels, enriched with Masonic emblems; while the top tier is of red granite, and upon this there is the following inscription:

To the memory of
BRO. WILLIAM HENRY KIRBY,
P.M., P.G. Std., Kent, M.E.Z.
Erected by the Members of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction
(of which he was the first Preceptor) and other Masonic
Friends.
A faithful husband—a tender father—a devoted son—a
loving brother—a good Mason—a true friend.
Born August 27th, 1858.
Died September 18th, 1895.

The monument is indeed a fitting memorial of one who was highly esteemed and respected, not only by members of the Masonic Order, but by all with whom he came in contact. The Grand Secretary, who was accompanied by a number of Metropolitan subscribers and others, journeyed from Paddington by the 2.40 p.m. train and arrived at Wycombe about four o'clock. At the Railway Station the



visiting brethren were met by the Mayor, Mr. P. J. Rutland, the W.M. of the Wycombe Lodge, Bro. Charles Batting, and others, and the party at once proceeded to the Cemetery, where, in delightful weather, the ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased, in addition to the representatives of the "mystic tie." Among those present we noticed the widow and children of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kirby (father and mother), Mrs. Child (sister), and Mr. Child (brother-in-law).

Bro. Batting, as W.M. of the Wycombe Lodge, formerly introduced the G. Secretary to perform the ceremony of unveiling the monument.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, addressing those present, said—We are met together this afternoon for the purpose of paying a tribute of love and respect to a brother who during too short a life of usefulness had gained the love and respect of all who knew him. We Masons recognise in our Bro. Kirby a man animated by the truest Masonic principles, and one who ungrudgingly devoted the time at his disposal and his abilities to those important duties he was good enough to undertake in connection with the Craft he loved so well. Our Bro. Kirby at the time of his untimely death was not an old Mason. He had been initiated into Masonry, I believe, in the year 1886. He was installed Master of his lodge in 1891, and from then until the time he was taken from us he discharged the duties of Preceptor of a most important lodge of instruction—a lodge connected with the Bank of England Lodge, which was formerly known by the name of the Clarence Lodge, but has since borne his own honoured name. There was no need to raise a monument to keep the memory of our brother green in the hearts of those who knew him, but it was thought right and fitting that those who come after us might know how highly our late brother was respected, and how deeply his death was mourned by those who raised to his unfailing memory the monument I have now the privilege to unveil.

The monument was then unveiled, after which

Bro. R. CLAY SUDLOW, P.G.S.B. Eng., said: My heart is almost too full for words, and yet perhaps to be silent on this occasion might be to be misunderstood. We cannot add really to the words that are engraved on that stone. They speak to us as a record of the life history of him whom we do not cease to deplore. Not a few of us standing round this memorial to-day knew Bro. Kirby in all those relationships which are recorded in that brief sentence. In the early years those of us who knew him well call to mind the dutiful devotion that he showed to those he left behind him at home when he took up business in London. We remember that, forgetting every selfish consideration, he would return week after week to show his devotion to his father, to his sister, and, above all, to his sainted mother. We know that she, the poor suffering one, used to look forward with the intensest pleasure to the visits of her boy. Later on, when he entered into new ties, there was still the same loving devotion to his wife and to his children. We love to hear Mrs. Kirby tell us of his unceasing care and watchfulness over her life. On the hearts of the children he had such a hold that his memory will be carried by them to their dying day. Bro. Letchworth, who has been so good as to come amongst us to unveil this memorial which we have raised with loving hands, has told us of his virtues as a Mason. As Masons, we like to think that by the thoughtfulness of Bro. Wellcome the life record of Bro. Kirby has been engraven on a perfect ashlar, a symbol to Masons of a regular, well-spent life. I can speak of Bro. Kirby as a friend. For 20 years Bro. Kirby and I were in hourly intercourse, and the void created by his loss has never been, and probably never will be, filled up. If there has been sadness in my words or in my tone it is not because we grieve for him, because we know that he has passed to his great reward. The sadness is rather for ourselves, who are left still to fight the battle of the world, uncheered by his presence, unaided by his counsel and advice.

The Mayor, Mr. P. J. RUTLAND, said: My position to-day is rather that of a representative; but before assuming that rôle I should like, if I may, to speak of the deceased as one of my friends, if not my oldest friend. Both of us were Wycombe boys. Both of us received our education in this town. Both of us alike started the battle of life here; and both of us ultimately gravitated to the Metropolis—London. Here and there I always had the greatest kindness and consideration shown to me by him to whose memory to-day we unveil this monument. But I want now to say as Mayor of this town how very pleased we are that one of our sons should have gone to London and there fought his way to the front and taken a conspicuous position as a man, as a citizen, and as a Mason, which the ceremony of to-day assures us he did. We in Wycombe are flattered to no mean degree by having this most magnificent, most speaking monument in our midst; and I can assure all the London brethren that they have not misplaced it in this cemetery. It will be looked upon by many Wycombe people in years to come, and they will feel those sentiments at this grave which you would do could you be more regularly here.

The ceremony then concluded, and after leaving the cemetery the London brethren were entertained at the Mayor's residence, High-street prior to returning by train to town.

We understand that the memorial has been formerly handed over to Mrs. W. H. Kirby by Bros. Charles Lewis, Preceptor, and William Baker, Sec. of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, as representatives of the Memorial Committee.

Craft Masonry.

Scientific Lodge, No. 88.

The monthly meeting of this lodge, held at Cambridge, on the 8th inst., was attended with more than usual interest, as, in addition to the passing of Bro. H. Whybro by the W.M., Bro. W. Sindall, there was an initiation of a Lewis by his father. Bro. T. W. Allsop, W.M. and I.P.M. 2492, came over from Ealing and initiated his eldest son, Mr. Filmer T. K. Allsop, doing the work in excellent style. Bro. T. Nichols, P.M., delivered the charge in a most impressive manner. There were 46 brethren present, and the proceedings throughout were of a most pleasing character. The visiting brethren, 13 in number, included Bros. G. W. A. Fletcher, P.M. 180; J. Stait, P.M. 1743 and W.M. 2492; G. F. Rogers, P.M. 859; F. W. Potts, W.M. 441; F. G. Rimill, 2492; A. Warne Browne, 9; T. Watts, P.G. Treas.; G. R. Barnes, 441; and others.

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.

The installation meeting of the above grand old and progressive lodge, took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when Bro. C. R. Higgins, S.W., and W.M. elect. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. F. Oates, who having passed a candidate to the Second Degree, proceeded to his onerous, yet honourable task as Installing Officer. At this juncture Bro. Walter Martin, A.G. Purst. Eng., was announced, and received with grand honours. Bro. H. Tapley, P.M., for many years the courteous D.C. of the lodge, presented the W.M. elect to the Installing Officer to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course Bro. Higgins was installed in the presence of a Board of some 25 Installed Masters, and duly saluted. He appointed his officers as follows: Bro. J. E. Oates, I.P.M.; T. H. Maple, S.W.; J. J. Roberts, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ware, P.M., Sec.; T. S. Green, S.D.; W. Viney, J.D.; D. Ringrose, I.G.; T. E. Whittaker, D.C.; A. Cooper and E. W. Wormold, Stwds.; M. H. Sherwin, Org.; and A. K. Tuberosse, I.G. Bro. Oates then gave the addresses and so finished a ceremony, for the excellence of which he was eulogised on all sides. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and it was unanimously resolved that a copy of the same be emblazoned on parchment, handsomely mounted and framed, and presented to him at the next lodge meeting. He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office, for which he returned his heartiest thanks.

Bro. H. B. Holliday, P.M., was re-elected President of the Benevolent Association connected with the lodge—an office he has held for the last 20 years—and then the lodge was closed.

Among other brethren present were Bros. F. Brien, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; C. J. De Only Mears, P.M.; A. T. Dale, P.M.; J. Tytheridge, P.M.; L. Crow, P.M.; F. C. Ward, P.M.; C. R. Sayers, P.M.; S. Time, H. C. Wormold, A. J. Cooper, T. R. Piner, E. V. Crute, J. T. Simpson, Capt. Spencer, C. L. Vasey, C. W. Buffery, W. G. Wright, R. W. Magab, G. Hiller, W. Brown, H. W. Lee, J. W. Cooke, W. Stockviss, and H. Carpenter, all of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. W. Martin, A.G.P. Eng.; W. Downing, P.M. 20, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; W. Turvey, W.M., J. Palmer, S.W., and T. Lait, J.W., of 1472; J. Rose, I.P.M. 28; C. Pwlling, P.M. 1472; J. D. Thomas, W.M. 98; W. B. Wittingham, J.W. 2256; R. W. Barber, S.W. 189; W. Arter, S.W. 189; G. Wales, 1602; A. J. Day, 1883; A. Eads, 2332; W. Holliday, 2417; C. Wilkinson, 1287; J. Drace, 99; A. Penchents, 1974; F. Tagg, 957; H. Wardle, 2264; R. Taylor, 2411; J. Wheatley, 2264; W. Wills, 1901; P. Machin, 28; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472 and 2184; and others.

The banquet, which was in every way worthy of the lodge and the hotel management, having been duly discussed,

The W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," briefly, yet to the point.

Both toasts were enthusiastically honoured, a verse of the National Anthem following the first, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" the latter.

The next toast was that of "The M.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. the D.G.M., the Earl Amherst; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in putting it the W.M. said that most of them had a knowledge of the capabilities of their Grand Officers, and it was with great pleasure he gave them the toast, more

especially as they were honoured by the presence of one of that august body, in the person of their esteemed Bro. Martin. With that distinguished brother he would couple the toast and ask him to give them a few words in response.

Bro. Martin, who is immensely popular, amongst London Masons especially, met with a hearty reception when he rose to respond. He said he was more than gratified at the enthusiastic reception of the toast and the honour paid him by coupling his name with it. Having been selected by his Royal Highness, their beloved Grand Master, to fill an office in Grand Lodge he felt it more than ever incumbent on him to do all in his power to promote Masonry in its highest attributes, and he could assure them that every officer of Grand Lodge was actuated by the same sentiment, and did everything in his power to promote the happiness of the brethren, the prosperity of the Order, and the extension of its benefits to every deserving brother within its circle. It was all very well to say "Oh! all the Grand Officers have to do is to go to Grand Lodge and look nice in their places," there was work to be done, and for the benefit of Masonry, and it was the love of that work and their zeal for it that brought them there and sustained them in the discharge of their important and onerous duties. He would not detain them longer than to congratulate the lodge upon having at its head one who was respected both inside and outside the lodge. He congratulated the lodge upon the excellent working of its Installing Officer that day, and heartily trusted the good old Capper Lodge would continue to be, as it was now, one of the bulwarks of Freemasonry under the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. He then resumed his seat amidst a storm of cheers.

Bro. Oates then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," saying that they all knew the steadfast manner in which for many years Bro. Higgins had devoted himself to the welfare of the lodge over which he that day had the honour to preside. He and Bro. Higgins joined the lodge together and took office together, and as he happened to be the senior, Bro. Higgins insisted that he should take precedence in office, and that was how he (Bro. Oates) came to be in the chair the first of the twain. They all knew that Bro. Higgins was capable of carrying out the duties of his high and important office, and they would find in him a typical Master, one of the sort they had been looking after for many years, and he asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Higgins, in reply, thanked Bro. Oates for his kind remarks and the brethren for their hearty reception of his name. All he could say was that he should always endeavour to do the work to their satisfaction, and to those visitors who might honour him by their attendance during his year of office. The manner in which his predecessor had done his work made him (Bro. Higgins) afraid that he should not be able to come up to that brother's mark in that respect, but he would try and emulate his splendid example, so that at the end of his year of office he might have the hearty good wishes of every brother of the lodge.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," and the W.M., in putting it, said they had heard and seen the way in which Bro. Oates had performed the ceremony that day, which he felt was a real Masonic treat. They knew also how he and Bro. Oates scratched one another's backs. He had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Oates for the last 14 years, and during that time they had rowed in the same boat. Bro. Oates had tried to make him, Bro. Higgins, efficient in his work, and would, no doubt, during the coming year, help him to carry out the duties of his office. For his splendid work as Installing Officer that day, he asked them to drink his health enthusiastically.

Bro. Oates, in response to a hearty greeting, said he was very grateful to the W.M. and brethren for their kindness to him that day, but he must say that in installing his successor he had only done his duty. There was one thing he should like to say, and that was that for the last 25 years every outgoing Master of that lodge had installed his successor. (A brother—27 years!). No; 25; therefore every Past Master of the lodge present had helped to make a record for that lodge; that was unique in any lodge in the kingdom. He, himself, by his work that day had added one more unit to that number, and he trusted the W.M. would add another to that grand record. The fact was and would be a stimulus for their present W.M. and succeeding W.M. to persevere and fulfil the duties of Installing Officer, and so increase the record and prestige of the dear old Capper Lodge.

Bro. Turvey briefly responded for "The Visitors," and

Bro. Jolly, in his remarks, spoke with pleasure of the fact that for the last five-and-twenty years he had only missed about two or three installation meetings, and then only on account of illness.

Bro. Alderman Whittingham said he came from the wilds of Essex, and would go back pleased and proud to have been present to enjoy their good working, their excellent hospitality, and also their splendid musical treat.

Bro. Downing also spoke to the toast.

Bro. Holliday, in responding for "The Past Masters," said it gave him a great deal of pleasure to be present. It was a meeting that he always regarded with the greatest pleasure, because it brought together so many good old Masonic friends that, perhaps, they did not meet all the rest of the year. He and Bros. Dorton and Brien were all initiated the same year in that lodge, and he was proud to see them well and hearty by his side that night.

Bro. Brien said he had unfortunately not been able to attend the lodge much lately, yet his heart was with them, and he heard how they were going on from his old friends—Bros. Holliday and Dorton. He was pleased to see such a goodly muster of the brethren, and wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Sayers also spoke to the toast.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures of the evening, which were enhanced materially by the splendid singing and playing of Miss Constance Greenwood, Miss Hannah Hotten, Madame Alice Lovenez, Bros. H. Wardle and E. C. Wormold, and Mr. B. Back. Bro. H. C. Wormold directed.

Aldersgate Lodge, 1657.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Thomas Briggs, W.M.; Septimus Croft, I.P.M.; H. N. Bennett, S.W.; Rupert Smyth, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; C. R. R. Hopper, S.D.; Arthur B. Hudson, P.M., J.D.; Edward Anderton, P.M., D.C.; George Rawlinson, P.M., Stwd.; H. Thomas, Tyler; James Shotter, P.M.; C. R. Leedham, Ralph Langton, and James C. Hayes. Visitors: Bros. George Briggs, P.M. 1572; T. Brooke Hitchings, P.M. 1540; and J. Tickle, P.M. 1196, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Henry Nicholas Bennett was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Samuel White, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year; Bros. C. R. Leedham, Langton, and Hayes were elected on the Finance Committee; and Bro. Leedham was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M.

The brethren afterwards dined together.

Crays Valley Lodge, No. 2147.

The installation meeting of this well-known provincial lodge was held at the School, High-street, St. Mary Cray, on Wednesday, the 10th instant. Present: Bros. J. T. Cookson, W.M.; Frank Stanger, S.W., W.M. elect; Wm. E. Bailey, J.W.; R. J. Pugh, P.M., Sec.; A. Oxley, S.D.; S. Gale, J.D.; L. Pugh, I.G.; F. Lewis, Org.; G. H. Miles, Steward; Wm. Tapsell, Tyler; A. M. Mitchell, W. Bier, T. Knight, P.P.G.O.; and G. Harlow, sen. Visitors: Bros. S. A. Stanger, P.M. 12; N. J. Stanger, P.M. 171; J. G. Twist, 700; C. A. Berrall, 1837; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.D. 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., Sec., read the correspondence respecting the Masonic Service to be held at St. Paul's Cathedral to commemorate the 200th anniversary. Bro. R. J. Pugh assumed the chair of W.M., and Bro. Frank Stanger, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. T. Cookson, I.P.M., to receive the benefits of installation, which ceremony was performed in a highly complimentary manner by Bro. Pugh. The new W.M., Bro. F. Stanger, very ably invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. T. Cookson, I.P.M.; Wm. E. Bailey, S.W.; A. Oxley, J.W.; H. Tyrer, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Pugh, P.M., Sec.; S. Gale, S.D.; L. Pugh, J.D.; G. Harlow, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; F. Lewis, Org.; G. Miles, I.G.; F. Lewis and A. Mitchell, Stewards; and Wm. Tapsell, Tyler. The customary addresses were most ably rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., for which he received special thanks. The Auditors presented the balance-sheet, which was received and adopted, showing a capital balance in the Benevolent Fund. About 350 guineas had been paid from the lodge of instruction to the various Charities. The W.M., Bro. Frank Stanger, rose and said that it gave

him the greatest possible pleasure, and also he felt honoured, in presenting Bro. J. T. Cookson, I.P.M., with the handsome Past Master's jewel awarded him by the brethren for able services rendered during the past year. They were all actuated by one desire, to show their appreciation of a good Master, and it was their earnest hope that he might live many years to wear the same, not only to his own honour, but also the honour of the lodge. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. T. Cookson, W.M. 2147, 1896-7, by the brethren, as a token of esteem." Bro. Cookson, I.P.M., replied in grateful and fully appreciative terms. Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., was elected Charity representative of the lodge.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to the Library, St. Mary Cray, where a most enjoyable banquet was provided, which was highly appreciated.

The tables and Hall were splendidly decorated with chrysanthemums, &c., from the W.M.'s greenhouses, who takes a deep interest in their culture, and possesses some very fine specimens.

The banquet ended, the W.M. presented the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and remarked she was Patron of all their noble Institutions, and, as ruler, was revered and adored by her loyal subjects.

In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said he was a gentleman in word and deed and a model to every English gentleman. Whatever duty devolved upon him he was most faithful in discharging, and none could be more zealous in the cause of Freemasonry than his Royal Highness. It was a great honour to hope to see him as Chairman in presiding over the Centenary Festival of the Boys' Institution in the coming year, and the W.M. hoped that the M.W.G.M. would receive the support of the brethren as he and the Institution deserved.

The W.M., Bro. Frank Stanger, then proposed the toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in worthy terms, and remarked specially of the Pro G.M. whenever he presided he always gained admiration and respect, and none more so than when acting as Chairman to a Masonic Institution, when it was most noticeable the splendid results which flowed from the Province of West Lancashire, of which the Pro G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, was Provincial Grand Master.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst; the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," and said they took the deepest interest in all that concerned the province, and were most assiduous in their duties. The Crays Valley Lodge had several Prov. Grand Officers among its members, but, from different causes, only Bro. Knight was present, which gave the brethren a very great pleasure, as he was highly esteemed, and he had great delight in coupling his name with the toast.

Bro. Thos. Knight, P.P.G. Org., expressed thanks for the flattering remarks of the W.M., and regretted the absence of his brother Grand Officers that evening. Too much praise could not be accorded the W.M. and his officers for their admirable work, and he could assure them that provincial honours were within the reach of all who deserved the same, and their deeds were not lost sight of by the Prov. G.M. and his worthy Deputy, Bro. Eastes, who performed their duties in an exemplary manner. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, he tendered his best thanks. He, however, touched upon one other subject, and could not sit down without expressing his admiration of the beautiful decorations supplied by their esteemed W.M., and to say he had never seen the tables and hall so tastefully decorated before. The whole surroundings shed a gleam of sunshine and augured well for the lodge.

Bro. Cookson, I.P.M., next presented the toast of "The W.M." in very becoming terms and said it was a great privilege indeed to do so. Although he had only retired among the Past Masters of the Crays Valley Lodge a few hours, yet he felt equal to that task. He and the W.M. had been running a neck and neck race for the chair and now that he was installed he, the I.P.M., was assured the W.M. would bring credit and honour to the lodge and Freemasonry in general, and would prove one of the best Worshipful Masters the lodge had ever had.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

Bro. F. Stanger, W.M., on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. Although not prepared with a speech he thanked the brethren most sincerely for such a cordial reception. He regretted that the true spirit of Masonry had not been fully exemplified in some of their brethren, but his sincere belief was that those remaining were true and would do their very utmost to practice and carry out its tenets. He could not speak too highly of Bros. Cookson and R. J. Pugh, the former having ably conducted the affairs of the lodge through a most trying time and Bro. Pugh most ably supporting him. The W.M. was pleased he was able to fall back upon two such worthy and capable brethren should he require it, and also to have the assistance of two such able Wardens, and he looked forward to a most successful year of office.

Bro. W. E. Bailey, S.W., proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Pugh," and remarked he was a most worthy and capable brother, having filled all the offices in the lodge, and the duties of Installing Master had never been better carried out. He had the greatest possible pleasure in giving the toast.

In reply, Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., briefly thanked the brethren but none the less sincerely. Bro. Cookson, the I.P.M., had been so very busy of late and had written to him to perform the ceremony of installation, to which he acceded most cheerfully. He was highly gratified and pleased he had given satisfaction. He had filled every office in the lodge and was now its Secretary, and would assure the brethren that he would do all he possibly could for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. S. Gale, S.D., proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was always cordially received and welcomed by the brethren of the Crays Valley Lodge. The number was not large, but those present were worthy and capable, and could rest assured they would always be most hospitably received, and the dignity of the lodge be raised by their presence.

The toast was replied to most forcibly and cordially by Bros. C. H. Stone, P.M.; A. Stanger, P.M.; N. J. Stanger, P.M.; C. A. Berrall, and J. G. Twist.

Bro. A. Oxley, J.W., said he was honoured in presenting the toast of "The Past Masters," who had done good and suitable service. Their number present was small, but those present had the esteem of every brother in the lodge.

Bro. Pugh replied gratefully on behalf of the P.Ms., some of whom had been removed by death to the Grand Lodge above, but who had done their duty to the lodge. Those left would do their utmost and support the brethren in whatever was required of them to the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. Cookson also ably responded.

The toast of "The Officers" was proposed by Bro. Beer, who said they were an able and worthy body, and the brethren would assist them in their various offices.

This was most appropriately replied to by the S.W., J.W., S.D., J.D., I.G., Stwd., and Organist.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy and successful meeting.

A capital programme of music was arranged by Bro. Fred. Lewis, Org., assisted by Bros. A. Stanger, Oxley (reciter), Twist, Harlow, sen., Cookson, and C. H. Stone. Mr. Lilwall was the able accompanist upon the piano.

Albany Lodge, No. 2652.

The last meeting for the year of this newly-formed lodge was held at the Albany Club, Kingston-on-Thames, on the 2nd ult., and a good amount of work was set down for the W.M., Bro. Goodman. Unforeseen circumstances, however, prevented the candidates for the Third Degree from coming up, so that the Second only was witnessed. Bro. S. G. Wheatley (son of Bro. G. F. Wheatley, P.P.G.D.C. Dorset, and Sec. 2652), and Bro. Sharpus being passed. The W.M. followed up an excellent display of correct work by giving the lecture on the second tracing board in fluent language and striking emphasis. Several names were given in, either for joining or election, and before the last rising of the W.M., the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Tyler, addressed the lodge. He said it gave him much pleasure to listen to the admirable working, and see also the intimate acquaintance which the Wardens and Deacons had with their duties. He felt sure that the Albany Lodge would rank with the best working lodges in the province, and he should have the pleasant duty of making a favourable report to the Prov. G.M. after his visit.

Lodge being closed, the brethren dined together and thoroughly appreciated the excellent catering of the club culinary staff.

It was regretted that the Prov. G. Sec. could not stay for the social gathering, the pleasure of which was enhanced by the charming music given under the direction of Bro. S. Houlton Horton, P.W., who had enlisted the services of Miss Mary Hulton, Miss Marion Gordon, and Mr. Noel Johnson, the last named a superb performer on the 'cello. Bro. Horton also displayed his vocal powers, which are of a high order.

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Masonic Notes.

In reply to sundry inquiries which have reached us, we beg to state that a circular letter has been addressed to the Worshipful Masters of all the lodges in London and the Provinces, containing instructions as to the manner in which they should proceed in order to obtain tickets of admission to St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, the 2nd December, when the Craft will attend Divine service therein in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of its being opened for public worship, and out of respect to the tradition that Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of the Cathedral, was a member of our Order. This circular letter was addressed to the Worshipful Masters at the places where their respective lodges are in the habit of meeting.

It is not often that we are in a position to furnish news of the doings of the Craft in Herefordshire. Not only is it a small Province—probably, as regards the number of its lodges, the smallest in England—but apparently it has had no desire to court publicity. It is therefore with all the greater pleasure that we publish in another part of our columns a full report of the proceedings at the annual meeting at Hereford of its Prov. Grand Lodge. The brethren appear to have assembled in considerable strength, while the reports that were presented by the executive officers were in all respects most creditable.

We have said there was a numerous attendance, among those present being Bro. H. C. Beddoe, D.P.G.M., who presided in the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M., and Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G. Master of Shropshire, with his worthy Deputy, Bro. Rowland G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C. Bro. Sir Joseph R. Bailey, Bart., who has been Masonically in charge of Here-

fordshire since 1880 was absent unfortunately, owing to the serious illness of a very near and dear relative, but with this single and regrettable drawback, the Province may be held to have made a brave show and we trust it will not be the last occasion on which it will be our privilege to record the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

But though this privilege may again devolve upon us, there is but little prospect of the special circumstances under which the meeting was held being for a long time repeated. Many, many years must elapse before, in the ordinary course of things, any body of Craftsmen will assemble for the purpose of celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of an English Sovereign. But though they are not likely to do this, there is no reason why their meetings in the near future should not be attended with the same success as this, or, at least, with a similar measure of success. There was, as we have said, a full attendance, as well of distinguished brethren from adjoining Provinces and from remote distances as of the local Craft. The service in the Cathedral was most imposing, and, as will be seen from our report, a most eloquent sermon was preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of Hereford, on whom the office of Prov. Grand Chaplain had been just previously conferred, and who is a brother of our Lord Leigh, who for the last 45 years has presided, with so much dignity and so greatly to the advantage of Masonry, over the destinies of the Craft in Warwickshire.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a copy of a reprint in exact facsimile of the "Antient Constitutions by Benjamin Cole, with an Introduction by William James Hughan, P.G.D." The reprint is the work of Bro. William Jackson, of Commercial-street, Leeds, upon whom it reflects the greatest credit, while as regards the Introduction by Bro. Hughan, it is hardly necessary for us to say that it contains all the information that can possibly be desired or needed respecting this and similar publications of the character which were published at or about the same time. We have so many demands upon our space just at this time that we find ourselves, to our great regret, under the necessity of holding over the remarks we have to make on the reprint till next week.

It is with very great regret we announce elsewhere the death on Tuesday, the 16th inst., of Bro. Alderman Walter Hopekirk, of Croydon, who in 1887 was appointed Assistant Grand Pursuivant of Grand Lodge, and the year following was advanced to Grand Pursuivant, while in 1891 he had conferred upon him the office of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter. Bro. Hopekirk was a most genial man as well as an able and experienced Mason. He had done excellent service in his day not only in lodge and chapter, but likewise on behalf of our Charitable Institutions, his interest in them being exhibited as recently as the earlier half of last month, when though, apparently very far from being in his usual health, he was present at the Quarterly Court of one of our Schools. We feel sure that our readers will join with us in tendering our respectful sympathy to the family of our deceased brother on the loss they have just sustained.

The latest of the class of special lodges which have been so greatly in favour for some years past is the Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2682, which will be associated with St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and was consecrated in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 15th instant. The ceremony was performed by no less a personage than Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, while the lodge is honoured by having his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., as its first W. Master. "Sancta Maria" starts well with a body of 50 founders, and under the circumstances we have mentioned there is little doubt as to its career being a prosperous one. We wish it every success, and shall be but too pleased to do what is in our power to promote its interests.

We are glad to find that some slight progress has been made in strengthening the Board of Stewards in connection with the Festival which will be held in February next in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire. But there is still a considerable amount of leeway to be made up, and unless a further spurt is made between now and the 1st prox., there is every likeli-

hood of the Board being weaker by some 50 members than the 1897 Festival Board was at the corresponding period of last year. We must remind our readers that, while incomes fluctuate from year to year, the amount of expenditure remains permanently the same. Between £16,000 and £17,000 is required annually, in addition to which there are the expenses of management and for the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon. This raises the total annual outlay to some £19,000, and unless the friends of the Institution are prepared to see it sell out some of its hard-earned capital, or reduce the number of annuitants, this is the amount that must be raised for the year's expenditure.

We understand that there are those who argue that as the Benevolent Institution, in common with our two Scholastic Institutions, has been the recipient of two substantial windfalls during the present year in the shape of a special grant from Grand Lodge of £2000, and its proportion of the fees received for admission to the Royal Albert Hall meeting amounting to some £1166, it will not greatly matter if there is a large diminution in the Returns at the 1898 Festival. It is not by encouraging such ideas as this that our Charitable Institutions have been enlarged to their present splendid condition of efficiency. Moreover, between 1892 and 1897 there have been Festivals which have produced by many thousands of pounds less than the £19,000 which is permanently needed for the maintenance of the Institution. Let it suffice for us to realise that in the year 1898 in which the Boys' School Centenary will be celebrated, the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution are prepared for lower totals of Returns, but let us at the same time carefully abstain from saying or doing anything which will still further reduce the totals in prospect.

Those who suggest that there may be a time when the authorities of an Institution, which is mainly supported by voluntary contributions, would, to a certain extent, be justified in relaxing their efforts in order to bring the ever-needed grist to the mill, can have very little idea of the enormous amount of labour which the raising of from £14,000 to £16,000 every year for each of our Masonic Institutions entails upon their several Secretaries and Committees, and the very serious responsibility which any of them would incur if it could be shown that an inadequate return—inadequate, that is to say, for the purpose of the year affected—had resulted from any relaxation of effort on his or its part. It is one of the most remarkable of the features which characterise our Anniversary Festivals, and those of other Institutions which are similarly circumstanced—we are speaking, of course, of ordinary, not special Centenary and Jubilee Festivals—that, no matter how successful a Return may have been obtained in any one year, it must in its very infancy—we ought almost to say, at its very birth—be ignored as the greatest success achieved since the Institution for which it was held was founded, and at once pronounced to be the lowest standard which can be taken as the criterion of success for the brief term of years that may immediately follow.

In short, there is never in the work of obtaining voluntary subscriptions in behalf of a Charitable Institution a greatest Return that was ever obtained at an anniversary but that it immediately becomes the duty of the Secretary and the Committee through whose exertions it was raised to look upon it as the lowest which they will regard as a success for the future. The reason for this is obvious: there is no knowing when the rainy day may come when the donations and subscriptions will constitute only the minor part of a year's income instead of what we ordinarily expect it to be—the major part, and this is more especially the case with institutions such as those which Masonry has established and which, as a rule, have only very small permanent incomes derived from invested capital on which they could afford to fall back at a time of dire extremity. Let those who suggest that after so productive a year as this has been the Benevolent Institution can afford to put up with smaller proceeds from next year's campaign keep in mind these remarks we have just made, and at the same time remember that the greater successes of 1897 and 1896 have, after all, accomplished no more than make up for the deficiencies of the three preceding years. There can never be finality in a success connected with a Charitable Institution; it is only the standard of success which is always and regularly year by year to be exceeded by that progress of arithmetical progression which is described in the pages of the immortal Cocker.

Correspondence.

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

PROPOSED "OLD MASONIANS' LODGE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Our "Old Boys" have decided to form an "Old Masonians' Lodge" as a fitting adjunct to our centenary celebration in 1898.

We are desirous of getting into touch with ex-scholars in all parts of the country, being convinced that there are many who must have joined the Craft.

To this end may I ask you to be good enough to insert this letter, and to say that I shall be glad to be the medium of communication between any "Old Masonian" and the founders of the proposed new lodge.

The next meeting of the founders is to be held on Monday, November 29th, at 7 p.m. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., to which "Old Masonians" who are members of the Craft are cordially invited.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. McLEOD.

6, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th November.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1110] MASONIC STUDENTS.

The "Lodge of Research," No. 2429, Leicester, formed on similar lines to the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London, is to assemble on Monday, the 22nd instant, at 7.30 p.m. The W.M. is Dr. R. Pratt, and the Secretary is Bro. John T. Thorp, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., who is also Editor of the Transactions. Copies of this annual volume, with membership of the *Correspondence Circle*, as well as the receipt of summonses and other papers issued, may be had for 5s. per annum, on an approved ballot at the ensuing or any subsequent lodge meeting. A paper will be read on this occasion by Bro. F. W. Billson, W.M. No. 1391, the Senior Warden, on "*Masonic Ritual and Ceremonies: their antiquity as judged by internal evidence.*" Discussion at the close of the reading, and the Secretary will likewise exhibit some Masonic curios. Subscriptions for 1897-8 are now due, and will be welcomed from all parts of the country, as the objects of the founders are not local only, but embrace the Craft generally, at home and abroad. Visitors will be cordially welcomed.

W. J. H.

1111] THE ASHBURNHAM LIBRARY.

Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge, Wellington-street, Strand, are now circulating their fine quarto catalogue of "The Magnificent Collection of PRINTED BOOKS, the property of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Ashburnham. Second Part, G. to P." Copies may be had from this famous firm of auctioneers at 1s. each. There is an interesting Introduction of a most helpful character. There are many valuable books in the lots 1684 to 2892 for sale, which will doubtless command good prices. But at any reasonable figure several of these valuable old tomes should be bought, either for the British Museum, if not supplied, or others of our national collections or large libraries. Some I should much like to see in our own important Library at the Freemasons' Hall, *one in particular, viz.*—

"1996.—Holme (Randle) THE ACADEMY OF ARMORY, or a store-house of Armory and Blazon, plates, engraved and printed titles, and the two plates of Alphabets in Book III., inlaid, purple morocco extra, g.e., by Clyde; folio. Chester, printed for the author, 1688."

This is a "fine, perfect, and very large copy," measuring over 14 by 9 inches, and it is said that only one other impression is known having the plate of Alphabets. Bro. Randle Holme was a noted Freemason in the seventeenth century, and is familiar to Masonic students through the "Sloane MSS.," as well as by examination of a copy of the "Academy of Armory" in the British Museum, carefully described by Bro. W. H. Rylands. Of specially attractive lots may be mentioned Caxton's "Le Recueil des Histoires de Troyes" (1476), and another of 1472-4 (*circa*), a copy of the "Boke of the Hoole Lyf of Jason," 1477 (*circa*), one of the earliest from the Press of Westminster, and the "Mirrour of the Worlde" (1481), being the excessively rare first edition, of which only 15 are known. The days of sale are from December 6th to the 11th inclusive, at 1 p.m.

W. J. HUGHAN.

1112] RE DEGREES.

Has not "M.M." made a mistake in claiming for Bro. Dr. Churchward the distinction of proving that there were Masonic Degrees "thousands of years ago?" Does he not mean *millions*? It seems a pity not to go in for antiquity most thoroughly, whilst the Dr. is about it, and, therefore, whether he is content with "many thousands" or not, I suggest the additional period so as to leave plenty of margin.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The General Committee of Grand Lodge and the Board of Benevolence met for the November assemblage on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The General Committee was first held, at which Bro. James Henry Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, presided. The paper of business for the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on December 1st was first submitted to the brethren, and afterwards the Board of Benevolence was held, Bro. J. H. Matthews, President, still occupying the chair. Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, were in their respective chairs. The other brethren who attended were Bros. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, W. Lake, Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and Henry Sadler, representing Grand Secretary's Department. The large attendance of other brethren showed that there were present Bros.

Henry Garrod, T. Jones, George B. Chapman, Wm. P. Brown, Wm. Fisher, J. Bunker, T. P. Sharpe, W. Kipps, S. H. Goldschmidt, George Graveley, George R. Langley, C. E. Prior, J. J. Thomas, C. J. R. Tijou, H. Price, J. W. Martin, J. Stephens, D.G.D.C.; Robert A. Gowan, Dr. George Mickley, Wm. Ham, R. Horton Smith, O.C., Deputy G. Reg.; J. Harrison, H. W. Wyborn, J. Barry, T. Shorrocks, E. H. Moseley, Felix Kite, C. T. Wilson, R. Wright, George Nott, H. Stiles, T. J. Mercer, W. J. Ferguson, Robert Manley, J. W. Burgess, R. C. Bayne, R. Colvell, J. Mayo, J. Smith, W.M. 2490; R. J. Tucker, George Inglish, W.M. 901; H. Massey, Jacques D. Myles, Harry Sillis, W. S. Threats, W.M. 511; H. T. Grundy, J. Kills, W.M. 1441; W. F. Lamony, T. B. Nodin, Henry Kemp, W.M. 862; T. Rendell, Albany R. Grieve, P.P.J.G.W. Gloucestershire; Ernest R. Smith, W.M. 145; Henry A. Tobias, Isaac Rosalke, D. H. Chandler, Wilfred J. Chambers, H. Thomson Lyon, E. Chatterton, J. M. Restone, Edmund Johnson, John Pratt, Henry Hyde, M. Spiegel, G. Waterall, Samuel H. Pearsall, James P. Hoare, Edward Margrett, C. T. Smale, Maj. H. Vane Stow, J. Ringer Hewett, Walter Dickeson, G. B. Thompson, E. Croft Wise, W.M. 619; H. T. Smith, P.M. 1339; Arthur B. Spawforth, Japheth Tickle, James J. Rumbal, J. Sibart Sisman, Ernest Davy, J. P. Vesey Fitzgerald, Charles Henry Stone, Joseph Sharpe, and W. J. Goldspink.

Before the brethren proceeded with the business on the paper, Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, rose and said he desired to make a few observations. Twelve months ago he had the pleasure of proposing a vote of thanks to the late President of the Board, Bro. Robert Grey, and if he remembered rightly, he made use of this remark: that whoever might be the successor of Bro. Grey, it would be quite impossible to provide his equal, and he was very much in doubt whether they would find one who was even an equal. But he might say that during the last 12 months, under the presidency of their Bro. Matthews, his views on that matter had been very much modified. They had found in Bro. Matthews a very worthy successor to a very worthy Past President, and he was sure he was speaking the views of the brethren when he said that they very highly appreciated the way in which he had conducted the work of the Board. His knowledge of business and his vast experience of the working of the Order had enabled him to carry on the work of the Board with promptitude, at the same time with kindness and with justice to every candidate who came before the Board. Therefore, without taking up the time of the brethren any longer, as the Board had a long list of business to get through, he would propose the following resolution: "The members of this Board hereby convey to Very Worshipful Bro. James Henry Matthews a hearty and cordial vote of thanks for the very able, kind, and courteous manner in which he has conducted the business of the Board of Benevolence for the last 12 months, and they earnestly hope he will be spared to preside over them for many years to come."

Bro. HENRY GARROD, Past G. Purst., in seconding the motion, said being the oldest member of the Board he looked upon it as an honour and a privilege to do so. He endorsed every word that had been said by the Senior Vice-President. He would add to the motion "That it be entered on the minutes."

This addition was agreed to, and the motion as so altered was agreed to *nem. con.*

Bro. JAMES HENRY MATTHEWS, President, acknowledging the compliment, said: Brother Senior Vice-President and Bro. Garrod,—I thank you for your very kind expressions. I notice, Brother Senior Vice-President, you have used the word "promptitude." I have felt that in disposing of the business we have occupied a short time, but I do not think that for all that we have ever done short of justice to the applicants or granted them less than they deserved. It has been my custom rather to keep you going; but I do not think any case has suffered in consequence. I hope I have satisfied you. (Hear, hear.)

The brethren first confirmed recommendations at the October meeting that the Grand Master should allow £175 as a total to be granted in five cases—three sums of £40 each, one sum of £30 and one of £25. The new list comprised the names of 45 petitioners. These were qualified through lodges in the London District, and at Hong Kong, Woolston, Upper Mill, Ripon, Farnworth, Devonport, Whitefield, Glastonbury, Reading, Stroud, Meerut, Nuneaton, Leighton Buzzard, Southall, Norwich, Jarrow, Dukinfield, Great Stanmore, Maidstone, Liverpool, Preston, Red Hill, Derby, South Australia, Budleigh Salterton, Whitehaven, Grand Lodge of New York, and Sydney, New South Wales. Three of these cases were deferred, being imperfect. The remainder were granted a total of £1080. Two cases were recommended to Grand Lodge for £50 each; eight to the Grand Master for £40 each; 10 for £30 each; and one for £25; and immediate grants were made of £20 in 12 instances; £10 in six; and £5 in two cases.

Craft Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.

The installation meeting of this important lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., on Thursday, the 11th instant, when there were present Bros. H. Fokett, W.M.; J. M. Huish, I.P.M.; John French, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Hatton, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; R. C. Green, P.M., Sec.; Holmes, S.D.; W. H. Handover, J.D.; S. Random, I.G.; Rider, Steward; Lander, P.M., D.C.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; F. E. Pocock, P.M., A.G.D.C. Eng.; E. Rogers, P.M.; J. H. Rutherglen, P.M.; G. Davis, P.M.; Vivis, P.M.; R. Standing, H. Dillaway, H. Holmes, G. M. Passingham, Wm. Gibbon, jun., H. A. O. Scherf, E. W. Rogers, J. M. Ingledew, W. C. Elms, T. Gray, Tilney, Rising, E. Lee, L. C. Chocquer, C. M. Beard, H. Jones, E. C. T. Bradley, J. P. Williams, E. K. Bennett, W. B. Rotherne, D. Armfield, J. W. Montague, W. Roberts, F. King, A. K. Thomson, and W. A. Macleod. Visitors: Bros. T. Clark, 1178; H. Hatton, 2246; W. P. Hatton, W.M. elect 2246; A. Smith, 355; W. Middlewick, 1791; Prof. F. W. Driver, P.M. 45; Geo. Inglish, 901; S. Westwood, 2246; G. B. Johnston, 1791; G. C. Harding, 1635; H. Fokett, 1637; T. Bailey, 1805; W. E. Goodchild, 991; F. Clark, 23; W. Ellis, 720; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656; P.P.G.P. Surrey; H. J. Dyer, 1365; W. H. Armfield, 2246; G. W. Watts, 104; J. J. Mackay, 1767; F. G. Kemble, 49, 715; W. C. Leete, 1974; E. Edwards, 1891; E. A. Dutton, 167; W. J. Millington, 2240; R. Hendy, 1767; W. Seaman, 1741; W. Freemantle, 269; J. Waterhouse, 1767; and Huggatt.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. A. Macleod, M.D., 22 (S.C.), was balloted for and duly admitted as a joining member of the lodge. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted, when the Senior Auditor said he congratulated the lodge on its sound financial position. The report was received and adopted. By a wise ruling of the W.M. the necessary business of the lodge, such as the reading of the correspondence, was transacted before the important event of the evening took place. Bro. Parkinson, P.M., Treas., gave notice of motion "That the lodge should grant £40 on the occasion of the approaching centenary of the Boys' School." It was proposed by the Secretary that a vote of thanks be given by the lodge to Bro. Ransom for his gift of a table for the use of the Secretary. It was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Ransom returned thanks. The Secretary announced that he had received a notice from the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's inviting members of the lodge to be present at a grand Masonic service on the 4th December. This subject was postponed for further consideration and action. The W.M. elect, Bro. John French, S.W., was then presented for installation by Bro. Lander, P.M., D.C., to the Installing Master, the W.M., who then installed the W.M. elect in a deliberate and impressive manner. The large circle of Past Masters of the lodge and visiting brethren saluted Bro. John French as W.M., tendering their hearty congratulations. The lodge of installed Masters was then closed. The brethren were then admitted, and under the guidance and instruction of Bro. Lander, D.C., saluted the

W.M. in the Three Degrees. This ceremony was admirably performed and the Director of Ceremonies deserves especial commendation for his invaluable services; a long period of 16 years in his important office had made him thoroughly proficient in his duties. The W.M. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. H. Foskett, I.P.M.; W. Hatton, S.W.; W. H. Handover, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; R. C. Greer, P.M., Sec.; H. Holmes, S.D.; Ransom, J.D.; E. K. Bennett, I.G.; Rev. Holden, Chap.; Lander, P.M., D.C.; Sanger, Org.; Dr. Roberts, A.D.C.; Ryder and D. Armfield, Stwds.; and J. Bull, Tyler. The I.P.M. gave the addresses in an impressive manner.

The visiting brethren with "Hearty good wishes" felicitated the W.M., after which the lodge was closed.

At the banquet, after due justice had been done to the excellent fare provided, the W.M., with sensible brevity, submitted the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, the National Anthem was sung by Miss Minnie Chamberlain.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales" by Mr. Hugh Cochrane.

Bros. Dr. Pocock, A.G.D.C. England, and Smith (of the Grand Lodge of Scottish Masonry in India) responded to the toast of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," after which two part songs were given by the Crichton Part Singers.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by the I.P.M., who, briefly reviewing the Masonic career of the W.M., spoke in glowing terms of the universal brotherly esteem in which the W.M. was held by the members of the lodge, and how well it was deserved.

It need hardly be said that the brethren enthusiastically applauded the sentiments they had just heard, and the toast was received with full Masonic honours.

The Worshipful Master responded in a few appropriate phrases, heartily thanking the brethren.

The next toast was that of "The Joining Member, Bro. Dr. McLeod," which was well received.

Bro. Dr. McLeod assured the brethren that he deemed it a great honour to have been admitted as a joining member of so distinguished a lodge.

Miss Minnie Chamberlain sang "When all was young."

Next came the toast of "The Visitors," which was proposed by Bro. Rogers, P.M.

Bros. F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P. Surrey, Hutton, Dyer, and others responded. Then followed a humorous song by Mr. Rea Watney—"Guessing at the ball."

The toast of "The I.P.M." was ably proposed by the W.M., who reminded the brethren how admirably Bro. Foskett had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office. He presented to him a Past Master's jewel.

The toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Foskett gratefully acknowledged the honour conferred on him by the lodge.

Then followed a duet—"The moon has raised her lamp above"—by Messrs. P. Dyer and Cochrane.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was warmly welcomed, and responded to by each officer in a few appropriate words.

Bro. Prof. F. W. Driver, P.M., recited his Masonic poem—"The Craft."

Then followed "The Past Masters," which was responded to by Bros. Lander, Rogers, and others.

A pianoforte solo was given by Mr. F. King, and "Blow, blow, thou winter wind," by Bro. F. King.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by the S.W., Bro. W. R. Hatton, P.M.

Mr. R. Watney gave a humorous song—"Old friends, firm friends," followed by a part song—"Sleep, gentle lady"—by the Crichton Part Singers.

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

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge, as is well known, derives its name from the Four Crowned Martyrs, the earliest known Patron Saints of the Craft of Masonry, whose festival is held by the Church on the 8th November, the date of their martyrdom. The lodge, therefore, keeps this day as its grand festival, and installs its new Master on that occasion. The installation, which took place on Monday, the 8th inst., may justly be considered one of the most successful of the many successful functions of the lodge. The new Master, Bro. Sydney T. Klein, is most deservedly popular in more than one circle, he is not only a member of a large house in the City, but has travelled the world more than is given to most mortals, and is well-known for his scientific attainments, being a Fellow of the Linnean and Royal Astronomical Societies, and the proprietor of a recognised observatory of considerable size at Stanmore. He was also an early joining member of the lodge, in which he filled all the offices from Steward upwards, except that of S.W., which he skipped owing to the unfortunate reason that the S.W. of the lodge, Bro. C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., Director of the Art Department at South Kensington Museum, felt himself unable to devote the necessary time to the lodge during the coming year which the Master of this special lodge must devote, if he is to do his duty. It was only, therefore, natural that the attendance on Monday should be larger than is usually the case. There were over 150 members and visitors present. Of the actual members the following attended: Bros. C. Kupferschmidt, retiring Master, A.G.S.G.C.; E. Macbean, I.P.M.; C. Purdon Clarke, S.W.; S. T. Klein, W.M. elect, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., S.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; G. Greiner, P.M., Stwd.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Gen. Sir Chas. Warren, P. Dis. G.M. Eastern Archipelago; Dr. Belgrave Ninnis, P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. J. W. Horsley; Hamon le Strange, P.G.D.; E. J. Castle, Q.C.; and F. H. Goldney, P.G.D. It will be observed that the majority of these brethren, all of whom owe their membership of the lodge to literary service rendered to Freemasonry, have earned the further distinction of Grand Office, and letters of apology and regret for absence were read from others, such as Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C.; John Lane, P.A.G.D.C.; and Admiral A. H. Markham, P. Dis. G.M. Malta. Truly a good muster roll. Over 100 of the members of the Correspondence Circle of the lodge attended, and we regret that it is impossible to spare the room for all their names. But a glance around the room showed that here, again, was a large sprinkling of Grand Officers. We noticed among others, Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le-Feuvre, P.G.D.; Dr. G. Mickley, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Harry Tipper, P.G. Purst.; and J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; besides many brethren, such as Bros. Passmore Edwards, George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Genl. A. Terry, and others, who, although not clad in purple and gold, are all well-known prominent Masons. As showing the remarkable attraction which this lodge possesses for all those privileged to attend its meetings, we were informed that many of the members of both Circles had travelled enormous distances to be present, there being brethren in attendance from Carnoustie, Glasgow, York, Felixstowe, Lincoln, Havant, Brighton, Maidstone, Oxford, &c. There were members also present from much further distances India, the Cape, and Australia, and such are always to be found at the meetings of this lodge, although, of course, they had not travelled to England on purpose to attend. Among the visitors, who numbered 25, we recognised Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., both of whom assisted to consecrate the lodge 11 years ago; T. L. Wilkinson, P. Dep. G. Reg.; Sir George D. Harris, P.G.D.; General Morris, Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., and many others. The lodge, we are informed, now numbers 31 full members and 2465 members of its Correspondence Circle, and is still rapidly growing, of which we were a witness, as 25 brethren were admitted to the membership of this latter body previous to the installation. The Secretary, in a speech he made at the banquet seemed to be somewhat disappointed that only some 320 new members had joined their ranks during the year, as the number was hardly up to the average of the last few years. The tie binding this huge association together is simply the pursuit of Masonic Archaeological Research. Who would have believed, when a small band of nine established the lodge in 1834, that there were 2500 Masons sufficiently interested in the subject to take an active part in it by providing the funds necessary and, in many instances, devoting much of their time to its pursuit? We venture to think that not even the founders themselves had the least inkling of the phenomenal success which awaited them. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. R. F. Gould, who has installed every one of the former Masters, with all his accustomed elegance and impressiveness, the W.M. elect being presented to the chair by Sir Charles Warren, the first Master, the Wardens for the occasion being Bros. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., and Hamon le Strange, P.G.D. Bro. Kupferschmidt, A.G.S.G.C., before leaving the chair, delivered a short farewell address to the brethren which impressed every one by

its dignity and deep feeling. The new W.M., Bro. S. T. Klein, appointed the following officers: Bros. C. Purdon Clarke, S.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., J.W.; Sir Walter Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; E. Conder, jun., S.D.; John Lane, P.A.G.D.C., J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; Dr. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D. Ireland, A.D.C.; G. Greiner, I.G.; E. J. Castle, S. Stwd.; and finally, the junior office of all, that of J. Stwd., was accepted by Bro. Admiral Markham, P. Dis. G.M. Malta. With such officers the lodge ought to be moderately certain of another successful year. Among the remaining business of the lodge, were some matters of considerable interest. Bro. Lindsay, who had come up from Carnoustie on purpose, presented the lodge museum with a remarkable old apron, embroidered by hand on linen, which evoked great interest among the *cognoscenti*, for which graceful act he was accorded a well-merited vote of thanks by the brethren. Then a handsomely illuminated vote of thanks and a Past Master's jewel were presented to the retiring W.M., for which he expressed his acknowledgments. Even in such a matter as the P.M. jewel, this lodge strikes out a line of its own, the jewel comprising a replica of a unique medal, in the possession of the lodge, struck at Rome in the 16th century on the occasion of the resurrection of the Church of the Four Crowned Martyrs there.

The proceedings in lodge were concluded, and rounded off by the delivery of an inaugural address by the new W.M., a feature of which the lodge makes a point. These addresses, which differ from the antiquarian papers read at the usual meetings of the lodge, partake naturally largely of the peculiar pursuits of the respective Masters. In the present instance we were treated to a beautiful and eloquent disquisition on the nature of infinite space and time, with a special view to our better comprehension of the awe-inspiring nature of the G.A.O.T.U., the illustrations being chiefly drawn from the science of astronomy, although not entirely, because the W.M., finding it well at one point to make some statements as to the nature of sound, exhibited and put in action a small syren of a very ingenious construction. The address was listened to with absorbed interest by the brethren present, and, although we can find no room to give a *précis* of it in this number, our readers will be able to study it in the Transactions of the lodge, and possibly also in our Christmas Number. Naturally no discussion follows these addresses, as would be the case with an ordinary paper, but we were somewhat surprised to find that no vote of thanks to the W.M. was proposed. This, we learn, is in accordance with the custom of the lodge. The installation address is delivered *ex cathedra*, it is received without expressed thanks, as coming from the W.M. in the exercise of his office, and without comment, as becomes his pupils for the time.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, and enjoyed a quiet hour or two in discussing the good things provided for their comfort. Here, again, the new W.M. acquitted himself well, impressing everyone favourably by his short and earnest speeches, admirably to the point.

Bro. Fenn, P.G.W., replied for "The Grand Officers," making excellent use of humorous references to passages in a former paper of the Worshipful Master on the Great Symbol.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren replied for "The Past Masters and Founders of the Lodge," and gave some very interesting instances of the good which at one time enabled him to place himself in touch with unfriendly Biers of the Orange Free State thereby smoothing over difficulties, and at another time permitted him to put in a good word with the Turkish commander on behalf of a Christian population which was caught between the Bedouins and the Turks, and would otherwise have suffered, which ever won.

Bro. Passmore Edwards responded in an eloquent and warm speech on behalf of "The Correspondence Circle."

Bro. Gen. Morris replied for "The Visitors."

The toast of the evening was, of course, that of "The W.M.," of which this lodge always makes a feature; it being expected that the speech shall comprise a biographical account of the life, career, and literary or scientific work of the new ruler. The majority, but not all, of these annual speeches have been delivered by Bro. R. F. Gould, who was again selected for the purpose on this occasion, and proposed the toast in the following words, with which we shall conclude our report of a very enjoyable evening. Bro. Gould said: Brethren, you will be already aware from the formalities which have just been exchanged between the Wardens and myself, that the toast of the evening is about to be proposed, and I shall now ask our newly-installed Master to submit with what patience he can command to a short account of his previous career, as a citizen of the world, as a votary of science, and as a Freemason, which it will be my pleasing task to unfold to you. Our brother was born in 1853, and though at a comparatively early age admitted a partner in the extensive business carried on by his late father (and at the present time by his brother and himself) in London, Cork, and Dundee, he has been a great traveller in all quarters of the globe. In 1876-77 he was in Spain, where he saw a little of the Carlist war and a great deal of the mode of life and habits of the Gitanos, or Moorish Gipsies, many particulars of which were given to us last year in his paper on the "Law of Dakhiel." In 1877-78 he was in Turkey, where he witnessed the last episode of the war with Russia—the fall of Plevna. He then went to Asia Minor and studied the customs of the Dervishes, or Magic-men, who control the principal caravans coming down from the interior. After this he went to Southern Russia and Roumania, and has been more than once to Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and Hungary. In 1881 and again 10 years later he paid long visits to the United States of America and Canada, and in both these countries, from the reputation he had acquired as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of this country, was heartily welcomed at the principal observatories. On the last occasion he was in America, viz., in 1891, he travelled right across the Pacific Slope, visiting on his way several of the Indian Reservations, and studying the customs of the Aborigines of North America. After this he gladly accepted an invitation to Mount Hamilton, where, by the courtesy of Professor Holden, he enjoyed the privilege of using the great Lick telescope for more than one night. Before leaving Mount Hamilton our brother was elected an honorary member of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. He has always been greatly interested in the physical sciences, and is a Fellow of the Linnean, the Astronomical, and a large number of other societies. It was at his private house that a Natural History and Science Society for the County of Middlesex was founded, the Committee of which comprised such eminent men as the late Sir Richard Owen and Professor Huxley, Sir John Lubbock, and others. The two Honorary Secretaries were Bros. S. T. Klein and W. Mattieu Williams, and among the names of members of the Council is to be found that of Bro. William Mason, one of the most honoured Past Masters of this lodge. As might naturally be expected, Bro. Klein, who was initiated in the Walford Lodge, N. 404, in 1882, soon heard of the Quatuor Coronati from Bros. Williams and Simpson, and in the following year he was admitted a member of our Inner Circle. In 1893 he was appointed Steward, and has since filled all the other progressive offices of the lodge, except that of Senior Warden, which he has not done, simply because the pressure of public duties prevented our Bro. Purdon Clarke from moving up as we had hoped and expected. Though as the S.W. promised to accept the Master's gavel, should it be proffered him in 1898, we were all highly gratified that the J.W. consented to undertake the responsibilities of the chair a year sooner than they would have devolved upon him in his regular turn. But I must here stop to explain that even before his appointment to office in 1893 our present W.M. had established a strong claim on our regard. In the summer of 1890 we had our usual excursion, and beginning with Edgware and Canons Park, concluded the day by enjoying the agreeable hospitality of Bro. and Mrs. Klein at Stanmore, where, indeed, a number of us stayed the night, and so anxious was Bro. Klein to keep the brethren of the lodge as his guests for a day or two that the whole sleeping accommodation of the hotel at Stanmore was especially bespoken, in order to supplement the resources of his establishment. Our brother has read a great many papers before learned societies, and two of particular interest, "The Law of Dakhiel" and "The Great Symbol," before the lodge. We have also had a very recent specimen of his literary dexterity in the inaugural address of this evening. Of the hidden mysteries of nature and science he has given us a glimpse, and in an instructive manner, after recommending that each of us in the Quatuor Coronati Lodge should apply himself to speak or write on the subject with which he is most familiar, has reduced theory to practice by descending on some of the wonders revealed by the science of astronomy. There is perhaps no other branch of natural science in which our W.M. has attained greater distinction, and it is from the methods he has acquired—it may be insensibly—as an astronomer that I shall venture to hope we may derive great benefit during his presidency over our association. It is the common habit to prefer the pretty story to the true story, and the custom of historians, by no means omitting those of Freemasonry, has been remarkably uniform in this respect. With the astronomer, however, it is different. It is a prettier story (to borrow the words of the late Professor Freeman) to believe that the sun dances for joy on Easter-day than to believe that it obeys the law of gravitation on all days. But he who should set forth the pretty story now would hardly win the reputation of a scientific astronomer. Yet a man may put forth things in his story,

particularly Masonic history, quite as far from the world of fact as the sun dancing on Easter day, and he will, nevertheless, get a following who will deem it sacrilege to call his statements into question. I, therefore, hope that if in this lodge we have neglected any of the more critical methods, which are followed with so much success by astronomers, we may regain them under Bro. Klein. Brethren, the reign of our W.M. has begun very auspiciously, and it will be the general hope, as, indeed, it is the general expectation, that when, a twelvemonth hence, he lays down the sceptre with which he has this evening been invested, he will be conscious of having performed the duties of his high office with satisfaction to himself and advantage to the lodge, and be able to say with a contented mind and a clear conscience—

"Be fair or foul, or rain or shine,
The joys I have possessed, in spite of Fate are mine;
Not heaven itself upon the past has power,
But what has been, has been, and I have had my hour."

A portrait of the W.M., Bro. Klein, will appear in next week's issue.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Newmarket on Thursday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, P.G.M.

The following were the officers appointed for the ensuing year:

Bro. Rev. L. R. Tuttiett, P.M. 2107	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. W. Whitehead, P.M. 809	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. G. B. Finch, 859	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" T. Watts, P.M. 441 (elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. G. Bell, P.M. 859	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Oliver Papworth, P.M. 88 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. E. Chaplin, I.P.M. 88	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. J. Fernie, W.M. 859	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. Leader, P.M., S.W. 2107	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Dewberry, P.M. 441 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. W. Carr, S.D. 2107	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. I. Bland, S.W. 859	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. J. D. Ward, Org. 809	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Dempster, 441	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. J. Sharman, S.W. 809	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Pollard, J.W. 859	...	
" J. H. C. Dalton, Stwd. 859	...	
" A. S. Bell, S.D. 859	...	

A further report of the proceedings will be given.

Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. FRANK STANGER.

Bro. Frank Stanger, who has a large business in St. Mary Cray, is a member of the Council, and of various Local Boards, was initiated in the Crays Valley Lodge in 1886; he is a Life Governor of all the Institutions, and hopes to again



represent the lodge at the coming Centenary Festival of the Boys' Institution in 1898. Of so worthy and distinguished a brother the Crays Valley Lodge may be justly proud, and we feel its success is ensured.

Royal Arch.

Lily Chapter of Richmond, No. 820.

This chapter held its first meeting, after its removal from Richmond, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 25th ultimo, when there were present Comps. Walter F. Bull, M.E.Z.; A. Bull, H.; F. Arnold, P.Z., as J.; W. H. Myers, P.Z.; Major F. Larner, P.Z., Treas.; J. Galt Fisher, P.Z., S.E.; H. R. Willans, S.N.; W. C. Hodgkinson, as P.S.; T. F. Isherwood, A. A. Jordan, T. B. Tipton, T. H. Parry, Jas. Hallé, Org.; J. W. Randall, W. J. Hellyar, C. Arnold, G. B. Spicer, J. F. Bates, A. Walton, F. A. Sherras, Wm. Weeden, G. B. Hayward, and J. S. Gregory, acting Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. G. Twinn, P.Z. 820; R. Zwabler, 1305; J. Squire, 2030; J. Freer, 2240; T. J. Mountain, 2030; and W. H. Cate, 1293.

The minutes of previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the balance-sheet for the year just ended, showing a very satisfactory balance, was received and adopted. Bros. Dr. Bernard Keane and Dr. W. S. Newton, candidates for exaltation, being in attendance, were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M. A Board of Installed Principals was formed, and Comp. A. Bull was regularly installed M.E.Z. in

an impressive manner by his brother, Comp. Walter F. Bull. Comp. Dr. R. J. Hamill, H. elect, being unable to attend, Comp. H. R. Willans was duly installed into the chair of J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. Major F. Larner, P.Z., Treas.; J. Galt Fisher, P.Z., S.E.; W. C. Hodgkinson, S.N.; T. F. Isherwood, P.S.; A. A. Jordan, 1st A.S.; T. B. Tipton, 2nd A.S.; and T. H. Parry, Stwd.

Some routine business having been completed the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

Full justice having been done to the good things grace was sung, and the usual toasts followed, accompanied by an excellent selection of music, under the direction of Comp. J. Hallé, the able Organist, assisted by Miss Ida Raisen (contralto), Miss Dorothy Bull (violinist), and Bro. Treflyn David (tenor.) A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 11th inst. The Principals' chairs were filled by Comps. R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92, as M.E.Z.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E., as H.; and J. W. H. Littleboy, J. Comps. James Webb, M.E.Z.; J. H. Askham, H.; and J. W. T. Morrison, S.N., were prevented by illness from attending.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. W. A. Shaw, of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, was elected a joining member. The following officers were elected for the approaching year: Comps. J. W. H. Littleboy, M.E.Z.; Chas. Pulman, P.Z., H.; W. S. Jackson, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; J. T. W. Morrison, S.N.; A. H. Gale, P.S.; A. G. Clinton, 1st A.S.; A. M. Kennett, 2nd A.S.; Jas. Webb, I.P.Z., Treas.; J. B. Wood, D.C.; H. B. Osburn, Stwd.; and G. J. Mason, Janitor. Comps. Kennett and Wood were elected Auditors. The thanks of the companions were voted to Comp. R. F. Gould for his services on many occasions, and he was asked to accept the honorary membership of the chapter. The compliment having been suitably acknowledged by Comp. Gould, it was moved and carried that the jewel of a P.Z. should be presented to Comp. James Webb.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed, and the companions dined together, separating at an early hour.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES BRISCOE, P.M., P.Z.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Charles Briscoe, which took place on Saturday, the 30th ult., at his residence, Kibworth Lodge, Firlie, at the advanced age of 78 years. Our deceased brother, who was as popular as he was well known, was for 32 years master of Firlie Workhouse. He was appointed to that post in October, 1858, and retired in April, 1890, on a superannuation allowance, since which time he had been living in retirement. In early life Bro. Briscoe was a pharmaceutical chemist. He was one of the oldest Past Masters of the South Saxon Lodge, 311, and P.Z. of South Saxon Chapter. He was also a member of the Sussex Preceptory, K.T., Albion Chapter, Rose Croix, and South-down Mark Lodge, and he had taken the 30°, and was a Royal Ark Mariner. He leaves a widow, but no family. The interment took place on the 4th instant, amid every token of respect, amongst those present being a number of the members of the South Saxon Lodge, including Bros. W. Flint, W.M.; J. Peters, I.P.M.; W. Wright, P.M.; T. R. White, P.M.; S. Tanner, P.M.; J. W. Broad, P.M.; A. Holman, P.M.; G. Lloyd, P.M.; G. E. Chapman, P.M.; W. Stone, P.M.; R. Weston, S.W.; G. J. Lenny, S.D.; H. Granger, Sec.; Capt. Phillips, Kite, J. James, H. Hall, and S. L. Wright, Tyler. At the entrance to the churchyard the mourners were met by Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Currie, P.G.C. England, and the Rev. W. P. Crawley, and the opening sentences of the service were read as the procession entered the church. The concluding portion was conducted by Rev. W. P. Crawley, and an address was given by Bro. Dean Currie, who said: Brethren, as we stand by our brother's open grave the sublime and mystic teaching of our Order must come to us with deep impressiveness. The body lies in its cold sleep, and from that sleep the purest morality, the profoundest science are alike powerless to raise it. But He who first gave it life can in His own good time and in His own wise manner raise it again from the earth's cold bosom. In the sure and certain hope that He will do this, and symbolically to mark our faith in the resurrection of the dead, we have, according to ancient custom, thrown our sprigs of acacia upon the coffin. In this faith we do not sorrow as men who have no hope when one or another of our brethren is called from us by the Great Master, believing, as we do, that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the king of terrors beneath our feet, while we lift our eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of our race. We cannot turn away from the grave without very solemn thoughts arising in our minds and a moment like the present has for us its own peculiar and impressive lessons. The Most High has in the Book of His holy Revelation laid down for us a rule of faith and a line of conduct so clear and distinct that all who, as good Masons, make themselves conversant therewith and adhere thereto, cannot deviate from the straight line of godliness and righteousness amidst the evils and vices of the world. There should ever be with us the remembrance of the observant, all-seeing eye and the sense of the continual presence of our Maker, always reminding us that our words, our actions and even our very thoughts are observed and recorded by the Almighty, to whom we one day give an account of our conduct through life. And lastly we are reminded of that last great judgment, when with unerring and impartial justice each one's doom will be pronounced by the Almighty Architect. May He, of His mercy, so lead us through the intricate windings of his mortal state and through the valley of the shadow of death that at last, rising from the tomb of transgressions, we may come to those eternal mansions where he lives and reigns for ever.—According to custom, the brethren dropped sprigs of acacia into the grave, which had been lined with ivy. Beautiful floral tributes had been sent by the widow, the W.M. and brethren of the South Saxon Lodge, the M.E.Z. and companions of the South Saxon Chapter, and others.

BRO. WALTER HOPEKIRK, P. ASST. G. PURST.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk was initiated in the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, on the 16th April, 1857, and was elected W.M. in 1861. In 1862, on resigning the chair, the brethren elected him their Treasurer, and he has been annually re-elected to that office ever since. He has, too, been presented with more than one testimonial, his services as W.M. having been recognised with a Past Master's jewel, and his cares as Treasurer having been similarly rewarded, while his personal merits, as distinguished from his official, have been honoured by the presentation to him, in open lodge, of a handsome clock bearing a suitable inscription. He was a founder of the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, in 1876, and the year following was placed in the chair, when he was instrumental in organising a concert at the Crystal Palace, the profits of which, amounting to some £90, were appropriated to the Lodge Benevolent Fund. In 1883, he was founder and first W.M. of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, his services both here and in the Upper Norwood Lodge being appropriately recognised in both cases, while his services were at the disposal of his Honor Oak brethren in the capacity of Treasurer. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Degree in 1867, in the Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, was V. in 1874, and for some years held the post of Treasurer, and in 1891 he was appointed Asst. G.D.C. in Grand Chapter. He has served as Festival Steward for all three Institutions, and has constituted himself a Life Governor of them all. The funeral will take place to-morrow at Croydon Cemetery, at 2.30 p.m.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)
For the week ending Saturday, November 27th, 1897.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

- RAFT LODGES.**
4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
222, St. Andrew, Albion Tavern.
706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1540, Chancer, Bridge House Hotel.
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1743, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
1744, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
1828, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
1910, Bishopgate, Great Eastern Hotel.
2390, Columbia, Criterion.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
50, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Kegent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tysen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

- RAFT LODGES.**
14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
46, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
1348, Ebury, Criterion.
1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2108, Empire, Criterion.
2424, St. Stephen's, The Art Club, Lewisham.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel.
890, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel.
1305, Clapton, Gr at Eastern Hotel.
ROSE CROIX.
29, Palestine, 33, Golden-square.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, The Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgecumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

- RAFT LODGES.**
2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.

- 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel.
1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
1818, Clapham, Criterion.
2132, Borough of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms, East Greenwich.
2395, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.
2410, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.
2455, St. Martin's, New Town Hall.
2502, Papyrus, Criterion.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.
704, Camden, Anderson's Hotel.
Rose Croix.
67, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.
Red Cross.
15, St. Andrew, Mark Masons' Hall.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioners' Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-ros i Nunhead, at 7.30
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
RAFT LODGES.
22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65, Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
766, William Preston, Cannon-street, Hotel.
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, Fulham.
861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel.
1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal.
1608, Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant.
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern.
1974, St. Mary Abbott's, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.
2012, Chiswick, Criterion.
2012, Highbury, Cock Tavern.
2192, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.
2319, Scots, Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court.
2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel.
1607, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Offices, Catford Bridge.
ROSE CROIX.
97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-square.
121, Belgrave, 33, Golden-square.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Caxton, Carr's, 205, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Langton, The Eastcheap, Eastcheap, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Middleton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

- Council Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
RAFT LODGES.
197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
509, Fitz-Roy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.
2312, London Irish Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
2688, Marcians, Trocadero Restaurant.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1210, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 26, Faith and Fidelity, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pikes," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

RAFT LODGES.

- 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Frascati Restaurant.
1679, Henry Muggeridge, Anderson's Hotel.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
2472, Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammermith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

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THE KING OF SIAM has left Cairo for Suez, where he will embark on board his yacht for Bangkok.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF LEEDS have returned to Hornby Castle, Bedale, Yorkshire, for the winter.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF ERNE and Lady Evelyn Crichton have gone on a visit to Lord and Lady Wimborne at Canford Manor.

BRO. CAPTAIN HANSON, son of Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., will be installed the Master of the Trained Bands Lodge to-day (Friday).

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY has promised to preside at the annual dinner of the North London Rifle Club at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, January 20th.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE have arrived at their house in Portman-square from Sandringham, and will shortly make a move to Brighton for the winter.

THE RIGHT HON. A. J. BALFOUR, First Lord of the Treasury, arrived on Saturday evening last at Stanway House, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, on a visit to Bro. Lord Elcho.

THE PAINTERS' COMPANY.—Bro. T. Murray Janes, 101, Aldersgate-street, has been unanimously elected on the court of this company in succession to the late Bro. John Larkin.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE have been entertaining a numerous and distinguished party of guests at Chatsworth, during the present week for the Derby Races.

THE BOX-OFFICE for Bro. Oscar Barrett's pantomime, "Cinderella," was opened on Monday, the 5th inst., since which time considerably over £4000 has been taken on advanced bookings.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG, who was attired in deep mourning, travelled from Windsor to Mortlake on Monday afternoon, and drove to White Lodge, Richmond, where she was received by the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Duke of Teck.

THE MARQUIS OF NORTHAMPTON, who has been on a visit to his brother-in-law and sister, Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper, at Panshanger, will shortly have audience of the Queen and deliver up to her Majesty the insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his late father.

THE QUEEN has sent a telegraphic message to the Viceroy of India expressive of her Majesty's regret at the losses recently sustained by her troops in the severe fighting on the Indian frontier and her admiration of the heroism displayed both by the British and native troops.

MORE THAN 200 special sermons were preached in and about London on Sunday last in aid of the East London Church Fund, among the preachers being Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, D.D., at St. Paul's Cathedral, and Canon Winnington Ingram, Bishop designate of Stepney, at Westminster Abbey.

ACCORDING to the latest returns, 2074 stray dogs were seized by the police during the month of October under the muzzling order in London and the adjoining counties and boroughs, and of these 1709 were removed to the Dog's Home at Battersea, the number of persons bitten being 73.

THE ANNUAL SALE OF WORK of the Ladies' Work Association will be held, by the kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, at Stafford House, St. James's, on the 1st and 2nd prox. All the work that will be then exhibited for sale will have been done by ladies in reduced circumstances.

THE DIPLOME D' HONNEUR, which is one grade higher than the gold medal, has been awarded to Vinolia Soap for toilet purposes at the International Exhibition at Brussels. It will be recollected that it was to Vinolia Soap that the Sanitary Institute awarded their medal, which is probably the highest scientific award in the world ever given to soaps.

BRO. SIR SQUIRE BANCROFT has offered to Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, until recently known as Sir Donald Smith, and now High Commissioner for Canada, to give seven readings in Canada of the "Christmas Carol," in aid of the hospitals in the Dominion next February. The offer has been accepted, and Bro. Bancroft is assured an enthusiastic greeting in the Dominion.

THE ANNUAL National Poultry, Pigeon, and Rabbit Show, which was opened at the Crystal Palace, on Monday, is the most successful ever yet held, the entries being more numerous, and the prizes more valuable than at any previous exhibition. The entries were 7030, and in addition to close on 300 cups and medals, ranging in value from £1 1s. to 25 guineas, money awards were made to the amount of £2309.

THE DUNOTTAR CASTLE.—Messrs. Donald Currie and Company's Royal Mail steamer Dunottar Castle arrived at Plymouth at 2 a.m. on Friday, the 12th inst., having made the passage from Cape Town in 14 days 23 hours 26 minutes net steaming time. This is the first voyage of the Dunottar Castle since her recent alterations in Glasgow, and is an improvement of about eight hours on her previous fastest homeward passage.

BROS. THE RIGHT HON. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., were among the ministers present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES and their daughter the Princess Victoria, with the guests staying at Sandringham and the ladies and gentlemen of the household, all attended divine service at Sandringham Church on Sunday last, when a special collection was made for the sufferers at Lynn. The day previous the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha concluded his visit to the Prince and Princess and returned to Clarence House, St. James's.

THE GREAT DOG SHOW, which is being organised by the Ladies' Kennel Association and will be held at Earl's Court on the 15th prox. on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, promises to attain enormous proportions. There will be no less than 870 classes, and the number of entries already made are such as to justify the Committee in offering prizes to the value of £6000. All the clubs devoted to special breeds of dogs and many ladies and gentlemen are, in addition, offering special prizes.

BRO. THE BISHOP OF PERTH, upon whom the M.W.G.M. conferred the rank of P.G. Chaplain at the Jubilee meeting at the Albert Hall, the day before he sailed for his diocese, added his autograph to the book of Bro. Henry Wright. Mr. J. G. Jackson, F.R.G.S., the renowned Arctic explorer, at whose meeting to-day (Friday), at the Imperial Institute, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will preside, is one of the latest signatories. Miss M. E. Braddon (Mrs. Maxwell), says "It is the finest book she has ever seen." Bro. Lord Roberts said "He felt it an honour to be asked to sign in such a celebrated book."

BRO. LORD LEIGH AND THE INDIAN WAR.—Bro. Lord Leigh distributed the prizes at the annual speech day at Leamington College on Tuesday. The headmaster, the Rev. Arnold Edgell, presided, and referred to the great success of the college, enumerating the achievements of the past and present students. Bro. Lord Leigh urged every boy to do his duty in whatever walk of life God placed him. He mentioned that he had a son engaged in the Indian Frontier Campaign. He hoped to goodness that this wretched war would soon come to an end. It was one which had cost a great number of lives we could ill spare. His son was only doing his duty, and he hoped that God would spare him to come home.

THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT presided at the Colston Commemoration Dinner held by the Dolphin Society, at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, on Saturday evening last, among the principal guests being Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P. (Chancellor of the Exchequer); the Earl of Ducie, the Marquis of Worcester, Bro. Walter H. Long, M.P. (President of the Board of Agriculture); Lord Hardinge, Bro. Col. Sir E. Hill, M.P.; Mr. Edward Colston, M.P.; Mr. Lewis Fry, M.P.; and Bro. Col. Chester Master, M.P. The Anchor Society held their annual dinner in honour of the same benefactor, on the same evening, under the presidency of Mr. J. Weston Stevens, among the leading guests present being Lord Reay, Bro. Sir W. H. Wills, Bart., M.P., and Mr. Joseph Walton, M.P.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has forwarded a gift of 30 pheasants to Guy's Hospital.

THE EARL OF ROSEBURY has arrived at Drumlanrig Castle on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch.

BRO. EARL EGERTON OF TATTON and the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos have come to London for a few days.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF LATHOM have arrived in town for a few days from Lathom House, Ormskirk.

BRO. THE ARCHDEACON OF LONDON has been elected on the Court of Assistants of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY have gone on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth.

HER MAJESTY has forwarded her 60th annual subscription of 100 guineas to the Royal Scottish Hospital, Crane-court, Fleet-street.

THE SCHOLARSHIP founded at the Royal Academy of Music to commemorate the late Bro. Sir Michael Costa, has been awarded to R. Neville Flux, of Bromley, Kent.

BRO. PASSMORE EDWARDS has offered £4000 to Acton to build a Free Public Library and Reading Room, on condition that a site is provided and the Free Public Libraries Act is adopted.

BRO. THE DUKE OF ST. ALBANS is at Bestwood Lodge, and the Duchess of St. Albans and Lady Alexandra Beauclerk have gone on a visit to Lord and Lady Wimborne at Canford Manor.

BRO. SIR ALBERT ALTMAN has kindly consented to take the chair at the 43rd annual dinner of the City of London Masters and Foremen Tailors' Society. It will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday, the 11th prox.

BRO. H. J. ALLCROFT will preside at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 26th inst., at the 43rd annual meeting and autumnal election of the Royal Hospital for Incurables. Thirty candidates are to be elected to vacancies in the hospital.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Princess Henry of Battenberg and her children, arrived at Windsor Castle about 9 a.m. on Saturday morning last, among the suite in attendance being the Countess of Antrim and Bro. Col. the Hon. Sir Henry Byng.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK has edited a work entitled "Progress in Women's Education in the British Empire," which Messrs. Longmans will publish shortly. It consists of a report of the educational conferences lately held at the Victorian Era Exhibition.

MR. STODDART's team appears to have been very successful in the matches they have played as yet in Australia. At Adelaide, the match was unfinished, but at Melbourne, they defeated the Victorians by two wickets, and the New South Wales team at Sydney, by eight wickets.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR J. HENRY KNIGHT, in nominating Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., to a vacancy among the almoners at Christ's Hospital, said he had great pleasure in doing so, as Sir Whittaker's business experience would be of great service to the almoners.

THE JOHN CARPENTER CLUB have, at the instance of Bro. Colonel T. Davies-Sewell, a Vice-President and former President, unanimously resolved to offer the sum of 10 guineas per annum to the City of London School for Girls, to be competed for each year during 1898, 1899, and 1900.

LORINERS COMPANY.—Bro. Alfred Salmon (director of Salmon and Gluckstein), and Mr. W. H. Hart (Stock Broker), of 26, Old Broad-street, were admitted on Wednesday last to the strength of this Company, at a special meeting of the Master and Wardens called for that purpose.

MR. ARTHUR BELTON MACARTNEY, the second son of Col. Macartney, R.A., of Salters, Great Torrington, was married, on Friday, at Cape Town, to Miss Ethel Errington Loveland, the second daughter of Bro. Richard Loveland-Loveland, deputy-chairman of the County of London Sessions.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE PRESENTS.—The sum of £500 has been paid over to the Treasurer of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund as an instalment of the contribution to that Fund resulting from the visits of the public to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee presents, which are now being exhibited at the Imperial Institute.

BRO. SIR ROBT. HARGREAVES ROGERS has promised to preside at the meeting to be held on Thursday, the 25th inst., by way of formally inaugurating the "Society of the Livery," which has been formed to define and defend the "rights and privileges of the Livery," and promote and advance such measures as may best tend to the prosperity of the same.

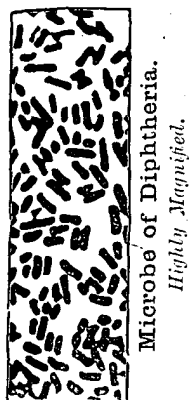
BRO. LORD CARRINGTON, when he was Governor of New South Wales, rarely missed a fire in Sydney, took part in shirt and trousers with the members of the fire brigades, and next morning sent cheques for the relief of the sufferers when they needed such assistance. He afterwards served as chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee of the London County Council.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, who was accompanied by Colonel Talbot Coke, Deputy-Adjutant-General, and Captain M. McNeill, was present in the morning to witness the departure from Aldershot of the 1st Manchester Regiment for Gibraltar. The battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Anstruther, was played to the station by the regimental bands of the 1st Infantry Brigade. His Royal Highness saw that the arrangements for the comforts of the troops were satisfactory, and at his own expense provided papers for the men to read during their journey to Southampton, where they embarked on the transport Nubia. A draft of one corporal and 40 men of the Northamptonshire Regiment, under the command of Lieutenant Walsh, to reinforce the battalion engaged in the operations on the north-west frontier of India, proceeded with the Manchester Regiment. As the special train steamed out of the Government siding station loud cheers were given, whilst the bands played "Auld lang syne."

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, President of the Middlesex Needlework Guild opened the annual display of garments, prepared by members and associates, for distribution among the poor. Her Royal Highness has been engaged for over a week in classifying and arranging these, assisted by a willing band of helpers. The result is such perfection of order and neatness as does great credit to the powers of organisation, business capacity, and energy of lady-workers. The sum total of garments sent in reaches the imposing number of 19,521. These are sub-divided into groups, for children, 6450; women, 2910; men, 1260; girls, 2090; boys, 735; babies, 2150; and various, 3926. The garments are classified and neatly tied up. Those for babies, which are divided into two sections, and comprise 2150 separate garments, were done entirely by the Duchess of Albany, who was anxious that each infant should have, as far as possible, a complete set of clothes and not a repetition of similar garments. A full outfit of strong, useful, practical articles was also personally selected by her Royal Highness as an example of what is suitable for a girl going into service for the first time. Among those present were the Countess of Lucan, Lady Edith Drummond, and the Hon. Mrs. Holford.

THE NEW SHERIFFS.—The High Sheriffs who have just been nominated include the following, viz.: Berkshire, Bro. Charles Edward Keyser, of Aldermaston Court, second on the list; Buckinghamshire, Sir Philip Frederick Ruse, Bart., of Raynes, Penn, Amersham, first on the list; Mr. Arthur Lazenby Liberty, of Lee Manor, Great Missenden, third on the list; Cambridge and Huntingdon shires (Isle of Ely name), Mr. Fred Crisp, of White House, New Southgate, Middlesex, and Dry Drayton, Cambridgeshire, first on the list; Kent, Mr. Norman Watney, of Valance, Westerham, first on the list; Mr. William Marshall Cazalet, of Fairlawn, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, third on the list; County of London, Mr. Samuel Henry Faudel-Phillips, of 17, Grosvenor-street; Sir Robert George Wyndham Herbert, of 42, Eaton-terrace; Mr. John Verity, 31, King-street, Covent Garden, and Sindridge Bury, St. Albans, Middlesex, Mr. Francis Augustus Bevan, of Trent Park, Enfield, second on the list; Monmouthshire, Mr. Samuel Courthope Bosanquet, of Dingestow Court, near Monmouth, first on the list; Norfolk, Mr. James Jeremiah Colman, of Carrow, second on the list; Surrey, Mr. Lawrence James Baker, of Ottershaw Park, Chertsey, first on the list; Alderman Sir John Whittaker Ellis, of Buccleuch House, Richmond, second on the list; Sussex, Bro. Sir Henry Harben, of Warnham Lodge, Warnham.

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FOR generations past people have been drilled into the belief that every symptom of disease, such as inflammation, suppuration, the various forms of fever, pain, &c., is produced by a different cause. Such is not the case. All disease is decay, or in other words, fermentation of the blood and tissue. This fermentation, which gives rise to the various symptoms of disease—viz., inflammation, fever, pain, nervousness, &c., &c., has been proved by Mr. Radam and leading scientists of the day to be caused by the presence of microbes in the body. The microbes causing consumption, influenza, whooping cough, erysipelas, skin diseases, typhoid fever, cancer (Scheuerlein), leprosy, tetanus, pneumonia, &c., &c., have actually been photographed, through the microscope, by Mr. Radam; and these photographs (enlarged) may be seen daily (free) at 111, Oxford Street, London, W. The propagation of microbes is rapid and enormous, some calculations having led to the belief that in one hour less than half a dozen may, under favourable conditions, increase to fifty millions. The minuteness of such bodies is well nigh inconceivable.

Microbes vary in character. One form produces one disease, another variety causes quite a different ailment. One attacks one part of the body, another goes to a different part, thus producing different symptoms. But as the blood circulates they go along in the blood all over the body. There is no organic structure known to us which is not subject to attack by some form of microbe; in other words, everything is subject to fermentation and death. To cure disease, to prevent decay, to stop fermentation, is to do one and the same thing. The microbes which cause it must be destroyed. The only known remedy that can be administered sufficiently freely to old or young to kill microbes, without injuring even the most sensitive patient, is WM. RADAM'S MICROBE KILLER. It is a powerful antiseptic, and will, if drunk freely, destroy the microbes of all disease. It accomplishes what has not hitherto been successfully attempted in the treatment of disease. It simultaneously eradicates the cause of disease and permeates the system with a health producing principle. It is assimilated by the brain, the kidneys, the lungs, the heart, the liver, by fibre and tissue, and by all parts of the human frame, as a health producing and nourishing element. It should never be asked whether a remedy will cure any one particular disease. All diseases, no matter by what name known, is caused by microbes; when the microbes are killed, therefore, the disease will be cured. The human body is not built like a house, with pipes and taps, by means of which the medicine can be sent direct to every part diseased. MICROBE KILLER enters the stomach, and from thence the blood, purifying it from all disease germs, and so curing the heart, the lungs, the kidneys, the liver, or whatever part is diseased. When the blood is free from microbes there can be no sickness. It can now be understood why the cutting away of a diseased part of the body, as in cancer, will not effectually cure disease; the microbes of the disease are in, and circulating with the blood, and the cause therefore remains. The cancer itself is merely an outlet for the accumulated fermentation. To attempt to cure cancer, &c., by an operation having for its object the closing of the outlet for the fermented matter is evidence of profound ignorance. We must strike at the roots of the evil, and purify the blood by destroying the microbes that produce the disease, and when that is accomplished the fermentation will cease, the cancerous discharge will disappear for good, the wound will heal, and the trouble will be entirely ended; the cause having been removed the cancer will not come back or "grow again" (as it is called). This is equally applicable to all disease, whether known by the name of Cancer, Tumour, Ulcers, Consumption, Bright's Disease, Skin Disease, Asthma, Bronchitis, Fevers, Diphtheria, Rheumatism, Gout, &c. WM. RADAM'S MICROBE KILLER positively cures all disease by killing the microbes which cause it.



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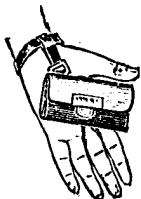
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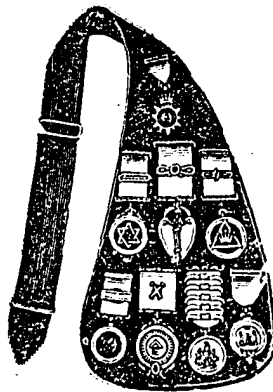
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